

SECONDARY PARENT / STUDENT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 12th May 2023



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

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

MODEL FOR THE INTERACT FASHION SHOW



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:

LIVING AND LEARNING IN TWO LANGUAGES MONDAY 15th MAY 2023 - 13h00

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/living-and-learning-in-two-languages-tickets-616391211707

In the first part of this free, not to be missed workshop for parents, Dr Vally Lytra (Goldsmiths) and Dr Effrosyni (Froso) Argyri (UCL) will share their experiences of raising multilingual children in Switzerland and England respectively highlighting different forms of bilingual education provision.

They will spotlight state of the art research on theories of language and language learning and factors that support language and literacy development in bilingual/multilingual children. They will also examine language learning outcomes associated with different types of bilingual education - immersion education and CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning).

Q & A Session

In the second part of the workshop, parents will have the opportunity to reflect on their own language learning journeys, share experiences and ask questions.

This is an online talk. All registrants will receive an invitation with the Zoom link prior to the talk.

This event is organised by the Bilingual Education Alliance (BEA). For further information on similar events, please join our mailing list via our website www.beaschools.com

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:

23 May Catalysis in Chemistry: Metal-organic frameworks and their application on photocatalysis (Chemistry)

6 June Conversion to Islam in the Medieval Near East (Theology, History, Politics)

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.



RAISING MONEY FOR THE BLUE CROSS

For our MYP group project we have chosen to fundraise by cycling a certain distance and then to donate the money that we raise to the Blue Cross. We have chosen this charity because we all have pets and care about the welfare of animals. Blue cross helps support animals with no homes, ill pets, and grieving pet owners.

If you would like to support us please follow this link https://gofund.me/d22f720e to donate. Thank you. Daria, Uma and Edith - S3D



WIND IN THE WILLOWS
Save the dates: 30th June and 1st July 2023



Save the dates: Wind in the Willows 10th Anniversary Celebration Friday 30th June and Saturday 1st July in the Schuman Hall.

Rehearsals are well under way for the 10th Anniversary school show. If anyone is free to help with some scenery making or costume sewing it would be really appreciated. There really is not as much to do as we have done quite a lot already, but some more help would be most welcome.

Contact Susi in Reception (s.dalton@europaschool.uk)

UPCOMING PTA EVENTS

Primary Library Spring Clean - Saturday 20th May 2023 10am - 1pm

See <u>Classlist</u> for details or contact Maria <u>maria.frankzeskaki@icloud.com</u>



SATURDAY, 20th MAY From 10:00-13:00

Primary Library Spring Clean:

Be part of this transformational experience for the Primary Library of the school and sign up to take part so that we can all make a difference together.

All Europa Parents Invited

Cleaning is the first phase of a 3-step project to reSET the Primary Library (Re - Sanitise - Equip and Tap into it as opportune resource), so that it can service teachers, students and parents to the standards of the near and long-term future.

Sign up your interest at:
Maria.Frantzeskaki@icloud.com



We only need 1 hour of your time:

You will be assigned a small area of the library for which you will be in charge of in terms of the task at hand and the result.

You will be given a clear and all-inclusive task description.

You will be supplied with cleaning and protective equipment.

You will complete volunteering hours in the school's event register adding to your volunteering experience at the school.

After the event you and your children will be able to enjoy a more appealing and inviting library.

DON'T MISS OUT!!!

Europa School 10th Anniversary Summer Fête - Saturday 17th June 2023

Fancy coordinating one aspect of the summer fete? There are plenty of areas still to sign up for!

Regular drop-ins on Thurs evenings online for guidance or questions.

Indicate your area of interest on the volunteer form: https://forms.gle/HwiZ4qYpcq4xrMJB6 Save the date! https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/954460670?s=113151119

PTA email committee@europa-pta.org

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



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.



Have we found the 'animal origin'

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 med Feed the Fish, the Pet dogs a threat to nesting birds in South Walney - warning



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 tognjenovic@europaschool.uk

STRING CHAMBER GROUP



PARENTS UCAS WEBINAR SERIES

We are once again offering a series of webinars for the parents and carers of students looking to start university in 2023. We will also hold a parents' webinar on student finance in March 2023 and on accommodation in **May 2023**.

Register for Webinars via the link below https://www.bath.ac.uk/topics/information-for-parents/

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.

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

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

HELP FOR FAMILIES - HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

Due to this extremely high level of demand the Household Support Fund is now closed in South Oxfordshire

We are no longer accepting any new applications for this fund.

Other Help is still available

If residents are struggling due to cost-of-living pressures the Community Hub can help.

We offer a wide range of advice, including information on free or affordable food banks and council tax support. We can also signpost residents to debt advice, other cost-of-living support, information on housing support as well as guidance on how they can look after their mental health and wellbeing.

If residents need support they can contact our Community Hub Team during office hours on 01235 422600 or email communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk

https://www.southandvale.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Cost-of-Living-eleaflet-for-websites.jpg

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 I.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

MAY 2023

Monday 15th May S7 IB External Exams

S6 Exams (Until 24th May 2023)

Tuesday 16th May S7 IB External Exams

S6 Exams S4 Exams

19h00 - 21h00 Online IB MYP Open evening

Wednesday 17th May S7 IB External Exams

S6 Exams

S4 Exams

Thursday 18th May S7 IB External Exams

S6 Exams S4 Exams

S3 Cake sale for Be Free Young Carers

Friday 19th May S7 IB External Exams (Final day)

S6 Exams

S5 GCSE Maths 1

S4 Exams

Goethe Kicker Tournament - Schuman Hall

18h30 -19h30 - Interact club Quiz show/entertainment evening - Leadership and

management programme - Drama Studio

Monday 22nd May S6 Exams (Until 24th May 2023)

S4 Exams

Tuesday 23rd May S6 Exams

Wednesday 24th May S6 Exams (Final day)

S4 Exams

S6 BIO + ESS Nettlecombe (Return 26.05.23)

S3 TDP/MenACWY Vaccinations

Thursday 25th May S6 BIO + ESS Nettlecombe

S4 Exams

S5 Study Day - not in school

Carnegie Cake sale

16h30 Girls S1, S2, S3 Rounders, Sports field v OLA

Friday 26th May S6 BIO + ESS Nettlecombe (Return Arrive at school approx 21h00)

Goethe exams

HALF TERM - Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June - HALF TERM

June 2023

Sunday 4th June S6 IB GEO trip to Nettlecombe depart (Return 7th June)

Monday 5th June S5 GCSE English Language 1

S4 Exams

S6 IB GEO trip to Nettlecombe

Tuesday 6th June S6 IB GEO trip to Nettlecombe

Wednesday 7th June S5 GCSE Maths 2

S4 Exams

S6 IB GEO trip to Nettlecombe (Return evening)

Thursday 8th June S2 Hadrian's Wall trip Group 1 depart (Return 12th June)

Friday 9th June S2 Hadrian's Wall trip Group 1

GO ECOLO Goldsmiths University Goethe C1 students trip to London

S4 DofE Silver final expedition (Return 11th June)

S7 IB Diploma - Monday 1st May to Friday 19th May 2023

S5 GCSE Maths and English

Friday 19th May - S5 GCSE Mathematics Paper 1 Monday 5th June - S5 GCSE English Language Paper 1 Wednesday 7th June - S5 GCSE Mathematics Paper 2 Monday 12th June - S5 GCSE English Language Paper 2 Wednesday 14th June - S5 GCSE Mathematics Paper 3