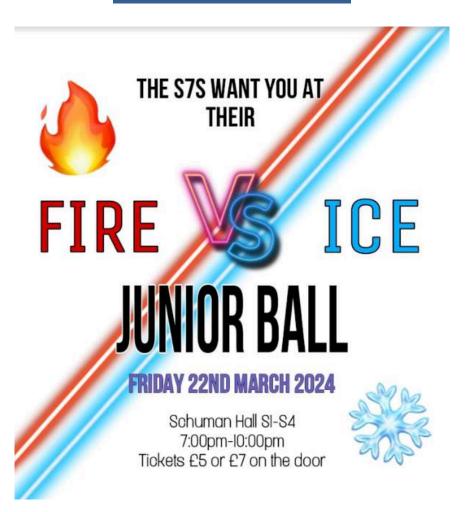


SECONDARY PARENT / STUDENT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 22nd March 2024

TONIGHT

FIRE VS ICE S1 - S4 JUNIOR BALL

FRIDAY 22nd MARCH 2024



THANK YOU

FOR THE FUNDS RAISED AT THE MUSIC SOIREE

Thank you to all who attended the wonderful Music Soiree yesterday evening and who helped raise £328.40 for the Music department.

SCIENCE WEEK

The Science Technicians were very grateful to participate in science week held in our primary school. They also had the collaboration of one of our secondary students.

The experiments carried out were mixing colours using lights and solutions at different pH. It was motivating to see how the children participated with enthusiasm in all the proposed activities.

Two of our Europa Secondary Science Teachers, Mrs Nic Keymer and Mr Gareth Keymer, and our team of Science Technicians, welcomed 3 Europa Primary classes to our Secondary Science Department at the start of Science Week last Monday, 11 March 2024.

The students enjoyed lessons in a first floor teaching laboratory and were introduced to the enchanting world of Microscopy, being taught to use sophisticated compound light microscopes and carefully sample fresh specimen preparations of energetic, living Daphnia (Water Flea) whose anatomy, behaviour and various biological and physiological activities they then clearly observed through the microscopes.

They not only quickly developed impressive new practical skills but found it all to be very enlightening and enthralling!

It was no doubt a memorable morning for all, one of those special school experiences which can stay with you life-long, and hopefully has sparked an interest and enthusiasm for all the excitement in Science in our school which awaits them in the years ahead.



VACANCIES



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

THANK YOU TO ACCENT CATERING





S6 CAS PROJECT EASTER CAKE SALE

Wednesday 27th March 2024



MUN AT EUROPA SCHOOL FRIDAY 7th JUNE 2024



FRIDAY, 7TH OF JUNE 2024



COMITEES

DISARMAMENT AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY COMITTEE

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION

SMART CLOTHING

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S7

SUIT AND TIE FOR BOYS, THE **EQUIVALENT FOR** GIRLS

NO TRAINERS OR IMPROPER FOOTWEAR

ORGANISED BY THE MUN CLUB



ABINGDON LIBRARY

CRAFTS AVAILABLE EVERY DAY DURING THE HOLIDAY

Wednesday 03 April 11.30 - 12.30

Author Evelyn Crosskey and illustrator Imogen Ives reading from their magical new book "The Guardians of the Wittenham Clumps"

Signes books available to buy.

Suitable for children aged 8+ with a grown up.

Book a free place at the library or by calling 01235 520374 or by email to

Abingdon.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Thursday 04 April 11.30 - 12.30

Handwriting Zoo workshop with Explore Learning
Suitable for children aged 4 – 7 with a grown up
Booking your free place is essential by calling 01865 595509

Tuesday 09 April 13.00 - 14.00

Free SATS workshop with Explore Learning.
Explore exam techniques and improve your child's confidence!
Suitable for children in year 6 with a grown up
Booking your free place is essential by calling 01865 595509

Friday 12 April 10.30 - 11.30

Interactive story writing – use Twine to create your own fun adventure on our computers Suitable for children aged 9 - 11 with a grown up.

Book a free place at the library or by calling 01235 520374 or by email to Abingdon.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Oxfordshire County Council, Abingdon Library, The Charter, Abingdon. OX14 3LY Kim.kearney@oxfordshire.gov.uk www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries

SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils are working in partnership with organisations including Citizens Advice and Vale Community Impact to help families who are finding it difficult affording food and or energy bills.

If you are financially struggling and live in South Oxfordshire, please contact Citizens Advice who may be able to help and can talk through support available which might include voucher support, (subject to eligibility and voucher criteria).

If you are financially struggling and live in the Vale of White Horse, please contact Citizens Advice or Vale Community Impact who may be able to help and can talk through support available which might include voucher support, (subject to eligibility and voucher criteria).

Please contact Citizens Advice or Vale Community Impact as soon as you can as, subject to being eligible for voucher support, the voucher scheme closes on the 31 March 2024 (or sooner if all funds are spent). They will connect back with you as soon as possible, please note there could be a short wait for an appointment.

Citizens Advice <u>www.citizensadviceosav.org.uk</u> Tel: 0808 278 7907 Vale Community Impact <u>www.vci.org.uk</u> Tel: 01235 765348

PARENT WEBINAR



Oxford Health School In-Reach team hold several webinars for parents over the year.

These awareness sessions contain useful information about how to support your child with some of the commonly seen emotional and mental health concerns:

CALLING ALL PARENTS!

We are currently compiling a presentation folder for all of our parents. Inside the folder there will be space to include

ADVERTISEMENTS FOR LOCAL COMPANIES AND BUSINESSES

3,000 FOLDERS WILL BE PRODUCED

and distributed to the parents of all our pupils, teachers and any others who request information about the school. Advertising revenue will generate income to boost school funds.

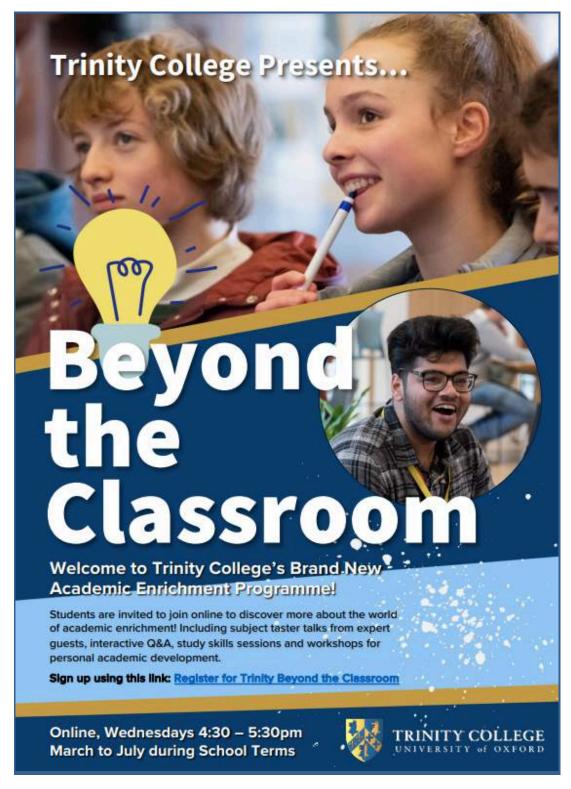


If you wish to take this opportunity to support the school and promote your business, act now to reserve your spot - space is limited. Please register your interest with FSE on 01933 303520



TRINITY COLLEGE

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME



The event will include a keynote speech from Consultant Immunologist Will Bermingham, subject-specific application and career advice, and a Q&A.

Students are welcome to attend with parents/guardians.

To sign up, please use this link: https://forms.office.com/e/tAHPezUGNN

S3 AND S4 BOOK CLUB

Mondays 13h00 - 13h20 Drama studio



COMICS AND MANGA CLUB FOR S1 - S6

Tuesday lunchtimes in the Drama studio



"Do you like comics? Do you like manga? Have you never read anything of the sort but want somewhere to start?

Whatever the case, consider joining the comics and manga club!

This club will be for all Secondary year groups and is about discussing the art form, as well as opinions on current and past series and general culture surrounding both manga and comics (think movies and tv shows!).

If you want to attend or have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me a dros24@europaschool.uk. I hope to see you soon!"

Dylan (S7)

LEGO CLUB FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS

Fridays 12.45 to 13.20 - Study room





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 and Friday lunchtime.

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



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 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

NATIONAL BADMINTON 4 X WEEKS COACHING FOR JUST £10



BASKETBALL AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY

Basketball is run by after school activities, the cost for the term is £80. You will be able to book your child onto the after school activities through the parent portal. This will be opening next week for the spring term 2024.



Session Details:

Year 1 - Year 5 09:00 to 10:00 - Primary Gym Boys Year 6 - S3 09:00 to 10:30 - New Gym Boys S4 - S7 10:30 to 12:30 - New Gym Girls S1 - S4 11:30 to 13:00 - Primary Gym



EUROPA SCHOOL BASKETBALL DRAGONS NEEDED!

Come join Europa School Basketball on Saturday Mornings!

A handful of parents have joined forces to coach basketball on Saturday mornings at Europa. Our aim is to build a school team to be able to compete against other schools in the area.

We are all passionate about promoting fun, teamwork and resilience through basketball. Come and experience the fun on a Saturday mornings and help us get Europa back to its former basketball glory.

NB: We hold an adult scrimmage session in the new gym every Wednesday evening from 20:00 to 21:30 to raise money for the Dragons. £5 at the door. It's fun and burns a ton of calories!







Contact details (Ismail) Mobile: 07834 118648 Email: ismailelkadiri@gmail.com

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

¼ 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.

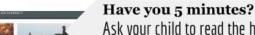
Reading skills & science achievement

have a relationship closer than the one between interest and enjoyment of science x science achievement

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



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?



Have we found the 'animal origin' of Covid?

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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



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EMAILING THE SCHOOL

Emailing regarding Absence

Please can all Parent's remember to send their emails for any absences: (ie sickness, holidays, medical appointments etc) to absence@europaschool.uk and not to Reception.

General email to the school

Please can all parents put the full name of the child and the class they are in, into the subject line of the email.

This saves us a lot of time should any urgent message need to be communicated quickly.

LOST PROPERTY

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@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

FUNDRAISING - EUROPA SCHOOL UK

If you would like to donate to the school fund please use this link <u>Fundraising – Europa School UK</u> 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.

More information about how we use the school fund.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 2024

Tuesday 26th March S1 Reports issued

S6 Interim reports issued S6 UCAS Talk - Drama studio

Wednesday 27th March 12h35 / 15h00 - S6 CAS Project Easter cake sale - Thame Lane

EASTER HOLIDAY - Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April 2024

April 2024

Wednesday 17th April S6 University Fair Farnborough
Thursday 18th April S6 cake sale for the Nettlecombe trip

Monday 22nd April S7 Study Day Tuesday 23rd April S7 Study Day

Wednesday 24th April S7 IB External Exams - First day (until 17/05/24) - Chapel

IB ESS Workshop

Thursday 25th April S7 IB External Exams - Chapel Friday 26th April S7 IB External Exams - Chapel Monday 29th April S7 IB External Exams - Chapel Tuesday 30th April S7 IB External Exams - Chapel S7 IB External Exams - Chapel

May 2024

Tuesday 7th May

Wednesday 1st May S7 IB External Exams - Chapel Thursday 2nd May S7 IB External Exams - Chapel

S5 Exam leave

19h00 - CAMHS presentation for S1-S3 parents - Schuman Hall

Friday 3rd May S7 IB External Exams - Chapel

Monday 6th May BANK HOLIDAY - No school for students except S7 IB students who have

an exam on this day. S7 IB External Exams - Chapel

S7 IB External Exams - Chapel S5 MYP Exams (until 17/05/24)

Wednesday 8th May S7 IB External Exams - Chapel

S6 Exams S5 MYP Exams S2 Carnegie Quiz

Thursday 9th May S7 IB External Exams - Chapel

S6 Study leave

Friday 10th May S7 IB External Exams - Chapel

S6 Exams

S3 Bronze DofE practice

Monday 13th May S7 IB External Exams - Chapel

S6 Exams S5 MYP Exams

Tuesday 14th May S7 IB External Exams - Chapel

S6 Exams

S5 MYP Exams

Wednesday 15th May S7 IB External Exams - Chapel

S6 Exams

S5 MYP Exams

Thursday 16th May S7 IB External Exams - Chapel

S6 Exams

S5 MYP Exams

Friday 17th May S7 IB External Exams - Chapel - Final day

S6 Exams

S5 MYP Exams - Final day

Monday 20th May S6 Exams

S6 GEO Nettlecombe - Depart

S5 Work Experience S7 Crepe Sale Tuesday 21st May S6 Exams

S6 GEO Nettlecombe S5 Work Experience

Wednesday 22nd May S6 Exams final day

S6 GEO Nettlecombe - Return S6 BIO/ESS Nettlecombe - Depart

S5 Work Experience

S7 Talent Show - Schuman Hall

Thursday 23rd May S6 BIO/ESS Nettlecombe

S5 Work Experience

Friday 24th May S3 TDp/MenACWY vaccination session

S5 Work Experience

S6 BIO/ESS Nettlecombe - Return

MAY HALF TERM - Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024