

SECONDARY PARENT / STUDENT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 15th September 2023

VACANCIES

We have immediate vacancies for a qualified **Maths Teacher** either Part-Time for Full-Time.

An able administrator may be interested in the **Exams Coordinator** and a **Cover Coordinator** roles. These roles can be combined for more hours.

There are also part time roles for **Teaching Assistants and Cover Supervisor** and **Lunchtime supervisors**.

Full details can be found on our website





Shail T (S3F) qualified to participate in the **Junior Mathematical Olympiad** in June 2023. About 1000 students qualify for this competition each year, so it was a huge achievement to be invited.

Shail was awarded a Certificate of Distinction, meaning he was in the top 25% of participants of this prestigious competition, and further was awarded a **Bronze Medal**, for being in the top 200 participants in the more challenging Section B.

If you would like to see the challenge, you can do so here (with solutions here).

The school would like to express a huge congratulations to Shail for this achievement, and we look forward to seeing how he does in the Intermediate challenges this year.



GO ECOLO CLUB

You want to improve the Ecology of the school, come every Monday at 12h45 to 13h15 in room 331.

It starts on Monday 18th September 2023.

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, Friday lunchtime.

The first meeting will be on Wednesday 11th October 2023.

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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. First meeting on Friday 29th September 2023.

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.

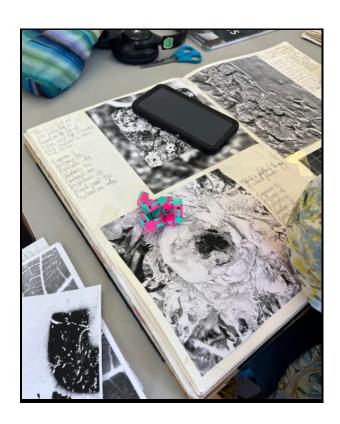
In 2020, Five students passed the diploma and now on the 13th September 2023, five new students received the Diploma of Leadership and Management with the highest grade: Distinction!



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BLACK & WHITE PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT









OXFORD CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

PRIYA MITCHELL - ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

4-7 OCTOBER 2023 FREGEST

Holywell Music Room SJE Arts Bodleian Library

Friends receptions & priority booking
Free tickets Under 25's
Festival Passes available

OCMF.NET

'No. I unmissable event' BBC Music Magazine
'A national treasure' Philip Pullman

TICKETS 01865 305305 | ticketsoxford.com

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FREIGEIST - a state of being and a free spirit - source of all great art and the life blood of creativity!

We celebrate the geniuses who wrote and lived with FREIGEIST as their credo and gave us all the extraordinary music we will share with you. From the several meanings of the German term "Freigeist" our chosen interpretation is the simplest: the free spirit and romantic manifestation of all that is creatively unfettered, the opposite of material and manipulated. As we emerge from the curbs and restraints of the last few years we all long to express our humanity and connectedness.

What more inspiring pathways to this than the compositions of pioneering minds and spirits like Mozart and Stravinsky?

Join us this Autumn to experience the unique OCMF atmosphere in historic venues in Oxford. We are looking forward very much to you being part of this and seeing all our OCMF musicians and audience again!

Friends priority booking Festival passes available Free tickets for 8-25 year olds

ARTISTS INCLUDE

POLINA LESCHENKO | JULIUS DRAKE **JULIAN ARP | RETO BIERI | TETIANA LUTSYK** PRIYA MITCHELL | SASCHA BOTA CLAUDE FROCHAUX | MISHA MULLOV-ABADDO JORDI CARRASCO HJELM | HEINI KÄRKKÄINEN DOROTTYA LÁNG | ALICE ZAWADZKI



FOR ASPIRING DOCTORS - FREE LIVE VIRTUAL

For aspiring Doctors: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Medicine conference dates:

Sunday 24th September Saturday 30th September Saturday 7th October

Students and parents can register for free at this link: https://medicmentor.org/get-into-medicine-ucas-conference/

All aspiring doctors in years S4, S5 and S6 are invited to register.

These conferences offer tailored advice for medicine and dentistry, covering a range of crucial topics:

- Tactically choosing universities
- Personal statements
- UCAT
- Medical & Dental school interview skills
- Medical Leadership Programmes
- Awards Programmes
- Extracurricular activities
- Work experience
- Building a CV
- Applying for scholarships

We encourage both students and parents to participate in these invaluable sessions.

Spaces are competitive and limited, so students should register as soon as they can using the link below. For this reason, we kindly request that students only book one conference.

Registration Link: https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjv0

Here's how the day will run:

9:30-10.00 Registration

10.00-11:00 Quick introduction to Medic Mentor, overview of the day, competition ratios, application timeline, Awards and Scholarships

11:00-11:15 Break

11.15-11.45 Introduction to the UCAS application form and entry requirements

11.45-12.15 Interactive CV building exercise and exclusive access to leadership, research, presentation, publication, prizes and scholarship opportunities

12.15-12.30 Top tips form a successful applicant (medical student)

12:30-12:45 Break

12.45-13.30 How to write the perfect personal statement

13.30-13.45 Break

13.45-14.10 Entrance exams - how to do ace the UCAT

14.10-14.30 How to prepare for Medical School interviews

14.30-15.00 Top tips form a successful applicant (medical student) and next steps

Our doctors and medical students look forward to welcoming your students at the conferences.

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



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

September 2023

Monday 18th Sept 9h50 - Ecology trip cake sale

School Photographer - All day

Tuesday 19th Sept School Photographer - All day

18h30 - 19h30 - **S2** Virtual Parents' meeting with Class Teacher/Tutors **ONLINE** 19h15 - 20h15 - **S3** Virtual Parents' meeting with Class Teacher/Tutors **ONLINE**

Wednesday 20th Sept S5 Ecology trip to Cranedale Yorkshire depart

School Photographer

18h30 - 19h30 - **S4** Virtual Parents' meeting with Class Teacher/Tutors

ONLINE

19h30 - 20h30 - **S6** Virtual Parents' meeting with Class Teacher/Tutors **ONLINE**

Thursday 21st Sept S5 Ecology Cranedale trip

Friday 22nd Sept S5 Ecology Cranedale trip return

Wednesday 27th Sept 13h20 - 16h45 - S1-S5 Girls cross country competition -SHSK

Friday 29th Sept Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice expedition Saturday 30th Sept Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice expedition

October 2023

Monday 2nd October MUNUCCLE European school 1 Brussels

Tuesday 3rd October MUNUCCLE European school 1 Brussels

Wednesday 4th October MUNUCCLE European school 1 Brussels

Thursday 5th October MUNUCCLE European school 1 Brussels

Friday 6th October MUNUCCLE European school 1 Brussels