

## **OXFORDSHIRE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

On Tuesday 23rd January a group of ESUK students participated in the Oxfordshire Cross country championships at Radley College. The competition was incredibly tough due to the hard muddy conditions which caused a lot of shoes to be lost in the cold mud bath. All the runners performed well and kept the ESUK flag high. Well done and great resilience from all the participants!!!



## **U14 BOYS WIN IN FOOTBALL**

On Monday 29th January, after multiple postponements the U14 boys football team (S2 and S3) could finally host a home Cup game against the Oxford Spire school.

The Europa team started well and confidently and soon took control of the game into their hands. After a great performance by the whole team, ESUK won 6:0 with Otis scoring 4, Jamie and Harvey scoring 1 goal each. The defence was solid lead by GK Leo, captain Felix, Luc, Alex, Eden and all the others. Well done and good luck in the next round.



## EUROPA SCHOOL UK RECRUITMENT EVENING

WEDNESDAY 13th MARCH 4:30 - 6:30pm

<https://forms.gle/hbm268R6TUQV1GkQA>



**Recruitment Evening**  
13th March 2024 4.30 to 6.30pm  
Europa School UK, Culham

**Primary, secondary, teaching, support  
full-time, part-time**

**German, Spanish & French Speakers  
especially welcome**

*Drop in, meet staff, chat about opportunities*

  
**Europa  
School UK**  
Your Local International School



## VACANCIES

### Data & Admission Officer

We're seeking a motivated individual to join our team and guide parents and prospective students through the admissions process and liaise with the county council. Alongside the Data Manager, you would maintain all the student records in our MIS and work closely with the SLT and teachers in this vital role.

- Salary: Pt 16 (£28,282 FTE, £14,989 actual)
- Contract type: Permanent, Part-Time 22.5 hours per week, 40 weeks a year
- Start Date: February / March 2024
- Closing date: **12th February 2024**

[Find out more](#)

### Secondary Coordinator

Help grow our 6th form and support the secondary team at Europa School UK. We're seeking a motivated individual to join our team and manage our 6th form Admissions process with a view to growing this vital part of the school. In addition, you would support the Deputy Heads of Secondary, manage all aspects of the school and get involved in the day to day running.

- Salary: Pt 16 (£28,282 FTE, £15,272 actual)
- Contract type: Permanent, Part-Time 22.5 hours per week, 41 weeks a year
- Start Date: February/ March 2024
- Closing date: **12th February 2024**

[Find out more](#)

## 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](mailto: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.

## CULHAM CALLING IS BACK !

Culham Calling is an online magazine in which a team of S6 students as part of their IB CAS project, compile information on any local upcoming events, advertisements, items to sell, clubs, entertainment or recipes.

Please send your information to the following [culhamcalling@europaschool.uk](mailto:culhamcalling@europaschool.uk) if you would like it to appear in the next edition which will be sent out to the school community and can be viewed on the school website.

The deadline to send the information to us is Monday 26th February 2024

### 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 lego club is back!**

**Where: Study room**

**When: Friday 12.45 to 13.20**

**Who: Secondary Students**



## NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 5<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### Engineering Open Evenings!

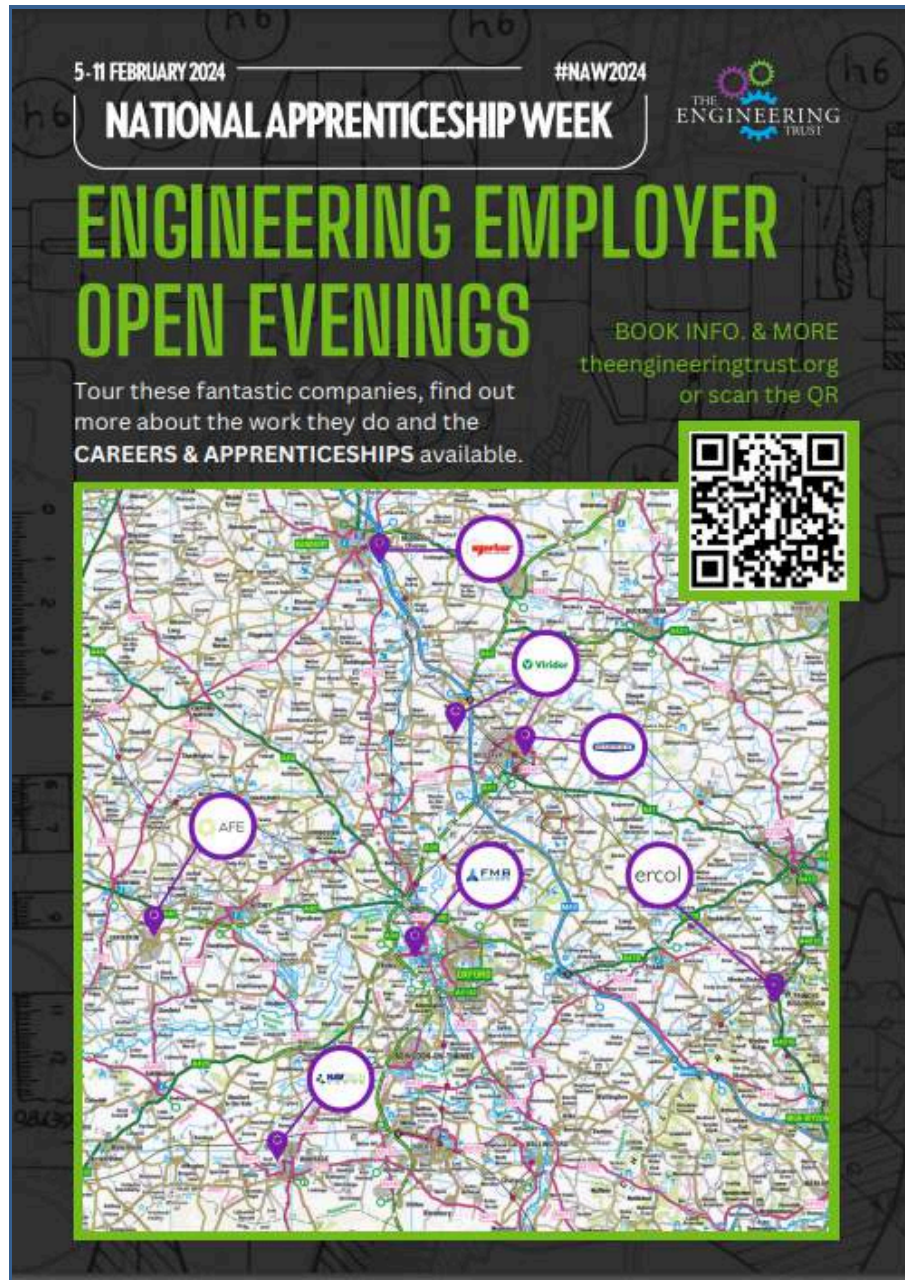
Seven employers open doors to young individuals interested in engineering.

<https://www.theengineeringtrust.org/apprenticeships/naw24/>

For National Apprenticeship Week 2024, The Engineering Trust has partnered with seven engineering companies and will be participating in a series of open evenings offering information, advice and guidance on engineering apprenticeships. You can visit these companies for a tour and find out more about what they do.

For dates/times, employers, location details see attached poster or link.

Spread the word and share these details with parents and students.



## THINK CAMBRIDGE SERIES

29th January - 15th February 2024

29 January to 15 February 2024

We're excited to announce the return of our Think Cambridge series.

This is a three-week long series of webinars to inspire Year 11 (S4 for Scotland, Year 12 for NI, or equivalent) and 12 (S5 for Scotland, Lower Sixth, or equivalent) students to apply to Cambridge.



Learn more about the webinar series > [Here](#)

INVESTIN

CHOOSING THE RIGHT CAREER

TUESDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2024 at 18h30 (UK time)

INVESTIN

## Choosing the Right Career

*Introducing our free career quiz and workshop, helping you reflect on your next steps.*



We know that making decisions about your future at a young age can feel overwhelming, especially if you don't know where to start.

That's why we've launched our latest free tool to guide you through your next steps – **The InvestIN Career Quiz!** By answering a series of expertly crafted questions, you will unlock a personalised report that unveils an industry aligned with your skills and interests. What's more, every report contains expert advice and resources collated from our years of work with top professionals.

To further help you in making informed decisions, you and your family are invited to our free online workshop dedicated to 'Choosing the right career for you'. Join us as we delve into future job options and explore the art of choosing the perfect career fit.

**6th February | 6.30-7:30pm UK Time**

[Please follow the links below to sign up to either the Webinar or the Quiz](#)

[Webinar sign up](#)

[The INVESTIN Careers Quiz](#)



**OPEN EVENING**

**WEDNESDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2024**



**Science and  
Technology  
Facilities Council**

Come and join us at our **Apprenticeship Open Evening** to learn about the range of apprenticeship opportunities available as well as the chance to meet the apprenticeship team, supervisors and current apprentices.

Where: Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, Harwell, Didcot, OX11 0DE

Date: **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

Time Slots available: 17:00-18:00, 18:00-19:00, 19:00-20:00

Please see below the advert with the QR code to register, alternatively the following link can be used:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rutherford-appleton-laboratory-apprenticeship-open-evening-2024-tickets-771364009517>

The poster features a collage of images at the top: a young man looking at a glowing plasma ball, and a young woman working on server racks. Below the images is an orange section with the title 'STFC Apprenticeship Open Evening' in large blue letters. Underneath, in smaller white text, it says: 'Whether you're leaving school, changing career, or seeking a challenging alternative to university, STFC offers a range of opportunities to launch your new career through one of our Apprenticeship programmes.' This is followed by the event details in white: 'Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, Harwell, Oxfordshire, OX11 0DE' and 'Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024'. Then, in smaller white text: 'There are three time slots available: 17:00-18:00, 18:00-19:00, 19:00-20:00' and 'Please register your chosen time slot in advance via the QR code'. To the right of the text is the UKRI logo and 'Science and Technology Facilities Council' in white, with 'Apprenticeships' in a larger font below it. At the bottom right is a QR code. The bottom of the poster is a blue bar with white text: 'Learn more about our engineering, computing and other apprenticeship opportunities: [stfccareers.co.uk/apprenticeships](https://stfccareers.co.uk/apprenticeships)' on the left, and 'Scan the QR code to register' on the right.

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**Apprenticeships**

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Scan the QR code to register

Additionally, our apprenticeship vacancies have now gone live for a September 2024 start - further information can be found at: [Apprenticeships - STFC Careers](#)



**FREE**

# Multi-sport party

Come along and join in with parachute and tag games, ball games, obstacle courses and more.

**WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY**

**10AM - 11AM AGES 4 - 7**  
**11AM - MIDDAY AGES 8 - 12**

**DIDCOT LEISURE CENTRE**  
 MERELAND ROAD,  
 DIDCOT, OXFORDSHIRE  
 OX11 8AY

BOOKING ESSENTIAL PLEASE EMAIL:  
 ACTIVE.COMMUNITIES@SOUTHANDVALE.GOV.UK

South Oxfordshire District Council **youMOVE** **BETTER**



**'Free!'**

## ACTIVE COMMUNITIES

### Half term activities

**12 - 19 February**

**Xplorer**

**Multi-sports**

**Dance & Yoga**

Scan QR to see what we have planned over the February half term

<https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/school-holiday-activities/> <https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/school-holiday-activities/>

South Oxfordshire District Council **Vale of White Horse** District Council

Listening Learning Leading

The full details of all the activities can be found on the website below:

<https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/school-holiday-activities/>

## WORK EXPERIENCE



- Applications for students are open: <https://stfc-workexperience.co.uk/>
- They'll close on **25th February 2024**, so if anyone knows students who want to do work experience they **must apply before then**.

## PARENT WEBINAR

A colorful poster for a Parent Webinar. At the top right is the NHS logo and 'Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust'. The title 'PARENT WEBINAR' is in large, bold, orange letters. Below it, a quote in an orange speech bubble says: 'Parents are the most important part of young peoples lives and hold the key to helping them. Let us, help you, to help them.' To the right of this is the CAMHS logo (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service). Below the quote, it says 'MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS SESSIONS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS'. At the bottom, there is a QR code and a list of subjects: TEEN ANXIETY, SELF HARM, LOW MOOD, and HOW TO TALK TO YOUR DISTRESSED CHILD. The website URL 'WWW.OXFORDHEALTH.NHS.UK/CAMHS/OXON/SIR/WEBINARS' is at the very bottom. The background is light green with a sun, swirls, and confetti.

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:

[Parent webinars | Oxford Health CAMHS](#)[Oxford Health CAMHS](#)



## 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](mailto:dros24@europaschool.uk). I hope to see you soon!"

Dylan (S7)



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:s.philippot-gasc@europaschool.uk)

**CULHAM**

## **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 now on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023, five new students received the Diploma of Leadership and Management with the highest grade : Distinction!



For more information please contact Dr Sandrine Philippot-Gasc: [s.philippot-gasc@europaschool.uk](mailto:s.philippot-gasc@europaschool.uk)



## NATIONAL BADMINTON

4 X WEEKS COACHING FOR JUST £10



**4x WEEKS COACHING**

**FOR JUST £10!**

Professional group badminton coaching

Interested in badminton? Get on court with a weekly group coaching session and get your first 4x sessions for £10!



REGISTER AT  
[NATIONALBADMINTON.ORG.UK/PLAY](https://nationalbadminton.org.uk/play)



## 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.



### EUROPA SCHOOL BASKETBALL DRAGONS NEEDED!



#### 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



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.

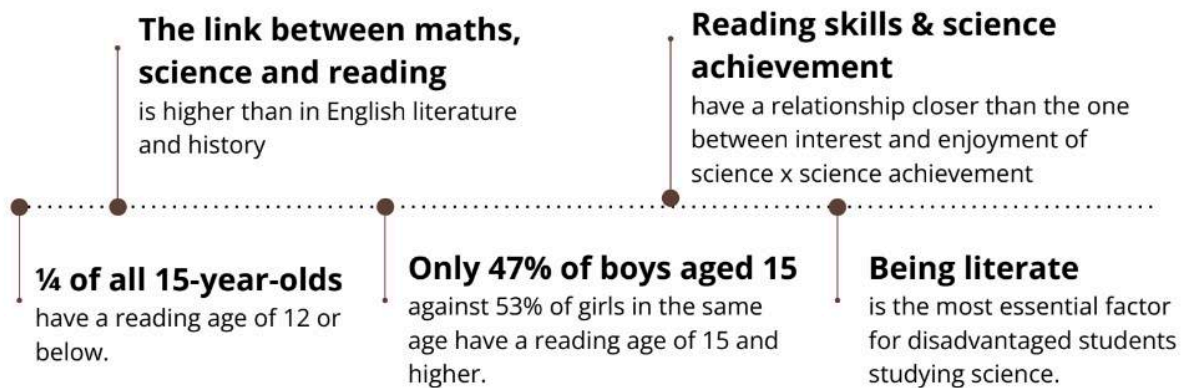
NB: We hold an adult scrimmage session in the new gym every Wednesday evening from 20:00 to 21:30 to raise money for the Dragons. £5 at the door. It's fun and burns a ton of calories!



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

# Help your children to read and succeed in Science and Maths

## 370,000 secondary school students tested



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

### Have you 5 minutes?

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?

### 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

Grey waders, black-gulls and other birds are disturbing nesting birds at a nature reserve, conservationists have warned.

### Have we found the 'animal origin' of Covid?

Genetic data released by China three years after it was gathered has provided the first evidence of how the pandemic started, scientists say.

### Climate change pioneer Claude Lelouch dies at 91

His expeditions to Antarctica helped prove that humans were responsible for global warming.

### Europe risks being a spectator to next space race

The continent is in danger of missing out on the next big tech boom, as influential groups warn.

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Read more >

Images from BBC News - Science, accessed on the 25th March 23.

## **LOST PROPERTY**

**Every Tuesday**

**3pm - 4pm**

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:admissions@europaschool.uk)

If you have any questions regarding UCAS and S4 Work Experience please contact Mrs Charalambous at [i.charalambous@europaschool.uk](mailto:i.charalambous@europaschool.uk)

If you have any questions regarding Careers please contact Mrs Powell at [l.powell@europsachool.uk](mailto: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](mailto:examsofficer@europaschool.uk)

If your child is absent please email [absence@europaschool.uk](mailto:absence@europaschool.uk) before 09h00

## **FUNDRAISING - EUROPA SCHOOL UK**

If you would like to donate to the school fund please use this link [\*\*Fundraising – Europa School UK\*\*](#)  
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**

### **February 2024**

Saturday 3rd February	S5 / S6 TOUMUN (France) - Return
Monday 5th February	S7 IB Mocks (until 23rd February) National Apprenticeships Week
Tuesday 6th February	S7 IB Mocks National Apprenticeships Week
Wednesday 7th February	S7 IB Mocks National Apprenticeships Week
Thursday 8th February	S7 IB Mocks National Apprenticeships Week S2 & S3 Full Reports issued S4 Music trip Royal Opera House, Covent garden
Friday 9th February	INSET day (No students in school)

### **FEBRUARY HOLIDAY Friday 9th February 2024 - Friday 16th February 2024**

Monday 19th February	S7 IB Mocks
Tuesday 20th February	S7 IB Mocks
Wednesday 21st February	S7 IB Mocks MYP Mocks e-Asst start (until 29th February) S6 Parent/teacher meetings
Thursday 22nd February	S7 IB Mocks MYP Mocks e-Asst Go Ecolo used clothes sale 15h45 - S1 Girls Badminton vs SHSK - Sportshall
Friday 23rd February	S7 IB Mocks (Final day) MYP Mocks e-Asst Go Ecolo used clothes sale S6 Art students - MoMa Oxford
Monday 26th February	S5 MYP Mocks e-Asst 13h00 - 15h00 - S3-S4 Young Adult Abingdon Award at Radley School
Tuesday 27th February	S5 MYP Mocks e-Asst
Wednesday 28th February	S5 MYP Mocks e-Asst Pathways Fair
Thursday 29th February	S5 MYP Mocks e-Asst 15h30 - S2/S3 Girls Football vs Headington School - Home

### **March 2024**

Friday 1st March	S5 MYP Mocks e-Asst - Final day
Tuesday 5th March	S7 Full Report released with mock exam results
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Friday 8th March	S7 IB Art exhibition - Vernissage - Chapel
Monday 11th March	British Science Week; IB Art exhibition - Chapel S2-S5 HPV Catch up session vaccination Intermediate Maths follow on rounds
Tuesday 12th March	British Science Week IB Art exhibition - Final day - Chapel
Wednesday 13th March	British Science Week 16h30 - 18h30 Recruitment event - Chapel
Thursday 14th March	British Science Week
Friday 15th March	British Science Week
Thursday 21st March	S5 Mock e-Asst results S2 Carnegie tea - Schuman Hall 17h00 - Music Soiree - Chapel
Tuesday 26th March	S1 Reports issued S6 Interim reports issued

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