



SECONDARY PARENT / STUDENT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 8th March 2024

Fantastic Results in the Intermediate Maths Challenge (and upcoming Junior Maths Challenge)

The [Intermediate Maths Challenge](#) is aimed at students in S3, S4 and S5 across the UK. It consists of 25 challenging and interesting problems that encourage mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency and flexibility in applying mathematical techniques. You can find the paper [here](#) (and solutions [here](#)) if you would like to take a look at the problems.

A total of 41 students participated in the challenge this year, achieving excellent results. Congratulations to the following students:

Awarded a **BRONZE** Certificate:

In S2: Sophia B

In S3: Ilyan D-S, Louis J, Anna M, Otis M-B, Yacoub N, Emilia S, Ivy T

In S4: Alessio C, Tristan D, Sam K-P, Alexander P, Adalric R

In S5: Malaika A, Joshua B, William V

Awarded a **SILVER** Certificate:

In S2: Alice M, Eden Y (Best in Year)

In S3: Jonathan J,

In S4: Clémentine C, Iason P, Inka S, Sarah K (Best in Year)

In S5: William G (Best in Year)

Awarded a **GOLD** Certificate:

In S3: Shailaditya T (Best in School)

Following their excellent results in the Intermediate Maths Challenge, Eden (S2) and Shailaditya (S3) were invited to participate in the [Grey Kangaroo](#), a follow-on round of a similar format but with more challenging questions. This takes place later this month and we are looking forward to seeing how these two students do.

These are an excellent set of achievements, and all the students who participated should be proud of themselves. We look forward to seeing what they can achieve next year.

The [Junior Maths Challenge](#) is aimed at S1 and S2 students, and will happen on Thursday 25 April 2023. If you are in one of these year groups and would like to participate, please speak to your Maths Teacher as soon as possible, if you have not already put your name forward. You can look at past challenges on the UKMT Website [here](#).

Congratulations once again to all the participants in the Intermediate Maths Challenge.

The Maths Department

FRENCH L3 TRIP TO SEE 'Le Cours d'Art' at RADLEY COLLEGE



Jeudi 22 février, quelques élèves du S2, S3 et S4 qui étudient le français comme troisième langue, sont allées au collège Radley, pour voir une pièce de théâtre très amusante qui s'appelait 'Le cours d'art'. C'était à propos d'un groupe d'élèves qui se fait piéger dans la classe d'art après l'école. Je pense que la pièce de théâtre, c'est vraiment divertissant car les personnages sont attachants et les acteurs sont très bons. Aussi, j'ai apprécié l'expérience du voyage scolaire.

On Thursday 22nd of February, some students in S2, S3 and S4 who are studying French for L3, went to Radley college to see a very comical play called 'Le cours d'art'. It's about a group of students who get trapped in an art classroom after school. I thought that the play was very funny as the characters were relatable and the actors were very good. I also enjoyed the experience of the school trip.'

IB DP ART EXHIBITION 8th - 12th March 2024



EUROPA SCHOOL UK RECRUITMENT EVENING

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



Recruitment Evening
13th March 2024 4.30 to 6.30pm
Europa School UK , Culham

Primary, secondary, teaching, support
full-time, part-time

German, Spanish & French Speakers
especially welcome

Drop in, meet staff, chat about opportunities


**Europa
School UK**
Your Local International School



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

VACANCY

Teacher of Religious Studies – Part Time

An exciting opportunity to join a unique state-funded international school offering the International Baccalaureate as a teacher of Religious Studies. Europa is a flexible school working with teachers to ensure roles fit your interests and an exciting place to develop your teaching in an International environment, whether you are an early career teacher or more experienced.

Join a vibrant and growing multilingual state school in rural Oxfordshire to teach Religious Studies and possibly ethics to our secondary students in S1- to S5 (year 7 – 11).

Europa values our staff and their professionalism and independence, by recognising their strengths and accommodating their passions. Join our team of broad minded and highly skilled teachers.

- Salary: MPS – UPR (£30,000 – £46,525)
- Location: Culham, Oxfordshire
- Contract type: Part-Time (0.4 to 0.6 of FTE), Permanent
- Start Date: 1st September 2024
- Closing Date for Applications: 18th March 2024

EXAM INVIGILATORS NEEDED

7th - 17th May 2024



We need

HELP

JOIN OUR TEAM OF

• **EXAM INVIGILATORS**

• Full training provided

• £12.46 per hour

• 7th - 17th May 2024

Call Beatriz Morales

01235 524060

applications@europaschool.uk



WORLD BOOK DAY IN THE CANTEEN



Thank you to Accent Catering for the delicious food that was served on World Book Day

SPRING MUSIC SOIREE

17h30 THURSDAY 21st MARCH 2024



EUROPA SCHOOL UK

SPRING MUSIC SOIRÉE

**THURSDAY 21ST MARCH
17.30 IN THE CHAPEL**

**DONATIONS AT THE END
TO RAISE FUNDS FOR
THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

EUROPA EASTER BAKE SALE

FRIDAY 22nd MARCH 2024



The Europa Easter Bake Sale

Friday March 22nd

At the Canopy at Thame Lane | from 3pm

Donate your cakes after drop-off or little before pick up.
Let's make it the **best** one yet!

S6 CAS PROJECT
EASTER CAKE SALE
Wednesday 27th March 2024

Easter

£1 FOR
EVERYTHING

CAKE SALE

WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH 12:35-13:20 &
15:00-16:00

IN FRONT OF CANTEEN & BY THAME LANE
GATE

**Raising Money for Cancer Research as part of
our CAS Project**

MINI EGG BROWNIES



EASTER SUGAR COOKIES



EASTER CUPCAKES



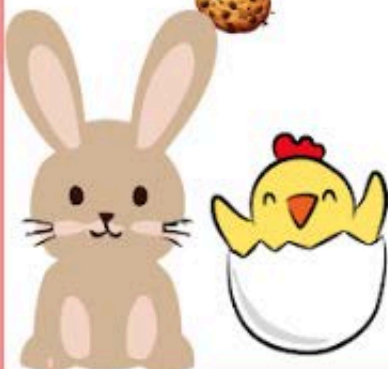
CHOCOLATE CAKE



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& LOTS MORE



LIVING AND LEARNING IN TWO LANGUAGES

Spotlight on Bilingual Education

Annual Bilingual Schools Parents Forum - online event

15th March 2024 12h00 -14h00 (online)

This is a free event. Book your tickets here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/living-and-learning-in-two-languages-spotlight-on-bilingual-education-tickets-850939792827>

We would like to welcome parents of pupils in bilingual schools in England to participate in our annual forum. We are a growing alliance of bilingual schools across the country, representing a diversity of settings and languages who share the aim of developing globally minded multilingual learners. Our panel of leaders of bilingual schools and experts in bilingual education will share their experiences and expertise in response to your questions with the aim of generating a greater shared understanding between educators and parents and building a supportive bilingual education network.

Don't miss this opportunity to empower yourself on your bilingual education parenting journey!

We will send you a Zoom invitation link prior to the date of our event.

You will have a chance to ask questions in advance using the following e-mail address:
enquiries@beaschools.com

The Panel will include:

Simon King - Headteacher of the Bilingual Primary School - Brighton and Hove (Spanish-English dual Immersion School)

Emma Creed - Chair of governors (and parent) of the Bilingual Primary School - Brighton and Hove

Maria Gavrilova – Headteacher and founder of the Azbuka Russian-English international school London

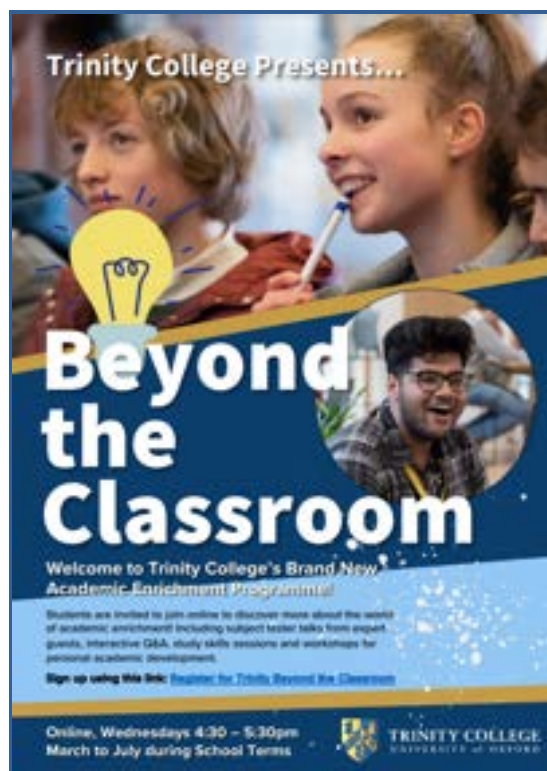
Bunmi Richards - Headteacher of Shaftesbury Park Primary School (French-English Curriculum)

Dr Vally Lytra - Reader in Languages in Education, Director of Postgraduate Research, Goldsmiths, University of London

Dr Effrosyni Argyri - Lecturer at the UCL Institute of Education, Centre for Applied Linguistics, UCL Institute of Education

TRINITY COLLEGE

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME



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>

**PLEASE DONATE ANY OLD LAPTOPS
THAT YOU NO LONGER USE TO EUROPA**



THE WIZARD OF OX

COME AND SEE SOME OF EUROPA SCHOOL'S PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS PERFORM ON THE **15th AND 16th MARCH 2024** AT SUTTON COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL



★ Calling All Munchkins, Witches, and Emerald City Enthusiasts ★

🌈 Join Us for Sutton Courtney's Most Twisted Panto in history... The Wizard of Ox 🌈

👠 Jam packed with **Europa School A list Superstars!** (Both Primary, Secondary and parents too, and even some teaching staff in the crew) 👠

📞 Grab your tickets quick!!
Call 01235 847707/848335

CALLING ALL PARENTS!

We are currently compiling a presentation folder for all of our parents. Inside the folder there will be space to include

ADVERTISEMENTS FOR LOCAL COMPANIES AND BUSINESSES

3,000 FOLDERS WILL BE PRODUCED

and distributed to the parents of all our pupils, teachers and any others who request information about the school. Advertising revenue will generate income to boost school funds.



If you wish to take this opportunity to support the school and promote your business, act now to reserve your spot - space is limited. Please register your interest with FSE on 01933 303520

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PARENT WEBINAR


Parents are the most important part of young peoples lives and hold the key to helping them. Let us, help you, to help them.

CAMHS
Child and Adolescent
Mental Health Service

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS SESSIONS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

SUBJECTS INCLUDE

- TEEN ANXIETY
- SELF HARM
- LOW MOOD
- HOW TO TALK TO YOUR DISTRESSED CHILD



WWW.OXFORDHEALTH.NHS.UK/CAMHS/OXON/SIR/WEBINARS

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 CAMHS](#)
[Oxford Health CAMHS](#)

Living with Neurodiversity - If you are open to CAMHS, or on a long waiting list, please access these free resources, advice and meetings
<https://onhs.autismoxford.com>

The S2 Carnegie is back: will you be taking part?

This year the very first event will be hosted by Europa School, hosting 5 other secondary schools.

Two more events later in the year will take place, held in other schools.

This is a glorified book club with lots of cakes along the way!

If you are tempted, fill in this form and write a short review on a book you have recently read:

<https://forms.gle/ZL5TYadineEKSvKL8>

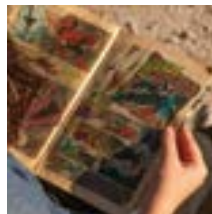
S3 AND S4 BOOK CLUB

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

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 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

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NEXT GEN
SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

REGISTER AT
NATIONALBADMINTON.ORG.UK/PLAY

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.



EUROPA SCHOOL BASKETBALL DRAGONS NEEDED!



Session Details:

Year 1 - Year 5 09:00 to 10:00 - Primary Gym
Boys Year 6 - 53 09:00 to 10:30 - New Gym
Boys 54 - 57 10:30 to 12:30 - New Gym
Girls 51 - 54 11:30 to 13:00 - Primary Gym

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!

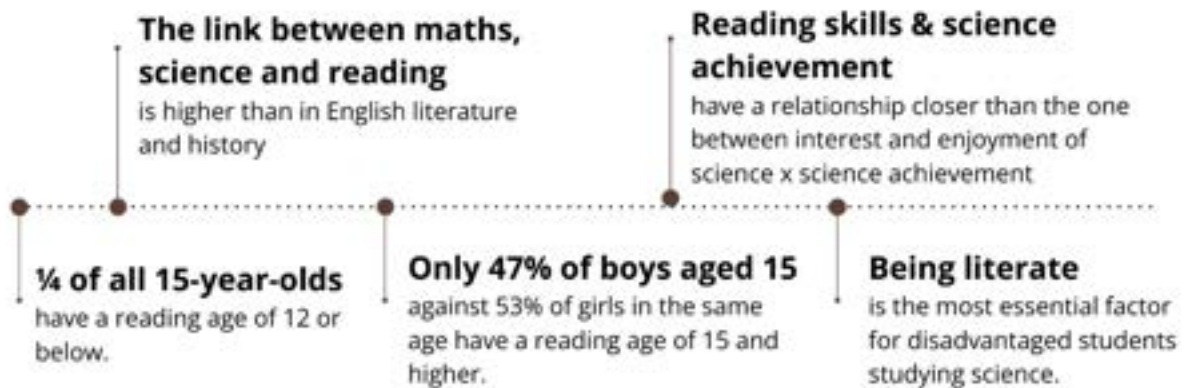


Contact details (Hmail)
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Email: samuelradriff@gmail.com



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.

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

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

March 2024

Monday 11th March	British Science Week S7 IB Art exhibition - Chapel S2-S5 HPV Catch up vaccination session Intermediate Maths follow on rounds
Tuesday 12th March	British Science Week S7 IB Art exhibition - Chapel - Final day 19h00 - S4 MYP Parent presentation - Chapel
Wednesday 13th March	British Science Week 08h00 - 08h15 - S3 Community project clothes collection - Thame Lane 14h00 - 3rd round OSFA cup U14 Boys Football v Lord Williams school (Home) 15h - PTA Book and costume sale - Canopy 16h30 - 18h30 Recruitment event - Chapel
Thursday 14th March	British Science Week - Visiting Environment speakers
Friday 15th March	British Science Week - Visiting Environment speakers
Wednesday 20th March	S4 Visit to CareersFest - Kassam Stadium
Thursday 21st March	S5 Mock e-Asst results issued S2 Carnegie tea - Schuman Hall 17h30 - Music Soiree - Chapel
Friday 22nd March	15h -16h - PTA Easter Cake Sale & Tombola - Thame Lane 19h00 - 22h00 Junior Ball - Schuman Hall
Tuesday 26th March	S1 Reports issued S6 Interim reports issued S6 UCAS Talk - Drama studio
Wednesday 27th March	12h35 + 15h00 - S6 CAS Project Easter cake sale - Thame Lane

EASTER HOLIDAY - Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April 2024

April 2024

Wednesday 17th April	S6 University Fair Farnborough
Monday 22nd April	S7 Study Day
Tuesday 23rd April	S7 Study Day
Wednesday 24th April	S7 IB External Exams - First day (until 17/05/24) - Chapel IB ESS Workshop
Thursday 25th April	S7 IB External Exams - Chapel
Friday 26th April	S7 IB External Exams - Chapel
Monday 29th April	S7 IB External Exams - Chapel
Tuesday 30th April	S7 IB External Exams - Chapel

May 2024

Wednesday 1st May	S7 IB External Exams - Chapel
Thursday 2nd May	S7 IB External Exams - Chapel S5 Exam leave 19h00 - CAMHS presentation for S1-S3 parents - Schuman Hall
Friday 3rd May	S7 IB External Exams - Chapel
Monday 6th May	BANK HOLIDAY - No school for students except S7 IB students who have an exam on this day. S7 IB External Exams - Chapel
Tuesday 7th May	S7 IB External Exams - Chapel S5 MYP Exams (until 17/05/24)
Wednesday 8th May	S7 IB External Exams - Chapel S5 MYP Exams S2 Carnegie Quiz
Thursday 9th May	S7 IB External Exams - Chapel
Friday 10th May	S7 IB External Exams - Chapel S3 Bronze DofE practice