

# SECONDARY PARENT / STUDENT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

3rd November 2023

## THE DESIGN MUSEUM - MINI CHALLENGE

### Congratulations to Eden - S2

The Design Museum has been in touch with our Design teacher Mrs McBader with some more fab news!

"It's Mini Challenge time again here at #DesignVentura and @europaschooluk have given us another winner! In response to our prompt of 'Community', 13-year-old Eden has designed the LoLyShare, an ingenious device for cutting up a lollipop so it can be shared @ @ @

Our guest judge for this round was Design Ventura's own Assistant Programme Manager, Aithne. She was impressed by how Eden has clearly considered empathy, sustainability, and practicality. Eden has accounted for potential safety concerns, with internal spinning blades to eliminate the risk of cutting yourself; and even done some market research, citing statistics in this beautiful pitch. Great job, Eden

We'll be announcing the winner on our <u>Design Ventura Instagram</u> account today, and posting Eden's prize out soon."

Pupil: Eden Yang	School Name: Europa School	UK Date: 21/10/23
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## CHILL AND CRAFT WITH LENA (S3)

#### ONE PLANET ABINGDON CLIMATE EMERGENCY CENTRE

# Chill and Craft with Lena



- Run by and aimed at young people ages 12-18, but open to all
- Learn to craft, or perfect your skills in a relaxed environment (with snacks!)
- All crafting materials and sessions provided for free.
- No need to book, drop in morning or afternoon sessions.
- Led sessions will include: Crochet, Macrame, Friendship bracelets and Embroidery with a focus on upcycling and sustainable materials.
- For details on our upcoming dates + sessions, follow @1planetabingdonyouth on Instagram!





ONE PLANET ABINGDON CLIMATE EMERGENCY CENTRE

Below the County Hall Museum Market Place Abingdon OX14 3HG





www.oneplanetabingdon.org

## THANK YOU

## to Accent Catering

# for the delicious Halloween cakes







A HUGE thank you to everyone who supported the Halloween cake sale - we had our best ever array of spookily decorated treats!! Thanks to your generosity the PTA raised over £1000. A big thanks to Maria F and team for arranging this fun end to our half term.



#### Save the Dates:

- Friday 24th November PTA Coffee Morning all welcome and a great chance to chat to some of the Senior Mgt team and Governors.
- Sat 9th Dec 11-3pm Europa Christmas Fair Please come along and support / help.

DONATIONS WELCOMED - please contact Chair@europa-pta.org if you might be able to help donate any of the following from home / work:

- Project X Lower level Reading books (bands red, yellow, light blue, green, orange) (i.e. before the Planet Exis book set)
- Display Boards for classrooms / walls to display art / project work
- Medium / Large Plastic Storage Boxes for Lost Property Room

Christmas Cards / Gifts are being sent home this week and next - nearly a month earlier than usual. Thanks to Carla O for coordinating.

#### SCHOOL AND SIBLING PHOTOS

#### DEADLINE EXTENDED

The deadline to order your school photos has been extended to Saturday 11th November 2023

Please email reception@europsachool.uk if you have any questions.

# **WINTER MUSIC SOIRÉE**

# Thursday, 7th December 2023, 5.30pm - The Chapel

To be considered for the programme, all interested will need to perform their pieces to Ms Ognjenovic or Mrs Scaber by Friday, 24th November 2023

## **VACANCIES**

#### Part-Time Early Years Teacher - Spanish, Maternity Cover

We have a part-time vacancy to teach at Europa in our primary school for 2.5 days per week. The successful candidate will teach exclusively in Spanish and share the class with their partner teacher who will teach in English for the remainder of the week.

- Start Date: TBC February 2024
- Salary: M1 UPR3
- Location: Culham, Oxfordshire
- Contract type: Part-Time , Fixed Term
- Hours: 0.55 of FTE Wednesday to Friday
- Reporting to: the Deputy Head of Primary
- Closing date for applications:8th November 2023

#### <u>Primary Teacher in English – Part-Time</u>

Join our primary team of English teachers. The current vacancy is for a KS1 role, Wednesday to Friday.

- Start Date: 1st January 2024
- Salary: MPS UPR (£28,00 to £43,685 FTE) (£15,400 £24,026 Pro rata)
- Location: Culham, Oxfordshire
- Contract type: Permanent, Part-Time (0.55 of FTE) Wednesday to Friday
- Reporting to: The Deputy Head of Primary- English Language Curriculum
- Closing date for applications: 8th November 2023

#### **General Assistant - Kitchen**

Our partners Accent catering are looking to appoint a general assistant for the kitchen Working Pattern: Monday to Friday, 11am to 2.30pm, Term Time Only

Pay rate; £10.42 per hour Contact: <u>Europa@accentcatering.co.uk</u>

## EUROPA T-SHIRTS AND HOODIES



# T-shirts & Hoodies

kid's sizes 5-13 yrs

adult sizes s-xxl t-shirts £10 t-shirts £12 hoodies £15 hoodies £20

https://www.europa-pta.org/shop.html

# NATIONAL STUDY SKILLS INITIATIVE

Live Free Virtual Study Skills and Exam Technique Webinar

In order to enhance student confidence and address inequalities in academic attainment and exams this year, we have launched a FREE initiative to support schools and students with study skills and exam technique mentoring, alongside the great work that schools are already doing.

We invite ALL students from ANY background to take part in a Live Free Virtual Study Skills and Exam Technique Webinar. This is suitable for students in S4 - S7 year groups studying any subject. If students are unable to attend the webinar live, they can register to receive a recording along with some excellent free handouts describing study techniques that are underpinned by evidence-based-research. We are also happy to distribute free resources tailored to different exam boards to conference attendees to assist with exam technique.

Places will be allocated on a 'first-come-first-served basis', and students can register for free with this conference registration form: https://airtable.com/appaypcxGl0Xqbp5C/shrHPWt01RPcs3d9q

Please note, that due to high demand, we anticipate that the form may be overloaded if too many people are completing it at the same time. If this happens, please wait a moment and then try again. We have capacity for over 10,000 free registrations so please do not panic, and there will be further webinars later in the academic year!

#### **Conferences Dates:**

Sunday 5th November 11am-1pm UK GMT Saturday 11th November 11am-1pm UK GMT

If neither of these are suitable, students can register to receive the conference recording.

Conference Agenda:

Introduction: Unlocking Academic Excellence - The Importance of Study Skills & Exam Techniques

Section 2: The Power of Effective Study Habits

Interactive Session: "Study Styles: Which One Are You?"

Section 3: Memory Boosters for Exam Prep

Section 4: Conquering Exam Anxiety Section 5: A Day Before the Exam

Section 6: Exam Techniques specific to Exam Boards such as AQA, OCR and EDEXCEL

During the conference, we will help students identify what style of learner they are, and how to employ memory and study techniques that suit them most. We will explore active recall, spaced repetition, the pomodoro technique and how to make use of the most appropriate revision methods and resources such as mind mapping, flashcards and practice questions.

We look forward to mentoring your students with the hope to build their confidence academically. We will also be offering additional teaching opportunities to students from Widening Access backgrounds following the conference, which are completely free in order to reduce inequalities in academic attainment. This will protect your school budget for other activities. Thank you for passing this along to your students and parents and helping us to make a difference.

Head of Education Study Mentor and Medic Mentor



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The Access Team at Trinity College, University of Oxford, are offering two online sessions for parents and carers in November 2023. Please feel free to book tickets to attend one or both of the following sessions:

#### Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> November at 6 - 7:15pm with optional live Q&A until 7:30pm Session 2 For Families - a guide to the University of Oxford and the application process

This session will be of interest to parents and carers of students in Years 10, 11 and 12 and is particularly useful for those wanting to hear specifically about the University of Oxford and the application process. In this session, we will also focus on effective ways parents and carers can support their child, should they

decide to apply to the University of Oxford in the future. We aim to build confidence and knowledge about what a parent and carer's role is in the process of a university application and to clarify the benefits and costs of going to the University of Oxford.

There will also be a live Q&A with some current undergraduate students who'll share some of their own experiences and answer any questions parents and carers may like to ask.

Please go to our registration form to book both or your preferred option – click HERE

#### **INVESTIN**

## The Young Photographer Challenge

Student Charity Competition for World Mental Health Day



In honour of World Mental Health Day on 10th October, we invite students aged 12-18 to enter our competition, The Young Photographer Challenge. Students should submit a photograph, along with a short caption, depicting how they show resilience. Creativity is highly encouraged!

The competition is free to enter and for each submission we shall make a donation to YoungMinds, the youth mental health charity.

The deadline for entries is 5pm on 17th November 2023.

Please share this email with students so they can take part. Download a PDF here or forward this email directly.

**Enter the competition** 



#### **GO ECOLO CLUB**



You would like to improve the Ecology of the school, come to

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, Friday lunchtime.

For more information please contact Dr Sandrine Philippot-Gasc : 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 . <a href="https://www.rotary.org/en/get-involved/interact-clubs">https://www.rotary.org/en/get-involved/interact-clubs</a>

During the last years Culham Interact Club helped for examples:

- \*Planting two plantations of mango trees in Senegal and developing villages : <a href="https://www.association-irrigasc.org/">https://www.association-irrigasc.org/</a>
- \*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.: <a href="https://www.make-a-wish.org.uk/">https://www.make-a-wish.org.uk/</a>
- \*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 : <a href="https://www.funsani.com/">https://www.funsani.com/</a>

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

# NATIONAL BADMINTON

# **4 X WEEKS COACHING FOR JUST £10**



# 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

#### Reading skills & science achievement

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

#### 14 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.

#### 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

# 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.



Have we found the 'animal origin'

of Covid?

# 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?

# If you have 10







#### 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





#### **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 <u>huge thank you</u> 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 <a href="mailto:l.powell@europsachool.uk">l.powell@europsachool.uk</a>

If you have any questions regarding public (GCSE/MYP and DP) or internal examinations (years S4-S7) please contact Mme Jouhandin at <a href="mailto:examsofficer@europaschool.uk">examsofficer@europaschool.uk</a>

If your child is absent please email <a href="mailto:absence@europaschool.uk">absence@europaschool.uk</a> before <a href="mailto:09h00">09h00</a>

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### November 2023

Friday 10th November 2nd round County Cross country cup

Monday 13th November Anti- bullying week

Tuesday 14th November 16h00- 19h00 - S7 Intervear Basketball - New Gym

Thursday 16th November 14h00-18h00 6th Form IB DP Open day Friday 24th November 08h00 - PTA Coffee morning - Chapel

Tuesday 28th November S7 Economics students - Bank of England Speaker

Music rehearsal and performance at Merton College, Oxford

December 2023

Friday 1st December 19h00 - 22h00 Junior Ball - Schuman Hall

Thursday 7th December 17h30 Music Soirée - Chapel

Saturday 9th December 11h00 - 15h00 Europa School Christmas Fair

Please save the date and plan to come along / help out.

Friday 15th December S1-S5 FLU vaccination

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Wednesday 20th December 2023 - Friday 5th January 2024

#### 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.