



# SECONDARY PARENT / STUDENT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 26th January 2024

## **YESTERDAY'S EMERGENCY CLOSURE**

Thank you for responding so swiftly to our emergency closure yesterday. We were forced to close when the water supply to the village of Culham was unexpectedly lost, leaving us unable to use the toilets which were quickly becoming unsanitary. Once the water supply was restored we had to flush the air from our tanks and systems and clean the toilets without causing blockages.

We apologise for the delay in the official email notification getting to families, we are aware that sending out the emails can take a very long time on our systems and we will address this issue.

Please note any emergency closure is posted on the homepage of our website for corroboration.

## **CULHAM CALLING IS BACK !**

Culham Calling is an online magazine in which a team of S6 students as part of their IB CAS project, compile information on any local upcoming events, advertisements, items to sell, clubs, entertainment or recipes.

Please send your information to the following [culhamcalling@europaschool.uk](mailto:culhamcalling@europaschool.uk) if you would like it to appear in the next edition which will be sent out to the school community and can be viewed on the school website.

The deadline to send the information to us is [Monday 26th February 2024](#)

## **VACANCIES**

### **Data & Admission Officer**

We're seeking a motivated individual to join our team and guide parents and prospective students through the admissions process and liaise with the county council. Alongside the Data Manager, you would maintain all the student records in our MIS and work closely with the SLT and teachers in this vital role.

- Salary: Pt 16 (£28,282 FTE, £14,989 actual)
- Contract type: Permanent, Part-Time 22.5 hours per week, 40 weeks a year
- Start Date: February / March 2024
- Closing date: 12th February 2024

[Find out more](#)

### **Secondary Coordinator**

Help grow our 6th form and support the secondary team at Europa School UK. We're seeking a motivated individual to join our team and manage our 6th form Admissions process with a view to growing this vital part of the school. In addition, you would support the Deputy Heads of Secondary, manage all aspects of the school and get involved in the day to day running.

- Salary: Pt 16 (£28,282 FTE, £15,272 actual)
- Contract type: Permanent, Part-Time 22.5 hours per week, 41 weeks a year
- Start Date: February/ March 2024
- Closing date: 12th February 2024

[Find out more](#)

## 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](mailto: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.

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

There are still quite a few photos not collected from Reception.

We also have 2 framed, glass fronted school Photographs in Reception which have not been claimed.

Please check that you have collected yours.

[s.dalton@europaschool.uk](mailto:s.dalton@europaschool.uk)

## SEASHELLS AND MINERALS

This is an invitation to all secondary school students, in their free time, to see our seashells, rocks and minerals collection that was kindly donated by the Bressac Family and is now ready to bring entertainment and knowledge to our school in this matter.

You can see it displayed in the window of **laboratory 41**. Along with the collection there is an information sheet with names of seashells and minerals and you can try the challenge of identifying some of them present in the collection.



## THINK CAMBRIDGE SERIES

**29th January - 15th February 2024**

**29 January to 15 February 2024**

We're excited to announce the return of our Think Cambridge series.

This is a three-week long series of webinars to inspire Year 11 (S4 for Scotland, Year 12 for NI, or equivalent) and 12 (S5 for Scotland, Lower Sixth, or equivalent) students to apply to Cambridge.



**Learn more about the webinar series > [Here](#)**

**INVESTIN**

**CHOOSING THE RIGHT CAREER**

**TUESDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2024 at 18h30 (UK time)**

**INVESTIN**

## Choosing the Right Career

*Introducing our free career quiz and workshop, helping you reflect on your next steps.*



We know that making decisions about your future at a young age can feel overwhelming, especially if you don't know where to start.

That's why we've launched our latest free tool to guide you through your next steps – **The InvestIN Career Quiz!** By answering a series of expertly crafted questions, you will unlock a personalised report that unveils an industry aligned with your skills and interests. What's more, every report contains expert advice and resources collated from our years of work with top professionals.

To further help you in making informed decisions, you and your family are invited to our free online workshop dedicated to 'Choosing the right career for you'. Join us as we delve into future job options and explore the art of choosing the perfect career fit.

**6th February | 6.30-7:30pm UK Time**

[Please follow the links below to sign up to either the Webinar or the Quiz](#)

[\*\*Webinar sign up\*\*](#)

[\*\*The INVESTIN Careers Quiz\*\*](#)



**OPEN EVENING**

**WEDNESDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2024**



**Science and  
Technology  
Facilities Council**

Come and join us at our **Apprenticeship Open Evening** to learn about the range of apprenticeship opportunities available as well as the chance to meet the apprenticeship team, supervisors and current apprentices.

Where: Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, Harwell, Didcot, OX11 0DE

Date: **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

Time Slots available: 17:00-18:00, 18:00-19:00, 19:00-20:00

Please see below the advert with the QR code to register, alternatively the following link can be used:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rutherford-appleton-laboratory-apprenticeship-open-evening-2024-tickets-771364009517>



## **STFC Apprenticeship Open Evening**

Whether you're leaving school, changing career, or seeking a challenging alternative to university, STFC offers a range of opportunities to launch your new career through one of our Apprenticeship programmes.

**Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, Harwell, Oxfordshire, OX11 0DE**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

There are three time slots available: 17:00-18:00, 18:00-19:00, 19:00-20:00

Please register your chosen time slot in advance via the QR code



**Science and  
Technology  
Facilities Council**

**Apprenticeships**



Learn more about our engineering, computing and other apprenticeship opportunities: [stfccareers.co.uk/apprenticeships](https://stfccareers.co.uk/apprenticeships)

Scan the QR code  
to register

**Additionally, our apprenticeship vacancies have now gone live for a September 2024 start - further information can be found at: [Apprenticeships - STFC Careers](#)**

## WORK EXPERIENCE



Science and  
Technology  
Facilities Council

- Applications for students are open: <https://stfc-workexperience.co.uk/>
- They'll close on **25th February 2024**, so if anyone knows students who want to do work experience they **must apply before then**.

## PARENT WEBINAR

The poster is for a 'Parent Webinar' organized by NHS Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust and CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service). It features a light green background with a smiling sun, colorful swirls, and a central orange speech bubble containing text about the importance of parents. Below the speech bubble is the CAMHS logo. At the bottom, there is a QR code and a list of subjects to be covered in the sessions.

**NHS**  
Oxford Health  
NHS Foundation Trust

# PARENT WEBINAR

Parents are the most important part of young peoples lives and hold the key to helping them. Let us, help you, to help them.

**CAMHS**  
Child and Adolescent  
Mental Health Service

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS SESSIONS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

**SUBJECTS INCLUDE**

- TEEN ANXIETY
- SELF HARM
- LOW MOOD
- HOW TO TALK TO YOUR DISTRESSED CHILD

[WWW.OXFORDHEALTH.NHS.UK/CAMHS/OXON/SIR/WEBINARS](https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/camhs/oxon/sir/webinars)

## 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](mailto:dros24@europaschool.uk). I hope to see you soon!"

Dylan (S7)

## 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.



### EUROPA SCHOOL BASKETBALL DRAGONS NEEDED!



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

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: [ismailekadi@gmail.com](mailto:ismailekadi@gmail.com)



## S3 AND S4 BOOK CLUB

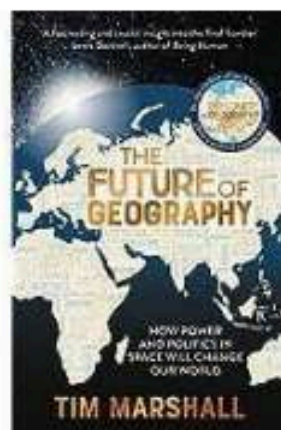
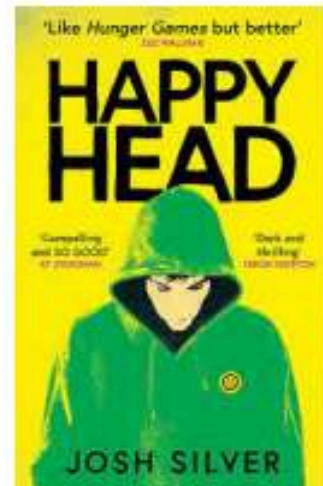
Mondays 13h00 - 13h20

Drama studio



## Abingdon Young Adult Book Award

### Shortlist 2024



## S3 & S4 Book Club

When: Mondays from 1-1.20 pm

Where: the Drama Studio



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:s.philippot-gasc@europaschool.uk)

**NATIONAL BADMINTON**

**4 X WEEKS COACHING FOR JUST £10**



**4x WEEKS COACHING**

**FOR JUST £10!**

**Professional group  
badminton coaching**

Interested in badminton? Get on court with a weekly group coaching session and get your first 4x sessions for £10!



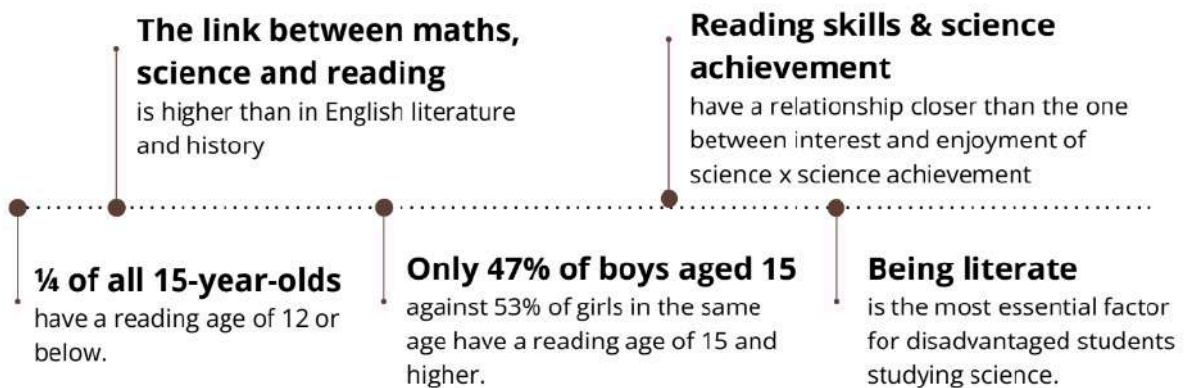
**NEXT GEN**  
JUNIOR PROGRAMME

REGISTER AT  
[NATIONALBADMINTON.ORG.UK/PLAY](https://nationalbadminton.org.uk/play)



# 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.

Images from BBC News - Science, accessed on the 25th March 23.



## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:admissions@europaschool.uk)

If you have any questions regarding UCAS and S4 Work Experience please contact Mrs Charalambous at [i.charalambous@europaschool.uk](mailto:i.charalambous@europaschool.uk)

If you have any questions regarding Careers please contact Mrs Powell at [l.powell@europschool.uk](mailto:l.powell@europschool.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](mailto:examsofficer@europaschool.uk)

If your child is absent please email [absence@europaschool.uk](mailto:absence@europaschool.uk) before 09h00

## **FUNDRAISING - EUROPA SCHOOL UK**

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.

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

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **January 2024**

Monday 29th January	U14 boys - Football Cup game vs Oxford Spires - Home
Tuesday 30th January	Orchestra Day - Radley College S5 / S6 TOUMUN (France) Depart 15h00 - U15 Boys Football Cup game vs Fitzharrys school - Home
Wednesday 31st January	S5 / S6 TOUMUN (France) UCAS application deadline Intermediate Maths Challenge

### **February 2024**

Thursday 1st February	S5 / S6 TOUMUN (France) 14h30 - S3/S4 Girls' Football vs Wood Green School - Home
Friday 2nd February	S5 / S6 TOUMUN (France) National Apprenticeships Week
Saturday 3rd February	S5 / S6 TOUMUN (France) - Return
Monday 5th February	S7 IB Mocks (until 23rd February) National Apprenticeships Week
Tuesday 6th February	S7 IB Mocks National Apprenticeships Week
Wednesday 7th February	S7 IB Mocks National Apprenticeships Week
Thursday 8th February	S7 IB Mocks National Apprenticeships Week S2 & S3 Full Reports issued
Friday 9th February	INSET day (No students in school)

## **FEBRUARY HOLIDAY Friday 9th February 2024 - Friday 16th February 2024**

Monday 19th February	S7 IB Mocks
Tuesday 20th February	S7 IB Mocks
Wednesday 21st February	S7 IB Mocks MYP Mocks e-Asst start (until 29th February) S6 Parent/teacher meetings
Thursday 22nd February	S7 IB Mocks MYP Mocks e-Asst 15h45 - S1 Girls Badminton vs SHSK - Sportshall
Friday 23rd February	S7 IB Mocks (Final day) MYP Mocks e-Asst S6 Art students - MoMa Oxford
Monday 26th February	S5 MYP Mocks e-Asst 13h00 - 15h00 - S3-S4 Young Adult Abingdon Award at Radley School
Tuesday 27th February	S5 MYP Mocks e-Asst
Wednesday 28th February	S5 MYP Mocks e-Asst Pathways Fair
Thursday 29th February	S5 MYP Mocks e-Asst 15h30 - S2/S3 Girls Football vs Headington School - Home

### **March 2024**

Tuesday 5th March	S7 Full Report released with mock exam results
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Friday 8th March	S7 IB Art exhibition - Vernissage - Chapel