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**Sixth Form Open Day**

12th October 2023 at 2pm

**International Baccalaureate  
Diploma**

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## **VACANCIES**

We have immediate vacancies for a **Spanish Teacher** Part time - 0.47 of FTE over 3 days or 0.5 of FTE over 4 days. [Full details can be found on our website](#)

### **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: [Europa@accentcatering.co.uk](mailto:Europa@accentcatering.co.uk)

## **Road closures / Road diversions due to the Abingdon Ock street Fair and the Abingdon Runaway Fair**

Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th October - Abingdon Ock street Fair

Monday 16th October - Abingdon Runaway Fair



## **MUNUCCLE 2023**

Du 2 au 6 octobre 2023, 18 étudiants de S6 et S7 ont eu la chance de participer au Modèle des Nations Unies (MUN) à Bruxelles en Belgique.

Il s'agissait pour eux de visiter les instances européennes et la ville.

Ils ont ensuite endossé les rôles des délégués des Nations Unies et planché sur des grands sujets du monde afin de défendre au mieux les intérêts de leur pays.

Cette modélisation s'est tenue dans l'impressionnant site du parlement européen. Nos jeunes ont ainsi pu profiter des superbes hémicycles donnant à cet événement une allure très professionnelle.

Cette expérience fut riche de rencontres et de réflexions intellectuelles permettant à nos délégués en herbe de s'ouvrir davantage au monde.

*Madame Bénédicte Dubois et Docteur Sandrine Philippot-Gasc*













## **S6 STUDENT - IB CAS PROJECT**

Please take a moment to complete this short survey, which has been created by an S6 student for their CAS project. Thank you.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMB0iDRpDjZ8nC7bkTM6spB1hEYJcoaRo0KaSLC30K5WjXxw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMB0iDRpDjZ8nC7bkTM6spB1hEYJcoaRo0KaSLC30K5WjXxw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

*The survey has questions concerning why parents have chosen the school in order to inform marketing strategies for the school. S6 student.*



## **STUNNING SUCCESS IN GOETHE EXAMS (A1 to C1)**

We would like to congratulate all Primary and Secondary pupils on their stunning success with their Goethe language exams at the end of the summer term. For Europa School UK students these gold-standard internationally accepted qualifications come at a very reduced price thanks to the German section's PASCH membership (successfully renegotiated last year) which acknowledges Europa School UK's beacon standard for learning German in the UK.

With over 60 pupils taking part across both schools and so many outstanding successes across the board, we cannot mention individual names here but we would like to emphasise how very proud we are of all our language learners. When I see the confidence of our year 4 and year 6 students walking into these exams, I feel exhilarated. Having students as young as 14 sitting a C1 exam speaks for itself and also for the persistence and extremely hard work of these students. A C1 is the level needed as language proof for matriculation at a German university. I was incredibly impressed by the C1 group's stamina in travelling down to London with us and spending a whole day completing these exams. An enormous achievement at any age!

We shall shortly start to collect entries for next year's exam (booked for 14th June 2024). I look forward to coordinating next year's successes.

Dr Daniela Havenstein

### **SUPER HERO**



### **SPECIAL MENU**



Thank you to the Accent Catering team for the delicious Super Hero menu



## Who said that books had no future?

Europa School is certainly proving this theory wrong!

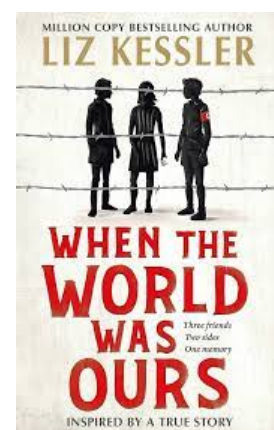
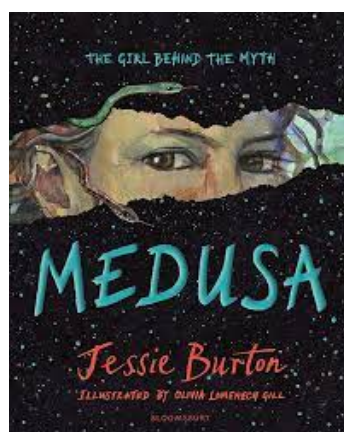
**September 2023 has just seen an amazing surge in the numbers of books borrowed, exploding all numbers since records began in 2017, almost 3 times what was achieved last September! Wow!**

**The class that borrowed the most books this month is S1E**, closely followed by S1D. Impressive! Our biggest individual bookworms are - not surprisingly - found in that same class with Aurelia with 11 books borrowed in just one month, closely followed by Zosia (S1D), and Orion (S6). Those 3 bookworms can come and claim a prize in the library for reading so much! Well done!

**Time has come to praise all the student library helpers:** without your help, the library and librarian certainly could not cope with the amount of books returned. A special thanks to Emil (S5D) who weekly, has patiently shelved a wobbly tower of borrowed books, on the verge of burying the librarian alive! A never ending job, just like in the myth of Sisyphus...

The students are very eclectic in their reading choices in the school. However last year's favourite series was without a doubt the graphic novel series **Heartstopper** by Alice Oseman, constantly off the shelves. Good news for the fans, volume 5 is coming out soon ...

The 2 other clear favourites last year were **Medusa**, by Jessie Burton with the retelling of the Greek myth and **When the world was ours**, by Liz Kessler, a gripping story about 3 friends during the Second World War. **Have you read them yet?**







## 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, Friday lunchtime.

The first meeting will be on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023.**

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)



## **GET INTO MEDICINE UCAS CONFERENCE**

We are pleased to inform you that registration for the national free UCAS conferences for students interested in becoming doctors has opened. Students will be awarded a certificate of attendance which can be listed on their Medical School UCAS applications for 'activities that support higher education'. The events have marked a valuable turning point for students and are open to students from any school and background in 10-12 year groups (our S4, S5 and S6 students)

Conference Registration Form: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lw6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

### **Upcoming Dates:**

**Saturday 7th October**

**Sunday 8th October**

**Saturday 28th October**

**Sunday 29th October**

The Get into Medicine UCAS Conference is a comprehensive guide to the medical application process. The doctors and medical students will cover:

- Application Timelines
- How to Tactically Choose Medical Schools
- CV Building
- Personal Statements
- Medical School Interviews
- UCAT - Entrance Exams to Medical School
- Medical Leadership and Awards Programmes
- Accessing Work Experience
- Accessing Scholarships

We strongly encourage all students to make the most out of this free opportunity that has helped thousands of students secure medical school places since it launched:

<https://medicmentor.org/successful-student-journeys-reviews/>

Here's how the day will run:

9:30-10:00 Registration

10:00-11:00 Quick introduction to Medic Mentor, overview of the day, competition ratios, application timeline, Awards and Scholarships

11:00-11:15 Break

11.15-11.45 Introduction to the UCAS application form and entry requirements

11.45-12.15 Interactive CV building exercise and exclusive access to leadership, research, presentation, publication, prizes and scholarship opportunities

12.15-12.30 Top tips form a successful applicant (medical student)

12:30-12:45 Break

12.45-13.30 How to write the perfect personal statement

13.30-13.45 Break

13.45-14.10 Entrance exams - how to do ace the UCAT

14.10-14.30 How to prepare for Medical School interviews

14.30-15.00 Top tips form a successful applicant (medical student) and next steps

One booking = one booking for a student + their parent/guardian.

Getting into medicine may seem impossible to many students, but we're here to break down the entire process into actionable steps.

## Final Call for Weekend Programmes

*One month to go until our Autumn term programmes begin*

[Weekend Programmes](#) | [Free Career Resources](#)



Our weekend programmes are designed to give students aged 12-18 a flavour of their future career before they leave school. Choose between 15 different careers and join us for an interactive masterclass run by industry leading professionals!

[INVESTIN Final call for weekend programmes](#)

Our programmes are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis and we expect to close registration by **Monday 9th October**.

[View and Register Ages 15-18](#)

[View and Register Ages 12-14](#)



## **InvestIN**

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### **Share what we do with students and parents**

*You can download our resource pack below or forward this email directly to students and parents to make them aware of the programmes and free resources we offer.*

**Download Resource Pack**

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[Download resource pack](#)

## **InvestIN Insights: Applying to University Free Career Resources**

We have a range of blogs & resources on our website to support students with their university applications, such as:

[Is Oxbridge right for me? A comprehensive guide.](#)

[Choose your university. The complete guide.](#)

[How to answer Medical school questions.](#)

[Choosing the United States for your University education.](#)

Our weekend programmes are also a great way to stand out of the crowd in university applications. **You are able to add an InvestIN programme to the 'Super Curricular' section of the UCAS form.**

# OXFORD CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

PRIYA MITCHELL - ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

4-7 OCTOBER 2023

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**FREIGEIST - a state of being and a free spirit - source of  
all great art and the life blood of creativity!**

We celebrate the geniuses who wrote and lived with **FREIGEIST** as their credo and gave us all the extraordinary music we will share with you. From the several meanings of the German term "Freigeist" our chosen interpretation is the simplest: the free spirit and romantic manifestation of all that is creatively unfettered, the opposite of material and manipulated. As we emerge from the curbs and restraints of the last few years we all long to express our humanity and connectedness.

**What more inspiring pathways to this than the compositions of pioneering  
minds and spirits like Mozart and Stravinsky?**

Join us this Autumn to experience the unique OCMF atmosphere in historic venues in Oxford. We are looking forward very much to you being part of this and seeing all our OCMF musicians and audience again!

**Friends priority booking**

**Festival passes available**

**Free tickets for 8-25 year olds**

ARTISTS INCLUDE

POLINA LESCHENKO | JULIUS DRAKE

JULIAN ARP | RETO BIERI | TETIANA LUTSYK

PRIYA MITCHELL | SASCHA BOTA

CLAUDE FROCHAUX | MISHA MULLOV-ABADDO

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For full information **OCMF.NET**





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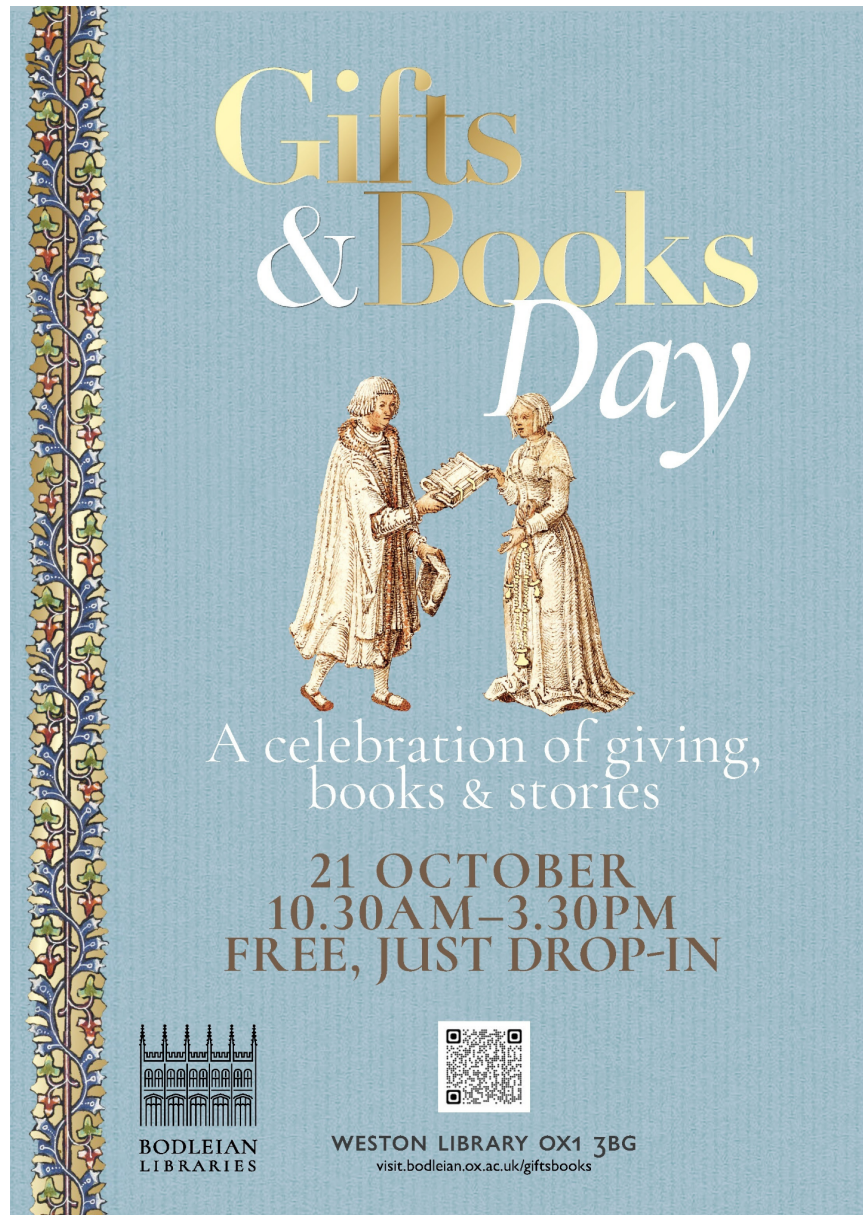
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[NATIONALBADMINTON.ORG.UK/PLAY](https://nationalbadminton.org.uk/play)





# GIFTS AND BOOKS DAY

## SATURDAY 21st OCTOBER 2023



### [Gifts and Books Day - 21st October 2023](#)

We think that families at your school will love our Gifts & Books day on Saturday 21st October.

They can enjoy hands-on activities for all ages, storytelling, collaborative art, taster talks and readings at our celebration of giving, books and stories. There will also be the opportunity to tour our Gifts and Books exhibition with curator Nick Perkins.

It's happening at the Weston Library on Saturday 21st October from 10.30am to 3.30pm.  
It's all **free** and there is no need to book, just drop in!

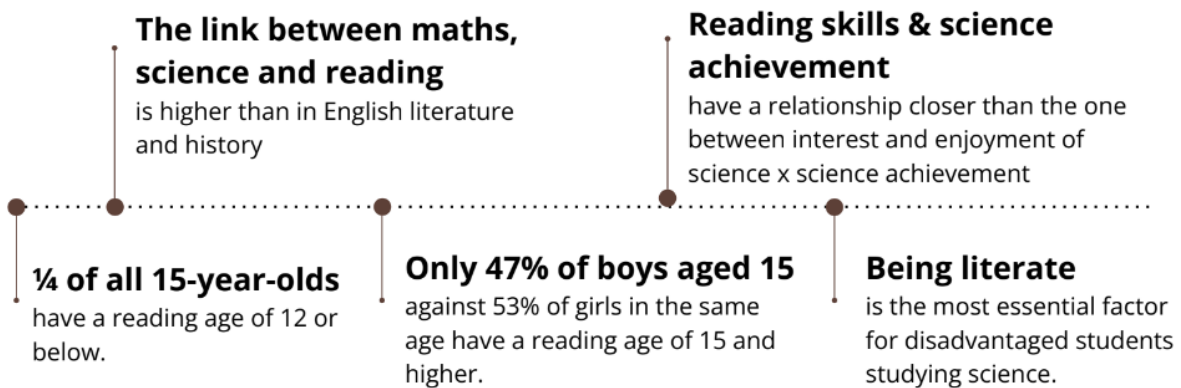
We would appreciate you sharing this event.  
Please feel free to use the poster image in your school newsletter.

Thanks and best wishes,

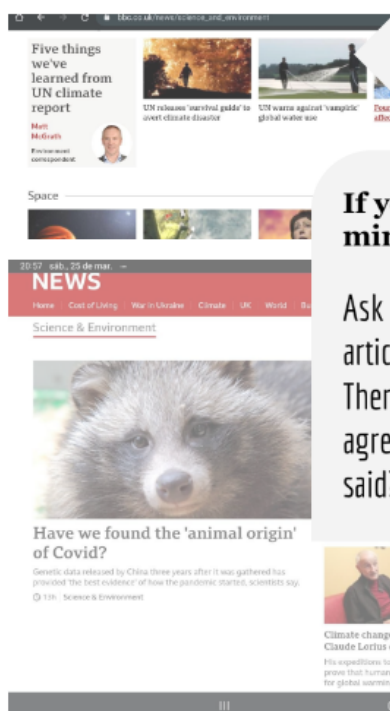
Bodleian Libraries Education Team

# 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



## 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@europaschool.uk](mailto: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](mailto:examsofficer@europaschool.uk)

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

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### October 2023

Thursday 12th October	9h - 15h Goethe Event for Secondary - Schuman Hall 14h00 - Sixth form Open Day
Friday 13th October	S6/S7 Art trip to the V&A Museum London
Monday 16th October	UCAS early application deadline S7 Bratwurst Sale 14h30 - U16 Girls Football (Schools County Cup, Round 2) The Bicester School Away
Wednesday 18th Oct	Cambridge admission testing School photo Catch up Sessions - More information to follow. If students have any questions please go and see Susie or email <a href="mailto:reception@europaschool.uk">reception@europaschool.uk</a>
Thursday 19th October	Oxford admission testing
Friday 20th October	09h00 S6 Royal Literary fund workshop Oxford Admission Testing 15h00 - 16h00 - PTA Halloween Cake Sale - Thame Lane

**HALF TERM    Monday 23rd - Friday 27th OCTOBER 2023    HALF TERM**

### October 2023

Tuesday 31st October    S7 Halloween cake sale

### November 2023

Friday 10th November    2nd round County Cross country cup  
Tuesday 14th November    16h00- 19h00 - S7 Interyear Basketball - New Gym  
Thursday 30th November    17h00 - 19h00 Music Soiree - Chapel

### December 2023

Friday 1st December    19h00 - 22h00 Junior Ball - Schuman Hall  
Saturday 9th December    11h00 - 15h00 Europa School Christmas Fair  
Please save the date and plan to come along / help out.

## SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

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.