

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:

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.

THE BIG ESSAY COMPETITION 2023

Submit entries by 12th May 2023



**The Big Oxplore Essay Competition is back and
bigger than ever!**

Open to all non-selective state secondary school students, now across the UK!
Across two age categories (years 7-9 and years 10-13), we have an expert judging panel and prizes for winners and runners-up. Submit entries by 12th May 2023.

[FOUND OUT HOW TO ENTER HERE](#)

LIVING AND LEARNING IN TWO LANGUAGES MONDAY 15th MAY 2023 - 13h00

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/living-and-learning-in-two-languages-tickets-616391211707>

In the first part of this free, not to be missed workshop for parents, Dr Vally Lytra (Goldsmiths) and Dr Effrosyni (Froso) Argyri (UCL) will share their experiences of raising multilingual children in Switzerland and England respectively highlighting different forms of bilingual education provision.

They will spotlight state of the art research on theories of language and language learning and factors that support language and literacy development in bilingual/multilingual children. They will also examine language learning outcomes associated with different types of bilingual education - immersion education and CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning).

Q & A Session

In the second part of the workshop, parents will have the opportunity to reflect on their own language learning journeys, share experiences and ask questions.

This is an online talk. **All registrants will receive an invitation with the Zoom link prior to the talk.**

This event is organised by the Bilingual Education Alliance (BEA). For further information on similar events, please join our mailing list via our website www.beaschools.com

UPCOMING PTA EVENTS

Collection of preloved items for the Summer Fete car boot - Thursday 11th May 8.30am - 9.30am

Bring toys, teddies, costumes, DVDs, bric-a-brac to Thame Lane entrance at drop off.

See Classlist for details or contact the PTA committee@europa-pta.org

Primary Library Spring Clean - Saturday 20th May 10am - 1pm

Lend a hand for an hour and help get the library back to its best.

See Classlist for details or contact Maria maria.frankzeskaki@icloud.com

Europa School 10th Anniversary Summer Fête - Saturday 17th June

Get involved and make this extra memorable and fun for all the family (Primary AND Secondary).

Indicate your area of interest on the volunteer form: <https://forms.gle/HwiZ4qYpcq4xrMJB6>

Save the date! <https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/954460670?s=113151119>

PTA email committee@europa-pta.org



RAISING MONEY FOR THE BLUE CROSS

For our MYP group project we have chosen to fundraise by cycling a certain distance and then to donate the money that we raise to the Blue Cross. We have chosen this charity because we all have pets and care about the welfare of animals. Blue cross helps support animals with no homes, ill pets, and grieving pet owners.

If you would like to support us please follow this link <https://gofund.me/d22f720e> to donate.

Thank you. Daria, Uma and Edith - S3D

2023 QUIZ NIGHT

Pay in advance
@ reception
or via
Classlist
£3 pp

Friday 19th May
@ Drama Studio

Pay
@ the door
£5 pp

**RAISING MONEY FOR
HELEN HOUSE**
CHILDREN'S HOSPICE CHARITY

**Doors open @ 18:00 starts @ 18:30
Ends @ 20:00**

**Unique rounds: music,
movies, celebrities,
riddles and more!**

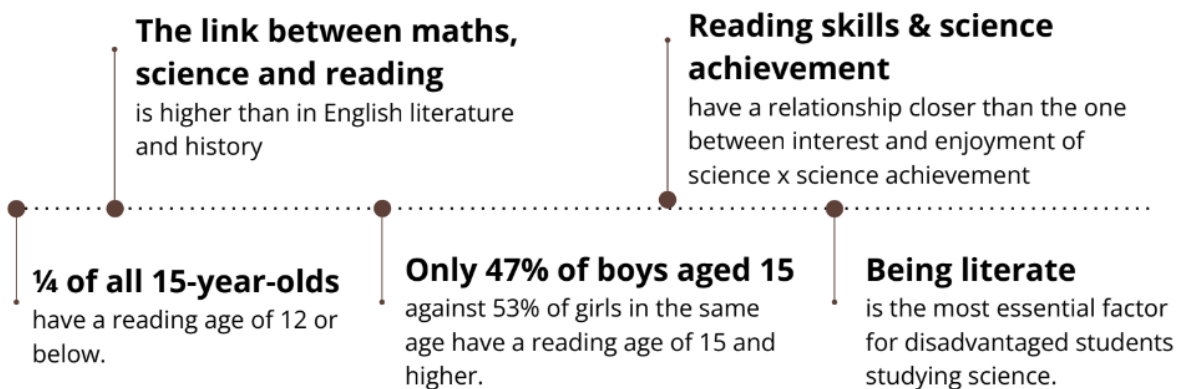
**Win amazing prizes at
our raffle!**

**Free drinks + snacks
included, additional
food available to buy**

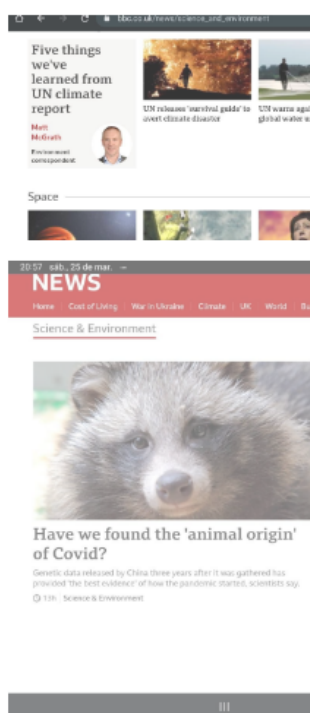
Donations very welcome!
money, jewellery, clothes/shoes (check the Helen House
website)

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

Q & A page



Five gannets among the species of ground-nesting birds at South Walney Nature Reserve

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

Continuing Wildlife Trust said it had received multiple reports of "disturbing" incidents at South Walney Nature Reserve near Barrow.

It is urging visitors to stick to clearly-marked paths away from beaches where are out of bounds.

Dogs are not allowed on the site unless they are assistance animals.

Nature reserve officer Paul Wainhouse said birds such as Arctic terns, oystercatchers and waders were ground-nesting and particularly vulnerable between March and April.

"Sadly we're getting lots of reports of recreational disturbance of wildlife by people and their dogs, which is particularly alarming as nesting season is now under way."

"It can be really hard to see the speckled birds eggs and the little chicks can be extremely well camouflaged too, and almost impossible to spot amongst the shingle (shells) found all around the shorelines at South Walney."

"If you're a very well-behaved dog on a lead will save birds away from their nests."

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

WIND IN THE WILLOWS
Save the dates: 30th June and 1st July 2023



Save the dates : Wind in the Willows 10th Anniversary Celebration
Friday 30th June and Saturday 1st July in the Schuman Hall.

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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



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/>

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.

ATTENTION ALL BUS USERS

For serious or urgent welfare issues that occur on the buses please report them directly to the school at principal@europaschool.uk

For other behavioural problems, queries and issues please continue to contact bloc (info@blocbus.org). We will involve the school when appropriate for issues reported to us directly.

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.

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>

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY 2023

Monday 8th May	BANK HOLIDAY S7 IB External Exams
Tuesday 9th May	S7 IB External Exams
Wednesday 10th May	S7 IB External Exams S4 Exams
Thursday 11th May	S7 IB External Exams S4 Exams S1-S4 Track & Field Cup - team competition - Tilsley park S3 Projects Cake sale for 'Medecins Sans Frontieres' S2 Carnegie Tea, Christchurch, Abingdon
Friday 12th May	S7 IB External Exams DofE Bronze Final Expedition S3 Young Minds charity - Movie night - Schuman Hall
Saturday 13th May	DofE Bronze Final Expedition
Monday 15th May	S7 IB External Exams S6 Exams (Until 24th May 2023)
Tuesday 16th May	S7 IB External Exams S6 Exams S4 Exams 19h00 - 21h00 Online IB MYP Open evening
Wednesday 17th May	S7 IB External Exams S6 Exams S4 Exams
Thursday 18th May	S7 IB External Exams S6 Exams S4 Exams S3 Cake sale for Be Free Young Carers
Friday 19th May	S7 IB External Exams (Final day) S6 Exams S5 GCSE Maths 1 S4 Exams Goethe Kicker Tournament - Schuman Hall 18h30 -19h30 - Interact club Quiz show/entertainment evening - Leadership and management programme - Drama Studio
Monday 22nd May	S6 Exams (Until 24th May 2023) S4 Exams
Tuesday 23rd May	S6 Exams
Wednesday 24th May	S6 Exams (Final day) S4 Exams S6 BIO + ESS Nettlecombe (Return 26.05.23) S3 TDP/MenACWY Vaccinations
Thursday 25th May	S6 BIO + ESS Nettlecombe S4 Exams S5 Study Day - not in school Carnegie Cake sale 16h30 Girls S1, S2, S3 Rounders, Sports field v OLA
Friday 26th May	S6 BIO + ESS Nettlecombe (Return Arrive at school approx 21h00) Goethe exams

HALF TERM - Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June - HALF TERM

S7 IB Diploma - Monday 1st May to Friday 19th May 2023

S5 GCSE Maths and English

Friday 19th May - S5 GCSE Mathematics Paper 1
Monday 5th June - S5 GCSE English Language Paper 1
Wednesday 7th June - S5 GCSE Mathematics Paper 2
Monday 12th June - S5 GCSE English Language Paper 2
Wednesday 14th June - S5 GCSE Mathematics Paper 3