SECONDARY
PARENT / STUDENT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
1st April 2022

SPORT

VOLLEY BALL - TOURNAMENT

On Sunday 20th March 2022 ESUK organised a volleyball tournament in our sports hall. There were ESUK boys, ESUK mixed team, Oxford boys and Oxford mixed team.
The Oxford volleyball team arrived in large numbers and were very keen to play.

In the pool stage of the tournament our teams were very nervous because for many, this was their first ever real volleyball game. In the semi-final our mixed team was resisting the strong Oxford boys and put up a great fight, eventually losing in two (shortened) sets 12:15 and 11:15. In the second semi-final our boys team crushed the Oxford mixed team in two sets 15:10 and 15:4.
In the final our boys team played Oxford boys and the first set showed great volleyball all round. Hard hits, strong blocks, dives and amazing saves. Fabrizzio often surprised opponents with his unpredictable tips in free spaces. Jaap, Gabriel and Lyndon were tirelessly blocking and hitting in the middle. Fabrizio and Oscar provided a great setting and especially Leo C. kept scoring great hits from all positions. Leo S. and Wilson showed great serving and scored a fair amount of points on outside position. The Oxford team had one very strong player who often decided the rallies with his excellent skills and experience. However, the whole Oxford team worked great and eventually won the first set 25:23.
In the second set our boys were more tired and lost 25:15.
The whole tournament was a great success and everybody had great fun. Thank you to all the participants and the supporting team of S2 and S3 students.

S6 VISIT TO TRINITY COLLEGE

This Wednesday, the S6 French class went to Trinity College. They attended two taster lessons: one based on Linguistics and one on ghosts in Literature. They had a tour of the College, and were introduced to ‘a day in the life’ of a University student.

“We all found it very interesting, and we thank Trinity College for welcoming us.”

Autism Awareness week

The aim was to create more awareness around school this past week. Students have helped to put up posters and updated the information board. Some of the year groups had discussions around Autism during their PCD lesson.
We would like to create a space of acceptance and inclusion at Europa School!

Autism Education Trust

Message from the Autistic Young Experts:

"Autism is a difference not a deficit. Differences are to be valued not 'fixed'. My normal is different from your normal and the aim shouldn't be conformity but wellbeing."

What is autism?

Autistic pupils have differences in three areas of development. These are:

Social understanding and communication

Flexibility, information processing and understanding

Sensory processing and integration

We need to look at these differences in terms of both the strengths and challenges that might arise.

The impact of differences in these three areas

Differences in these three areas mean that autistic pupils can find it difficult:

- to engage appropriately in social interactions with others.
- to understand what is happening now and next.
- to process all the sensory information in their environment, resulting in discomfort and even distress.

- **Anger**
- **Frustration**
- **Anxiety**

Autistic pupils often experience the school environment and other people as unpredictable and this can result in feelings of **anxiety, frustration** and **anger.**

How you can help: Stop, Observe, Listen, Act

Monitor the physical and emotional well-being of autistic pupils and recognise signals that the pupil might be distressed, unwell, or in pain.

S	O	L	A
Stop	**Observe**	**Listen**	**Act**
Put your assumptions to one side.	What is actually happening in the environment around the pupil; use all your senses.	What is the pupil trying to tell you? What are they anxious or distressed about?	In a way that makes the pupil feel safe.

We are here to support and empower you

Do you work with autistic pupils? We have a lot of **FREE resources and an award-winning professional development programme** for you. Whether you have 5 minutes or a few hours to learn, visit: **www.autismeducationtrust.org.uk** and follow the **Autism Education Trust** on social media.

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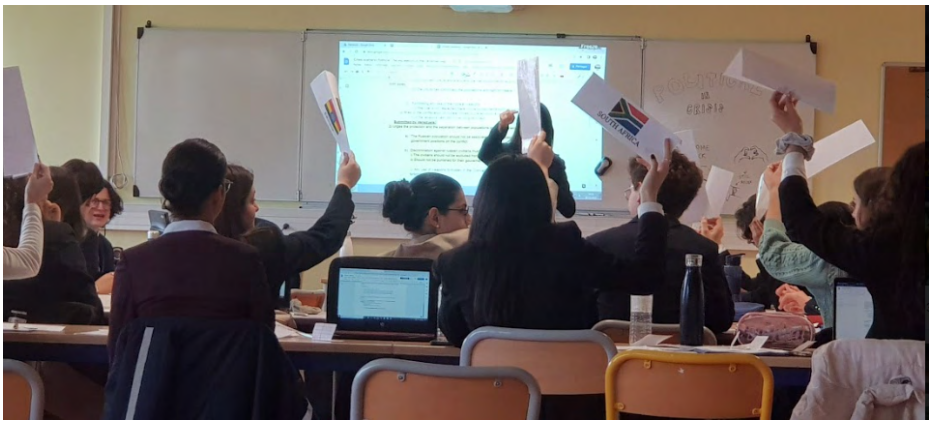
TOUMUN 28th - 30th March 2022

What a great adventure for 20 students in year S5 to participate in annual TOUMUN 2022 in Toulouse, France. We successfully crossed the border despite covid, brexit and the Ukraine war.
They took on roles of the delegates of the United Nations representing different countries in four committees - ECOSOC, Political, Environmental, Human Rights committee and three journalists. We are very proud of their outstanding performance and their hard work.

Their research and preparation paid off as they were able to stand up and negotiate with their opponent countries and to achieve consensus and pass resolutions. Once again, our representation was fantastic. We arrived and were ready to fight.
Dr Sandrine Philippot-Gasc & Mrs Ivana Charalambous



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S2D VISIT TO COMBE MILL

S2D spent a cold but very exciting day at Combe Mill - a restored sawmill and working industrial museum. They did lots of activities like pond dipping and species identification, "travelled back in time" to talk to the workers at the mill and learned a lot about steam and water power, tinkering and the beam engine.

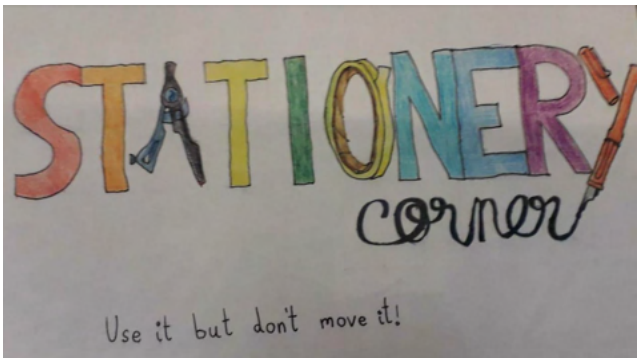
LIBRARY

BOOK SWAP

S2 Moral students organised a fun book swap last Thursday for S1 and S2 where everyone could give and take some of the many books people had given. We all enjoyed this nicely prepared event and hope for more to come! Thank you to Mrs Mallett, our dedicated librarian for hosting this event. Leila, S2F

New in the library: A stationery corner

Pens and pencils, scissors and sharpener, scrap and white paper, come to the library for all your stationery needs (to be used on site only!)
And thanks Em (S5) for your beautiful poster!



Down memory lane ...

Congratulations to the old 5FE class (who are now the current S5F) who feature in this university article on creativity and education.

Years ago, when they were in 5FE, with their teacher Mme Gaillard and the technical support of Léa Cusseneers and Jojo Prouton, they received an award for their fantastic bilingual film "Abandonnée" for the Critical Project, by Goldsmith, University of London. The story of the friendship between a French girl and a Syrian migrant is still sadly as relevant today as it was seven years ago...

Read the article:
https://www.hiof.no/fss/om/publikasjoner/communicare/2020/creative_curriculum_communicare_2020.pdf
See the film Abandonnée: https://goldsmithsmdst.com/film-awards-2016-part-2/

OXFORDSHIRE YOUTH - MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS PARENTS AND CARERS SESSION - 5th APRIL 2022

Free online session for all Oxfordshire parents and carers. When clicking on the link to get tickets, please place the first part of the Oxfordshire postcode into the PROMO code section (e.g OX4) and click 'apply'.
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-online-mental-health-awareness-session-for-parents-and-carers-tickets-287905050757

https://mailchi.mp/oxscifest/poetry-of-science-competition-entries-open?e=29a44a57cd

MUSIC

SECONDARY STUDENTS PERFORMING AT THE SHELDONIAN THEATRE - FRIDAY 8th APRIL 2022

Some of our secondary students are performing Mozart's Mass in C minor at the Sheldonian Theatre next Friday as a part of Passiontide 2022.

Festival. Please come and support them! Tickets can be booked here:
https://www.ticketsoxford.com/book/instance/575001

PTA EASTER CAKE SALE - FRIDAY 8th April 2022

Hundreds of fun, easter-themed cakes needed - please plan to bake or buy and donate at drop off or 3pm if you can. If not, just come and support us by buying a tasty end-of term treat! Thame lane gate.

PTA CLOTHES COLLECTION - 3rd MAY 2022

8h00 - 9h00 at Thame Lane - if you are having a clear out over Easter please bag up clothes, bags, shoes and fabric. We can re-sell good quality branded items, so please keep these separately to the general clean used items. If you are able to sell on eBay yourself you can donate some or all of the proceeds to the PTA.

UCAS

Live webinars for students and parents

Students

» Revision and study skills to prepare for uni

Wednesday 6th April – 4.00pm-5.00pm

Parents

» Student finance for parents and supporters

Tuesday 5th April – 6.00pm-7.00pm

» Student finance for parents and supporters

Thursday 7th April – 7.00pm-8.00pm

Careers Fair

Post 16 and degree-level options

STANDS: EMPLOYERS | UNIVERSITIES | APPRENTICESHIPS

ALL YEAR 9 – 13 STUDENTS (+PARENTS/GUARDIANS) FROM OXFORDSHIRE SCHOOLS WELCOME

Weds 27th April
4:00 - 7:00pm

HOSTED BY
ABINGDON & WITNEY COLLEGE WOOTON ROAD ABINGDON | OX14 1GG

ORGANISED BY THE SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE LEARNING PARTNERSHIP – IN CONJUCTION WITH

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 2nd April	S5 Practice Silver Duke of Edinburgh
Sunday 3rd April	S5 Practice Silver Duke of Edinburgh
Monday 4th April	S5 Practice Silver Duke of Edinburgh S4F Visit the Maison Française, Oxford
Tuesday 5th April	19h00 - S3 + S4 Duke of Edinburgh Information evening **This will now be on line - details to follow** S4 MYP Options Evening S3 (BUR) **This will now be on line - details to follow**
Wednesday 6th April	S2 + S3 + S5 Interim REPORTS issued
Thursday 7th April	S6 UCAS Exhibition, Winchester S2F Combe Mill Trip
Friday 8th April	12h35 - S6 Easter egg workshop for Secondary students S3 MYP Community Project presentations 15h45 - PTA Easter cake sale - Thame lane gate

Monday 11th April - Friday 22nd April Easter holiday

Monday 25th April	Summer term begins S7 Study Week - in school, normal timetable
Tuesday 26th April	S6 CAS Basketball team cake sale International University Roadshow - Chapel 16h30 -18h00 - Europa Sixth Form IB Open Evening - Chapel
Thursday 28th April	S7 IB External Exams begin - Chapel (until Friday 20th May 2022)
Friday 29th April	S4 Trip to Warwick Castle
Monday 2nd May	BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 3rd May	S7 IB External Exams - Chapel 8h-9h - PTA Clothes Collection - Thame Lane
Wednesday 4th May	S7 IB External Exams - Chapel
Thursday 5th May	S7 IB External Exams - Chapel
Friday 6th May	S7 IB External Exams - Chapel 16h00 - S3 + S4 Practice Bronze DofE
Saturday 7th May	16h00 - S3 + S4 Practice Bronze DofE

Schedule S5 GCSE / June Exams 2022 - FINAL STUDENT VERSION

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
w/c 11 April	Easter Holidays				
w/c 18 April	Easter Holidays				
w/c 25 April	25	26	**GCSE English Language Paper 1 Mock** *(9:30-12:30)* Chapel **27**	28	29
w/c 2 May	2	3	4	5	6
w/c 9 May	9	10	11	12	13
w/c 16 May	16	17	**GCSE English Language Paper 1** *(8:30-10:15)* Chapel **18**	19	**GCSE Mathematics Paper 1** *(8:30-10:00)* Chapel **20**
w/c 23 May	23	**L3 Es / It** *(pds 7-8)* normal classrooms **24**	25	26	27
w/c 30 May	Half Term				
w/c 6 June	6	**GCSE Mathematics Paper 2** *(8:30-10:00)* Chapel **7**	8	9	**GCSE English Language Paper 2** *(8:30-10:15)* Chapel **10**
w/c 13 June	**GCSE Mathematics Paper 3** *(8:30-10:00)* Chapel **13**	**NO SCHOOL - STUDY DAY** 14	**Chemistry** *(8:30-10:00)* Chapel **STUDY TIME** *(10:30-12:35)* in school **History De/Fr** *(13:20-15:00)* Chapel **15**	**L2 De/Fr** *(8:30-10:00)* Chapel **STUDY TIME** *(10:30-12:35)* in school **Physics** *(13:20-15:00)* Chapel **16**	**Biology** *(8:30-10:00)* Chapel **STUDY TIME** *(10:30-12:35)* **Geography De/Fr** *(13:20-15:00)* Chapel **17**

Option subjects (Art, Economics and Music) may have class based tests but no long exam.

***All exam times displayed are the regular times; extra time arrangements for individual students are added.**