

SECONDARY PARENT / STUDENT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

24th February 2023

HELP FOR FAMILIES - HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

South Oxfordshire District Council has a Household Support Fund, which is now open for new applications. If you are having difficulty affording food, energy bills and other essential expenses you may be eligible for support.

To apply for the fund by completing an online form, please see the council's website: <u>www.southoxon.gov.uk/household-support-fund</u>

Anyone in need of emergency support or help to fill in the online form can contact the Community Hub on 01235 422600 Monday to Friday.

S3F TRIP TO RADLEY COLLEGE TO SEETHE PLAY LA MAISON HANTEE

Le 30 janvier, notre classe, S3F, est allée à Radley College pour voir la pièce de théâtre La Maison Hantée. Cette pièce est une pièce d'horreur pour des adolescents qui apprennent le français. Nous avons dû réviser du vocabulaire avant d'y aller comme 'étrangler' (to strangle) et 'un poignard' (dagger).

Cette pièce était intéressante et pleine d'action. Il y avait de la comédie absurde et les spectateurs sont montés sur scène. Les profs qui sont venus avec nous étaient Mme Dubois, Mme Mallett, Tim et Danny. Il y avait des différences d'opinions dans notre classe, mais la plupart l'ont aimée. Elizabeth et Mirjam, S3F

..and in English:

On 30th January, our class, S3F, went to Radley College to see the play La Maison Hantée. This play was a horror play for teenagers who are learning French. Before going, we had to revise vocabulary like 'etrangler' (to strangle) and 'un poignard' (a dagger). The play was interesting and full of action."



CULHAM CALLING

The next issue of Culham calling will be issued on Friday 31st March 2023. Please send any articles / adverts that you would like to have published to <u>culhamcalling@europaschool.uk</u> before Friday 24th March 2023.



TOUMUN 2023

From 31.01.23 to 4.02.2023, 21 students from S5 and S6 and two advisors (B. Mallett and S. Philippot-Gasc) were invited to take part in the 5th annual TOUMUN conference! It's a model of the United Nations, in Tournefeuille, near Toulouse. We had been preparing with Dr S.Philippot-Gasc for a couple of months during our breaks, lunches and after school. This model consisted of 6 committees: EcoSoc, Environmental, Political, Human Rights, Special Conference Africa, Unicef.

Beforehand we each chose our committee and were then assigned a country. We would be known as the delegate of the country. Before the conference all the delegates had to each write a resolution to their topic question and of course to be prepared to be challenged about it. We won 2 prizes as best delegates (Environmental, Africa) and were nominated twice (Political, Africa).

I was in fact not a delegate but part of the press/media team. I took all the photos during the conference with Wendy, a six form student from the Tournefeuille Lycée. The whole experience was absolutely incredible! Below are some photos from the conferences.

Amélie Walton S5



Opening ceremony Isaac Thomas :

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Ambassador of Russia : Speech



Ambassador of Italy : Speech :

Jakob Sinai

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Culham delegation



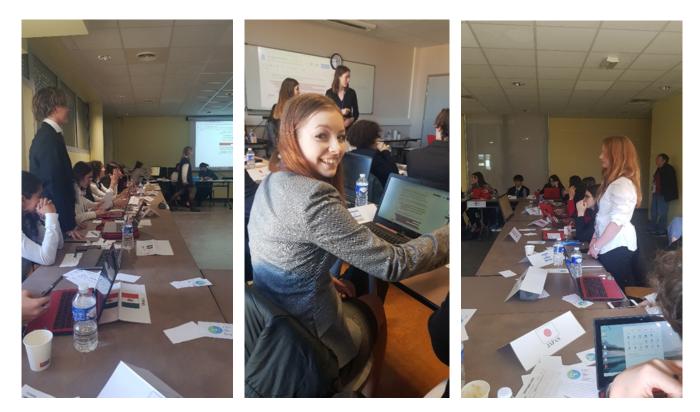
So Chic!







Time for lobbying



Present and defend your resolution













Media time in action

Social event : Party



Closing ceremony : Our alumni (Baccalaureate 2018) Jean-Aymeric Gasc is a speaker :

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PARTICIPANTS TOUMUN 2023

S7 IB ART EXHIBITION 16th - 22nd MARCH 2023 CHAPEL



THANK YOU TO ACCENT CATERING FOR THE DELICIOUS PANCAKES

THAT THEY SERVED ON SHROVE TUESDAY



A NOTICE TO ASPIRING DOCTORS

One of the most common mistakes I see medical applicants make is applying to the wrong universities. In a highly competitive application process, university choices matter.

To help your aspiring doctors in years S4 - S6 tactically choose universities and fully get to grips with UCAS, I am inviting them to a free, virtual Get into Medicine conference on Saturday 25th February (10am - 3pm)

Students can register here: https://airtable.com/shr66li3bqG3ZpkPM

The conference will cover:

- Tactically choosing universities
- Personal statements
- Medical school interview skills
- Medical Leadership Programmes
- Medical Awards Programmes
- Extracurricular activities that medical school love
- Work experience
- Building a medical CV
- Applying for scholarships to study medicine

We will be taking questions throughout the conference, so if your students have any questions about the application process or day-to-day life as a doctor, next week is their chance to ask them!

Applying to medicine is as much about working smart as working hard. This conference is therefore crucial to their application journey. I encourage all students considering medicine (or thinking about it) to register here: https://airtable.com/shr66li3bqG3ZpkPM

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:

14 February A General Measure of Health for Older People (Medicine, Biology, Social Sciences)

28 February Digital Health (Social Sciences, Media, Biology)

14 March Philosophy & Machine Learning: Artificial Intelligence (Computer Science, Maths, Philosophy)

28 March Why governments usually win, but sometimes lose, elections (Politics, Sociology, History, HSPS - with Stephen Fisher, Professor of Political Sociology)

25 April The ethics of US intervention in South Africa's HIV/AIDS crisis (Medicine, Social Sciences, Public Policy)

9 May Batteries and their potential (Physics, Materials Science, Engineering)

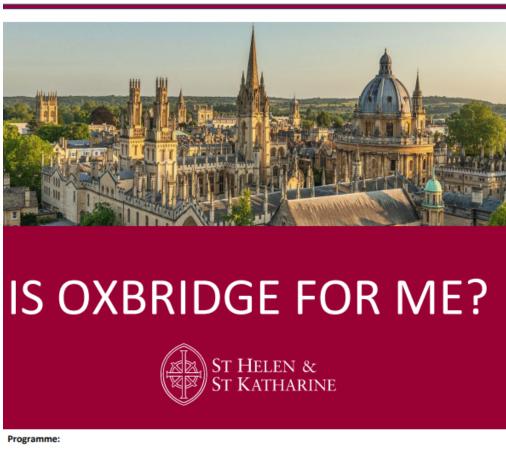
23 May Catalysis in Chemistry: Metal-organic frameworks and their application on photocatalysis (Chemistry)

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.



	Thursday 2 March 2023 at 6pm
	at Oxford & Cambridge.
7.15 - 8.00pm:	Panel of current undergraduate students will share their experiences of applying to and studying
	Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge will explain the admissions process at each of the universities.
6.30 - 7.15pm:	Rob Harrison, Access Officer, Trinity College, Oxford and Maria Kazani, School Liaison Officer,
	first steps following graduation.
6.00 - 6.30pm:	Panel of recent graduates will share their experiences of being at Oxford & Cambridge and their
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Scan QR code to sign up or click <u>here</u>

Is Oxbridge for me?

Higher Education information event, 6.00pm, Thursday 2 March 2023 (St Helen and St Katharine, Abingdon)

The event will include a keynote speech, some specific advice about applying to Oxford and Cambridge and questions and answers with current Oxbridge students.

• 6.00 - 6:30pm: Panel of recent graduates will share their experiences of being at Oxford and Cambridge and their first steps following graduation

• 6:30 - 7:15pm: Rob Harrison, Access Officer, Trinity College, Oxford and Marai Kazani, School Liaison Officer, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge will explain the admissions process at each of the universities

• 7:15 - 8:00pm: Panel of current undergraduate students will share their experiences of applying to and studying at Oxford and Cambridge

Any interested S4, S5 and S6 students and their parents are invited to this event.

If you are planning to attend, please could you register using the below link and let Mrs Greenwood (m.greenwood@europaschool.uk) know that you will be going to the event

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=ZtL52MJRAEG6pSEuHHfzla8rwclvpGpOmNak4_D ew6ZUQ1ZaT1BaTTRHUEpMRTdKVUg2SUVVTzVMSC4u

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/



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.

SAVE THE DATE: MUSIC SOIREE ; THURSDAY 23rd March 2023

All interested will need to play their pieces to Miss Ognjenovic or Mrs Scaber before Friday 10th March 2023 in order to be considered for the programme (there will be no G-form enrollment)

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

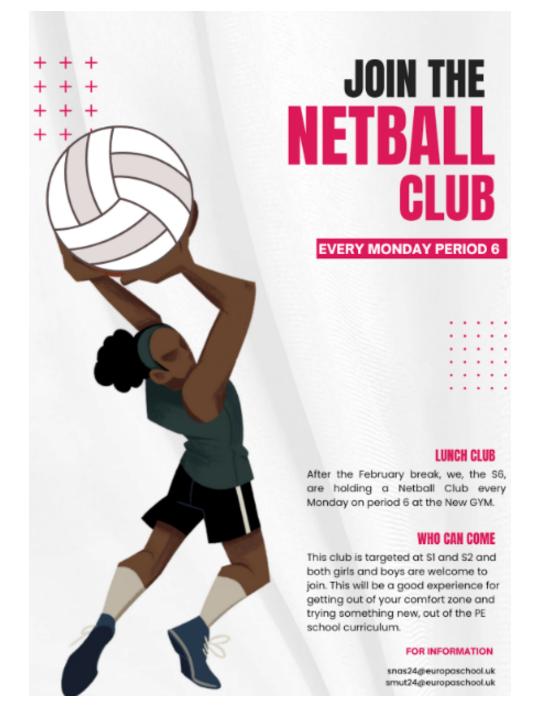
S3 - S7 Music Theory club on Tuesday's 12h40 - 13h15 For more information, please email <u>t.ognjenovic@europaschool.uk</u>

STRING CHAMBER GROUP



JOIN THE NETBALL CLUB

Monday 12h35 - Period 6 - New Gym S1 and S2 Boys and Girls



Dear Parents and students, we (S6 students) are delighted to announce the opening of a netball club which will be running every Monday lunchtime and shall begin after the February break. This is an opportunity for both S1 and S2, boys and girls to try something that may be new and challenging, bringing them out of their comfort zones. We hope to see you there.

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 08.45 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.

TOILETS AVAILABLE ON SITE

FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN AT PICK UP TIME

The Schuman Hall and Primary Library toilets are not for parents or 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.

PARENT PORTAL

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

UPCOMING PTA EVENTS

Your skills are needed!

All PTA events need many hands to make them happen. All sorts of tasks go on behind the scenes in the planning and organising as well as running activities on the day. Get in touch to learn more or to join our PTA slack channels. Email <u>committee@europa-pta.org</u>

<u>Thursday 2nd March 3pm - 5pm</u> **Used book sale for a sustainable World Book Day!** Fiction - children's - language books - games - costumes Outside Schuman Hall *Can you lend a hand?* Setting up, selling and/or packing up Contact Patricia <u>pezo.patricia@gmail.com</u>

Friday 28th April - school day

Primary International Day Share the culture, cuisine or character of a country. Primary pupils tour the parent-run stalls to learn a little more about the world. Can you and a friend help plan or run a country stall with a simple game or activity? Contact <u>committee@europa-pta.org</u>

Saturday 17th June Summer Fete Please add to your calendar now

Calling eBay users

Selling items on eBay has been a very easy and effective PTA fundraising channel and requires no time commitment.

Selling on eBay already? You can donate a percentage straight to the Europa PTA charity using the charity account "Europa PTA" in your seller Donation Preferences on the website, or on your profile "Support charity" set-up on the mobile app. Visit the shop

https://charity.ebay.co.uk/charity/i/Europa-PTA/295048

If you can help list and send a few items donated to the PTA, get in touch with Patricia pezo.patricia@gmail.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 28th February	16h00 - S1, S2, S3 girls swim meet v Headington Girls and SHSK, at
	Headington S6 Parent evening - ONLINE
MARCH 2023	
Wednesday 1st March	16h00 - S3F Radley College 19h00 - 21h00 Online IB MYP Open evening
Thursday 9th March	S3 & S4 Book club: Young Adult Book Award in SHSK, Abingdon
Friday 10th March	Oxford Bach Choir Rehearsal - Oxford Centre for Music
Monday 13th March	S7 Mock exam results report issued
Tuesday 14th March	S4 Parents evening ONLINE
Wednesday 15th March	S7 IB Art exhibition - Chapel Vernissage
Thursday 23rd March	S6 Trinity College Workshop 17h00 - Music Soiree OGT/SCA - Chapel
Monday 27th March	S1 Spring reports issued 15h-19h IB Open day (late comers) ONLINE
Wednesday 29th March	S2 and S3 HPV 1+2 Catch up Vaccinations
Thursday 30th March	S3F trip Radley College La maison hantée by Onatti
Friday 31st March	S6 Interim Report issued

EASTER HOLIDAY MONDAY 3rd APRIL TO FRIDAY 14th APRIL 2023

APRIL 2023

Tuesday 19th April	S6 UCAS Fair Winchester University
Tuesday 25th April	S2 Human Library (Careers Event)

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 <u>09h00</u>