

# WALLINGFORD SCHOOL SIXTH FORM NEWS

Term 2, Week 6  
8th December 2023

Dear Year 12 and 13,

As the countdown to the festive holiday begins, nothing is slowing down in 6th form.

The study room is beginning to feel festive with the addition of the Christmas tree and decorations. Year 12 Geography students were off to Birmingham this week, our Livery award students went to London and Year 13 have been busy with the finishing touches to their UCAS applications. It is important to remember to take a step back sometimes, to refresh our spirits, before setting off again at full capacity!

Have a restful and pleasant weekend,

6F Team



## Parent notice

### Notifying student absences

Please email [sixthform@wallingfordschool.com](mailto:sixthform@wallingfordschool.com) or call **01491 837115** 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 11th December:

Wednesday 13th December – EPQ sessions P1 and 2 in K16, EPQ session P6 in T3

PSHE Friday 15th December: Year 12 and 13 – Assembly and Christmas Quiz.

### Upcoming dates:

Christmas Ball – Tuesday 19th December

End of term – Wednesday 20th December, 12:40pm

Term 3 Begins for all – Monday 8th January 2024



We wish a very **'Happy Birthday'** to  
Lola

We also wish a very **'Happy 18th  
Birthday'** to Ruby and Thomas

## KAHOOT!

This weeks Kahoot winners are:

- 1st – Ben J – 12DBO
- 2nd – Sean W – 13NJO
- 3rd – Abi S – 12YH

Please see Mrs G-B for your prize!



## GNOMINATIONS

This weeks gnominations go to a number of students who have shown great initiative and support with their work outside of their studies. Lucas R in Year 12 has gone above and beyond with his student ambassador role, he has been a great support in Year 8, and has been gnominated by a number of staff members for this.

The second gnomination goes to a group of Year 12 students: Oscar, Eve, Emily, Archie, Lilibelle and Bethan. The Livery team have worked tirelessly over the last few months and deserve recognition for their efforts working on their project. Gned and Gnora are **egnomously** proud of you all – keep up the great work!



## LIVERY AWARDS

Our 6 Livery Award finalists made the trip into London on Monday afternoon to present their final design – **The Compost Collective** – at The Merchant Taylors' Hall. The team of 6 have been working on their design and pitch during terms 1 & 2 and were excited to finally share it with the panel of judges and audience members. The students have worked incredibly hard over the last term, even giving up their lunchtimes to work on the project. A special mention and thanks goes to Ms McGowan for supporting and facilitating the group throughout the process. Despite not coming away with a win, the team were “bright, poised, eloquent and presented with great accuracy and knowledge of their product.”

*Although it was disappointing not winning, I think we've learned so many invaluable skills through the experience as well as bonding as a team, it's been lovely! We had such an enlightening trip to London learning about the Merchant Taylors and getting to meet so many interesting people! – Bethan*

We are so incredibly proud of each and every member of 'The Compost Collective' – you really did put Wallingford School on the map!



## GEOGRAPHY TRIP

As part of their work on urban regeneration, our Year 12 Geographers went on their field trip to Birmingham City Centre. They were looking at the impact of the regeneration of the area on both the locals and visitors. Whilst there, the students asked members of the public about how satisfied they were with how it has been developed over the last few years and will use this data collected in up and coming lessons.



## YEAR 12 REMINDER

Any students who took GCSE textiles last year, please collect all work from T5 by the end of the week.  
(Friday 15th December)

## YEAR 7 READERS WANTED - WE NEED YOU!

Your help is needed to support Year 7s read, promote a love of books or even share a story/text with them. If this is something that you might be interested in, please speak to Mr Harpin or Mrs Gardner-Brown.



## LAKE DISTRICT 2024 - YEAR 13

An email has now been sent families who have yet to sign up to the Lake District revision trip. Please could you check your inboxes and respond accordingly - many thanks.

# SLEIGH 2 GIVE APPEAL

This year we will again be supporting the Sleigh 2 give appeal. We will be collecting from today until Friday 15th December.

It is vital the gifts are new, they cannot be second hand items due to going in to hospitals etc. It can be toys, games, toiletries or even sweets, chocolate etc.

Please bring any donated items to the Sixth Form study room. Many thanks for your help and support.

**POINTS OF LIGHT**  
Charity of the Year  
Wives - Didcot Mayor's Community Charities 2021

**BCA**  
OXBA 2015

Play2Give's  
**Sleigh 2 Give**  
Spreading cheer, joy and smiles this Christmas

The annual festive appeal of  
**Play2Give**  
Regional Charity No. 1000000  
Scan the code to donate instantly

**Please donate or give a gift to help those less privileged this Christmas**

**ALL NEW TOYS, books, dvds, arts & crafts, baby items, soft toys, toiletries, games and more welcome...**

**Various Donation Zones**  
• across Didcot, Abingdon, Oxford, South Oxon, North Oxon, and other areas  
A list of all donation points can be found online

**ALL FROM 11p**  
NORTHWEST WILTSHIRE

\*For hygiene, infection & Covid-19 control, all gifts must be brand new only\*

# EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Oxfordshire Libraries

## eBook Short Story Competition 2024

Enter our 10th annual writing competition!

The winning story in each of three categories will be published as an eBook for library members to borrow!

- Short story by an **adult** aged 18+
- Short story by a **young adult** aged 12-17
- Short story by a **child** aged 7-11

**Entries open: 11 December 2023**  
**Closing date: 11 February 2024**

Adults & YA:  
up to 3000 words  
Children:  
up to 1000 words

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[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/shortstorycompetition](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/shortstorycompetition)

## UK UNIVERSITY SEARCH FAIRS

There are lots of UK University & Apprenticeship Search fairs taking place at universities and stadiums next spring, including at Oxford Brookes University on 12th June. The fairs give students the opportunity to meet universities and apprenticeship providers and attend seminars.

[www.ukuniversitysearch.com/fair-signup](http://www.ukuniversitysearch.com/fair-signup)

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## CHEMISTRY RACE 2024

Chemistry Race is an undergraduate student-led one-day competition for teams of sixth form students to tackle problems across the chemical sciences, aiming to stretch students who are interested in studying chemistry beyond the A Level curriculum. If this is something that you may be interested in, please speak to Mr Harpin or Mr Holton and visit <http://chemistryrace.com/> for more information.

## OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY SUBJECT TASTER DAYS 2024

Join our Subject Taster Days to gain first-hand experience of studying at university level and student life. Students will have the opportunity to:

- Take part in lectures and interactive academic sessions.
- Experience practical work and engage in discussion on the topics.
- Discover our facilities and student life during a Campus Tour.
- Hear about the career potential of the courses on offer.

Each Subject Taster Day is free to attend and will give students insight into a range of courses within a subject area from one of our four faculties: Humanities and Social Sciences, Oxford Brookes Business School, Health and Life Sciences and Technology, Design and Environment.

Entrepreneurs in the Making - 11th March 2024

Power and Privilege - 27th March 2024

NutriGuess Challenge - Decoding Fat & Sugar - 30th April 2024

Exploring Adult Nursing - 30th April 2024

Discover Occupational Therapy - 1st May 2024

Engineering - 8th May 2024

Computer Science - 9th May 2024

Art & Design 15th May 2024

Architecture 22nd May 2024

Our Subject Taster Days are for students at UK schools or colleges in the first year (or repeating the first year) of a two-year Level 3 qualification (e.g. A Levels, BTEC, or equivalent).

To find out more information and book please follow the link below:

[Brookes subject taster days](#)