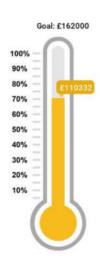


SECONDARY PARENT / STUDENT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 8th February 2024



We would like to say a huge thank you to every parent who has so generously donated to the School Fund Campaign this year. We are nearly at 70% of our target which is phenomenal and supports all the work the teachers and support staff do to give your children a broad, multilingual education.

The School Fund is used to support all the areas of the school beyond the basic national curriculum and education, including our unique language offer. Through your generous donations we can offer teaching assistant support in the classes, language tuition and maintain our links with language organisations such as PASCH/Goethe Institut, LabelFrancÉducation, Cervantes Institute, including coordination and exam administration.

For more information on how we use the school fund please click here.

EUROPA SCHOOL UK RECRUITMENT EVENING

Wednesday 13th March 4:30pm - 6:30pm



Please sign up here: https://forms.gle/hbm268R6TUQV1GkQA



Data & Admission Officer

We're seeking a motivated individual to join our team and guide parents and prospective students through the admissions process and liaise with the county council. Alongside the Data Manager, you would maintain all the student records in our MIS and work closely with the SLT and teachers in this vital role.

• Salary: Pt 16 (£28,282 FTE, £14,989 actual)

Contract type: Permanent, Part-Time 22.5 hours per week, 40 weeks a year

Start Date: February / March 2024Closing date: 12th February 2024

Find out more

Secondary Coordinator

Help grow our 6th form and support the secondary team at Europa School UK. We're seeking a motivated individual to join our team and manage our 6th form Admissions process with a view to growing this vital part of the school. In addition, you would support the Deputy Heads of Secondary, manage all aspects of the school and get involved in the day to day running.

Salary: Pt 16 (£28,282 FTE, £15,272 actual)

Contract type: Permanent, Part-Time 22.5 hours per week, 41 weeks a year

Start Date: February/ March 2024Closing date: 12th February 2024

Find out more





This half term has been a busy one for fixtures.

After we struggled against King Alfreds in December we met them again with their year 7 and 8 team (S1 and S2). We had an S1, S2 and S3 team all ready and excited for the challenge that lay ahead. Each Europa team displayed their superior ability and demonstrated not only their individual strengths but also how cohesive they were as a team. The S3's especially impressed as they did not give their opponents any time on the ball and their shooting percentages were the best I have seen within school. King Alfreds also commented on how impressive it was to have such a great turn out with over a third of S3's wanting to be involved in the fixture. 3 games, 3 wins. Boom! Congratulations to all those involved.

Next came our ESFA Girls U13 (S1 and S2) Schools' Cup for New Teams. We were drawn against Wood Green School in Witney, for a home tie. The game started at a phenomenal pace, with Wood Green controlling the play and dominating the ball, causing our defence to be beaten and not allow our more influential players to get onto the ball. We changed our formation, focused on our strengths and as a result were able to keep possession better and have some attacks on goal. Congratulations to Wood Green School and we look forward to seeing how far they progress in the competition.

Last week we met Wood Green School again in the same competition but this time for the U15 (S3/4) cohort. Word had circulated about their impressive U13 team but after initial apprehension the team appreciated the fact that they were a good team and if we went into the game with positivity and confidence we stood a good chance of getting something from it. The game started evenly with our best moments coming from Inka driving through the middle and picking out some beautifully crafted through balls. One of which found Maddie, who was clumsily bundled over in the penalty box. A penalty was awarded which Inka calmly put past the keeper. 1-0 Europa. The rest of the match was relatively even but Wood Green probably shaded possession. This, however, meant nothing, as they could do nothing to break through our defensive unit of Veronica, Edie, Mirjam and Amelie. Game ended 1-0 to The Europa School and through to the 2nd round. Next match Chipping Norton, away on Friday 23rd February. (Photo below).



Next half term we have the second round fixture and then a couple of home badminton fixtures against St Helen and St Katharine and King Alfreds. Good luck to all.



EUROPA SCHOOLS' TRIP TO THE <u>Tournefeuille</u> Mun conference

Europa school UKs Model United
Nations clubs chosen group of students
put in extensive effort in preparation and
during the Tournefeuille 2024 MUN
conference at the Lycée Marie-Louise
Dissard-Françoise. Since October 2023
we met 3 times every week to work on
our debating skills and to deepen our
understanding of the conference. Which
paid off during the memorable
conference.



When the MUN club first started to prepare, there were many students interested in participating in the conference. Due to this, everyone had to work hard so that they could show that they were worthy of being the best fit for the conference. During club meetings, our students practiced their research and debating skills so that we could be as prepared as possible. Our school was given a range of countries from every committee within the MUN. Two of our students were chosen to be ambassadors of their dedicated countries. They wrote speeches and presented them in front of the entirety of the participants at the open ceremony.



The conference itself was a great success, it allowed the students to talk and argue about some of the most pressing issues in today's world just like they would in the real United nations. The students were able to gain a deeper understanding of what goes on in a United Nations conference and how it is run. They were able to practice and improve their public speaking, teamwork, research and debating skills all whilst thoroughly enjoying their time there.

We had two very passionate S6 chairs this year, Emilie In the ECOSOC committee and Lilia in the HRC committee. With their past experience as delegates they were great with supporting and passing on their extensive knowledge onto the new delegates. They performed even better in the conference. They ran and supervised the debates in their committees ensuring they ran smoothly. They helped make sure the topics were all covered and that they could help whenever needed.





<u>Model United Nations TOUMUN 2024 (France): Testimonials!</u>



Participating in Model United Nations has been an incredibly enlightening experience for me. Engaging in intense debates, collaborating with diverse peers from around Europe, and crafting diplomatic solutions to global issues has not only helped my public speaking and negotiation skills but has also broadened my understanding of international affairs. The thrill of representing a country, involving myself into its policies, and advocating for its stance on various topics has been both intellectually stimulating and emotionally rewarding. Overall, my experience in MUN has been nothing short of exhilarating, as it has allowed me to involve myself in global perspectives, foster meaningful connections, and develop a

profound appreciation for the art of debating. Lilly MYPS5F (SAF SYRIA)



TOUMUN 2024 was such an existing experience that I would love to relive. It was great to meet lots of different people who share a passion for engaging in diplomatic discussions in order to create a fairer society. It felt really empowering to share my ideas with a group and it was far less intimidating than expected, as everyone was encouraging. Faye MYPS5D (HRC UKRAINE)





The MUN showed me the diversity of opinion across the world and how different countries view the topics at hand. It was a shame that some of the debates had to cut off due to the time constraints. Ben (DISEC SOUTH AFRICA)

TOUMUN was the first ever MUN I went to and it was great.

Made lots of friends, the committee was definitely the best

(DISEC) and my host was great. Kai MYP S5D (DISEC)

KOREA)



I really enjoyed the MUN conference, I thought the topics were very interesting and the debating was great. Overall if there was something I didn't like it would be the lobbying. I found it quite stressful but debating the chosen revolution afterwards was very fun despite the fact that my resolution wasn't chosen. I also think that it was a great experience as we had to put ourselves into the perspective of a country we were representing regardless of if we agreed with it or not, and I think I got significantly better at speaking in front of people and making convincing speeches. Hannah MYPS5D (HRC INDIA)



Mun has shown me quite well the processes that happen in the real united Nations. It was really fun and I would go again. Jonas MYPS5D (DISEC SYRIA)





This MUN conference was so much fun. I found it so entertaining and interesting to debate and formulate solutions to economic and social problems on a global scale. This event has really helped me develop my confidence and speaking skills which I will definitely use in the future. Adrien MYPS5F (SAF INDIA) Ambassador



MUN was an amazing experience! I'm not sure if I would do it as a job later but I really enjoy doing it. I would love to do more of them as I feel like as I have done it once already I will feel better and more confident the second time. Doing this really made me have an open mind and taught me to be more confident. Emma MYPS5F (UNEP CANADA)

MUN was such a great experience and I really enjoyed it. It taught me to be much more confident and provided me with the knowledge and understanding of having more of an open mind. I would love to do this again. Isabella MYPS5F (UNEP SOUTH KOREA)



I loved it so much because I made friends and was happy with my speeches. I think I really want to do more as debating was so fun! Ameline MYPSSF (SOCHUM SYRIA)

I really enjoyed Model United Nations (MUN) because it provided a platform for me to engage in diplomatic situations, fostering critical thinking and public speaking skills. Additionally, MUN offered an opportunity to explore global issues from diverse perspectives, contributing to a deeper understanding of international relations and diplomacy. Matilde MYPS5F (SOCHUM SOUTH KOREA)

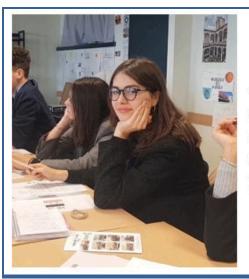




I absolutely loved the entire TOUMUN experience! You not only learn how to debate and improve on your public speaking but also on your social skills. Being a delegate was even better than I could have ever imagined. Everyone came back enlightened! Amelie 1856 (SOCHUM INDIA)



My first TOUMUN was really fun and everyone including my hosts were friendly. Even though I don't plan on doing politics in the future I still had an amazing time and learnt lots of things. Jamie MYP S4 (SAF SOUTH KOREA)



TOUMUN was such a great learning experience for me, and I really enjoyed being able to meet loads of new friends in my committee (ECOSOC). It was a great way for me to become more comfortable in public speaking and will be relevant to my future career path. Sara (ECOSOC SYRIA)

1.	DISEC: Disarmament and International Security
2.	SOCHUM: Social, Humanitarian, Cultural Committee
3.	HRC : Human Right Committee
4.	ECOSOC : Economic and Social Council
5.	UNEP : United Nations Environment Programme
6.	SAF : Special Asian Forum

From the Club participants: Laura, Elisabeth, Elizabeth MYPS4, participating in the lead up TOUMUN was a great experience. We made resolutions to try to solve international problems and worked together to find answers. We are looking forward to going to Brussels next year!

MYP MY READING PATH PROJECT

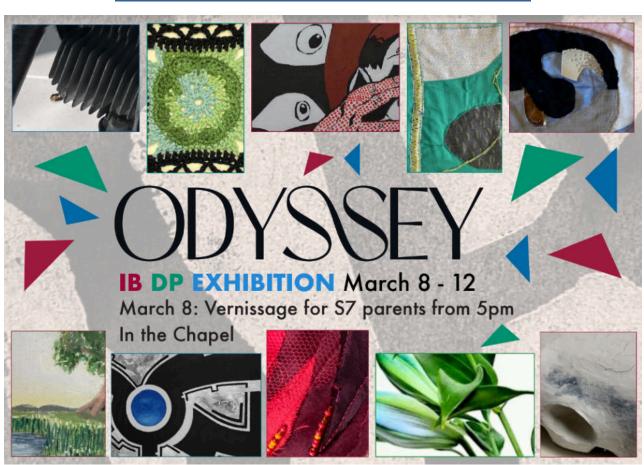


In our MYP class, we were told to create a map of a few of our favourite books from over the years. We were told to explain why we love them and why we read them. The 3 favourites (chosen by Susi and Leon) were Bea N, Jasmine S and Emily O'N.

We really enjoyed the past few weeks of drawing our map of books and remembering the good stories. A lot of them remind us of our childhood and we were very surprised to find out that many of us have read the same ones.

Emily O'N, SIF

IB DP ART EXHIBITION 8th - 12th March 2024



Please contact the music teachers before

Friday 8th March 2024 if you would like to perform

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

SPRING MUSIC SOIRÉE

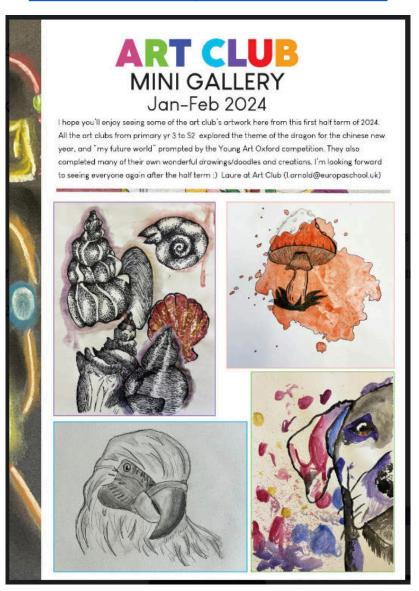
Thursday, 21st March, 5.30pm

To be considered for the programme, all interested will need to perform their pieces to Ms Ognjenovic or Mrs Scaber by Friday, 8th March

THE ART CLUB'S MINI GALLERY

The Art Club's mini gallery for this first half term is on the school website, please see the link to view the lovely artwork from children in primary year 3 to secondary S2.

https://europaschooluk.org/2024/02/02/art-club-news-2/



NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

This week is National Apprenticeship Week. I had the pleasure of speaking to S6 on Wednesday about the exciting variety of apprenticeships now available.

Thanks so much to all of the companies and organisations who have come to speak to students over the past 2 weeks. Laure from LS Consulting, Joshua from Abingdon and Witney College, Mark from CoTrain and Jasmine, Jane and Helen from Oxford University.

There's a lot of information to be found through Amazing Apprenticeships, CEC Talking Futures Programme which is designed to support parents with Careers Discussions and OxLEP Skills to help with local labour market information.

We will also be holding a Pathways Fair on Wednesday 28th February. More information to follow.





NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 5th - 11th February 2024

Engineering Open Evenings!

Seven employers open doors to young individuals interested in engineering.

https://www.theengineeringtrust.org/apprenticeships/naw24/

For National Apprenticeship Week 2024, The Engineering Trust has partnered with seven engineering companies and will be participating in a series of open evenings offering information, advice and guidance on engineering apprenticeships. You can visit these companies for a tour and find out more about what they do.

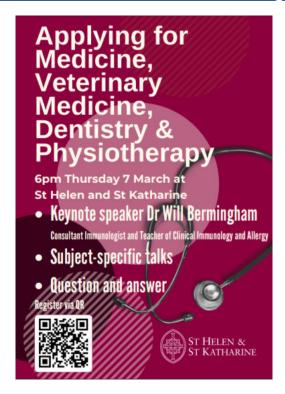
For dates/times, employers, location details see attached poster or link.

Spread the word and share these details with parents and students.



'Medics, Vets, Dentists and Physios' event 6.00pm on Thursday 7th March 2024

At St Helen and St Katharine, Abingdon



The event will include a keynote speech from Consultant Immunologist Will Bermingham, subject-specific application and career advice, and a Q&A.

Students are welcome to attend with parents/guardians.

To sign up, please use this link: https://forms.office.com/e/tAHPezUGNN

PARENT WEBINAR



Oxford Health School In-Reach team hold several webinars for parents over the year.

These awareness sessions contain useful information about how to support your child with some of the commonly seen emotional and mental health concerns:

Parent webinars | Oxford Health CAMHSOxford Health CAMHS





The full details of all the activities can be found on the website below: https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/school-holiday-activities/

S3 AND S4 BOOK CLUB

Mondays 13h00 - 13h20 Drama studio



COMICS AND MANGA CLUB FOR S1 - S6

Tuesday lunchtimes in the Drama studio



"Do you like comics? Do you like manga? Have you never read anything of the sort but want somewhere to start?

Whatever the case, consider joining the comics and manga club!

This club will be for all Secondary year groups and is about discussing the art form, as well as opinions on current and past series and general culture surrounding both manga and comics (think movies and tv shows!).

If you want to attend or have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me a dros24@europaschool.uk. I hope to see you soon!"

Dylan (S7)

LEGO CLUB FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS

Fridays 12.45 to 13.20 - Study room





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

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 and Friday lunchtime.

For more information please contact Dr Sandrine Philippot-Gasc: s.philippot-gasc@europaschool.uk



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 13th 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



BASKETBALL AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY

Basketball is run by after school activities, the cost for the term is £80. You will be able to book your child onto the after school activities through the parent portal. This will be opening next week for the spring term 2024.



Session Details:

Year 1 - Year 5 03:00 to 10:00 - Primary Gym Boys Year 6 - S3 03:00 to 10:30 - New Gym Boys S4 - S7 10:30 to 12:30 - New Gym Girls S1 - S4 11:30 to 13:00 - Primary Gym



EUROPA SCHOOL BASKETBALL DRAGONS NEEDED!

Come join Europa School Basketball on Saturday Mornings!

A handful of parents have joined forces to coach basketball on Saturday mornings at Europa. Our aim is to build a school team to be able to compete against other schools in the area.

We are all passionate about promoting fun, teamwork and resilience through basketball. Come and experience the fun on a Saturday mornings and help us get Europa back to its former basketball glory.

NB: We hold an adult scrimmage session in the new gym every Wednesday evening from 20:00 to 21:30 to raise money for the Dragons. £5 at the door. It's fun and burns a ton of calories!







Contact details (Ismail) Mobile: 07834 118648 Email: ismailelkadiri@gmail.com

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.

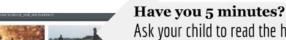
Only 47% of boys aged 15

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



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?

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.

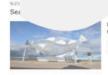
plastic pollution

Pet dogs a threat to nesting birds in

South Walney - warning









CULHAM CALLING IS BACK!

Culham Calling is an online magazine in which a team of S6 students as part of their IB CAS project, compile information on any local upcoming events, advertisements, items to sell, clubs, entertainment or recipes.

Please send your information to the following <u>culhamcalling@europaschool.uk</u> if you would like it to appear in the next edition which will be sent out to the school community and can be viewed on the school website.

The deadline to send the information to us is Monday 26th February 2024

EMAILING THE SCHOOL

Emailing regarding Absence

Please can all Parent's remember to send their emails for any absences: (ie sickness, holidays, medical appointments etc) to absence@europaschool.uk and not to Reception.

General email to the school

Please can all parents put the full name of the child and the class they are in, into the subject line of the email.

This saves us a lot of time should any urgent message need to be communicated quickly.

LOST PROPERTY

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 huge thank you 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 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

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February 2024

Friday 9th February INSET day (No students in school)

S2 Reports released

FEBRUARY HOLIDAY Friday 9th February 2024 - Friday 16th February 2024

Monday 19th February S7 IB Mocks
Tuesday 20th February S7 IB Mocks
Wednesday 21st February S7 IB Mocks

MYP Mocks e-Asst start (until 29th February)

S6 Parent/teacher meetings

Thursday 22nd February S7 IB Mocks

MYP Mocks e-Asst

Go Ecolo used clothes sale

BAE Systems Education Programme - STEM Roadshow 15h45 - S1 Girls Badminton vs SHSK - Sportshall

16h15 French theatre trip - Radley College

Friday 23rd February S7 IB Mocks (Final day)

MYP Mocks e-Asst

Go Ecolo used clothes sale Singing group rehearsal,Oxford S6 Art students - MoMa Oxford

14h00 - Girls U15 Football vs Chipping Norton School - Away

Monday 26th February S5 MYP Mocks e-Asst

13h00 - 15h00 - S3-S4 Young Adult Abingdon Award at Radley School

Tuesday 27th February S5 MYP Mocks e-Asst Wednesday 28th February S5 MYP Mocks e-Asst

Pathways Fair

Thursday 29th February S5 MYP Mocks e-Asst

15h30 - S2/S3 Girls Football vs Headington School - Home

March 2024

Friday 1st March S5 MYP Mocks e-Asst - Final day

Tuesday 5th March S7 Full Report released with mock exam results

Thursday 7th March World Book Day

Friday 8th March 08h15 - PTA coffee morning Chapel

17h00 - S7 IB Art exhibition - Vernissage - Chapel

Monday 11th March British Science Week;

IB Art exhibition - Chapel

S2-S5 HPV Catch up session vaccination Intermediate Maths follow on rounds

Tuesday 12th March British Science Week

IB Art exhibition - Chapel - Final day

Wednesday 13th March British Science Week

16h30 - 18h30 Recruitment event - Chapel

Thursday 14th March

Friday 15th March

Thursday 21st March

British Science Week

British Science Week

S5 Mock e-Asst results

S2 Carnegie tea - Schuman Hall 17h00 - Music Soiree - Chapel

Friday 22nd March 15h - 16h - PTA Easter Cake Sale & Tombola - Thame Lane

Tuesday 26th March S1 Reports issued

S6 Interim reports issued