



SECONDARY PARENT / STUDENT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 20th October 2023

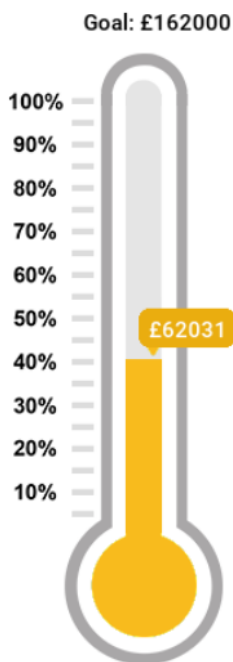
THANK YOU!

We are overwhelmed by the parent response to our requests for voluntary donations to help us through this period of underfunding.

You have raised an amazing **£62,031** towards our target, nearly 40% of the total.

The donations make the difference between a standard education and a great one.

[More information about how we use the school fund.](#)



If you would like to donate to the school fund please use this link [Fundraising – Europa School UK](#)

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.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

WINTER MUSIC SOIRÉE


Thursday, 7th December 2023, 5.30pm - The Chapel

To be considered for the programme, all interested will need to perform their pieces to Ms Ognjenovic or Mrs Scaber by Friday, 24th November 2023


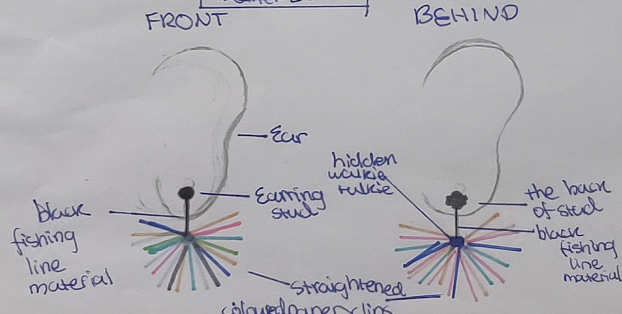


Design Ventura Mini Challenge

We're thrilled to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students! We are delighted to share with you that Emilia, a student of S3, emerged victorious in the competition with her innovative creation, the Sportspinner. Chosen by guest judge Cinzia, Emilia's pitch perfectly aligned with the brief, emphasising collective interaction and fun within the community. Cinzia praised the Sportspinner for its inclusive design, setting it apart from other submissions. While there were many creative ideas, Emilia's Sportspinner stood out, showcasing her creativity and understanding of community engagement. Congratulations to Emilia for this well-earned achievement!

Pupil/team name: Emilia Naber	School name: Europa School UK	Date: 14.09.2023
Product idea (sketch/annotations): 		Product name: Sportspinner
		Target audience: Children (younger children, in primary school)
		Colour/Community link: Colour link: colourful product Community link: helps children connect + form a new community
		Materials/Sustainability: Made from old CDs, recycled plastic and eco-friendly paint.
		Shop category: Toys / Games
		Improves everyday life by: Keeping children active and helping them form new friendships.

Cinzia also commended the creative spirit in our community, highlighting the innovative "Spy-A-Work" earrings submitted by the talented Lili and Livia from S1. She found it to be a brilliant and well-thought-out idea, although she suggested considering inclusivity, as not all children wear earrings. The "DEFENCILCASE" also got a special mention.

 Design Ventura Mini Challenge		
Pupil/team name: Lili and Livia	School name: Europa School UK	Date: 12/09/23
Product idea (sketch/annotations): Earrings with walkie talkies hidden inside which are turned on by pressing it. Other 2 sets. 		Product name: Spyawork Earrings
		Target audience: Young people/ students
		Colour/Community link: Multi-coloured + microphone hidden at the back.
		Materials/Sustainability: Coloured paper, studs (black), black (if possible) fishing line, super glue
		Shop category: Other
		Improves everyday life by: By being able to communicate and increasing the friendship with matching items.

FANTASTIC RESULTS

IN THE SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

The [Senior Maths Challenge](#) is aimed at students in S6 and S7 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 17 students participated in the challenge this year, achieving excellent results. Congratulations to the following students:

Awarded a **BRONZE** Certificate:

In S5: Joshua B, William W

In S6: Flavie M

In S7: Baz H

Awarded a **SILVER** Certificate:

In S5: Faye B, Jonas K (Best in Year)

In S5: Samuel C, Orion P (Best in Year)

In S7: Robin Z, Leo S, Lorenzo C

Awarded a **GOLD** Certificate:

In S7: Aidan G (Best in School)

Following his excellent result in the Senior Maths Challenge, Aidan has been invited to participate in the [Senior Kangaroo](#), a follow on round of a similar format but with more challenging questions.

These are an excellent set of achievements, and all the students who participated should be proud of themselves. In particular, the S5 students opted to do the challenge even though it is aimed at S6 and S7 students. We look forward to seeing what they can achieve next year.

The [Intermediate Maths Challenge](#) is aimed at S3, S4 and S5 students, and will happen on Wednesday 31 January 2024. If you are in one of these year groups and would like to participate, please speak to your Maths Teacher as soon as possible, if you have not already put your name forward. You can look at past challenges on the UKMT Website [here](#).

Congratulations once again to all the participants in the Senior Maths Challenge.

The Maths Department

[Letter to S5 parents re: the MYP Mathematics curriculum](#)

OXFORDSHIRE SCHOOLS COUNTY CUP



The Europa U16 girls football team entered the Oxfordshire Schools County Cup and were drawn against Faringdon School in the first round. The girls were excited and confident about the fixture, as they knew they had a good squad and strong relationships throughout the team. The game started brightly with both teams displaying their intentions with fast attacking football. The Europa School opened their account with a beautiful through ball from Inka, which Jenna pounced on and calmly slotted past the keeper. Europa continued to exploit the space on the wings and drive the ball into dangerous positions. This allowed us to add another 2 before half time (Jenna and Megan) making the half time score 3-0. The opposition switched things around at the break, which allowed them to use their numerical advantage in midfield to good effect. Europa stayed strong and ended up seeing out the match 3-2.

Our round 2 opponents were The Bicester School and again we were drawn away. The Bicester School beat King Alfred's in the last round so we were aware of their evident quality. The Europa School started with purpose and played a controlled passing game, spreading the ball wide and making use of our strengths within the team. We worked hard as a defensive unit and managed to keep their talented players quiet and strike on the counter, when the opportunity arose. Unfortunately we could not hold them out for the duration of the match, so best of luck to The Bicester School going into the next round.

Sadly this means our run in the cup has come to an end, but I am immensely proud of the girls; their talent, their resilience and yet again showing what a great place The Europa School is.

VACANCIES

Part-Time Early Years Teacher – Spanish, Maternity Cover

We have a part-time vacancy to teach at Europa in our primary school for 2.5 days per week. The successful candidate will teach exclusively in Spanish and share the class with their partner teacher who will teach in English for the remainder of the week.

- Start Date: TBC February 2024
- Salary: M1 – UPR3
- Location: Culham, Oxfordshire
- Contract type: Part-Time , Fixed Term
- Hours: 0.55 of FTE Wednesday to Friday
- Reporting to: the Deputy Head of Primary
- Closing date for applications: 8th November 2023

Primary Teacher in English – Part-Time

Join our primary team of English teachers. The current vacancy is for a KS1 role, Wednesday to Friday.

- Start Date: 1st January 2024
- Salary: MPS – UPR (£28,00 to £43,685 FTE) (£15,400 – £24,026 Pro rata)
- Location: Culham, Oxfordshire
- Contract type: Permanent, Part-Time (0.55 of FTE) Wednesday to Friday
- Reporting to: The Deputy Head of Primary- English Language Curriculum
- Closing date for applications: 8th November 2023

General Assistant - Kitchen

Our partners Accent catering are looking to appoint a general assistant for the kitchen

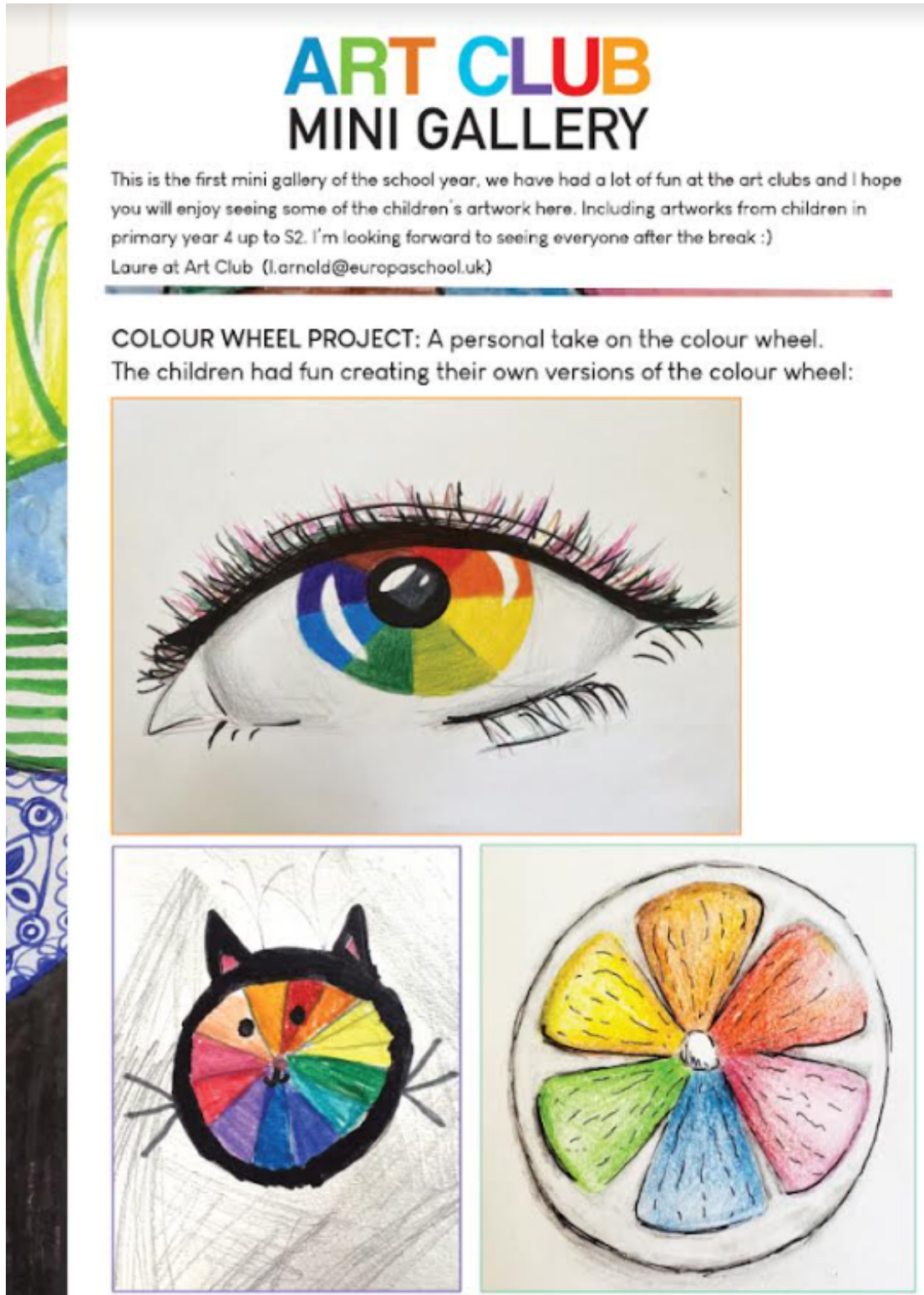
Working Pattern: Monday to Friday, 11am to 2.30pm, Term Time Only

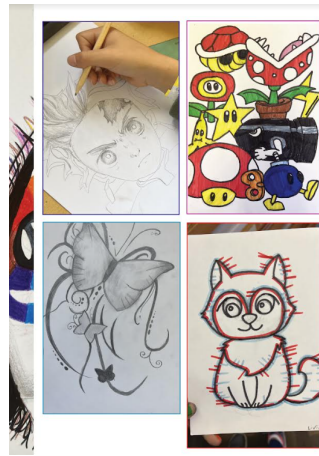
Pay rate; £10.42 per hour Contact: Europa@accentcatering.co.uk

ART CLUB

Please click on the following link to view the [Art Club Newsletter](#) Please click through each of the 3 PDFs on the website to see all the pages. Each pdf has 6-7 pages.

Some photos of the lovely artwork from the first Art Club "mini gallery" of the school year. We have had a lot of fun at the art clubs, and hope you will enjoy seeing some of the children's artwork here. Including artworks from students in the Wednesday afternoon secondary Art Club, and after school Art Clubs from primary year 4 up to S2. Laure at Art Club (l.arnold@europaschool.uk)





MUSIC PAPER ART: Beautiful artwork painted and coloured on old music paper sheets:

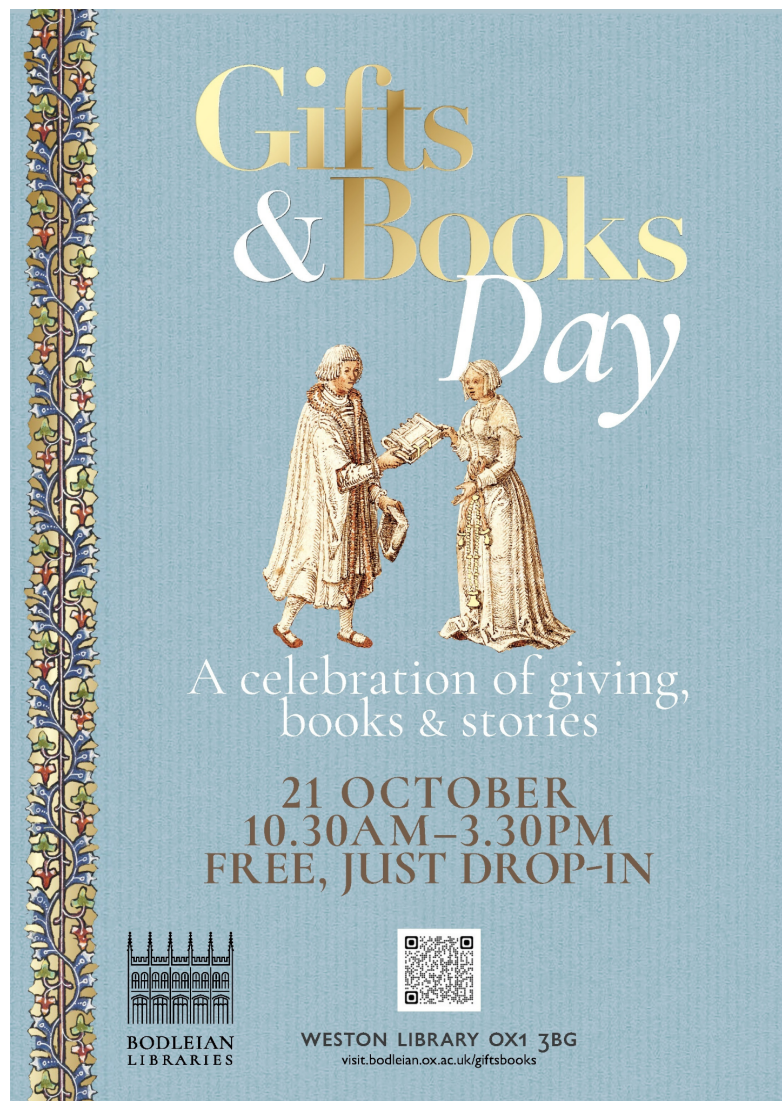


PRINTING PROJECT: For most, this was a first experience exploring print making. They created their own designs on paper, then transferred these to polystherine and experimented with their designs using printing inks on paper, cardboard, tissue paper and fabric.



GIFTS AND BOOKS DAY

SATURDAY 21st OCTOBER 2023



[Gifts and Books Day - 21st October 2023](#)

We think that families at your school will love our Gifts & Books day on Saturday 21st October.

They can enjoy hands-on activities for all ages, storytelling, collaborative art, taster talks and readings at our celebration of giving, books and stories. There will also be the opportunity to tour our Gifts and Books exhibition with curator Nick Perkins.

It's happening at the Weston Library on Saturday 21st October from 10.30am to 3.30pm.

It's all **free** and there is no need to book, just drop in!

We would appreciate you sharing this event.
Please feel free to use the poster image in your school newsletter.

Thanks and best wishes,

Bodleian Libraries Education Team

GET INTO MEDICINE UCAS CONFERENCE

We are pleased to inform you that registration for the national free UCAS conferences for students interested in becoming doctors has opened. Students will be awarded a certificate of attendance which can be listed on their Medical School UCAS applications for 'activities that support higher education'. The events have marked a valuable turning point for students and are open to students from any school and background in 10-12 year groups (our S4, S5 and S6 students)

Conference Registration Form: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lw6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

Upcoming Dates:

Saturday 28th October

Sunday 29th October

The Get into Medicine UCAS Conference is a comprehensive guide to the medical application process. The doctors and medical students will cover:

- Application Timelines
- How to Tactically Choose Medical Schools
- CV Building
- Personal Statements
- Medical School Interviews
- UCAT - Entrance Exams to Medical School
- Medical Leadership and Awards Programmes
- Accessing Work Experience
- Accessing Scholarships

We strongly encourage all students to make the most out of this free opportunity that has helped thousands of students secure medical school places since it launched:

<https://medicmentor.org/successful-student-journeys-reviews/>

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

One booking = one booking for a student + their parent/guardian.

Getting into medicine may seem impossible to many students, but we're here to break down the entire process into actionable steps.

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



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The Access Team at Trinity College, University of Oxford, are offering two online sessions for parents and carers in November 2023. Please feel free to book tickets to attend one or both of the following sessions:

Thursday the 2nd November at 6 - 7:15pm with live Q&A until 7:30pm

Session 1 For Families - a guide to university

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.

Monday the 6th November at 6 - 7:15pm with optional live Q&A until 7:30pm

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

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 our registration form to book both or your preferred option – click [HERE](#)

NATIONAL STUDY SKILLS INITIATIVE

Live Free Virtual Study Skills and Exam Technique Webinar

In order to enhance student confidence and address inequalities in academic attainment and exams this year, we have launched a FREE initiative to support schools and students with study skills and exam technique mentoring, alongside the great work that schools are already doing.

We invite ALL students from ANY background to take part in a Live Free Virtual Study Skills and Exam Technique Webinar. This is suitable for students in S4 - S7 year groups studying any subject. If students are unable to attend the webinar live, they can register to receive a recording along with some excellent free handouts describing study techniques that are underpinned by evidence-based-research. We are also happy to distribute free resources tailored to different exam boards to conference attendees to assist with exam technique.

Places will be allocated on a 'first-come-first-served basis', and students can register for free with this conference registration form: <https://airtable.com/appaypcxGI0Xqbp5C/shrHPWt01RPcs3d9g>

Please note, that due to high demand, we anticipate that the form may be overloaded if too many people are completing it at the same time. If this happens, please wait a moment and then try again. We have capacity for over 10,000 free registrations so please do not panic, and there will be further webinars later in the academic year!

Conferences Dates:

Sunday 5th November 11am-1pm UK GMT

Saturday 11th November 11am-1pm UK GMT

If neither of these are suitable, students can register to receive the conference recording.

Conference Agenda:

Introduction: Unlocking Academic Excellence - The Importance of Study Skills & Exam Techniques

Section 2: The Power of Effective Study Habits

Interactive Session: "Study Styles: Which One Are You?"

Section 3: Memory Boosters for Exam Prep

Section 4: Conquering Exam Anxiety

Section 5: A Day Before the Exam

Section 6: Exam Techniques specific to Exam Boards such as AQA, OCR and EDEXCEL

During the conference, we will help students identify what style of learner they are, and how to employ memory and study techniques that suit them most. We will explore active recall, spaced repetition, the pomodoro technique and how to make use of the most appropriate revision methods and resources such as mind mapping, flashcards and practice questions.

We look forward to mentoring your students with the hope to build their confidence academically. We will also be offering additional teaching opportunities to students from Widening Access backgrounds following the conference, which are completely free in order to reduce inequalities in academic attainment. This will protect your school budget for other activities. Thank you for passing this along to your students and parents and helping us to make a difference.

Head of Education

Study Mentor and Medic Mentor

INVESTIN

The Young Photographer Challenge

Student Charity Competition for World Mental Health Day



In honour of World Mental Health Day on 10th October, we invite students aged 12-18 to enter our competition, The Young Photographer Challenge. Students should submit a photograph, along with a short caption, depicting how they show resilience. Creativity is highly encouraged!

The competition is free to enter and for each submission we shall make a donation to YoungMinds, the youth mental health charity.

The deadline for entries is 5pm on 17th November 2023.

**Please share this email with students so they can take part.
Download a PDF here or forward this email directly.**

[Enter the competition](#)



GO ECOLO CLUB



You would like to improve the Ecology of the school, come to **Room 331 every Monday from 12h45 to 13h15**

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.

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

CULHAM 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 : <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!



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

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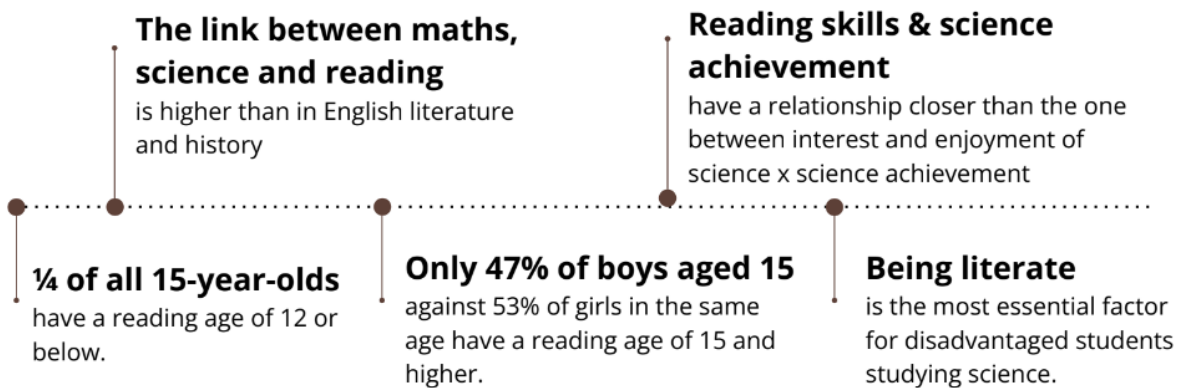
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Data from GL Assessment, research from 2018-2019, report found at <http://www.gl-assessment.co.uk/whyreading>



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



LOST PROPERTY

EVERY TUESDAY 3pm - 4pm

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 huge thank you 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 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@europaschool.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

HALF TERM Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October 2023

October 2023

Tuesday 31st October S7 Halloween cake sale

November 2023

Friday 3rd November Workshop in Oxford's Centre for Music

Friday 10th November 2nd round County Cross country cup

Monday 13th November Anti- bullying week

Tuesday 14th November 16h00- 19h00 - S7 Interyear Basketball - New Gym

Friday 24th November 08h00 - PTA Coffee morning - Chapel

Tuesday 28th November S7 Economics students - Bank of England Speaker
Rehearsal and performance at Merton College, Oxford

December 2023

Friday 1st December 19h00 - 22h00 Junior Ball - Schuman Hall

Thursday 7th December 17h30 Music Soiree - Chapel

Saturday 9th December 11h00 - 15h00 Europa School Christmas Fair

Please save the date and plan to come along / help out.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Wednesday 20th December 2023 - Friday 5th January 2024