

SECONDARY PARENT / STUDENT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 1st March 2024

WHAT A TRIUMPH FOR EUROPA!

For the third time running, Europa came back with the Abingdon YABA trophy! The trophy will stay with us for a year till the next competition...

Since December, the S3 Book Club has been reading 6 recently published books chosen for the Abingdon Young Adult Book Award. On Monday they competed ferociously at Radley college against 6 other secondary schools from Abingdon with a quiz on the chosen books and general knowledge on literature. 11 teams competed and Europa's 2 teams came 1st and 4th. Well done Book Worms! The proud winners received a book voucher.







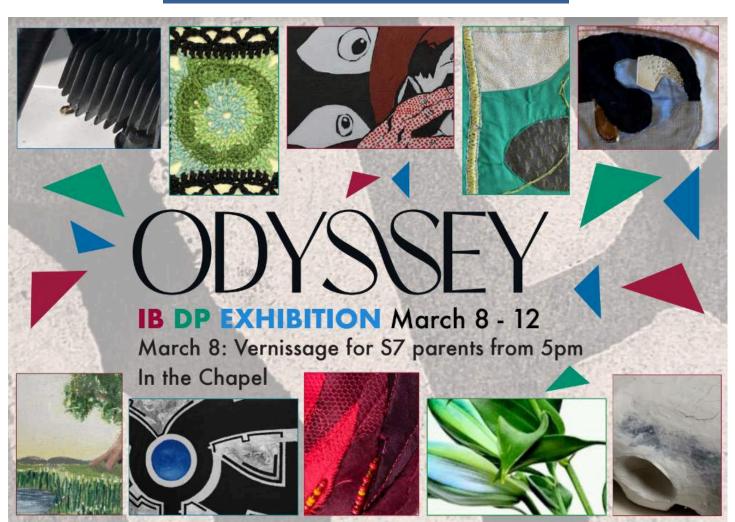
SPORT

Thursday brought our first S1 girls' badminton fixture against SHSK. 12 girls from S1 were selected for the fixture through their endeavours in our lessons and were keen to accept this additional challenge. The girls played a mixture of singles and doubles matches and all had a minimum of 3 games. Girls were encouraged to challenge girls from SHSK and were responsible for scoring their matches and ensuring rules were followed. Some great results were achieved with Sophia, Amelie and Emma all achieving 3 wins each. The fixture ended up 28-12 in SHSK's favour, but we enjoyed the challenge and now have some clear targets moving forwards.

Friday brought our second round U15 ESFA cup competition fixture. We were drawn away against Chipping Norton School so after a pleasant coach journey we were ready for action. The game started with the opposition dominating possession, but they were unable to break down our organised and skilled defence. After 20 minutes the deadlock was broken and one of their players managed to wiggle free and shot calmly into the corner. 1-0. We were not deterred and knew we had the ability to get something from the game. We pushed forward and a through ball from Inka ended up at Renatta's feet, who poked the ball under the goalkeeper, Jenna, following in, managed to slot the ball away. 1-1 half time.

The second half followed a similar pattern but with more gaps appearing, the game became more spread, which suited the opposition. They scored 2 goals and despite us managing to create a number of 1/2 chances we were unable to find the net. Game finished 3-1. Good luck to Chipping Norton in the rest of the competition. Well played to all. Player of the match - Edie

IB DP ART EXHIBITION 8th - 12th March 2024



EUROPA SCHOOL UK RECRUITMENT EVENING

Wednesday 13th March 4:30pm - 6:30pm



Please sign up here: https://forms.gle/hbm268R6TUQV1GkQA

VACANCY

Teacher of Religious Studies - Part Time

An exciting opportunity to join a unique state-funded international school offering the International Baccalaureate as a teacher of Religious Studies. Europa is a flexible school working with teachers to ensure roles fit your interests and an exciting place to develop your teaching in an International environment, whether you are an early career teacher or more experienced.

Join a vibrant and growing multilingual state school in rural Oxfordshire to teach Religious Studies and possibly ethics to our secondary students in S1- to S5 (year 7 – 11). Europa values our staff and their professionalism and independence, by recognising their strengths and accommodating their passions. Join our team of broad minded and highly skilled teachers.

• Salary: MPS – UPR (£30,000 – £46,525)

Location: Culham, Oxfordshire

• Contract type: Part-Time (0.4 to 0.6 of FTE), Permanent

Start Date: 1st September 2024

Closing Date for Applications: 18th March 2024

We need



JOIN OUR TEAM

• EXAM INVIGILATORS

Full training provided

£12.46 per hour

7th - 17th May 2024

Call Beatriz Morales

01235 524060

applications@europaschool.uk

PTA

BOOK AND COSTUME SALE WEDNESDAY 6th MARCH 2024

FROM 15H00



Please contact the music teachers before

Friday 8th March 2024 if you would like to perform

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

SPRING MUSIC SOIRÉE

Thursday, 21st March, 5.30pm

To be considered for the programme, all interested will need to perform their pieces to Ms Ognjenovic or Mrs Scaber by Friday, 8th March

THE WIZARD OF OX

COME AND SEE SOME OF EUROPA SCHOOL'S PRIMARY AND SECONDARY

STUDENTS PERFORM ON THE 15th AND 16th MARCH 2024

AT SUTTON COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL



Calling All Munchkins, Witches, and Emerald City Enthusiasts

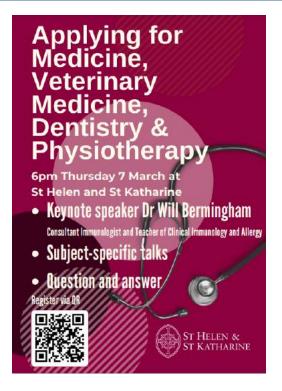
🌈 Join Us for Sutton Courtney's Most Twisted Panto in history… The Wizard of Ox 🌈

Lam packed with Europa School A list Superstars! (Both Primary, Secondary and parents too, and even some teaching staff in the crew) ん

Grab your tickets quick!!
Call 01235 847707/848335

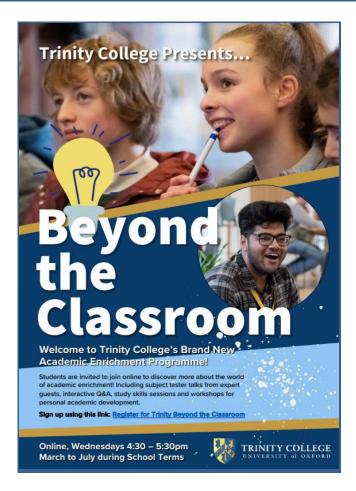
'MEDICS, VETS, DENTISTS AND PHYSIOS' EVENT

18h00 on Thursday 7th March 2024 at St Helen and St Katharine, Abingdon



TRINITY COLLEGE

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME



The event will include a keynote speech from Consultant Immunologist Will Bermingham, subject-specific application and career advice, and a Q&A.

Students are welcome to attend with parents/guardians.

To sign up, please use this link: https://forms.office.com/e/tAHPezUGNN



PARENT WEBINAR



Oxford Health School In-Reach team hold several webinars for parents over the year.

These awareness sessions contain useful information about how to support your child with some of the commonly seen emotional and mental health concerns:

CALLING ALL PARENTS!

We are currently compiling a presentation folder for all of our parents. Inside the folder there will be space to include

ADVERTISEMENTS FOR LOCAL COMPANIES AND BUSINESSES

3,000 FOLDERS WILL BE PRODUCED

and distributed to the parents of all our pupils, teachers and any others who request information about the school. Advertising revenue will generate income to boost school funds.



If you wish to take this opportunity to support the school and promote your business, act now to reserve your spot - space is limited. Please register your interest with FSE on 01933 303520.



The S2 Carnegie is back: will you be taking part?

This year the very first event will be hosted by Europa School, hosting 5 other secondary schools.

Two more events later in the year will take place, held in other schools.

This is a glorified book club with lots of cakes along the way!

If you are tempted, fill in this form and write a short review on a book you have recently read:

https://forms.gle/ZL5TYadineEKSvKL8

S3 AND S4 BOOK CLUB

Mondays 13h00 - 13h20 Drama studio



COMICS AND MANGA CLUB FOR S1 - S6

Tuesday lunchtimes in the Drama studio



"Do you like comics? Do you like manga? Have you never read anything of the sort but want somewhere to start?

Whatever the case, consider joining the comics and manga club!

This club will be for all Secondary year groups and is about discussing the art form, as well as opinions on current and past series and general culture surrounding both manga and comics (think movies and tv shows!).

If you want to attend or have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me a dros24@europaschool.uk. I hope to see you soon!"

Dylan (S7)

LEGO CLUB FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS

Fridays 12.45 to 13.20 - Study room





GO ECOLO CLUB

You would like to improve the Ecology of the school, come to Room 331 every Monday from 12h45 to 13h15

The GO ECOLO CLUB members do projects and actions in the school. We try to Rewild areas in school, to find a solution to recycle rubbish in suitable bins, to have less plastic in the canteen, to have free Meat lunch, to protect the owls, to meet specialists of nature, to create films about the planet with the Goldsmith University, to have fun...







Come and share your ideas and actions!

For more information please contact Dr Sandrine Philippot-Gasc: s.philippot-gasc@europaschool.uk

Model United Nations: MUN



COP delegation

S4, S5, S6, S7 students attend the MUN Club to become a delegate or an ambassador of the United Nations and participate in a Model of the United Nations in Toulouse, Brussels or Milan.

The MUN Club takes place in Room 331 every **Monday** after school, Wednesday morning break and Friday lunchtime.

For more information please contact Dr Sandrine Philippot-Gasc: s.philippot-gasc@europaschool.uk



INTERACT CLUB

Culham Interact Club: Come and take action NOW!

Come to the Culham Interact Club to become an interactor and participate to improve the world. We meet every **Friday** at 9h50 to 10h10 room 331.

The Culham Interact Club organises at least two projects every year, one that helps their school or community and one that promotes international understanding. The local Rotary Club of Abingdon in the person of Astrid Nielsen is organising the projects with me . https://www.rotary.org/en/get-involved/interact-clubs

During the last years Culham Interact Club helped for examples:

- *Planting two plantations of mango trees in Senegal and developing villages : https://www.association-irrigasc.org/
- *Construction of a fuel saving eco-stove at Mugalodde Primary School in Uganda/ saves trees in Uganda": https://youtu.be/7Z8VlwhehTs
- *Action with Cultiva to plant trees in Chili: https://www.reforestationworld.org/project/corporacion-cultiva
- *Make a wish: help to grant life-changing wishes for children with critical illness.: https://www.make-a-wish.org.uk/
- *Harry's hat: to help children diagnosis with hydrocephalus (water on the brain): https://harrys-hat.org
- *Mary's meals: to feed very poor children in England and around the world: https://www.marysmeals.org.uk
- *Alzheimer's Society
- *Funsani charity to help orphan house in Zambia : https://www.funsani.com/

Examples of actions for raising money:

Quiz evening, catwalk show, cake sales, Halloween movie evening, battle of the bands evening... Culham Interact Club gives as well the possibility to students over 14 years old to get a diploma of the Institute of Leadership and Management in London.

In 2020, Five students passed the diploma and on the 13th September 2023, five new students received the Diploma of Leadership and Management with the highest grade: Distinction!



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NATIONAL BADMINTON 4 X WEEKS COACHING FOR JUST £10



BASKETBALL AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY

Basketball is run by after school activities, the cost for the term is £80. You will be able to book your child onto the after school activities through the parent portal. This will be opening next week for the spring term 2024.



Session Details:

Year 1 - Year 5 09:00 to 10:00 - Primary Gym Boys Year 6 - S3 09:00 to 10:30 - New Gym Boys S4 - S7 10:30 to 12:30 - New Gym Girls S1 - S4 11:30 to 13:00 - Primary Gym



EUROPA SCHOOL BASKETBALL DRAGONS NEEDED!

Come join Europa School Basketball on Saturday Mornings!

A handful of parents have joined forces to coach basketball on Saturday mornings at Europa. Our aim is to build a school team to be able to compete against other schools in the area.

We are all passionate about promoting fun, teamwork and resilience through basketball. Come and experience the fun on a Saturday mornings and help us get Europa back to its former basketball glory.

NB: We hold an adult scrimmage session in the new gym every Wednesday evening from 20:00 to 21:30 to raise money for the Dragons. £5 at the door. It's fun and burns a ton of calories!







Contact details (Ismail) Mobile: 07834 118648 Email: ismailelkadiri@gmail.com

Help your children to read and succeed in Science and Maths

370,000 secondary school students tested

The link between maths, science and reading

is higher than in English literature and history

¼ of all 15-year-olds

have a reading age of 12 or below.

Only 47% of boys aged 15

against 53% of girls in the same age have a reading age of 15 and higher.

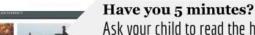
Reading skills & science achievement

have a relationship closer than the one between interest and enjoyment of science x science achievement

Being literate

is the most essential factor for disadvantaged students studying science.

Data from GL Assessment, research from 2018-2019, report found at http://www.gl-assessment.co.uk/whyreading



Ask your child to read the headlines on their mobile phone and tell you which one seems more interesting or intriguing, and why.



If you have 10 minutes

Ask them to read a short article and summarise it. Then you could ask: do you agree with what the article said? Why or why not?



Have we found the 'animal origin' of Covid?

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When you have 30 minutes

Choose an article and read together. Ask each other why you prefer this or that subject. Discuss what the author really meant and if your children had seen the topic in school already.



Pet dogs a threat to nesting birds in South Walney - warning



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EMAILING THE SCHOOL

Emailing regarding Absence

Please can all Parent's remember to send their emails for any absences: (ie sickness, holidays, medical appointments etc) to absence@europaschool.uk and not to Reception.

General email to the school

Please can all parents put the full name of the child and the class they are in, into the subject line of the email.

This saves us a lot of time should any urgent message need to be communicated quickly.

LOST PROPERTY

The Lost Property room will be open every Tuesday from 3pm to 4 pm.
Please come and check the room when it is open for your lost items.
A huge thank you to Irene Larraona and Zohra Fatima-Jenkinson for managing this.

CONTACT EMAILS

If you have any questions regarding the IB Diploma Programme (S5, S6 and S7) please email Mrs Simpson at ibdiplomacoordinator@europaschool.uk

If you have any questions regarding the IB Middle Years Programme (S1, S2, S3 and S4) please email Mrs Butcher at ibmypcoordinator@europaschool.uk

If you are an external student and would like to apply to the school to do the IB Diploma please contact Mrs Fabulet at admissions@europaschool.uk

If you have any questions regarding UCAS and S4 Work Experience please contact Mrs Charalambous at i.charalambous@europaschool.uk

If you have any questions regarding Careers please contact Mrs Powell at l.powell@europsachool.uk

If you have any questions regarding public (GCSE/MYP and DP) or internal examinations (years S4-S7) please contact Mme Jouhandin at examsofficer@europaschool.uk

If your child is absent please email absence@europaschool.uk before 09h00

FUNDRAISING - EUROPA SCHOOL UK

If you would like to donate to the school fund please use this link <u>Fundraising – Europa School UK</u> Our request is a voluntary contribution of £1 per pupil per day or £2 if you can afford it, either by giving a lump sum or making a regular monthly donation.

More information about how we use the school fund.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 2024

Tuesday 5th March S7 Full Report issued with mock exam results

19h00 - MYP e-Assessment presentation to S4 Parents

Wednesday 6th March 08h00 - S3 Community project clothes collection - Thame Lane

15h00 - PTA Book and costume sale - Thame lane

Thursday 7th March World Book Day

Friday 8th March 08h15 - PTA coffee morning - Chapel

17h00 - S7 IB Art exhibition - Vernissage - Chapel

Monday 11th March British Science Week

S7 IB Art exhibition - Chapel

S2-S5 HPV Catch up vaccination session Intermediate Maths follow on rounds

Tuesday 12th March British Science Week

S7 IB Art exhibition - Chapel - Final day 19h00 - S4 MYP Parent presentation - Chapel

Wednesday 13th March British Science Week

16h30 - 18h30 Recruitment event - Chapel

Thursday 14th March British Science Week - Visiting Environment speakers Friday 15th March British Science Week - Visiting Environment speakers

Wednesday 20th March S4 Visit to CareersFest - Kassam Stadium

Thursday 21st March S5 Mock e-Asst results issued

S2 Carnegie tea - Schuman Hall 17h00 - Music Soiree - Chapel

Friday 22nd March 15h -16h - PTA Easter Cake Sale & Tombola - Thame Lane

19h00 - 22h00 Junior Ball - Schuman Hall

Tuesday 26th March S1 Reports issued

S6 Interim reports issued S6 UCAS Talk - Drama studio

EASTER HOLIDAY - Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April 2024

April 2024

Wednesday 17th April S6 University Fair Farnborough

Wednesday 24th April S7 IB External Exams - First day (until 17/05/24) - Chapel

IB ESS Workshop

Thursday 25th April S7 IB External Exams - Chapel Friday 26th April S7 IB External Exams - Chapel Monday 29th April S7 IB External Exams - Chapel Tuesday 30th April S7 IB External Exams - Chapel S7 IB External Exams - Chapel

May 2024

Wednesday 1st May S7 IB External Exams - Chapel Thursday 2nd May S7 IB External Exams - Chapel

S5 Exam leave

19h00 - CAMHS presentation for S1-S3 parents - Schuman Hall

Friday 3rd May S7 IB External Exams - Chapel

Monday 6th May BANK HOLIDAY - No school for students except S7 IB students who have

an exam on this day.

S7 IB External Exams - Chapel S7 IB External Exams - Chapel

Tuesday 7th May S7 IB External Exams - Chapel

S5 MYP Exams (until 17/05/24)

Wednesday 8th May S7 IB External Exams - Chapel

S5 MYP Exams S2 Carnegie Quiz

Thursday 9th May S7 IB External Exams - Chapel Friday 10th May S7 IB External Exams - Chapel

S3 Bronze DofE practice