

# **SECONDARY** PARENT / STUDENT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 12th January 2024

#### SUCCESS IN THE BRITISH MATHEMATICAL OLYMPIAD

The British Mathematical Olympiad (BMO) is the epitome of the mathematical challenges that students can partake in whilst at Europa School. It consists of 6 very challenging problems, for which students must submit full written solutions in the 3.5 hours allowed.

This year Aidan G (S7) participated in the BMO, and he obtained a Certificate of Distinction.

This is an excellent achievement, and we hope that this success inspires other students to participate in the Maths Challenges at all levels.

The Intermediate Maths Challenge, aimed at S3, S4 and S5 students, happens on 31st January 2024.

The Junior Maths Challenge, aimed at S1 and S2 students, happens on 25th April 2024.

**Congratulations** to Aidan for this fantastic achievement.

The Maths Department

# SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Please collect any unclaimed photographs from the Reception. Please contact Susi in Reception if you have any queries with your school photographs. s.dalton@europaschool.uk

# 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)

#### OPEN EVENING - WEDNESDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2024



Come and join us at our **Apprenticeship Open Evening** to learn about the range of apprenticeship opportunities available as well as the chance to meet the apprenticeship team, supervisors and current apprentices.

Where: Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, Harwell, Didcot, OX11 0DE

Date: Wednesday 7th February

Time Slots available: 17:00-18:00, 18:00-19:00, 19:00-20:00

Please see below the advert with the QR code to register, alternatively the following link can be used: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rutherford-appleton-laboratory-apprenticeship-open-evening-2024-tickets-77136">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rutherford-appleton-laboratory-apprenticeship-open-evening-2024-tickets-77136</a> <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rutherford-appleton-laboratory-apprenticeship-open-evening-2024-tickets-77136">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rutherford-appleton-laboratory-apprenticeship-open-evening-2024-tickets-77136</a> <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rutherford-appleton-laboratory-apprenticeship-open-evening-2024-tickets-77136">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rutherford-appleton-laboratory-apprenticeship-open-evening-2024-tickets-77136</a>



Additionally, our apprenticeship vacancies have now gone live for a September 2024 start - further information can be found at: Apprenticeships - STFC Careers

#### 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

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**



- Applications for students are open: <a href="https://stfc-workexperience.co.uk/">https://stfc-workexperience.co.uk/</a>
- They'll close on 25th February 2024, so if anyone knows students who want to do work experience they must apply before then.

# 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
 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



# 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



#### **GO ECOLO CLUB**

You would like to improve the Ecology of the school, come to

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: <a href="mailto:s.philippot-gasc@europaschool.uk">s.philippot-gasc@europaschool.uk</a>

# 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 : <a href="https://www.funsani.com/">https://www.funsani.com/</a>

Examples of actions for raising money:

Quiz evening, catwalk show, cake sales, Halloween movie evening, battle of the bands evening... Culham Interact Club gives as well the possibility to students over 14 years old to get a diploma of the Institute of Leadership and Management in London.

In 2020, Five students passed the diploma and now on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023, five new students received the Diploma of Leadership and Management with the highest grade: Distinction!



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

# NATIONAL BADMINTON

#### 4 X WEEKS COACHING FOR JUST £10



# 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.



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







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 <a href="https://huge.thank.you">huge thank you</a> 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 <a href="mailto:ibmypcoordinator@europaschool.uk">ibmypcoordinator@europaschool.uk</a>

If you are an external student and would like to apply to the school to do the IB Diploma please contact Mrs Fabulet at <a href="mailto:admissions@europaschool.uk">admissions@europaschool.uk</a>

If you have any questions regarding UCAS and S4 Work Experience please contact Mrs Charalambous at <a href="mailto:i.charalambous@europaschool.uk">i.charalambous@europaschool.uk</a>

If you have any questions regarding Careers please contact Mrs Powell at <a href="mailto:l.powell@europsachool.uk">l.powell@europsachool.uk</a>

If you have any questions regarding public (GCSE/MYP and DP) or internal examinations (years S4-S7) please contact Mme Jouhandin at <a href="mailto:examsofficer@europaschool.uk">examsofficer@europaschool.uk</a>

If your child is absent please email absence@europaschool.uk before 09h00

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January 2024

Friday 19th January

Monday 15th January S5 Reports issued

Tuesday 16th January U14 boys - Football Cup game vs Oxford Spires - Home

Thursday 18th January S2 HPV vaccination session

15h45 - 17h00 - S1/S2/S3 Girls Basketball vs King Alfreds - Home

U15 boys - Football Cup game vs Fitzharrys school - Home

S5 Parent /Teacher meetings (Online) 14h10 - 17h15 - S7 Interyear Volleyball

Tuesday 23rd January Cross Country championship - Radley College

S1 Parent /Teacher meetings (Online)

Thursday 25th January 15h45 -S3 Girls Badminton and S5 Badminton vs King Alfreds - Home Friday 26th January S6 Brookes University/Workshop in French Language Culture and

Communication

S4 reports issued

Tuesday 30th January S5 / S6 TOUMUN (France) Depart

Wednesday 31st January S5 / S6 TOUMUN

UCAS application deadline Intermediate Maths Challenge

February 2024

Thursday 1st February S5 / S6 TOUMUN

S7 Full Report issued

Friday 2nd February S5 / S6 TOUMUN

National Apprenticeships Week

Saturday 3rd 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

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

15h45 - S1 Girls Badminton vs SHSK - Sportshall

Friday 23rd February S7 IB Mocks (Final day)

MYP Mocks e-Asst

# FUNDRAISING - EUROPA SCHOOL UK

If you would like to donate to the school fund please use this link <u>Fundraising – Europa School UK</u>
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.