

SECONDARY PARENT / STUDENT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 4th July 2023

CONGRATULATIONS



Huge well done and congratulations to the members of the singing group who performed with pupils from three other secondary schools and with the Oxford Bach Choir last week. The concert took place in Oxford's SJE on the 20th June and was a culmination of a year-long partnership project.

The pieces performed included Vivaldi's 'Gloria', Chilcott's 'The Lily and the Rose' and a gospel hymn 'Come and go with me'. The singing was beautiful, and our students were very professional and mature - well done!

You can hear some of the pieces in the 'Auditorium' section of the school website. https://europaschooluk.org/2023/06/29/bach-music-choir-concert-with-europa-singing-group/

Anthea Bell Prize in Translation of Queen's College, Oxford University

Congratulations to Jonas K

Jonas K in S4D has won the Anthea Bell Prize in Translation (Italian into English) for Oxfordshire and has been commended on national level (15k + students have participated).

Encore une année réussie au Puy du Fou en France !!

53 étudiants des sections française et allemande de S3 et 5 professeurs ont passé des instants inoubliables dans le grand parc historique du Puy du Fou. Des sensations, des rires et des bons moments à l'étranger ont été partagés dans un cadre incroyable. *Dr Sandrine Philippot-Gasc*











S2 - BODLEIAN LIBRARY IN OXFORD

On Wednesday 28th June the S2 Latin students went on a school trip to the Bodleian Library in Oxford to find out more about Language treasures hidden all around old and new libraries. Students were lucky enough to have been invited by the lovely team who had planned a quiz with challenging translations then a tour to the exhibition *Gifts and books*. A great opportunity to discover more about ancient books and languages and to make Latin lively!







S7 CELEBRATION DAYWEDNESDAY 5th JULY 2023



More details about muck up day, which is tomorrow! Just a reminder the theme is movies/ TV shows.

As mentioned in the previous email, there will be assemblies in the Schumann hall at 12.00 for S1 and S2 and at 12.35 for S3, S4 and S5 with S6 choosing. There will be a free barbecue provided after the assembly.

There will be activities from 2pm. This will include sumo suits, sport (volleyball, rounders) and a three legged race. There will also be bubbles, a memory board, photo booth, a water bucket and sponges to throw, and glitter. Refreshments will be available throughout and there will be performances and karaoke.

Please also watch the teacher vs students volleyball match.

There will be an ice cream van from 1.30 to 2.45 so please remember to bring money!

At 3pm, the S7 will release balloons. Hope to see you there,

The muck up day committee

S2 MYP DESIGNERS

Our S2 MYP Designers have produced a great range of stickers designed to make a positive difference to the lives of others, prompted by the question:

What encouraging piece of advice would I give my younger self?

Well done Designers!

Have a great summer,

Mrs McBader and Mrs Charalambous



MUSIC



For Year 2 and older pupils:

To enrol for INDIVIDUAL INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS at the school from September fill in the Google-form

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSersZS0nO2XwyTQTNGZsx0AyrItZvCmS-ewIn0WWxxGNKyjQQ/v iewform?usp=sf_link

For more info, email our Music Department on t.ognjenovic@europaschool.uk



After School Activities Leaders

We have some specific vacancies for <u>after sch</u>ool leaders of:

- Drama lower primary
- Chess
- German





£25 per hour 3.45 to 4.45 any day Monday to Thursday Contact: activities@europaschool.uk Other ideas for activities - let us know

TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION WANTED

A new Europa teacher needs a 1 bed flat or studio flat near Abingdon or Europa school for approximately 6 months.

Rent up to £1200

Please contact a.cole-morgan@europaschool.uk

A MESSAGE AND SURVEY FROM THE BUS TEAM

Dear Parents or Guardians,

The Bus Club has asked the school to send a transport survey to certain school families.

This survey is only for Europa School families living in the Bus Club catchment area (OX10, OX11, OX12, RG8, OX13 (Steventon, Milton Heights & Marcham only), OX14 4 (Drayton, Sutton Courtenay, Appleford, Long Wittenham), OX14 5 (South Abingdon only), Clifton Hampden), who are not already on the bus. Others please ignore this survey.

Traffic around the school has become very challenging, especially around the Sutton Bridge. This survey aims to understand why 43% of pupils in the main Bus Club catchment areas are not yet on the bus, and are presumably still on the road.

You can access the survey here, thanks very much for your time and cooperation:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScL5OgB113DOswFNRyVRhuySNyMUgzMqZ6cv33XJRYMJIrNng/viewform?usp=sf_link

Kind regards,

The Bus Team

PAULINE QUIRKE

ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS SUMMER WORKSHOP

AT EUROPA SCHOOL

14th & 15th AUGUST 2023





ROUTES INTO STEM EXPERIENCE FOR YEAR GROUPS S3 & S4

Join us on our Routes into STEM virtual experience this summer and find out all about **college**, **university**, **apprenticeships and careers in STEM**. The experience provides guided learning for you to work through the content flexibly during the course dates, you will also have a selection of tailor-made STEM projects and activities at your fingertips. A variety of live sessions will give you an opportunity to ask questions to the panels of experts, students and apprentices.

Throughout the duration of the experience you will have a unique opportunity to access content from:

Universities	Colleges	Workshops by companies
Abertay University	Calderdale College	Design and the Built Environment with Arup, Murphy, Balfour Beatty and others
University of Bedfordshire	Cardiff and Vale College	
University of Birmingham	City College Plymouth	Transport and Flight with BAE Systems, Network Rail, Leonardo etc and Studying Aerospace Engineering at University
University of Cambridge	Coleg Gwent	
Durham University	Cornwall College	The future of Technology by WCIT, studying IT at college and university, Phyton Tutorial and more
Heriot-Watt University	Coventry College	and university, Phyton Tutonal and more
University of Hertfordshire	Dundee & Angus College	The Future of Medicine at University, GSK and NHS Careers
University of Liverpool	Forth Valley College	
University of Nottingham	Kendal College	The Electric Revolution and Net Zero Explained by Innovate UK, Siemens, Rolls-Royce and many more
University of Plymouth	Leicester College	
University of Wales Trinity Saint David	Newcastle College	Energy including Babcock International, Cory Riverside Energy, Bechtel etc
University of the West of England	North Hertfordshire College South and City College Birmingham	
University of Westminster	South Thames College	Problem Solving – Maths and Forensics including Maths at University, Maths Careers, Forensic Science etc
	Warwickshire College	

Although right now it may feel like a long way to go until summer holidays, the start date is next month. So do not delay and apply today, this is an opportunity not to be missed!

To find out more please visit our website https://www.etrust.org.uk/routes-into-stem-read-more

We look forward to receiving your application.

Student Recruitment Team
EDT (Engineering Development Trust)



Online events especially for parents & carers interested in finding out more about university in general and the University of Oxford



The Access Team at Trinity College, University of Oxford, are offering two more online sessions for parents and carers in July 2023 and they can choose to attend one or both sessions as preferred. We would be delighted if you could share the information below or attached flyer, which has the hyperlink for registration, with your parents and carers at your school.

Session 2 For Families - a guide to the University of Oxford and the application process

Thursday 6th July at 6-7:15pm with optional live Q&A until 7:30pm

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 Eventbrite to book both or your preferred option – click <u>HERE</u>

* Please note this exclusive event is intended for parents/carers of children in <u>state</u> secondary schools only. **Bookings accepted up to 5pm, two days prior to each event

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:

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.

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.

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'

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.



plastic pollution med Feed the Fish, the Pet dogs a threat to nesting birds in South Walney - warning



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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July 2023

Saturday 1st July 14h00 - Wind in the Willows 2nd performance - Schuman Hall

19h00 - Wind in the Willows 3rd performance - Schuman Hall

Monday 3rd July S5 Full Reports

18h00 - S2 English performance - Drama studio

18h00 - 21h00 Junior Ball - Schuman Hall

Tuesday 4th July S5 Full Report

S6 Bodleian Academic writing workshop

InterYear Football Tournament

18h30 - Interact Fashion show - Schuman Hall

Wednesday 5th July S1 - S4 and S6 Full Report

S7 Celebration Day

SUMMER HOLIDAY - Thursday 6th July to Monday 4th September - SUMMER HOLIDAY

Friday 7th July Baccalaureate proclamation ceremony

<u>August 2023</u>

Wednesday 30th Aug Duke of Edinburgh Gold Practice expedition
Thursday 31st Aug Duke of Edinburgh Gold Practice expedition

September 2023

Friday 1st Sept Duke of Edinburgh Gold Practice expedition
Saturday 2nd Sept Duke of Edinburgh Gold Practice expedition
Sunday 3rd Sept Duke of Edinburgh Gold Practice expedition

Tuesday 5th Sept The first day of the Autumn term - Students return to school.

Monday 18th Sept School Photographer - All day

Tuesday 19th Sept School Photographer - All day

Wednesday 20th Sept S5 Ecology trip depart

School Photographer

Thursday 21st Sept S5 Ecology trip

Friday 22nd Sept S5 Ecology trip return - COE/PHS (55)

Wednesday 27th Sept 13h20 - 16h45 S1-S5 Girls cross country competition -SHSK