

NEW PARENT GOVERNOR

We are happy to announce that Manolis Mavrikis is our newly elected Parent Governor. He joins Steve Wright as our second parent governor. He will start his term at the next Governing body meeting and we will provide contact details for him in due course.

S2 CARNEGIE QUIZ

15 of our S2 students took part in the Carnegie quiz organised for and by the Secondary schools of Abingdon on Thursday 11th May 2023. To qualify for the event, the students had to read half of the selected books and write book reviews on them. This was not an issue for our students as they whizzed through the book selection, writing impressive book reviews along the way.

On the day, in mixed school teams, our students could easily be spotted for their cheerfulness and enthusiasm! They came back laden with prizes for their performances. A special congratulations to Anna who received a prize for the origami cranes she made to mirror Tom's favourite hobby in the novel *The light in everything*. Our S2 Carnegie team will meet again with the other secondary schools in Abingdon in June for a whole day for the Carnegie forum.



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THE CLIMATE OF CHANGE (12A)

Saturday 20th May 7pm

School Screening at Abbey Cinema Abingdon

One Planet Abingdon Climate Emergency Centre (OPACEC) is screening the award-winning film **FINITE:THE CLIMATE OF CHANGE (12A)** on Sat 20 May 7pm, followed by Q&A with the film director and OPACEC panel.

School groups are welcome.

If you can support this important screening on **one night only**, please follow this link

<https://theabbey.ac/web?film=6436a22f25978a68b80e7225>

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, but should be paid for on the door.

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.

Please place your order BY 8 PM 24th MAY to receive your order in the first 2 weeks of June

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

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

VACANCIES



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S3 MYP PROJECT
RAISING MONEY FOR NURSES AT MARIE CURIE




Hi we're Amber, Leila and Yassmina from S3F. As a part of our MYP community projects we have decided to raise money for Marie Curie. A charity that helps people in terminal care.

We would appreciate if you could donate to our justgiving page

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/amber-ross-1684168245168?newPage=true>

It is an amazing cause that is close to our hearts. Thank you!

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

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 SUMMER FETE

SATURDAY 17th JUNE 2023

Europa School SUMMER FETE

Sat 17 June
11-4pm

- ▼ Bouncy Castles
- ▼ Circus Skills
- ▼ Super Hero Photo Booth
- ▼ Car Boot & Stalls
- ▼ Brass Band
- ▼ Drumming & Science workshops
- ▼ Caricaturist
- ▼ Raffle Prizes
- ▼ Ice Creams
- ▼ Art Exhibitions
- ▼ Food & Drink
- ▼ Traditional Games
- ▼ Welly Wanging
- ▼ Coding
- ▼ Musical Performances
- ▼ Face Paints & Tattoos



10 Years of Europa School

Europa UK School
Thame Lane
Culham OX14 3DZ



Summer Fête – One month to go!

The Countdown has begun and the line-up is looking great...

RAFFLE - amazing prizes and hampers to win
CAR BOOT - browse and buy or ask to run a stall....
CARIACATURIST - capture the fun of family members / friends (single / group)
SUPERHERO PHOTOBOOTH - fun for ALL ages...!
ABBEY BRASS BAND - enjoy the music then perhaps have a go?
CIRCUS SKILLS - workshops to come and learn to juggle / diablo / unicycle etc.
SCIENCE WORKSHOPS - fun for kids, freeing adults to enjoy some free-time...
AFRICAN DRUMMING - fun for ALL ages!!
BOUNCY CASTLES - always a big hit!
WELLY WANGING - that curious, most English of 'sports'...
TRADITIONAL GAMES - challenge your friends to Splat the Rat, Tin Can Alley etc.
FACE PAINTING and TATTOOS - glitter and henna
STALLS for - plants, books, costumes, clubs, bus, Drama etc.
TITANS - Dribble & Shoot competitions
BASKETBALL - competitions
SPORTS DAY RACES / Competitions... egg and spoon, etc.
ART EXHIBITS - for Earth Day, 10th anniversary and more
MUSIC PERFORMANCES - from talented pupils, choir, etc.
SCHOOL TOUR / Treasure Hunt - short tours for parents / treasure hunt for pupils
DUKE'S BAR - run by DoE serving Pimms, beer, mocktails etc.
DELICIOUS FOOD for all - Burgers, Hot Dogs, Pizzas, Indian, Tortilla....
CAKES & COFFEES & TEAS - donations needed please on the day / Friday
ICE-CREAM VAN
...and MR. MARECHAU will be around so come and say farewell in person

<https://app.classlist.com/parent/-/events/view/954460670>

Please plan to come along AND do at least one thing to help...

WE NEED DONATIONS PLEASE:



Teddies, Toys, Bric a Brac, Costumes

to Thame Lane Canopy, any day before half term, esp. **Teddies/Soft toys & Superhero costumes**
Plants and Cakes on the day / Friday

VOLUNTEER – we need many helpers to prep / run on the day: <https://forms.gle/HwiZ4qYpcq4xrMJB6>

THANK YOU - To Faye (S4D) & Laure Arnold for the beautiful poster design!

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.

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



STEM Careers News

Don't miss out on STEM Insight Week this half-term

There's still time for Year 10s to apply for our upcoming [STEM Insight Week](#) from **30 May to 2 June**. The deadline has been extended to **Monday 22 May 12pm**.

We are partnering with leading local STEM businesses, who will offer valuable insight into the world of work. Students will have the opportunity to delve into a variety of different roles and interesting STEM careers, and develop skills to support their future careers. They can look forward to:

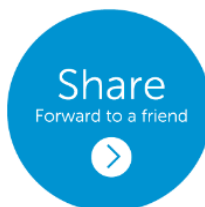
- A visit to [Oxford Instruments](#). Students will learn about working at atomic and molecular levels, and how this is being applied to enhance digital connectivity, create new medicines, develop healthcare technology, and support a greener economy.
- A visit from and workshops with [Oxford PV](#), leaders in developing more efficient and lower cost perovskite-based solar technology to accelerate the growth of clean solar energy.
- A visit from [Ricardo Energy and Environment](#), which develops integrated solutions to complex environmental and sustainability issues.
- Practical workshops to help develop skills relevant to future careers, like CV writing, financial skills and mindfulness.
- A 'mini project' to solve an engineering challenge.
- Games and great fun!

Year 10s can [apply here](#). Please get in touch at STEMCareers@scienceoxford.com if you have any questions about the week.

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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

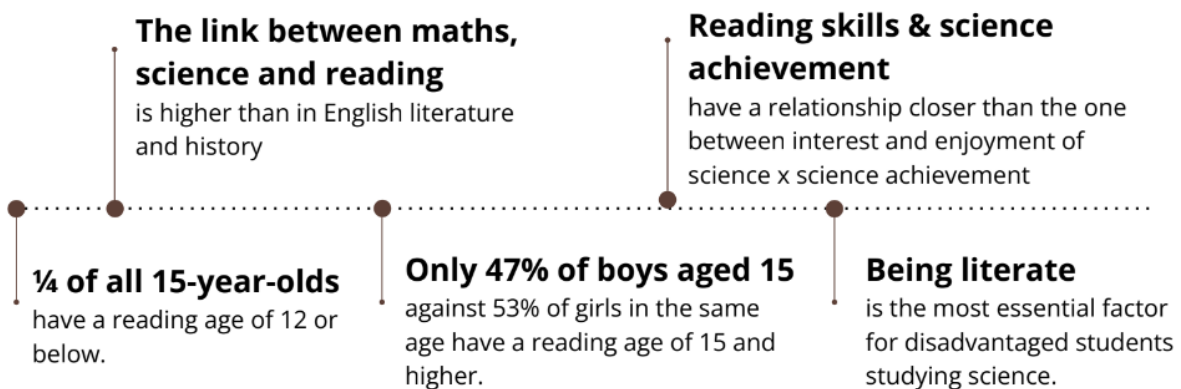
[12-14 Summer Career Experience in London](#)

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

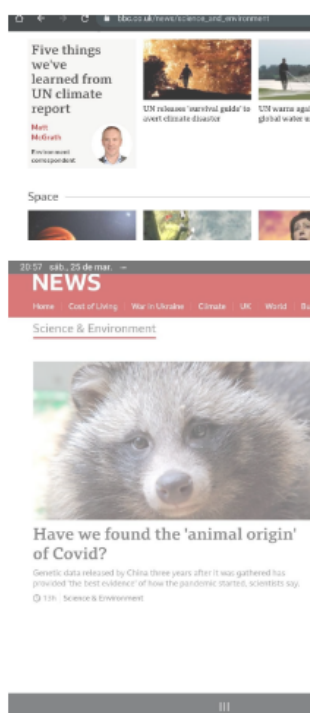
*Students can receive a 10% discount by inserting the code **EUROPASCHOOL10** at the registration page.

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

Q & A page



Five decisions among the species of gannet 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 "disturbing" 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.

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)

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

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

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.

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

MAY 2023

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 19h00 ONLINE Hadrian's Wall parent mtg STM
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	S4 Exams S5 GCSE English Language 1 S6 IB GEO trip to Nettlecombe
Tuesday 6th June	S6 IB GEO trip to Nettlecombe
Wednesday 7th June	S4 Exams S5 GCSE Maths 2 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 S4 DofE Silver final expedition (Return 11th June) GO ECOLO Goldsmiths University Goethe C1 students trip to London
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	S2 Hadrian's Wall trip Group 2 - STM S3 TDP/MenACWY Vaccinations - Catch up - Drama studio S5 June Exams
Friday 16th June	S4 Exams S5 June Exams S2 Hadrian's Wall trip Group 2 return
Saturday 17th June	School Summer Fete
Monday 19th June	S4 Work Experience Weeks S5->S6 IB/6th Form Foundation Week
Tuesday 20th June	S4 Work Experience Weeks S5->S6 IB/6th Form Foundation Week 14h S1-S3 Rehearsal and concert at the SJE, Oxford

Wednesday 21st June	S4 Work Experience Weeks S5->S6 IB/6th Form Foundation Week S3 Puy du Fou - Depart
Thursday 22nd June	S4 Work Experience Weeks S5->S6 IB/6th Form Foundation Week S3 Puy du Fou
Friday 23rd June	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
Tuesday 27th June	S4 Work Experience Weeks Cabaret 1st Performance - Schuman Hall
Wednesday 28th June	S4 Work Experience Weeks Cabaret 2nd Performance - Schuman Hall
Thursday 29th June	S4 Work Experience Weeks Music Soiree - Chapel
Friday 30th June	S4 Work Experience Weeks Wind in the Willows 1st performance - Schuman Hall
Saturday 1st July	Wind in the Willows 2nd performance - Schuman Hall
Monday 3rd July	S5 Full Reports 18h00 - S2 English performance - Drama studio
Tuesday 4th July	S5 Full Report Bodleian Academic writing workshop for S6 18h00 GO ECOLO Fashion show - Schuman Hall
Wednesday 5th July	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 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