



## SECONDARY PARENT / STUDENT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 9th June 2023

### FANTASTIC RESULTS

#### IN THE JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

The **Junior Maths Challenge** is aimed at students in S1 and S2 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 62 students participated in the challenge this year, achieving excellent results. Congratulations to the following students:

Awarded a **BRONZE** Certificate:

In S1: Ellie B-C, Oscar C, Richard F, Stefan H, Arthur J, Sophie K, Sabrina L, Hannah M, Dylan SP, Hendrik VZ, Ella W, Kseniia Y

In S2: Evan B, Chloe B, Luc D, Leo H, Yacoub N, Prabha P, Ivy T, Robyn U, Mohan V, Ayla Z

Awarded a **SILVER** Certificate:

In S1: Clara A, Joshua B-C, Sophie O, Nathan P, Emilia P, Eden Y

In S2: Ilyan DS, Emily D, Anna M, Iris M-B, Mika M, Emilia S

Awarded a **GOLD** Certificate:

In S1: Daniel C (Best in Year)

In S2: Louis J, Jonathan J, Shailaditya T (Best in School)

Jonathan J and Louis J qualified for the **Junior Kangaroo**, which takes a similar format to the **Junior Maths Challenge**, but with more difficult problems. Some past examples of this round can be found [here](#).

Shailaditya T qualified for the **Junior Mathematical Olympiad**, which consists of even more challenging problems, and rather than being multiple choice, involves open ended problems. Some past examples of this round can be found [here](#).

Both these follow-on rounds take place on Wednesday 14 June, and we wish these three students the best of luck in these challenges. Unfortunately the results for these rounds are normally released after the end of our school year, so we will report their results in September.

That is the end of the Maths Challenges for the 2022-23 school year, and we look forward to seeing students build on these successes next year.

Congratulations once again to all the participants in the **Junior Maths Challenge**.

The Maths Department

## *Le long des rivières*

*Une équipe de choc de 9 étudiants de S6 ont étudié la géographie pendant 4 jours le long de deux rivières.*



*Sur le premier site, ils ont regardé le fonctionnement d'un bassin versant et l'importance de la gestion humaine pour drainer et laisser s'infiltrer l'eau dans les sols.*





*Pour la seconde rivière, ils ont pris des mesures de la source à l'embouchure sur la mer pour regarder l'évolution des différents paramètres et aider à la gestion des inondations.*



*Une belle expérience de terrain !*

## VACANCIES



# JOIN US

## NEW ROLES AT EUROPA

### Primary Support Posts

- Sports Coach - 9 hrs pw, mornings only
- Lunchtime Supervisors - 7.5 hrs pw
- Class TA Spanish - 17.5 hrs pw
- SEN and 1 to 1 TAs (English, German & Spanish) - 15-30 hrs pw
- HLTA & PPA Cover - 16.5 hrs pw

### Secondary Support Post

- Secondary TA - 17.5-30 hrs pw

*All roles are Term-Time only & school hours*  
*Generous pension scheme*  
*Employee Assistance programme*

Learn More >>



**Please use this link**

<https://europaschooluk.org/careers-at-europa/vacancies/>



## **CLOTHES & SHOES COLLECTION**

**15th JUNE 2023 8h00 - 9h00**



## **CLOTHES & SHOES COLLECTION**

**15 JUNE 8-9 AM  
THAME LANE ENTRANCE**

Bag up your unwanted clothes, paired shoes,  
and handbags and bring them to school.

**Rags2Riches4Schools** will collect them on  
the day and pay for them by weight.

**Please keep separately good quality  
branded items and unwanted gifts,  
for re-sale.**



**EUROPA SCHOOL UK**

**10th Anniversary T-shirt**



The school Art club with Laure Arnold have designed a logo to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the school, that will be printed on t-shirts to fundraise for the school.

If you would like to order a t-shirt please click on the link below.

**[10th Anniversary t-shirt order form](#)**

## PTA DATES

Next week:

Thursday 15th June: Clothing collection and drop off for items PTA can sell (packed separately)

Saturday 17th June: 10th Anniversary Summer Fête - please bring a cake and / or plant to donate



Clothing collection and drop off items for PTA to sell online



Thursday 15th June 8am - 9am

Please pack separately good quality clothes and shoes for the Rags2Riches collection from the items intended for the PTA to sell on eBay (collectables, designer items, unwanted gifts etc). [See event page](#)

Thame Lane 8 - 9am



Europa 10th Anniversary Summer Fête - Saturday 17th 11am - 4pm



**\*\* Bring along a nut-free cake and / or a plant to donate to the stalls to sell, thank you \*\***

Raffle tickets are available here <https://europa.rallyup.com/c0e6f1/Campaign/Details>

Car boot spots - Last spots available! Book on here

<https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/964861541?> or contact Patricia Ciccone

See [full event information](#) about this fabulous day is on Classlist, including:

- Tickets for the workshops (circus, drums, science)
- Caricature portrait bookings
- Sign-up lists if you want to help out. Additional volunteers are always welcome. It's fun and even better with friends :D

*If you're not yet on Classlist, [view this page](#). If you have questions about Classlist, ask Liz Parham. Registering will help you check out faster, access your tickets and message organisers directly.*

Here's a taste of what to expect from the 10th Anniversary Celebrations!

Anniversary Art displays across the site - traditional summer fair games and competitions - inflatables - chill out 'Duke's Bar' zone - car-boot sale - forest school - musical performances - brass band - coding club - school tours - art trail - face-painting, henna and glitter tattoos - science, drumming and circus workshops - superhero photo booth - our amazing raffle - [affle tickets here](#), - teddy adoption and a toy tombola - Lego play - Eco Club - cakes, sweets, plants and other stalls - fantastic international food - and a fond farewell to Mr Marechau...





# SUMMER MUSIC SOIRÉE

date for your diary

**29th June, THURSDAY  
at 5 o'clock**

**If you would like to take part,  
all performances need to be heard**

by

**Mrs Scaber or Miss Ognjenovic  
by Tuesday, 20th June**

**WIND IN THE WILLOWS**  
**30th June and 1st July 2023**



Schuman Hall

Friday 30th June - 7 pm

Saturday 1st July - 2 pm and 7 pm

Tickets £10 for adults and £6 for children

<https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/986250991>

**If your business would like to advertise in the programme for The Wind in the Willows, please contact**

Susi in Reception or email ([s.dalton@europaschool.uk](mailto:s.dalton@europaschool.uk))

**SAVE THE DATE - MONDAY 3rd JULY 2023**

**S2D PERFORMANCE OF**  
**LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD AND THE THREE LITTLE PIGS**

S2D will be performing a play in the Drama Studio on the 3rd of July at 18:00 and we would be delighted if you could come and join us for the performance..The play is called 'Little Red Riding Hood and The Three Little Pigs' and will be performed by actors only from S2D.

Admission fees will be £1 for adults 50p for children. Tickets should be reserved in advance by emailing [k.patterson@europaschool.uk](mailto:k.patterson@europaschool.uk), but should be paid for on the door.

**MODEL FOR THE INTERACT FASHION SHOW**  
**TUESDAY 4th JULY**



As part of the Interact Club, we are organising a fashion show to raise money for the Funsani Charity, an orphanage in Zambia for children orphaned by HIV.

The fashion show will be on **Tuesday 4th July 2023** in the Schuman Hall.

Are you interested in modelling for this fashion show?

Please complete the signup via this [form](#) if you are interested.



## GO ECOLO



# Go Ecolo

An active secondary eco club

### When can you join us?

We have meetings every Tuesday lunch time.

Room is at the top of the tower block.

We talk about how we can improve our School ecosystem.

Lucia Singer and Sandrine Philipot-Gasc

### What we do:

Our projects are:

#### Wild area:

We have our own wild area situated on the field next to the staff car park extension.

We remove any dangerous plants and add sometimes flower.

#### Pond:

We have a pond situated in the little children's playground.

In Winter and Autumn we remove all the duckweed which prevents a healthy ecosystem development.

#### Owls:

We are trying to install some owl boxes to prevent our owls from disappearing.




## S3 MYP PROJECT

### EXAM STRESS & ANXIETY TIPS

For our MYP community project, we are trying to help the students in our school overcome exam stress and anxiety.

This is for our MYP community project, aiming to help students with exams stress




## EXAM STRESS & ANXIETY TIPS

About 90% of pupils who answered our survey answered that they were always or sometimes anxious before an exam. 51.1% said that they were always anxious.

### MAKE A STUDY GROUP

This could be meeting up with friends for revision or assigning a free for a class, just before a big exam.



### TALK TO SOMEONE


If you find it hard, talk to someone. This could be a friend, family member or a teacher.


### PLAN IN ADVANCE

Plan what you are going to study in advance and create a study timetable. Make clear and visually pleasing notes, you can use different coloured pens for this. Once you've made your notes, copy them out again and tell family and friends everything you know about the subject. Recall the information in your own words.

### TAKE A BREAK

When you get really stressed out, take a break. Get away, go for a walk or listen to music - anything that can help you to get away from all the studying.





### FIND A PLACE TO STUDY

The ideal place for studying, would be a place that is calm and quiet, without distractions. This could be places like libraries, cafes or in the garden. Remember to take a 5-minute break every 45 minutes.

Lusia, Sarah & Miranda



# ART CLUB

## MINI GALLERY

In April and May the KS2 and S1/S2 clubs explored various projects including designing the logo for Europa's 10 year birthday, and finishing a collaborative piece to mark Europa's 10 year birthday. It's been very busy, and I hope you enjoy seeing some of their artwork here :) Laure at Art Club

### EUROPA 10 YEAR GROUP PROJECTS:

Last term, we started an art club project to celebrate Europa's 10 year anniversary. Each student decorated a square inspired by school life and the world around them, and we connected them all into a big collage to come together and celebrate all the unique, different, wonderful, nationalities and personalities that make up our lovely school. Our colourful wall art is now displayed in the school for Europa's 10 year celebration! We have also been busy making lovely clay birds to hang in the trees for the school's summer fête celebration.



Please follow this link to view the art work

<https://europaschooluk.org/2023/05/23/art-club-news/>

*(Note: it may take a bit of time to load as there are several pages to scroll through to see the entire mini gallery)*

## **ROUTES INTO STEM EXPERIENCE FOR YEAR GROUPS S3 & S4**

Join us on our Routes into STEM virtual experience this summer and find out all about **college, university, apprenticeships and careers in STEM**. The experience provides guided learning for you to work through the content flexibly during the course dates, you will also have a selection of tailor-made STEM projects and activities at your fingertips. A variety of live sessions will give you an opportunity to ask questions to the panels of experts, students and apprentices.

Throughout the duration of the experience you will have a unique opportunity to access content from:

<b>Universities</b>	<b>Colleges</b>	<b>Workshops by companies</b>
Abertay University	Calderdale College	Design and the Built Environment with Arup, Murphy, Balfour Beatty and others
University of Bedfordshire	Cardiff and Vale College	
University of Birmingham	City College Plymouth	Transport and Flight with BAE Systems, Network Rail, Leonardo etc and Studying Aerospace Engineering at University
University of Cambridge	Coleg Gwent	
Durham University	Cornwall College	The future of Technology by WCIT, studying IT at college and university, Phyton Tutorial and more
Heriot-Watt University	Coventry College	
University of Hertfordshire	Dundee & Angus College	The Future of Medicine at University, GSK and NHS Careers
University of Liverpool	Forth Valley College	
University of Nottingham	Kendal College	The Electric Revolution and Net Zero Explained by Innovate UK, Siemens, Rolls-Royce and many more
University of Plymouth	Leicester College	
University of Wales Trinity Saint David	Newcastle College	Energy including Babcock International, Cory Riverside Energy, Bechtel etc
	North Hertfordshire College	
University of the West of England	South and City College Birmingham	Problem Solving – Maths and Forensics including Maths at University, Maths Careers, Forensic Science etc
University of Westminster	South Thames College	
	Warwickshire College	

Although right now it may feel like a long way to go until summer holidays, the start date is next month. So do not delay and apply today, this is an opportunity not to be missed!

To find out more please visit our website <https://www.etrust.org.uk/routes-into-stem-read-more>

We look forward to receiving your application.

Student Recruitment Team  
EDT (Engineering Development Trust)

## Online events especially for parents & carers interested in finding out more about university in general and the University of Oxford



The Access Team at Trinity College, University of Oxford, are offering two more online sessions for parents and carers in July 2023 and they can choose to attend one or both sessions as preferred. We would be delighted if you could share the information below or attached flyer, which has the hyperlink for registration, with your parents and carers at your school.

### **Session 1 For Families - a guide to university**

**Monday the 3rd July at 6-7:15pm with optional live Q&A until 7:30pm**

This session will be of interest to parents and carers of students in Years 10, 11 and 12 and will be particularly useful for those who did not attend university themselves or who feel they would appreciate updated university information and guidance.

In the session, we will focus on effective ways parents and carers can support their child's progression to higher education. We aim to build confidence and knowledge about what a parent and carer's role is in the process of a university application and to clarify the benefits and costs of going to university. We will also touch on some aspects of the University of Oxford.

There will also be a live Q&A with some current undergraduate students who'll share some of their own experiences and answer any questions parents and carers may like to ask.

### **Session 2 For Families - a guide to the University of Oxford and the application process**

**Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> July at 6-7:15pm with optional live Q&A until 7:30pm**

This session will be of interest to parents and carers of students in Years 10, 11 and 12 and is particularly useful for those wanting to hear specifically about the University of Oxford and the application process.

In this session, we will also focus on effective ways parents and carers can support their child, should they decide to apply to the University of Oxford in the future. We aim to build confidence and knowledge about what a parent and carer's role is in the process of a university application and to clarify the benefits and costs of going to the University of Oxford.

There will also be a live Q&A with some current undergraduate students who'll share some of their own experiences and answer any questions parents and carers may like to ask.

**Please go to Eventbrite to book both or your preferred option – click [HERE](#)**

\* Please note this exclusive event is intended for parents/carers of children in state secondary schools only. \*\*Bookings accepted up to 5pm, two days prior to each event



## 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:

**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.

## 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

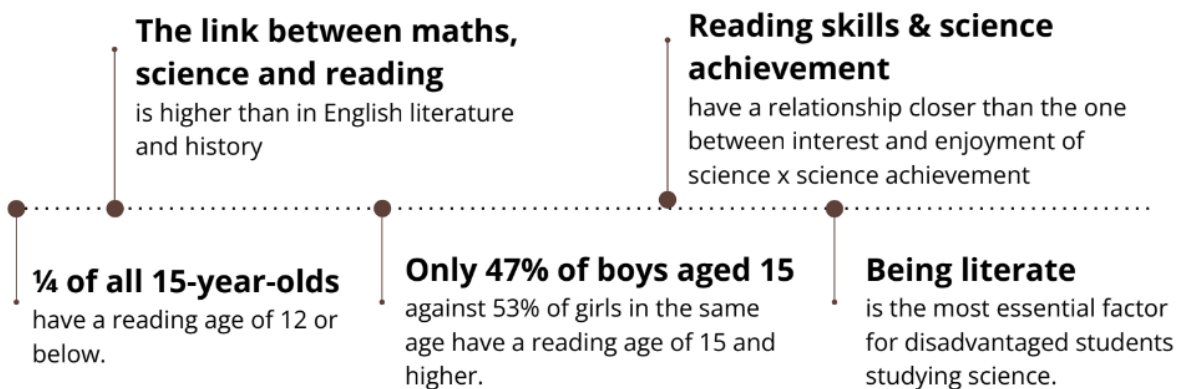
[12-14 Summer Career Experience in London](#)

[15-18 Young Summer Experiences 2023](#)

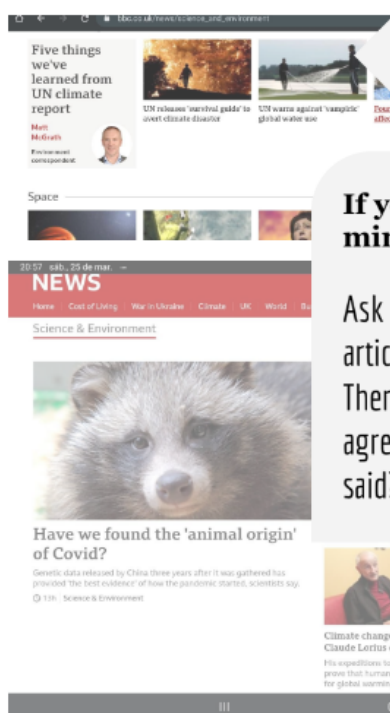
\*Students can receive a 10% discount by inserting the code **EUROPASCHOOL10** at the registration page.

# 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

3 hours ago



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 "alarming" 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.

## **MUSIC**

### **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](mailto:t.ognjenovic@europaschool.uk)

### **STRING CHAMBER GROUP**



### **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 **08.40 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. The Chapel/Pedestrian gate is open from 8am to 9am and again from 3pm to 6pm. Please come to Reception to sign for the code. Please do not give the code to anyone.

### **TOILETS AVAILABLE ON SITE FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN AT PICK UP TIME**

**The Schuman Hall, Tower Block and Primary Library** toilets are not for parents or young 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.



## **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](mailto:principal@europaschool.uk)

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

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

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

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **June 2023**

Saturday 10th June	County Schools Athletics Championships
Monday 12th June	S2 Hadrian's Wall trip Group 1 return S2 Hadrian's Wall trip Group 2 depart (return on 16.06.23) S4 Exams S5 GCSE English Language 2
Tuesday 13th June	S2 Hadrian's Wall trip Group 2 S4 Exams S5 Study Day (S5 students not in school) S6 UCAS Day
Wednesday 14th June	S2 Hadrian's Wall trip Group 2 S5 GCSE Maths 3 Day of Languages
Thursday 15th June	8h00 -9h00 Clothing & collectables collection - Thame Lane S2 Hadrian's Wall trip Group 2 - STM S3 TDP/MenACWY Vaccinations - Catch up - Drama studio S5 June Exams AM and PM 16h00 S1/S2 and S3/S4 Girls Rounders v Chalfonts - Home
Friday 16th June	S4 Exams S5 June Exams AM and PM S2 Hadrian's Wall trip Group 2 return
Saturday 17th June	11h00 - 16h00 Europa School UK Summer Fete
Monday 19th June	S4 Work Experience Weeks S5->S6 IB/6th Form Foundation Week
Tuesday 20th June	14h S1-S3 Rehearsal and concert at the SJE, Oxford S4 Work Experience Weeks S5->S6 IB/6th Form Foundation Week
Wednesday 21st June	S2 Latin trip to Bodleian Library

	S3 Puy du Fou - Depart S4 Work Experience Weeks S5->S6 IB/6th Form Foundation Week
Thursday 22nd June	S3 Puy du Fou S4 Work Experience Weeks S5->S6 IB/6th Form Foundation Week
Friday 23rd June	S3 Puy du Fou S4 Work Experience Weeks S5->S6 IB/6th Form Foundation Week
Saturday 24th June	S3 Puy du Fou - Return
Monday 26th June	S4 Work Experience Weeks S5 Silver Duke of Edinburgh final expedition
Tuesday 27th June	S4 Work Experience Weeks S5 Silver Duke of Edinburgh final expedition Cabaret 1st Performance - Schuman Hall
Wednesday 28th June	S4 Work Experience Weeks S5 Silver Duke of Edinburgh final expedition Cabaret 2nd Performance - Schuman Hall
Thursday 29th June	S4 Work Experience Weeks 17h00 - Music Soiree - Chapel
Friday 30th June	S4 Work Experience Weeks 13h00 - Wind in the Willows 1st performance - Schuman Hall

### **July 2023**

Saturday 1st July	14h00 - Wind in the Willows 2nd performance - Schuman Hall 19h00 - Wind in the Willows 3rd performance - Schuman Hall
Monday 3rd July	S5 Full Reports 18h00 - S2 English performance - Drama studio 18h00 - 21h00 Junior Ball - Schuman Hall
Tuesday 4th July	S5 Full Report InterYear Football Tournament S6 Bodleian Academic writing workshop 18h00 - GO ECOLO Fashion show - Schuman Hall
Wednesday 5th July	S1 - S4 and S6 Full Report S7 Celebration Day

### **SUMMER HOLIDAY - Thursday 6th July to Monday 4th September - SUMMER HOLIDAY**

Friday 7th July	Baccalaureate proclamation Ceremony
Tuesday 5th Sept	First day of the Autumn Term

### **S5 GCSE Maths and English**

Monday 12th June - S5 GCSE English Language Paper 2  
Wednesday 14th June - S5 GCSE Mathematics Paper 3