

# WALLINGFORD SCHOOL SIXTH FORM NEWS

Term 2, Week 3  
17th November 2023

Dear Year 12 and 13,

Well done to all Sixth Formers for completing the 2nd assessment week of this academic year. As the nights are drawing in, we continue to be impressed by how students are getting involved in the wider school life whilst still balancing this with their academic studies.

Have a restful and pleasant weekend,

6F Team



## Parent notice

### Notifying student absences

Please email [sixthform@wallingfordschool.com](mailto:sixthform@wallingfordschool.com) to report any student absence i.e sickness, medical appointment and to request time off for any reason e.g. Driving test, University open days etc...

## EVENTS COMING UP

### Week Commencing 13th November:

Wednesday 22nd November – EPQ sessions P1 and 2 in K16, EPQ session P6 in T3

PSE Friday 24th November: Year 12 – Unifrog, Post 18 Options, Year 13 – Drink Driving and Spiking

### Upcoming dates:

Winter Wonderland trip – 28th November

Year 12 Parents evening – 30th November

Christmas Ball – Tuesday 19th December



We wish a very 'Happy Birthday' to Eve, Rosa, Molly and Archie

## KAHOOT!

This weeks Kahoot winners are:

1st - Eve B 12 TP

2nd - Lola 13 VA

3rd - Molly 12 DBO

Please see  
Mrs G-B for  
your prize!



## GNOMINATIONS

This weeks gnominations go to 2 students who have shown initiative and compassion towards students in younger year groups.

Theo in Year 12 for his excellent work in a number of classes as part of his student ambassador role, and Pasha in Year 13 who has been a real support for some of the younger students in school.

Gned, Gnora and the rest of Sixth Form are really proud of the work and support that you have shown - Well done!



## CHRISTMAS BALL

Sign up has now closed for the Sixth Form Christmas ball. Students who have purchased a ticket will be emailed a link on Monday to complete menu choices for the event. It is important that any dietary requirements or allergies are given on the form so that we can inform the venue accordingly. The link to complete menu choices will be open until the end of **Thursday 23rd November 2023**.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact us at [sixthform@wallingfordschool.com](mailto:sixthform@wallingfordschool.com)

## SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

A number of year 12 and 13 students progressed onto the next round of the Senior Maths Challenge this week. Senior Kangaroo is a 60 minute, multiple choice challenge. Well done to Genevieve and Douglas in Year 12, and Shona, Owen, Thomas H and Matthew in Year 13.

## HARVEST COLLECTION

On behalf of the Student Leaders, we want to say a MASSIVE thank you to everyone who donated an item or two towards the Harvest Donation. We made two separate donations to the Wallingford Foodbank and had an amazing collection for both that was highly appreciated by both us and the foodbank for the up-and-coming cold winter months.

Eleni, Year 13 Student Leader



## FIRST XV - RUGBY

With a less than ideal score against a strong side of 7-36, it was a great performance from the First XV on Wednesday against Lord Williams. The last home game at Wallingford for the Year 13's saw a superb duo try from Peter and George. A special mention to Peter and George for leading the team throughout, keeping everyone motivated and confident - your talent will be missed. It was inspiring to see some year 11's rising to the challenge and not backing down from any tackles. Well done lads.

Lewis, Year 12



## LAKE DISTRICT REVISION TRIP

This morning the Revision Week in the Lake District from Sunday 21st April to Friday 26th April was launched to Year 13. This is such a unique and valuable opportunity for students to experience an intensive week of studying in a cooperative, supportive and beautiful environment. An email will be sent out on Monday and we are asking for a returnable deposit via parent pay to secure your place. Any questions, please contact the Sixth Form team.



## KEEP ON RUNNING!

A special mention to Will in Year 13 who, over the Remembrance weekend, ran 104km in commemoration of the 104 years since the first Armistice Day. Some of you may have seen him out and about on his runs over the weekend. Will was running to raise funds for the Royal British Legion and will continue to be fundraising for them in the lead up to his London Marathon challenge in April next year.

Keep up the amazing work Will - we are all very proud of you in Sixth Form!

<https://royalbritishlegion.enthuse.com/pf/william-hamilton>

# EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

## DoE volunteering opportunities: Wallingford Wolves, Tag Rugby for people with special needs

The Wolves, part of Wallingford RFC, are a special needs Tag rugby team for young people and we could really use your help.

Our players learn all the physical skills associated with Tag rugby like running, throwing, and catching and also develop social and personal skills such as teamwork, discipline, and resilience.

Wallingford Wolves cater for all needs and abilities to provide children and young adults with opportunities to grow in confidence, develop social skills, get fit and make friends.

Some of our players need physical support in order to do some of the activities, others need help to stay focused and engaged with the practices. This is where you can help. You will be fully supported by RFU-qualified coaches who have experience of working with people with special needs. No experience of coaching or rugby is necessary, just a willingness to get involved and to help create a fun and inclusive environment. All our coaches LOVE working with the Wolves, for many of us, it is the highlight of our weekend.

If you are interested in joining us and would like to come down for a training session, please contact John Peel at [johndpeel64@gmail.com](mailto:johndpeel64@gmail.com). **Training sessions will run from 11am on Sundays at the Hithercroft Sports Park.**



## COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY

Brightwell Pre-school are in need of volunteers to help them with some jobs on **Sunday 26th November** - jobs on the list include painting, some gardening and general maintenance. We'd be grateful if an hour or two or even a whole day!

If it sounds like something you might be interested in then please email Ms Miller ([miller@wallingfordschool.com](mailto:miller@wallingfordschool.com)) as soon as possible!

A promotional graphic for the Archery Club. It features a dark blue background with yellow and white accents. At the top left, there are four white chevron arrows pointing right. In the center, there is a large yellow circle containing a photograph of four people standing on a grassy field. To the right of this circle is a smaller yellow circle containing a photograph of an archery target. Below the large yellow circle, the text "Starting next week!" is written in white. At the bottom left, there is a small rectangular photograph of an archery range with several targets. On the right side, there is a large yellow circle containing the text "Archery Club" in white, followed by "Wednesday 3.05-4.30pm Sports Hall" in white.

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## CAREERS IN FOOTBALL AND SPORT

Velocity is a full-time educational academy that combines football and sport business with academia. At Velocity you can train, play, learn, and achieve, both in your game and education. The programmes available represent fantastic opportunities for males and females aged between 14 to 18 and 19 to 23 who have ambition to fulfil a career in sport. Separate full-time programmes are available for males and females. Velocity hosts apprenticeships, BTEC and Alternative Provision.

Based at the home of National League Club Oxford City Football Club in Marston, the programmes are the only ones of their kind in Oxfordshire for male and females at this level. The BTEC programmes offer students the unique chance to join Oxford City FC's renowned football academy, undertake wider development and coaching modules and receive academic education. Register for our open events and open training sessions via our website: [www.velocityfootball.co.uk](http://www.velocityfootball.co.uk)

## CHEMISTRY CONFERENCE AT TRINITY COLLEGE

The Department of Chemistry is hosting its first Christmas Chemistry Conference for Year 12-13 students – A Quantum Christmas Robin – on **12th December from 15:45-16:45 at Trinity College.**

Small migratory songbirds are extraordinary navigators: weighing less than 30 grams, they fly thousands of kilometres, alone and at night, ultimately with centimetre precision. To do this they use the sun and the stars, their sense of smell and physical landmarks but they can also perceive the direction of the Earth's magnetic field – an internal compass.

In this lecture, Professor Peter Hore FRS will discuss the theory that the birds' magnetic compass relies on a quantum mechanism in their eyes that is much more sensitive than previously thought possible. This work could have major implications for conservation, navigation and how we think about the robins and other small songbirds we see in our gardens.

[www.chem.ox.ac.uk/event/the-christmas-quantum-robin](http://www.chem.ox.ac.uk/event/the-christmas-quantum-robin)

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## ARMY APPRENTICESHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

This webinar on 16th January from 18:30 – 19:30 offers valuable an insight into educational and career opportunities within the Army and will discuss apprenticeships, bursaries and scholarships. Parents/carers and educators are encouraged to attend.

[https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/df215e7b-a89a-4624-8614-4837f6d60d37@182a8b31-3dab-4b92-8bb8-9526911aeba0?goal=0\\_075a5d0dae-4d20441400-212152423&mc\\_cid=4d20441400&mc\\_eid=884a42d907](https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/df215e7b-a89a-4624-8614-4837f6d60d37@182a8b31-3dab-4b92-8bb8-9526911aeba0?goal=0_075a5d0dae-4d20441400-212152423&mc_cid=4d20441400&mc_eid=884a42d907)

## OXFORD BROOKES Y12 SUBJECT WORKSHOPS

Oxford Brookes University is now taking bookings for their subject specific workshops. Delivered by current Oxford Brookes students and designed in conjunction with our academics, these subject workshops have been thoughtfully designed to provide Year 12 students with an accessible taste of university courses, whilst linking to current A Level and BTEC syllabuses.

They currently offer a range of subjects including Engineering, Sport, Maths, Biological Sciences, Criminology, Healthcare, Business and many more.

[www.brookes.ac.uk/outreach/post-16/year-12-subject-workshops](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/outreach/post-16/year-12-subject-workshops)

If you have any questions or would like to book please email:

[schools.liaison@brookes.ac.uk](mailto:schools.liaison@brookes.ac.uk)