

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO SUSI

This week we celebrated our dear colleague Susi Dalton's 70th birthday. Susi has worked at Culham since 1993 as the School Receptionist and part time Drama teacher. She has always been heavily involved in all of the various drama and musical productions over the years.

Susi's role in the school means that she is very well known to a large number of the school community. She is the go to person for the legacy school as well as for the staff, parents and students. Her commitment and love of the school have never wavered and she still looks and acts like someone half her age. I wish her a very happy new decade of her life and thank her for all that she does to make the school run smoothly.

Lynn Wood
Principal

MERCREDI SANS PLASTIQUE**WEDNESDAY FOR THE WORLD**

Pour le mercredi sans plastique à l'école, on montre qu'on réutilise notre plastique et notre aluminium pour aider la planète et économiser nos objets de tous les jours. On a insisté sur le montant de plastique... mais si toute l'école participe, on peut vraiment changer quelque chose.

Mes camarades et moi, on change nos habitudes pour un meilleur quotidien alors faites-le aussi aujourd'hui!
Eline E-B, S1F

On Wednesday 29th November, a group of S1 French students brought in reusable objects that they use in their everyday lives. This is an act for a more ecological school to then help the environment, and we are starting by ourselves. The aim is to stop throwing everything to waste and find new ways to reuse and recycle. We strongly encourage everyone to participate in making a new eco school, primaries and secondaries included. We hope to make a change, for the better.

Annabelle J, S1F



SECONDARY SINGING GROUP'S CONCERT - SHELDONIAN THEATRE, OXFORD

"Being a member of the Singing group, I had the privilege to participate in the performance on Saturday, the 2nd of December. I was already blown away by the magnificence and grandeur of the Sheldonian theatre but also by the fact that we were performing with the Oxford Bach choir, who sang the rest of the songs in Carmina Burana to a standard of perfection! Singing with them (and at times on our own) in front of a wide range of people, was a wonderful experience, which brought a lot of joy to me and hopefully brought joy to others as well! Thank you Mrs Scaber for organising this!" - Emma S3

"The Secondary Singing group had an amazing performance in the Sheldonian theatre at Oxford of Carl Orff's Carmina Burana. Together with the Swan School we performed some of the chorus and listened to the amazing performance of some of the Bach Soloists. It was so much fun to have the opportunity to perform and take part in some of these pieces and present them in the Sheldonian! As a Singing group we have had 3 opportunities this week to perform, including John Rutter's Angel Carol at the Winter Soiree and Rhythm written by Bob Chilcot, who we even got to meet!" - Sofie S2

"Participating alongside OBC at the Sheldonian Theatre was a great experience. I learned that in every performance everyone plays a very important role and that's why rehearsals are crucial. Waiting, entrance times and knowing how to follow the director's instructions are all important to be able to provide a nice show to the public. Thank you for allowing me to be part of the group". - Ariana S1





Thank you Hannah (S5D) for this lovely artwork

EUROPA SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 9th DECEMBER 2023

11am - 3pm

Dear All,

We are really looking forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to our popular Christmas Fair. This is the time to come together and meet your fellow parents and enjoy watching your children having fun!

As usual, we need a lot of help from our parent community to make the Fair a success.

Volunteers

We need loads of volunteers on the day so please get in touch via volunteers@europa-pta.org or fill out this google form <https://forms.gle/7BA68BMoAZGZ198X6> if you can spare an hour or two of your time. A big thank you to those of you who have signed up! We will be in touch with you soon.

Only a few more Flea market stalls still available

Outside flea market stalls, which will line the path to the chapel, are still available on a first come first serve basis. You will need to provide your own shelter. Please email stalls@europa-pta.org if you would like to find out more.

Fantastic Raffle Prizes

Buy your raffle ticket here <https://europa.rallyup.com/a8baa1/Campaign/Details>

and circulate the link to family and friends. We have the most amazing raffle prizes again this year! This is a fantastic way to donate to the PTA and ultimately the school - with a chance to win a big treat!

Please ensure that you pre-book your tickets via Classlist for the activities below to avoid disappointment: Tickets selling fast!

Santa's Grotto in the chapel

https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/1056050682?s=113151119&utm_source=SCHOOL&utm_medium=SHARED_LINK

Dizzy Dean's Magic Show in the drama studio

https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/1053470667?s=113151119&utm_source=SCHOOL&utm_medium=SHARED_LINK

Gingerbread House Workshop

https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/1067550683?s=113151119&utm_source=SCHOOL&utm_medium=SHARED_LINK

S2E - SUSTAINABLE CHRISTMAS FLEA MARKET

Saturday 9th December 2023 11h00 - 15h00

	<h2>¡únete!</h2> <p>Este evento ayuda a crear una comunidad en nuestra escuela, donde los padres se pueden conocer. Ayudamos al medio ambiente y reducir el consumo en esta época del año además de concienciar a los niños y padres del problema creciente en nuestro entorno</p>	<h2>NO HAY PLANETA B</h2>
<p>ÚNETE - ¡TÚ TAMBIÉN PUEDES!</p>		<p>¡JUNTOS PODEMOS!</p>
<h1>EUROPA SCHOOL</h1>		 <h2>ROPA, JUGUETES Y LIBROS</h2>
<h2>EL EVENTO</h2> <p>¿CUÁNDO? El mercado es el 09/10/2023 de las 11 hasta las 3</p> <p>¿QUIÉNES? Los padres de los niños, venden, y los que no venden, compran!</p> <p>¿CÓMO PODEMOS CONTRIBUIR? Lleva tus productos al mercado y una manta de picnic para ponerlos.</p>	<p>¿DÓNDE? Nuestro mercadillo se encuentra a la entrada de la capilla cerca de el edificio de arte. Está marcado con un punto rojo.</p> <p>EL MAPA</p> 	<h2>MERCADO NAVIDEÑO</h2>  <p>¡TÚ PUEDES CONTRIBUIR A NUESTRO EVENTO Y AYUDAR AL MUNDO!</p>

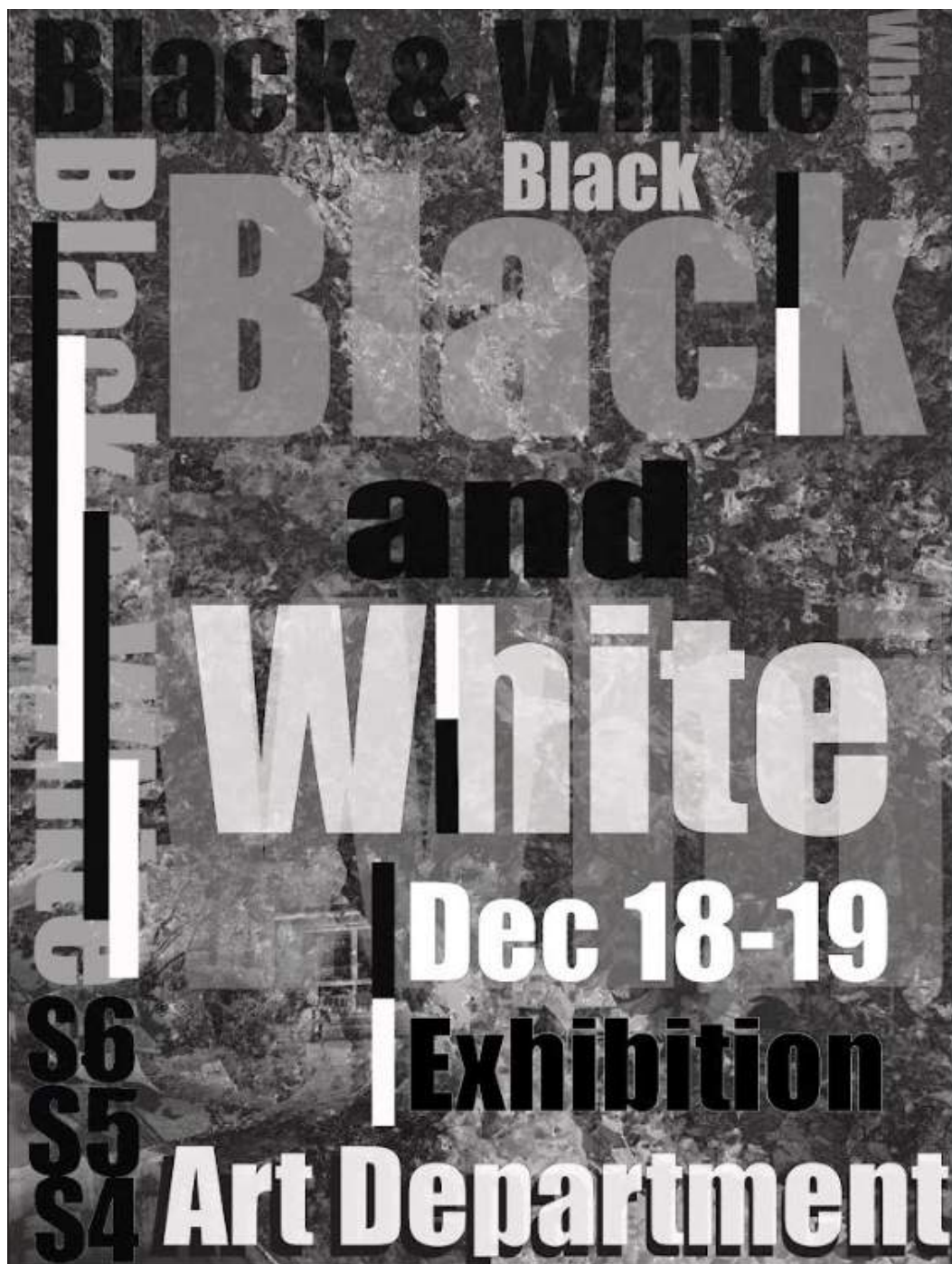
BLACK AND WHITE EXHIBITION: S4 S5 S6

In the Art rooms

18th - 19th December 2023

Over the course of this topic, "I am Here" we worked on black and white art. In the absence of colour we focused on contrast, texture and composition.

For the duration of this project we worked exclusively in black and white and greyscale and it forced us to think slightly outside the box, as most of us had never put much thought into tonal values and contrast before this project and this insight into the world of tone and contrast was very interesting.



JACKIE HOLDERNESS


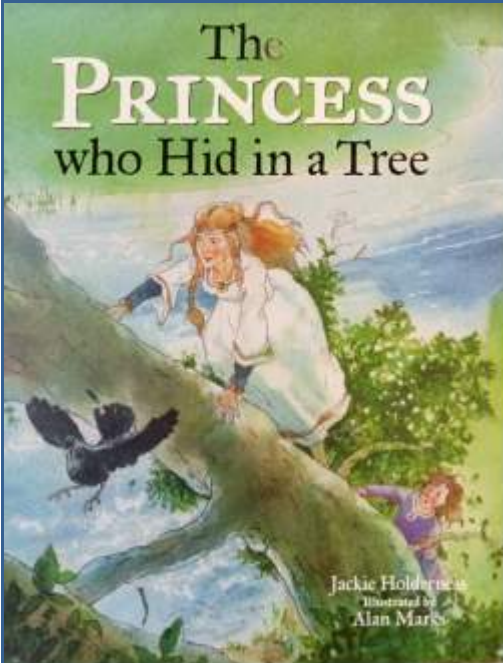
STORYTIME SESSION AT THE ABINGDON LIBRARY

Friday 22nd December 2023

10h30 - 11h45

Jackie Holderness, our founder Governor, who is an author, will be reading her book 'The Princess Who Hid in a Tree: An Anglo-Saxon Story', at the Abingdon library. This will be followed by a book signing and make-your-own princess/prince crown craft session.

Join the author and listen while she reads "The Princess Who Hid in a Tree" followed by book signing and a craft activity. All are welcome but most suited for children aged 5 – 9 and their grown up.





ALL
WELCOME!
IDEAL FOR
AGES 5-9

JACKIE HOLDERNESS
STORYTIME AT ABINGDON LIBRARY

Join us for a storytime session with local children's author Jackie Holderness, who will be reading her standout work 'The Princess Who Hid in a Tree: An Anglo-Saxon Story', followed by a book signing and a make-your-own princess/prince crown craft session.

FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER
10:30-11:45

 01235 520374

 abingdon.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk

LIBRARY



More magazines, anyone?

As you probably know, your secondary library has a large selection of magazines. We would love to know how often you read them and what else you would like us to subscribe to. It's time to have your say and influence us!

Please fill in this survey now!

<https://forms.gle/gLxe8T31uV5DirEG6Preview> attachment

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 - S3	09:00 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



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

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)


CHILL AND CRAFT WITH LENA (S3)

ONE PLANET ABINGDON CLIMATE EMERGENCY CENTRE

Chill and Craft with Lena



- ❖ Run by and aimed at young people ages 12-18, but open to all
- ❖ Learn to craft, or perfect your skills in a relaxed environment (with snacks!)
- ❖ All crafting materials and sessions provided for free.
- ❖ No need to book, drop in morning or afternoon sessions.
- ❖ Led sessions will include:
Crochet, Macrame, Friendship bracelets and Embroidery with a focus on upcycling and sustainable materials.
- ❖ For details on our upcoming dates + sessions, follow @1planetabingdonyouth on Instagram!



ONE PLANET ABINGDON
CLIMATE EMERGENCY CENTRE
Below the County Hall Museum
Market Place
Abingdon
OX14 3HG



www.oneplanetabingdon.org



INSPIRE CRITICAL THINKING 2023/24

Register here : <https://sjcinspire.com/> before Wednesday 13th December 2023

INSPIRE CRITICAL THINKING 2023/24

 Interested in Crime and Punishment?

 Want to learn how to think critically and explore crime and punishment from different perspectives?

 Then Inspire Critical Thinking is for you!

WHAT IS INSPIRE CRITICAL THINKING?

Inspire Critical Thinking is a **free** online programme for all pupils in Years 9 - 11 made up of 4 workshops linked to a central question: **'Does crime always deserve punishment?'**. It will run between **January - April 2024**.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Each month a link to each workshop is sent to your email so you can discover at your own pace. Each workshop has articles, videos, challenges, interviews with Oxford students and academics, and other interactive elements.

THIS YEAR'S WORKSHOPS INCLUDE:

- Workshop 1 - How has the definition of crime changed?
- Workshop 2 - Are some crimes excusable?
- Workshop 3 - How effective is crime detection and the Criminal Justice System?
- Workshop 4 - What is the purpose of punishments?

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

- Learn about crime & punishment from a **range of perspectives**
- Develop **critical thinking** skills
- Win **prizes** for completing challenges
- Improve your **literacy**
- **Discuss** and **debate** online with pupils across the UK
- Find out about **life at Oxford University**
- Invitation to the St John's College **Virtual Summer School**
- **Guidance** on **careers** and subjects
- **Skills** to add to your CV

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Scan the QR code to register, or visit www.sjcinspire.com for more information.







THINK CAMBRIDGE SERIES

29th JANUARY - 15th FEBRUARY 2024

29 January to 15 February 2024

We're excited to announce the return of our Think Cambridge series.

This is a three-week long series of webinars to inspire Year 11 (S4 for Scotland, Year 12 for NI, or equivalent) and 12 (S5 for Scotland, Lower Sixth, or equivalent) students to apply to Cambridge.



Learn more about the webinar series > [Here](#)



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 now on the 13th September 2023, five new students received the Diploma of Leadership and Management with the highest grade : Distinction!



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NATIONAL BADMINTON

4 X WEEKS COACHING FOR JUST £10



4x WEEKS COACHING

FOR JUST £10!

**Professional group
badminton coaching**

Interested in badminton? Get
on court with a weekly group
coaching session and get
your first 4x sessions for £10!



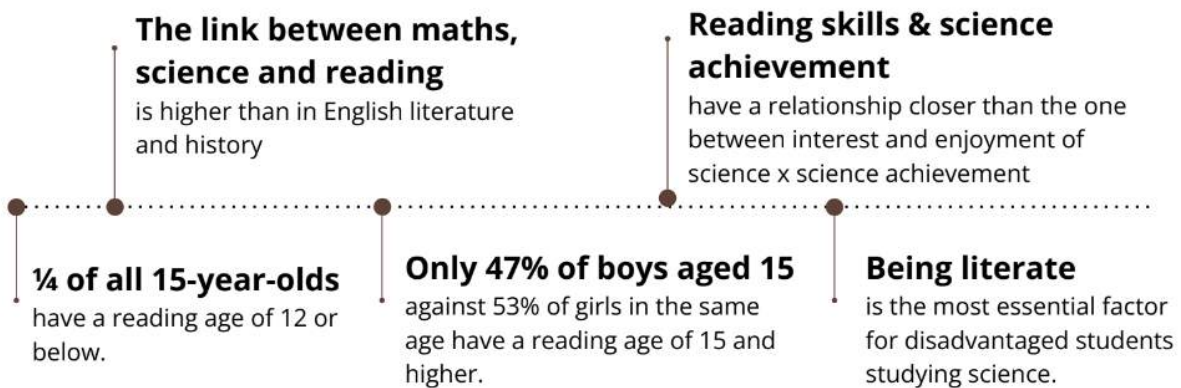
NEXT GEN
JUNIOR PROGRAMME

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



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.

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.

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?

Pet dogs a threat to nesting birds in South Walney - warning

DOG walkers, beach-goers and drone users are disturbing nesting birds at a nature reserve, conservationists have warned.

Continuing trouble for the birds has resulted in the loss of several eggs and chicks.

It is a long process to clear the paths away from the beach which are used by the birds.

Dogs are not allowed on the site unless they are on a leash.

Nature reserve officers said the birds are used to the presence of people, but the noise and the sight of dogs is a problem.

"It's really getting into the heads of the public and the birds are used to the presence of people, but the noise and the sight of dogs is a problem."

"We've seen a very real threat to the birds in a way that we haven't seen before."

Have we found the 'animal origin' of Covid?

Genetic data released by China three years after it was gathered has provided the 'first evidence' of how the pandemic started, scientists say.

Climate change pioneer Claude Lelouch dies at 91

His expedition to Antarctica helped prove that humans were responsible for global warming.

Europe risks being a spectator to next space race

The continent is in danger of missing out on the next big tech boom, as influential people worry.

plastic pollution

Named Feed the Fish, the then taken away to be re-

Read more >

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

VACANCIES

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

LOST PROPERTY

Every Tuesday - 3pm - 4pm

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December 2023

Saturday 9th December	11h00 - 15h00 Europa School Christmas Fair
Tuesday 12th December	S7 Parent /Teacher meetings (Online)
Wednesday 13th December	15h00 - 16h00 - S2E Christmas market (2)
Thursday 14th December	16h00 - S3/S4 Girls Basketball v King Alfred - Home S4 Parent /Teacher meetings (Online)
Friday 15th December	S1 - S5 FLU vaccination
Monday 18th December	S4, S5 and S6 Black and White Exhibition - Art rooms
Tuesday 19th December	S4, S5 and S6 Black and White Exhibition - Art rooms Last day of the Autumn term

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Wednesday 20th December 2023 - Friday 5th January 2024

January 2024

Monday 8th January	First day of the Spring term
Wednesday 10th January	S6 Reports issued
Thursday 11th January	19h00 - 20h30 IB Virtual Open day
Monday 15th January	S5 Reports issued
Thursday 18th January	S2 HPV vaccination S5 Parent /Teacher meetings (Online)
Friday 19th January	14h10 - 17h15 - S7 Interyear Volleyball
Tuesday 23rd January	S1 Parent /Teacher meetings (Online)
Thursday 25th January	15h45 -S3 Girls Badminton and S5 Badminton v King Alfreds - Home
Friday 26th January	S6 Brookes University/Workshop in French Language Culture and Communication
Tuesday 30th January	S4 reports issued
Wednesday 31st January	S5 / S6 TOUMUN Depart S5 / S6 TOUMUN UCAS application Deadline Intermediate Maths Challenge

February 2024

Thursday 1st February	S5 / S6 TOUMUN S7 Full Report issued
Friday 1st February	S5 / S6 TOUMUN National Apprenticeships Week
Saturday 2nd February	S5 / S6 TOUMUN - Return
Monday 5th February	S7 IB Mocks National Apprenticeships Week
Tuesday 6th February	S7 IB Mocks National Apprenticeships Week
Wednesday 7th February	S7 IB Mocks National Apprenticeships Week
Thursday 8th February	S7 IB Mocks National Apprenticeships Week S2 & S3 Full Reports issued
Friday 9th February	INSET day (No students in school)

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

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.](#)