

Wallingford School Sixth Form News

Term 4, Week 5: 22nd March, 2024

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6th Form



A message from the 6f team:

Spring has arrived this week and the sixth form students seem to have a bounce in their step as they reflect on the results from mocks, assessment week and the BTEC results that were given out this morning.

We have four more days of Term Four and then an Easter holiday which will provide an opportunity for a reset, a recharge and a revision bonanza!

Progress Checks will be available next week and our Year 13 parents evening is on Wednesday, rather than the Thursday when we break up.

Have a good week and a good break, when it comes.

The 6th Form Team

Events coming up:

Week Commencing 25th March

Y13 Parents Evening: Wednesday 27th March

A Level Drama Final Exam: Wednesday 27th March

Last day of term: Thursday 28th March

Events coming up:

Y12 UCAS Fair: Tuesday 16th April

Y13 French, Russian & German Speaking Exam: Friday 19th April

Y13 Leavers Ball: Friday 21st June (confirmed)

Important information & News



We wish a Happy Birthday to Edward and Bethan.



Enrichment Lectures

The last lecture has now been timetabled for Thursday 18th April at 3.15 – 3.45 pm in the 6th Form Common room.

Date	Lecture: What do I really need to know about...
DATE TBC	<u>British Monarchy</u>

Revision Sessions

These continue to take place from 3-5pm in the 6th Form Study Room on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We encourage you to attend to chip away at your revision timetable.

Lanyards

For safeguarding purposes and to ensure that attendance is being recorded accurately, it is essential that students and staff are wearing lanyards at all times when in school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Time off for Driving lessons/Theory & Practical tests

Driving lessons & Theory tests

Please arrange for these to be taken out of school hours we do not authorise time off for these.

Driving Practical test

We are able to authorise time off for the practical test.

Languages



The Languages Department was very pleased to welcome back ex-student Hollie Partis, who is currently in her final year studying French and English at Oxford University. Working with The Queen's Translation Exchange, Hollie led an after school Creative Translation workshop with French students in Years 10-12 based on the graphic novel Persepolis. It was a very interesting afternoon and we would like to say a big thank you to Hollie and thank you also to Mrs Arnold for providing some delicious cakes!



Further information about The Queen's Translation Exchange can be found here:

<https://www.queens.ox.ac.uk/research-at-queens/translation-exchange/>

Food Exam



Six of our Year 12s had their A Level food exam on Monday morning. The children have worked really hard coming up with their meal plans and time management for their session.

"I don't usually enjoy these exams but based on the outcome of my 3 dishes, I am more than happy! My favourite dish was the Mango Cream pancakes – I've wanted to try these for a while and I decided my final A Level exam was the best opportunity to give it a go. While it was challenging, it felt amazing to have completed 6 plates of food, above my expectations. I think I'm going to get a good grade for my work." Darcy

"For this exam I had to prepare my revised time plan to be able to follow step by step instructions created by myself to produce a three course meal to suite the diet of a college student. I had to produce two dishes for each course within 3hours 30 minutes and then hand wash all equipment used. I found it to be a challenging task however, I produced all dishes with nothing dropped or burned. I then got to eat it all for dinner and it tasted delectable." Dylan



Year 12 UCAS Exhibition Trip – Tuesday 16th April

The vast majority of Year 12 will be attending a UCAS exhibition in Farnborough on **Tuesday 16th April**. The exhibition will have a large number of universities, colleges, apprenticeship providers and employers who will be able to help best inform students on the possible pathways available to them.

The event also has course and careers taster sessions, student talks with Q&A, expert advice on how to research and choose what's right for you, and (perhaps most importantly) the chance to explore and meet unis and employers face-to-face.

We have a 2hour slot booked at the event between 11:30 – 13:30 at Farnborough International. Students will therefore go to their period 1 lessons, then we would aim to leave school at 10am. We anticipate arriving back at school for the end of the school day at 3pm, obviously subject to traffic.

We ask that parents/carers who have not yet managed to do so to make payment on parent pay ASAP. **The exhibition itself is free of charge for students, but as we are travelling by coach, the cost for the trip will be £14 per student in order to cover the travel cost.**

Year 12 Student Leadership Group Elections

This morning, Year 12 were informed about the hustings and election of the Student Leadership Group for the upcoming year. The current Student Leaders spoke about what the role involves & what they had learned & enjoyed. We hope that a number of Year 12s are interested in putting themselves forward. For those interested, you need to:

1. Sign up on the list which will be in the 6th Form office from Monday morning. You have until **Thursday 18th April to sign up.**
2. Candidates need to **prepare a short speech of about 2 minutes outlining what they would want to accomplish as a student leader and the qualities they are able to bring to the role.** This will be presented to the whole year group and students during the Hustings on **Friday 19th April**. Following this, students and staff will vote on the candidates.

Best of luck to all who put themselves forward ☺

Careers Fest

On Wednesday, some of our Y12s & Y13s attended a Careers Fest at Kassam Stadium. This was an opportunity for them to find out what is on offer after 6th Form.

“The careers fair was good for multiple reasons, it was helpful to dive into what people could do later down the line after they had attended university and also gave the students a good idea into what an apprenticeship would look like to them, what it would cover and how they would still get an education whilst gaining experience and getting paid to learn from people that have been in the field. There was a wide range of companies that the students spoke to going from public services to in-depth engineering and biomedical sections of industries. If someone had already decided what they would like to do in the future, it gave them a chance to further learn what it would involve doing and gained helpful advice from people who have been in the industry for a long period of time.” Ben

Lake District Revision Trip Sunday 21 April – Friday 26 April

Information regarding departure timings, travel arrangements and a packing list will be email out to parents next week. For those students not attending this Revision trip, they are expected to attend school as normal to revise in the 6th form area.

Current Affairs Kahoot This Week

Well done to the following for making the podium of this week’s current affairs Kahoot quiz:

- 1st Place – 7400 Isobel Sheppard 13NJO
- 2nd Place – 7350 Joe Woodall 12TP
- 3rd Place – 6400 Cam Cole 13VA

Please see **Mr Harpin** for your prize!

BTEC Results



Congatulation to our students on all their hard work towards their BTEC exams. They received their grade this morning and in coming lessons they will be talking with their teachers about the marks that they were awarded.



When one door closes, another opens

Our Year 13 PSHE was about the gear change that happens over the Easter period – students give up some of their responsibilities to make room for the main event this summer. Our student leaders spoke to Year 12 about their roles and encouraged them to put themselves forward (see item above). Certificates were given out to our Peer Supporters who have made such a difference to the lives of our younger students. They have a celebratory lunch on Monday with Mrs Ward before passing on the baton to our Year 12 Peer Supporters.

The rest of PSHE was about revision techniques, the powerpoint for which will be on Satchel and techniques are going to be revisited in registrations next week, along with another blank revision timetable to be completed for the Easter holidays.

We have sorted out the rooming for the Lakes Revision Trip, for which a letter with further details is being sent. Heads up – we will be leaving at 7am on Sunday 21st April and returning at about 7pm on Friday 26th April.



Useful Opportunities

Oxford Crown Court Open Day



You will have the opportunity to speak with court staff, judges, join a mock trial and so much more.

23 March 2024, 10am – 2pm
Oxford Crown Court, St Aldates, Oxford, OX1 1TL

Wadham College Summer School

<https://www.wadham.ox.ac.uk/schools-and-outreach/summer-schools>

Wadham College is running five-day residential on Classics, Modern Languages and Biology & Human Sciences summer schools from **19th-23rd August** for **Year 12 students**. The summer schools are designed to give UK pupils studying in Year 12 a taste of what it's like to be an undergraduate studying at the University of Oxford.

Applications close: **3rd May**



Careers in Opera

<https://garsingtonopera.org/participate/careers-in-opera/>

Garsington Opera has a page on its website where students can explore the different jobs involved in making an opera, including creative and technical, stage management, lighting, props and costume.



Google



<https://buildyourfuture.withgoogle.com/apprenticeships>

Google are currently recruiting for apprentices worldwide, with roles in the UK including digital business and software engineering.

Meet the Russell Group

[UK University Search Fair Russell Group Webinars | UK University Search](#)

Interested in going to a Russell Group University? Make sure you don't miss our upcoming Meet the Russell webinars.

Hear directly from representatives and experts from 22 of the 2 Russell Group Universities including Cambridge, Bristol, King's College London, LSE and Manchester to get answers to all of your questions about applications, student life, personal statements and much more.

Held across 3 days (**Tuesday 30th April – Thursday 2nd May**), the webinars will cover topics such as an Introduction to the Russell Group & Why to Study There, Personal Statements & Applying to a Russell Group University and Student Life.

UK University & Apprenticeship Search Fairs

At our events, attendees have the opportunity to speak to multitude of exhibiting universities and apprenticeship providers. The fairs also feature a wide range of vital seminars including: UCAS Personal Statement and Why take and Apprenticeship. Upcoming events are as follows:

- *Oxford Brookes University – June 12th*
- *London Emirates Stadium – June 21st*
- *London Tottenham Stadium – October 17th*

To provisionally book places or find out more about Oxford, please email: heather@ukuniversitysearch.co.uk
For London, please email: Jude@ukuniversitysearch.co.uk

HAPP One-Day Conference

“The Philosophy of Cosmology” – IN PERSON AND LIVESTREAMED ONLINE
Saturday 1st June 2024, 10.30am – 5.00pm

This conference will consider the profound questions that lie at the intersection of cosmology, metaphysics and epistemology – it will seek to scrutinise the origins of the universe and theories on the cosmos and its evolution as well as the methodologies and models used to comprehend these.

All the details and the web links to register for the conference to attend in person or online are given on the webpage below:

<https://www.stx.ox.ac.uk/event/happ-one-day-conference-the-philosophy-of-cosmology>

