

VISIT FROM THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR

Europa School UK was delighted and honoured to welcome the German Ambassador, Miguel Berger, and the Head of Culture and Education, Dr Frane, from the German Embassy in London. They were received very warmly by Mrs Woods and Mr Marechau before being taken on a tour of the school by Dr Havenstein, Europa School's PASCH co-ordinator. This included visits to Primary classrooms where our younger pupils shone in performances of song and rhyme. RDE sang *Die Jahresuhr* beautifully, while 1DE recited the rhyme *Wir* with enthusiasm.

3DE gave a very musical rendition of *Alle Vögel sind schon da*. The classrooms displayed lovely bunting of the German flag drawn by children of all language streams. Then our panel of secondary students impressed with presentations on aspects of school life and with their ability to showcase our immersive language stream model. Sophia Brent and Sofie Uhlig spoke eloquently on life in Primary, giving a vivid account of all the national festivals and festivities celebrated across the language streams, bearing witness to our multicultural nature. Joshua Brent followed by talking expertly about his fascinating application process for work placements while Alexander Shaw impressed with his MYP project and German cuisine. Malaika Adlung spoke on the vital issue of language learning with great acumen and finally Daniel Burkert-Burrows entertained us with a moving song which he himself accompanied on the guitar.

The Ambassador and Dr Frane then joined invited parents, staff and governors in the Chapel where Sofie, Hannah and Friederike Uhlig accompanied by Sue Glaisher gave a flawless and enchanting performance of Stabat Mater from Pergolesi's Stabat Mater Dolorosa. The Ambassador's visit ended with informal conversations with the school community over tea and coffee. Europa UK has truly been inspired by Ambassador Berger's and Dr Frane's visit and are hoping to welcome them again.

Dr Daniela Havenstein





RECRUITMENT EVENT

8TH MARCH 2023 - 5 - 7PM IN THE CHAPEL



Recruitment Event

8th March 2023 5-7 pm

Part/full time teaching & support roles

Find out more about our school and vacancies including:

- Primary teachers for French & German
- Secondary science teachers
- French, German and Spanish support staff

Join us and speak to the teachers, support staff and leaders

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Please follow the link if you would like to sign up <https://forms.gle/AaxskLNv1kQFh5FKA>

CULHAM CALLING

Please send any articles / adverts that you would like to have published to
culhamcalling@europaschool.uk before **Friday 24th March 2023**.

The next issue of Culham calling will be issued on Friday 31st March 2023.

HELP FOR FAMILIES - HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

Due to this extremely high level of demand the Household Support Fund is now closed in South Oxfordshire

We are no longer accepting any new applications for this fund.

Other Help is still available

If residents are struggling due to cost-of-living pressures the Community Hub can help.

We offer a wide range of advice, including information on free or affordable food banks and council tax support. We can also signpost residents to debt advice, other cost-of-living support, information on housing support as well as guidance on how they can look after their mental health and wellbeing.

If residents need support they can contact our Community Hub Team during office hours on 01235 422600 or email communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk

<https://www.southandvale.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Cost-of-Living-eleaflet-for-websites.jpg>

S7 IB ART EXHIBITION 16th - 22nd MARCH 2023 CHAPEL



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IB DP ART EXHIBITION 2023
March 16-22nd in the chapel
March 15 Vernissage: S7 Parents 5:00-6:30pm



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LIBRARY

S2 new Book Club:

Would you like to take part in the Carnegie Book Club this year?

If you are in S2, passionate about reading books, want to have fun, write book reviews, meet new people, eat cakes, take part in fun activities and have a chance to win prizes, then join in!

For that, just fill in the form to show you are interested:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSciEIY9QquyFDaIDYpCJS6Abqz2jR1G6ly50T_gGobHDkci9w/viewform?usp=sf_link

World Book Day(s) in the busy Secondary Library

Thank you to our PTA who have paid for our new magazines! Which ones would you like to keep or change? Have your say and vote in the library.

How many book characters could you identify from their silhouette? Easy? but do you know who created them?

We all know the saying "**Don't judge a book by its cover**", well that was exactly why the books were all wrapped up with only their first lines as a guide. That seemed to intrigue the students as the books were flying off the shelves like hot cakes!

There is still time to take part in the short story competition. Write it in either German, Spanish, Italian, French, Spanish or English. We have fantastic creative writers in the school, show off your skills!



Short Story Competition 2023

- Prize for best story -

Write a page-long story containing at least 3 nouns, 1 adjective and 1 adverb from the categories below.

The story can be written in English, German, French, Spanish or Italian (translate the words!).

Choose 3 nouns			Choose 1 Adjective	Choose 1 Adverb
carrot	Europa School	language	tasty	slowly
silence	broom	tentacle	moody	never
key	lightning	secret	bilingual	foolishly
growl	library	parrot	blue	proudly
TikTok	goat	potion	free	ferociously
mistake	dragonfly	paintbrush	exotic	boldly

Give it or email it to Mrs Mallett b.mallett@europaschool.uk

by **Friday 17 March** for a chance to
win a prize for the best short story.

Make sure you underline the chosen words in your text.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

S3

We are pleased to have now signed up the current S3 students for the Bronze award. Those signed up should have received a log on via the school email address so please check and log on and follow the instructions. You can begin inputting your sections. Please contact dofe@europaschool.uk with any questions. Please check your junk folder if you haven't received anything.

S4 and S5

Please continue to upload your Bronze assessor reports to your account so we can get the Bronze awards signed off. We will issue the Certificates and badges for those that have completed in the next month or so. We hope that you will continue with the Silver award. We will be signing up Silvers soon so if you wish to take part then make sure your Bronze Award is all completed ASAP.

S6

Please continue to upload your Silver assessor reports to your account. We would like to get the silver awards all signed off, issue the certificates and badges and look to launch the Gold program for the first time at Europa School.

S7

Your Silver "back to back" expedition was a long time ago but has been all signed off. If you wish to complete your full silver award whilst still at Europa then upload your assessor reports for your other sections. For those that have completed we will issue the certificates and badges soon.

Expedition dates 2023

We are currently planning our expeditions for the coming Spring/Summer and will get dates to you soon.

If you have any queries then please get in touch dofe@europaschool.uk

ABINGDON'S FUTURES FAIR THURSDAY 4th MAY 2023

We hope that you can join us for the Futures Fair on Thursday 4th May 2023 between 4pm and 6pm. We have over 40 universities confirmed including UK Russell Group, leading modern universities and a range of international universities. There will also be information on apprenticeships and alternatives to university.

The Futures Fair is perfect for Year 12's who are currently exploring degree courses and university study and the event is also open to students in Years 11 and 13. We invite students and parents to book their space via the [event page](#).

Parents and guardians are welcome to attend with their students, but please note that there will not be parking available on our school grounds for this event.



<https://www.abingdon.org.uk/futures-fair-2/>

TRINITY BEYOND THE CLASSROOM (Online)

Trinity College's academics and doctoral researchers have been part of a brilliant series of talks, *Trinity Beyond the Classroom*, offering super-curricular enrichment to secondary and sixth-form students at state schools since 2021 and we'd like *you* to be part of the third series in 2023.

Talks cover a wide range of subjects – for instance, Medicine, Social Sciences, Media, Chemistry, Biology, Physics and Engineering – and more talks will be announced once the series is underway on Tuesday 14 February. They are great examples of accessible super-curricular engagement, with the opportunity for students to engage, take part in polls, and ask questions live.

The talks will take place online on Teams, at 4.00-5.30pm on Tuesdays from 14 February through to 11 July 2023.

Attendees in the 2022 and 2021 series were from a wide range of school year groups, clustering most around Year 12.

Talks in the 2023 series:

14 February *A General Measure of Health for Older People (Medicine, Biology, Social Sciences)*

28 February *Digital Health (Social Sciences, Media, Biology)*

14 March *Philosophy & Machine Learning: Artificial Intelligence (Computer Science, Maths, Philosophy)*

28 March *Why governments usually win, but sometimes lose, elections (Politics, Sociology, History, HSPS - with Stephen Fisher, Professor of Political Sociology)*

25 April *The ethics of US intervention in South Africa's HIV/AIDS crisis (Medicine, Social Sciences, Public Policy)*

9 May *Batteries and their potential (Physics, Materials Science, Engineering)*

23 May *Catalysis in Chemistry: Metal-organic frameworks and their application on photocatalysis (Chemistry)*

6 June *Conversion to Islam in the Medieval Near East (Theology, History, Politics)*

20 June to be finalised (by mid-February)

11 July *Does Immorality make Artworks worse as Art? (Art, History of Art, English, Humanities, MFL)*

Students can register at [Trinity Beyond the Classroom 2023 registration](#) and will receive a Teams link in the 24 hours before each talk.

PARENTS UCAS WEBINAR SERIES

We are once again offering a series of webinars for the parents and carers of students looking to start university in 2023. We will also hold a parents' webinar on student finance in March 2023 and on accommodation in May 2023.

Register for Webinars via the link below

<https://www.bath.ac.uk/topics/information-for-parents/>




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WEEKEND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

INTERACTIVE CAREER MASTERCLASSES FOR AGES 12-18

We write to inform you that we are almost full for some of our most popular weekend career programmes, and registration is set to close next Sunday 23rd October.

On the programmes, students will participate in hands-on activities that give them a genuine experience of professional life. Programmes are available in 19 different careers, ranging from Medicine and Investment Banking, through to Art and Filmmaking.

All programmes take place on Sundays at UCL; there is also a live online option for those who cannot attend in-person.

REGISTRATION CLOSES NEXT WEEK

VIEW & REGISTER - AGES 15-18

VIEW & REGISTER - AGES 12-14





 www.investin.org

 info@investin.org

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[12-14 Weekend Programmes](#)

[15-18 Weekend Programmes](#)

*Students can receive a 10% discount by inserting the code **EUROPASCHOOL10** at the registration page.

Summer Career Experiences in London



Our Summer Experiences offer the ultimate, 360-degree experience of professional life for ages 12-18. Whilst weekend programmes are classroom-based, our Summer Experiences take place at top industry sites across London - including immersions in hospitals, courtrooms, skyscrapers, film sets and much more.

Students can register for these now at a 15% discount.

SUMMER EXPERIENCES: AGES 15-18

SUMMER EXPERIENCES: AGES 12-14

[12-14 Summer Career Experience in London](#)

[15-18 Young Summer Experiences 2023](#)

*Students can receive a 10% discount by inserting the code **EUROPASCHOOL10** at the registration page.

MUSIC

SAVE THE DATE: MUSIC SOIREE ; THURSDAY 23rd March 2023

All interested will need to play their pieces to Miss Ognjenovic or Mrs Scaber before Friday 10th March 2023 in order to be considered for the programme (there will be no G-form enrollment)

SINGING GROUP

S1, S2 and S3 singing club meets on Fridays at lunch time in Brahms (music block).
Open to all abilities. If you are interested please contact Mrs Scaber.

MUSIC THEORY CLUB

S3 - S7 Music Theory club on Tuesday's 12h40 - 13h15
For more information, please email t.ognjenovic@europaschool.uk

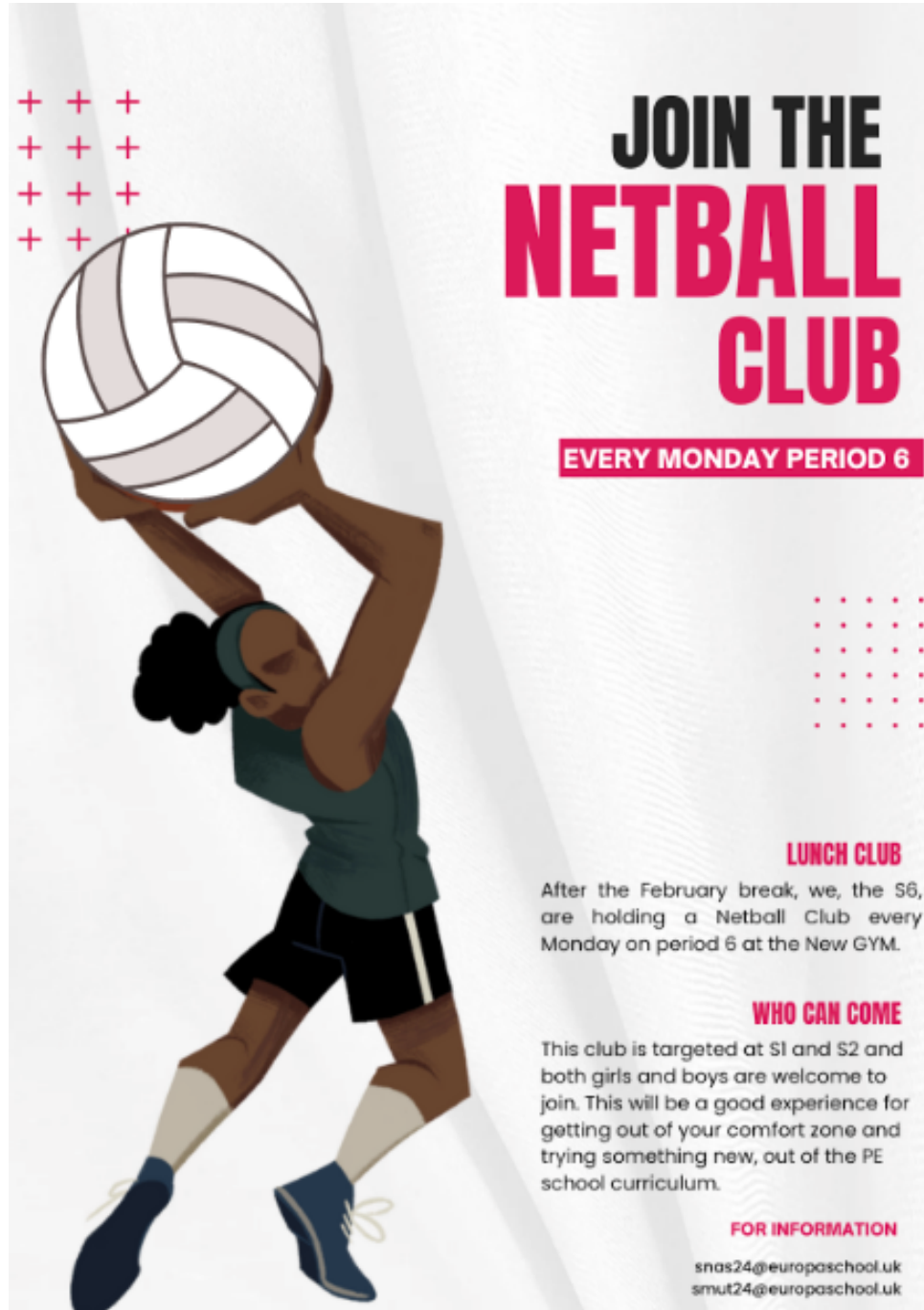
STRING CHAMBER GROUP



JOIN THE NETBALL CLUB

Monday 12h35 - Period 6 - New Gym

S1 and S2 Boys and Girls



Dear Parents and students, we (S6 students) are delighted to announce the opening of a netball club which will be running every Monday lunchtime and shall begin after the February break. This is an opportunity for both S1 and S2, boys and girls to try something that may be new and challenging, bringing them out of their comfort zones. We hope to see you there.

THAME LANE GATE

Please do not push the red button on the post to open the Thame Lane gate to let people into school during the day. The incoming person must push the buzzer on the Intercom, so Reception can assess who can come on site. Thank you for your understanding.

REMINDER

Thame Lane gate is locked at 08.45 each day. Any arrivals after that time must drive to the front of the school and sign in at Reception. The Thame Lane gate opens again at 3pm each day.

TOILETS AVAILABLE ON SITE

FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN AT PICK UP TIME

The Schuman Hall and Primary Library toilets are not for parents or children waiting to collect at the end of school. A toilet has been made available for drop off and end of school pick ups only, on the left of the small courtyard behind Reception. There is a red sign on the door.

PARENT PORTAL

Please check on the Parent Portal that your address and contact phone numbers are correct.

UPCOMING PTA EVENTS

Your skills are needed!

All PTA events need many hands to make them happen. All sorts of tasks go on behind the scenes in the planning and organising as well as running activities on the day. Get in touch to learn more or to join our PTA slack channels.

Email committee@europa-pta.org

Friday 17th March

IB art exhibition and PTA coffee morning (in the chapel)

Friday 31st March

PTA Easter cake sale and tombola (Thame Lane)

Friday 28th April - school day

Primary International Day

Share the culture, cuisine or character of a country.

Primary pupils tour the parent-run stalls to learn a little more about the world.

Can you and a friend help plan or run a country stall with a simple game or activity?

Contact committee@europa-pta.org

Saturday 17th June

Summer Fete

Please add to your calendar now

Calling eBay users

Selling items on eBay has been a very easy and effective PTA fundraising channel and requires no time commitment.

Selling on eBay already? You can donate a percentage straight to the Europa PTA charity using the charity account "Europa PTA" in your seller Donation Preferences on the website, or on your profile "Support charity" set-up on the mobile app. Visit the shop <https://charity.ebay.co.uk/charity/i/Europa-PTA/295048>

If you can help list and send a few items donated to the PTA, get in touch with Patricia pezo.patricia@gmail.com

PTA committee@europa-pta.org

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH 2023

Tuesday 7th March	S5 Mock interviews 16h00 S1 and S2 girls 9 a side football v Ola - Home
Wednesday 8th March	17h00 - 19h00 Recruitment Evening - Chapel
Thursday 9th March	S3 & S4 Book club: Young Adult Book Award in SHSK, Abingdon
Friday 10th March	Oxford Bach Choir Rehearsal - Oxford Centre for Music
Monday 13th March	S7 Mock exam results report issued
Tuesday 14th March	S4 Parents evening ONLINE 19h00 - S3 Parent Presentation on Puy de Fou / DofE - Drama Studio
Wednesday 15th March	S7 IB Art exhibition - Chapel Vernissage
Thursday 16th March	S7 IB Art exhibition - Chapel
Friday 17th March	S7 IB Art exhibition - Chapel 08h15 PTA coffee morning - Chapel
Monday 20th March	12h30 - 15h45 - S2 Carnegie Tea Larkmead School, Abingdon
Tuesday 21st March	Visit from Business Academy Czechia S4 Careers Fair, Kassam stadium
Thursday 23rd March	S6 Trinity College Workshop Visit from Business Academy Czechia 17h00 - Music Soiree OGT/SCA - Chapel S3 + S4 girls football v Langtree school - Oxfordshire small schools U15 county cup, round 2 - Away
Monday 27th March	S1 Spring reports issued 15h00 - 19h00 IB Open day (late comers) ONLINE
Wednesday 29th March	S2 & S3 HPV 1+2 Catch up Vaccinations
Thursday 30th March	S3F trip Radley College La maison hantée by Onatti
Friday 31st March	S6 Interim Report issued

EASTER HOLIDAY MONDAY 3rd APRIL TO FRIDAY 14th APRIL 2023

APRIL 2023

Tuesday 19th April	S6 UCAS Fair Winchester University
Tuesday 25th April	S2 Human Library (Careers Event)

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@europaschool.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