

# SECONDARY PARENT / STUDENT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 21st October 2022

# SENIOR MATHEMATICAL CHALLENGE RESULTS

The Senior Maths Challenge is a demanding 90 minute challenge which encourages **mathematical reasoning, precision of thought,** and **fluency** in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. The problems are **designed to make students think.** 

This year we had 14 entries to the Challenge, and congratulations are in order to the following students for putting themselves forward to challenge themselves, and for the amazing results they achieved.

The following students were awarded a **Certificate of Participation:** Daanyaal K (S6), Dennis B (S7) and Élina M-G (S7).

Achieving a **Bronze Certificate**: Fabrizio B (S6), On B T (S6), Basil H (S6), Leo S (S6) and Clara S (S6).

Those in the top 33% of all students taking the Senior Maths Challenge are awarded a **Silver Certificate**: Lorenzo C (S6), Samuel M (S7) and Julien S (S7).

Huge congratulations to all these students

Those in the top 11% of all students are awarded a **Gold Certificate**. We would like to congratulate the following students for their amazing performance to achieve this level: Aidan G (S6), Isaac T (S6) and Gail de V (S7).

On top of this, Aidan and Isaac scored highly enough to qualify for the Andrew Jobbings Senior Kangaroo. This is a follow-on round that will happen in November, and we wish them both the best of luck in this further competition.

## Mathematical Olympiad for Girls

The Mathematical Olympiad for Girls is aimed at improving take up of Mathematical subjects by girls. It is an **extremely challenging paper**, consisting of five open response problems, each worth 10 marks. Students have two and a half hours to complete the challenge. Whereas the other Maths Challenges are open and accessible to all students, this Olympiad is aimed only at the **highest achieving students**.

This year we had a single entry: Gail de V (S7).

Gail performed exceptionally in this Olympiad, **scoring a perfect score of 50 points**. This is an amazing achievement, and we are so very proud of her for this. This result (along with her result in the SMC) has **qualified her for the British Mathematical Olympiad Paper 1** (BMO1), which will happen in November.

The Mathematics Department would like to offer its most sincere congratulations to all students who participated in these Challenges, and especially to those who have qualified for one of the follow on rounds.

# **OXFORD SCIENCE AND IDEAS FESTIVAL**

Friday 7th October - Tuesday 25th October 2022

https://if-oxford.com/events/



science, ideas and creative activities for everyone to explore

# **OXFORD LIEDER FESTIVAL**

29th October 2022 in Merton College Chapel, Oxford



A few of our students are taking part in the performance of Fauré's Requiem as a part of the Oxford Lieder Festival. It will take place on the 29th October 2022 in Merton College Chapel, Oxford.

Please come to support them! Tickets can be bought here: https://www.oxfordlieder.co.uk/event/1508 EUROPA SCHOOL'S 10th ANNIVERSARY BALL

# SATURDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2022 AT THE CRAZY BEAR IN STADHAMPTON

Fundraising for the school to provide a Secondary design lab and a Primary Classroom

Celebrate Europa's 10th birthday at a Masquerade Gala Ball at the Crazy Bear in Stadhampton on 19th November 2022.

We would love to see you there. Click here for tickets

The last two balls have raised an amazing £17,000 towards our capital campaign, these funds are used to build classrooms and fund other infrastructure projects. For more information about the capital campaign please use this link.

It is a fabulous fun event in a stunning location.

If you can't join us but would like to advertise your business to Europa's community or could donate an auction prize more information is attached.



# **S7 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

# **CLOTHES SWAP - THURSDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2022**

The S7 Environmental committee would like to propose a clothes swap on Thursday 10th November 2022.

This event is not only as a means to source new clothes sustainably, but also as an opportunity to get rid of both old clothes and costumes so as to reduce the inevitable waste that results from Halloween every year.

Please drop off any unwanted clothes or costumes at the Reception. Thank you.

# **DUKE OF EDINBURGH**

With all the Bronze and Silver expeditions complete this year it's now time to get the rest of your sections signed off. Please contact your assessor and ask them to submit their final reports. We are busy preparing for the year ahead and signing up the new S3's and S4, S5 and S6 for their next level.

We are looking forward to launching the GOLD award for the first time at Europa School. It's never too late to join. If you are interested then please contact <u>DofE@europaschool.uk</u>

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers and the PTA for their invaluable support.

# **SKI TRIP ANDORRA 2023**

Polite reminder for payments - Final deadline 20th November 2022

# AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Please ensure your child's after-school activity is paid in full. The place may be offered to somebody on the waiting list if payment is not received. Thank you for your cooperation.

# **MUSIC**

# **MUSIC SOIRÉE**

22nd November 2022 at 17h30 in the Chapel All potential performers need to perform to Mrs Scaber or Ms Ognjenovic before 10th November to be considered for the programme

# **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 <u>t.ognjenovic@europaschool.uk</u>

# AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES - S1 and S2

# **ART CLUB** MINI GALLERY

This first half term of the art club was a lot of fun! I hope you'll enjoy seeing some of the kids'artwork here. Both the KS2 and S1/S2 clubs explored a project about our "self" and various autumn themed projects. It's been so lovely to see the kids' imagination and ideas coming through in their art. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again after the break :) Laure at Art Club

"SELF" Project: The kids created a version of themselves through doodles, drawings, symbols to express their "self" through a face portrait or hand portrait.



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"ZENTANGLE LEAF" Project: The kids created an autumn zentangle leaf, building up their leaf and backgrounds in stages using a variety of zentangle patterns. A beautiful and relaxing project.





"AUTUMN ANIMAL" Project: The kids drew and created an autumn animal mixed media scene with a mix of paint, collage, pastel and sharpie. This was a 4 step project and their art work is absolutely lovely!















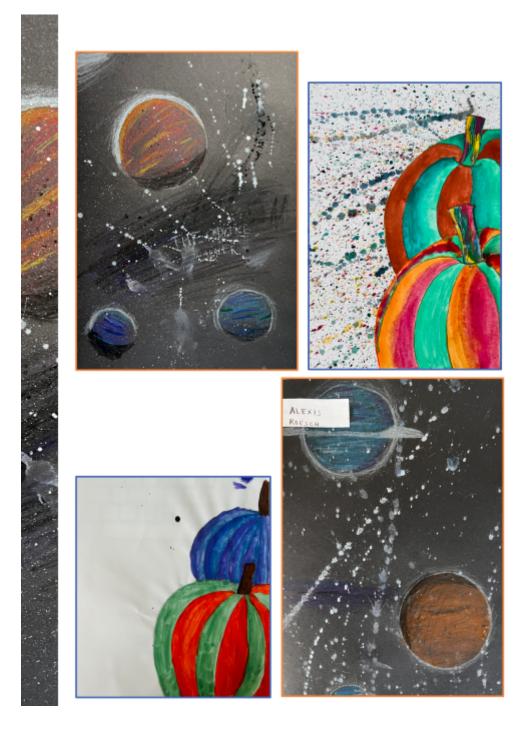






HALLOWEEN Projects: The kids created various halloween themed projects including pastel pumpkins, ghost collages, halloween doodle pages, "black & orange pumpkins" and "splatter pumpkins".







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## Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point<sup>\*</sup>

help you decide what next steps are right for you

knowledge so you can understand why you might not be sleeping well and how that can change

### WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

#### HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP ME

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in mental health wellbeing

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Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9 Wednesday 9am - 11am



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# **CAREERS**

# **NEW 2022/23 FREE PARENTS CAREER GUIDES**

Download via the link below

## New 2022/23 FREE parents careers guides



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



The Access Team at Trinity College, University of Oxford, are offering two online sessions for parents and carers in November 2022. Please feel free to book tickets to attend one or both of the following sessions:

## Session 1 For Families - a guide to university Thursday the 3rd November at 6-7pm with optional 30 minute live Q&A until 7:30pm

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.

## Session 2 For Families - a guide to the University of Oxford and the application process Monday the 7th November at 6-7pm with optional 30 minute live Q&A until 7:30pm

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 Eventbrite to book both or your preferred options – click <u>HERE</u> \* Please note this exclusive event is intended for parents/carers of children in <u>state</u> secondary schools only.

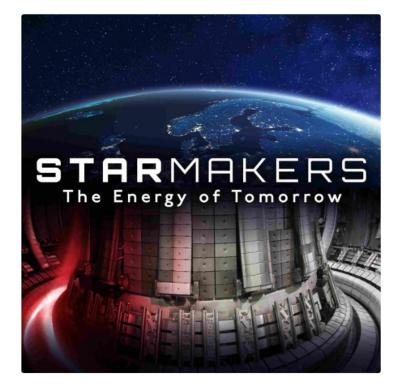
\*\*Bookings accepted up to 5pm, two days prior to each event

Trinity college events follow this link

# STAR MAKERS - ENERGY OF TOMORROW Corner stoner Art Centre - Didcot

# Tuesday 29th November 2022 at 16h00

An invitation to students to an exciting STEM event in Didcot, a free screening of Star Makers -The energy of tomorrow. Tickets for this event on 29th November 2022 at 16h00 at the Cornerstones Arts Centre, Didcot have now been released: https://www.cornerstone-arts.org/whats/star-maker-energy-tomorrow



# INVESTIN

# STEM & Medicine Career Opportunities For Ages 12-18

At UCL in November & December



Click below to find out more

**INVESTIN STEM AND MEDICINE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES** 









REGISTRATION CLOSES NEXT WEEK

# WEEKEND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

## INTERACTIVE CAREER MASTERCLASSES FOR AGES 12-18

We write to inform you that we are almost full for some of our most popular weekend career programmes, and registration is set to close next Sunday 23rd October.

On the programmes, students will participate in hands-on activities that give them a genuine experience of professional life. Programmes are available in 19 different careers, ranging from Medicine and Investment Banking, through to Art and Filmmaking.

All programmes take place on Sundays at UCL; there is also a live online option for those who cannot attend in-person.

# **REGISTRATION CLOSES NEXT WEEK**

VIEW & REGISTER - AGES 15-18

VIEW & REGISTER - AGES 12-14



# 12-14 Weekend Programmes

# **15-18 Weekend Programmes**

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

# 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.

# 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/

# **LIBRARY**



# Don't throw away your old books; recycle them in the secondary library!

I will sort them, keep them or give them away. The most damaged ones will even be sold and transformed as pulp to create new books.

A win-win situation: you get rid of books and the library gets money to buy new ones! When you bring them to the library, please label them carefully so I know what they are and where they come from, thank you!

# PEDESTRIAN /CYCLE GATE CODE

If you need the new code on the pedestrian /cycle gate. Please go to Reception to sign for it.

# PARENT PORTAL

Please check on the Parent Portal that your address and contact phone numbers are correct.

# <u> PTA</u>

**Christmas Fair** - thanks to the volunteers so far! We are planning a Christmas Market and Grotto, food & drink and if possible some musical entertainment.

The Raffle is always a key part so we will ask each class to donate a hamper as usual. Please email to raffle@europa-pta.org if you can donate / arrange an additional raffle prize. Could you / your family / friends perform?

If you would like to have a stall at the fair - email stalls@europa-pta.org There are plenty of ways to help from now until the day so if you can help with the planning and/or on the day please fill out this form. Thanks!

**Christmas fair planning** - if you could help with any Christmas activities, please get in touch here: <u>https://forms.gle/TV2WNCPo5Gq4VtYS7</u>



**Dates for Diary** PTA Coffee morning - Friday 18th November 2022 Christmas Fair - Saturday 3rd December 2022

# **CONTACT EMAILS**

If you have any questions regarding the IB Diploma Programme (S5, S6 and S7) please email Mrs Simpson at <u>ibdiplomacoordinator@europaschool.uk</u>

If you have any questions regarding the IB Middle Years Programme (S1, S2, S3 and S4) please email Mrs Butcher at <u>ibmypcoordinator@europaschool.uk</u>

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

If you have any questions regarding UCAS and S4 Work Experience please contact Mrs Charalambous at <u>i.charalambous@europaschool.uk</u>

If you have any questions regarding Careers please contact Mrs Powell at <u>I.powell@europsachool.uk</u>

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

If your child is absent please email <u>absence@europaschool.uk</u> before 9h00.

# **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

## **OCTOBER 2022**

| Monday 31st October    | S5 - IB DP Introduction Week: in school taster lessons and presentations   |  |  |  |
|------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| NOVEMBER 2022          |  |  |  |  |
| Tuesday 1st November   | S5 - IB DP Introduction Week: in school taster lessons and<br>presentations  |  |  |  |
| Wednesday 2nd November | S5 - IB DP Introduction Week: in school taster lessons and presentations   |  |  |  |
|                        | 14h00 - S6 + S7 football match (Away)  |  |  |  |
| Thursday 3rd November  | S5 - IB DP Introduction Week: in school taster lessons and<br>presentations  |  |  |  |
|                        | S2 Cake Sale - Sustainability<br>16h30 S2 & S3 Girls Badminton v SHSK (Home)<br>19h00 - IB DP Information evening for parents - Chapel |  |  |  |
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| Friday 4th November    | S5 - IB DP Introduction Week: in school taster lessons and<br>presentations  |  |  |  |
| Monday 7th November    | S7 NOVEMBER REPORTS (issued online only)<br>S6 NOVEMBER REPORTS (issued online only)   |  |  |  |
| Tuesday 8th November   | GO ECOLO Visit Owl specialist  |  |  |  |
| Wednesday 9th November | S1-S5 Inter year Basketball<br>19h00 - DofE presentation S3 parents - Drama Studio   |  |  |  |
| Tuesday 15th November  | S4 Virtual Parents evening   |  |  |  |
| Saturday 19th November | 10th Anniversary Europa Ball - The Crazy Horse - Stadhampton   |  |  |  |
| Thursday 24th November | 19h00 - 21h00 - IB Diploma Open evening - Online<br>S3 Parent teacher evening -Virtual   |  |  |  |
| Tuesday 29th November  | S7 Parent teacher meeting - Virtual  |  |  |  |

## DECEMBER 2022

Saturday 3rd December Thursday 1st December Tuesday 6th December

Wednesday 7th December Thursday 8th December Friday 9th December Monday 12th December Tuesday 20th December

# Europa School UK Christmas Fair - Chapel 16h30 S4 Girls badminton v SHSK (Home) S5 Study Day S1 Virtual parents evening S5 December Exams - Chapel 15h45 School holiday begins

# **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**

## WEDNESDAY 21st DECEMBER 2022 to WEDNESDAY 4th JANUARY 2023

## **JANUARY 2023**

Thursday 5th January

Return to school - First day of the 2nd Semester

|                          |   | Monday  | Tuesday                  | Wednesday                                | Thursday         | Friday  |  |
|--------------------------|---|---|--------------------------|--|------------------|---|--|
| Week 7th-11th Nov        | 1 |   |                          |  |                  | ESS   |  |
|                          | 2 |   |                          |  |                  | ESS   |  |
|                          | 3 |   |                          |  | Psychology       |   |  |
|                          | 4 | Lang B De                                     | Art                      |  | Psychology       |   |  |
|                          | 5 | Lang B De                                     | Art                      |  |                  |   |  |
|                          | 6 |   |                          |  |                  |   |  |
|                          | 7 | TOK Group A                                   |                          |  |                  |   |  |
|                          | 8 |   |                          |  |                  |   |  |
|                          | 9 |   | TOK Group B              |  |                  |   |  |
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| Week 14th18th Nov        | 1 |   | Biology                  |  | Philosophy HL    |   |  |
|                          | 2 |   | Biology                  |  | Philosophy HL/SL |   |  |
|                          | 3 |   |                          |  |                  |   |  |
|                          | 4 | Lang A Ukrainian /<br>Lang B It               |                          |  |                  | English Lang A /<br>English Lang B                |  |
|                          | 5 | Lang A Ukrainian<br>Lang B Esp /<br>Lang B It |                          |  |                  | English Lang A /<br>English Lang B                |  |
|                          | 6 | Lang B Esp                                    |                          |  |                  |   |  |
|                          | 7 |   | Lang A Fr /<br>Lang B Fr |  |                  |   |  |
|                          | 8 |   | Lang A Fr/<br>Lang B Fr  | History HL                               |                  | History SL  |  |
|                          | 9 |   |                          |  |                  | History SL  |  |
| Week 21st-25th Nov       | 1 |   |                          |  | Chemistry        | SSST Italian/German<br>(EM & MP + ZL<br>Polish?)) |  |
|                          | 2 |   |                          |  | Chemistry        | SSST Italian/German<br>(EM & MP + ZL<br>Polish?)) |  |
|                          | 3 |   | Economics                |  |                  |   |  |
|                          | 4 |   | Economics                | Mathematics A & A /<br>Mathematics A & I |                  |   |  |
|                          | 5 |   |                          | Mathematics A & A /<br>Mathematics A & I |                  |   |  |
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| Week 28th Nov-2nd<br>Dec | 1 |   | Physics                  |  |                  |   |  |
|                          | 2 |   | Physics                  |  |                  |   |  |

# S6 Winter Assessments 2022-23

# S5 – 1st SEMESTER EXAMS 2022-2023

Wednesday 7th to Monday 12th December 2022 in the Chapel NO SCHOOL for S5 on Tuesday 6th December 2022

| DAY                               | SUBJECT  | TIME                                      |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Tuesday<br>6 December             | NO SCHOOL - Study day  |   |  |
| Wednesday<br>7 December<br>Chapel | English (GCSE Paper 2 practice)<br>STUDY TIME<br>(May go home on 12.35 bus or attend Activities<br>as usual) | 08.30-10.45<br>11.00-12.35                |  |
| Thursday<br>8 December<br>Chapel  | Chemistry (2 periods)<br>STUDY TIME (in school)  | 08.30-10.00<br>10.30-12.35<br>13.20-15.45 |  |
| Friday<br>9 December<br>Chapel    | Stream Language (L2) (2 periods)   (DE, FR) STUDY TIME (in school)   Physics (2 periods)                     | 08.30-10.00<br>10.30-12.35<br>13.30-15.00 |  |
| Monday<br>12 December<br>Chapel   | Biology (2 periods)<br>STUDY TIME (in school)<br>L3 (2 periods)  | 08.30-10.00<br>10.30-12.35                |  |
|                                   | (DE, ES, FR, IT)   | 13.30-15.00                               |  |