



## SECONDARY STUDENT / PARENT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 26th April 2024

### EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT EUROPA SCHOOL OPEN EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

### EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AMBASSADOR SCHOOLS EVENT

**Tuesday 30th April 2024 16h20 - 17h00**

#### [Registration form](#)

We are delighted to be hosting speakers from Europe House and the European Parliament who will be running an information session about the forthcoming European Parliament Elections on the afternoon of Tuesday 30th April. Small school groups from local partner schools have been invited for an educational workshop for the afternoon, but local families (students aged 13+ accompanied by parent(s)) are also welcome to attend from 16h20 - 17h00.

This event may be of particular interest to EU nationals as well as students studying Politics.

Please complete the registration form for each family. If you have any queries please email [ibdiplo coordinator@europaschool.uk](mailto:ibdiplo coordinator@europaschool.uk)



## European Parliament Europa School Event

Tuesday 30 April 2024, 16:20 - 17:00

Europa School, Culham

We are delighted to be hosting speakers from Europe House and the European Parliament who will be running an information session about the forthcoming European Parliament Elections.

[Registration link](#)



Europa  
School UK

Your Local International School

Limited places. The registration link will be closed when capacity is reached.



### OXFORDSHIRE CAMHS INFORMATION SESSION

**Thursday 2nd May 2024 at 7pm - Schuman Hall**

Please join us on Thursday 2nd May at 7pm in the Schuman Hall for an information session for parents & carers on teenagers and mobile phones / social media, their effect on mental health and well-being, and how we can support our children and young people; this will be presented by Charlotte Stephens from Oxfordshire CAMHS (Children and Young People's Mental Health Services).

We look forward to seeing you next Thursday.

**PLEASE HELP MR RODRIGUEZ-CLARK RAISE MONEY**

**FOR CANCER RESEARCH UK**



Mr Rodriguez-Clark is doing **100 push-ups a day** throughout April to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

With the help of his son he is ticking off the days on his t-shirt, which you will see him wearing around school until the end of April.

You can support his effort by donating to Cancer Research UK through this link

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/daniels-giving-page-2712340>

**Order by 28th Apr**

**Stream Language T-shirts**

For summer sports at Europa, children can wear school t-shirts in Yellow (German), Red (Spanish) & Navy Blue (French)

available from the PTA in kids sizes 3-13 yrs £12 each

place your order on the PTA website by 28 April  
delivery before June

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## RAGS2RICHES4SCHOOLS

Wednesday 8th May 2024



**CLOTHES & SHOES  
COLLECTION**

**8 MAY 8-9 AM**  
**THAME LANE ENTRANCE**

Bag up your unwanted clothes, paired shoes, and handbags and bring them to school. **Rags2Riches4Schools** will collect them on the day and pay for them by weight.

Please keep **separately**  
**GOOD QUALITY BRANDED ITEMS**  
**AND UNWANTED GIFTS,**  
for re-sale.



PRELOVED CLOTHES and SHOES COLLECTION with Rags2Riches4Schools to raise funds for our school and recycle well.

**WHERE** Under the canopy at Thame Lane gate  
**WHEN** 8:00 to 9:00 am

Sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and fill a bag (or more!) with clean, reusable, unwanted or outgrown clothes and shoes.

Yes, PLEASE: clean, good condition adult and children's clothes, paired shoes tied together, hats and scarves, handbags and belts, packed in bags. This will be taken by the weight for reuse and a donation paid to the PTA.  
NO, thank you: uniforms, socks, dirty items, ripped or stained clothes.

Please refer to <https://rags2riches4schools.co.uk/what-we-collect/> for full details of what is accepted.

## OXFORD MATHS FESTIVAL

Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th May 2024

**What:** We have another fantastic weekend of shows, workshops, hands-on activities, talks, crafts and board games lined up, suitable for families with children aged 5-13.

**When:** 10:00-16:00, **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May** - drop in sessions and **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May** - booking required

**Who:** Open to all pupils aged 5-13 with their parents/carers.

**Where:** Saturday: Templar Square (10:00-16:00) and the Mathematics Institute (10:00-16:00) and Sunday: Mathematics Institute (10:00-16:00)

**Links:** More information see [Festival website](#) and for the full programme, see the attached flyer and Sunday's programme with Booking (required for Sunday programme) [HERE](#)



**MUN Cake Sale**  
**(Model United Nations)**

**24th May 2024**



**MUN**  
**Cake Sale**

Cakes  
Brownies  
Doughnuts  
Cookies  
Cupcakes  
and so much more!

**May 24th**  
Break Time, Lunch Time, After School  
Outside the canteen  
After School: Main Entrance/Gate, 15:00-15:40

**See you there!**

**KREATIVE KIDS**

**28th, 29th & 30th May 2024**



**KREATIVE**  
*kids*

**MAY ART CAMP**

Are you looking for some creative **ART** fun for your kids this May half term? Join Jess & Laure: **Multilingual Art Teachers** at Europa School and explore a variety of art projects including:

- ▶ **Painting & Drawing**
- ▶ **Printmaking**
- ▶ **Textiles**
- ▶ **Mixed Media**
- ▶ **Digital Art**

For children ages 8 -13 years  
10:30 - 2:30pm  
£45/day (all materials supplied)  
Available dates: May 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>

Email to register your interest: [kreativekidsartcamp@gmail.com](mailto:kreativekidsartcamp@gmail.com)



## EUROPA SCHOOL SUMMER FETE 24

**SATURDAY 22nd JUNE 2024**

### Summer Fête 24 - let's make it happen! First call for volunteers

This year, the Europa Summer Fête is planned for Saturday 22nd June 2024.

We all love our Europa Summer Fête and for it to happen, we need volunteers to take responsibility to plan, run, set-up and clear down. Overall it is a really big job and needs to be a huge team effort. There are very many ways to get involved and if we have lots of people - everyone can do a small part (or a big part).

Complete our Google Form at

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdjFNia7s2IO8ceVJlwk\\_o1Mlgp1uvyo\\_UHtWcZEUPcT14Jw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdjFNia7s2IO8ceVJlwk_o1Mlgp1uvyo_UHtWcZEUPcT14Jw/viewform). It gives you ideas of how you can be involved.

Alternatively, feel free to talk to a member of the PTA or a friend of the PTA. You can also send an email at [committee@europa-pta.org](mailto:committee@europa-pta.org).

If we see that we have enough volunteers, we will organise a meeting to discuss the fete and start making arrangements.

Thank you for your support.

# BOOK CLUB FOR S3 AND S4

# LEGO CLUB FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS

Mondays 13h00 - 13h20 Drama studio

Fridays 12.45 to 13.20 - Study room



THE ABINGDON  
YA BOOK AWARDS

### Abingdon Young Adult Book Award

Shortlist 2024

GETTING AWAY WITH MURDER  
MONOCHROME  
HAPPY HEAD  
SOLD  
THE FUTURE OF GEOGRAPHY  
LONG AS THE LEMON TREES GROW

**S3 & S4 Book Club**  
When: Mondays from 1-1.20 pm  
Where: the Drama Studio



## Any old LAPTOPS?

Any operating system | Any working condition

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If you have any laptops you no longer use, we could give them a new home at Europa.  
Please bring them to reception





## 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 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)



## 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!



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.



**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

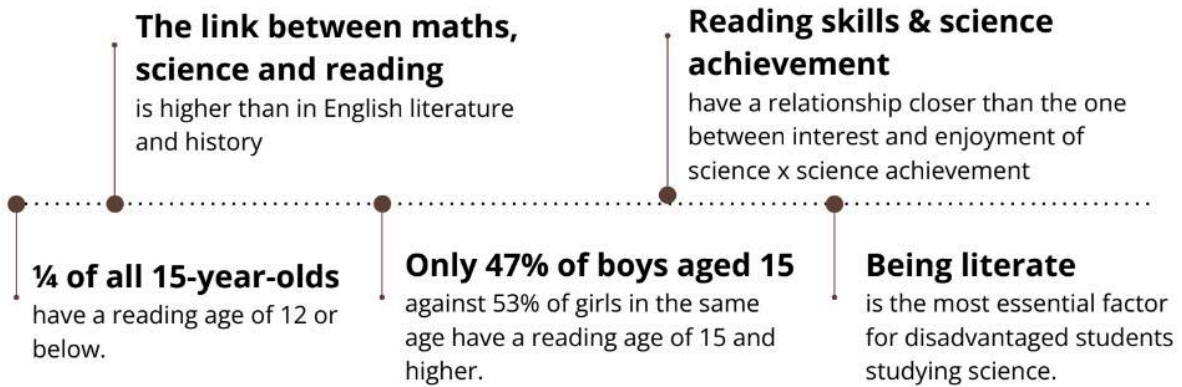


NB: We hold an adult scrimmage session in the new gym every Wednesday evening from 20:00 to 21:30 to raise money for the Dragons. £5 at the door. It's fun and burns a ton of calories!

**Contact details (Ismail)**  
Mobile: 07834 118648  
Email: [ismailkadi@gmail.com](mailto:ismailkadi@gmail.com)

# 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.

## Pet dogs a threat to nesting birds in South Walney - warning



Dry walkers, beach-goers and drone users are disturbing nesting birds at a nature reserve, conservationists have warned.

Continuing Wildlife Trust said it had received six reports of "alarming" incidents at South Walney Nature Reserve near Eamsey.

It is urging visitors to stick to clearly-marked paths away from beaches when visiting the reserve.

Dogs are still allowed in the area even though they are considered a threat.

Nature reserve officer Paul Roberts says sea birds such as Arctic terns, gull-billed grebes and other birds were once nesting and particularly well served between March and April.

"Daily we're getting lots of reports of recreational disturbance of wildlife by people and their pets, which is particularly alarming as nesting season is now under way."

"It can be really hard to see the spectacular birds eggs and the little chicks can be extremely well camouflaged but, and whilst responsible to get amongst the adults that's found all around the shoreline at South Walney."

"All of these very well-behaved dogs on a lead will scare birds away from their nests."



# OXFORDSHIRE WILDLIFE RESCUE FUNDRAISER

Sunday 28th April 2024



**FREE ENTRY**

**OXFORDSHIRE WILDLIFE RESCUE**

**SPRING FAYRE 24**

28TH April 2024 - Didcot Football Club

10am - 4pm Proudly sponsored by 

**Fun Fair Rides | Ice Cream | Café**

**Bouncy Castles**

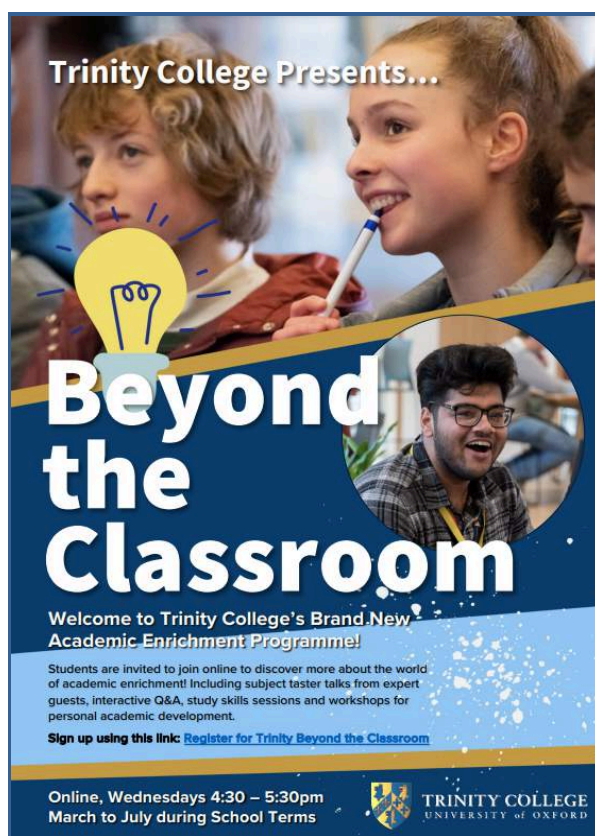
**Tombola | Live Music | Hot Food**

**Licensed Bar | Craft Stands | Cakes | Sweets**

 All proceeds are going towards the fundraiser for the build of the 'Oxfordshire wildlife hospital'

## TRINITY COLLEGE

### BEYOND THE CLASSROOM ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME



Trinity College Presents...


**Beyond the Classroom**

Welcome to Trinity College's Brand New Academic Enrichment Programme!

Students are invited to join online to discover more about the world of academic enrichment! Including subject taster talks from expert guests, interactive Q&A, study skills sessions and workshops for personal academic development.

Sign up using this link: [Register for Trinity Beyond the Classroom](#)

Online, Wednesdays 4:30 – 5:30pm  
March to July during School Terms

 TRINITY COLLEGE  
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

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.

<https://www.trinity.ox.ac.uk/online-and-enrichment-resources>



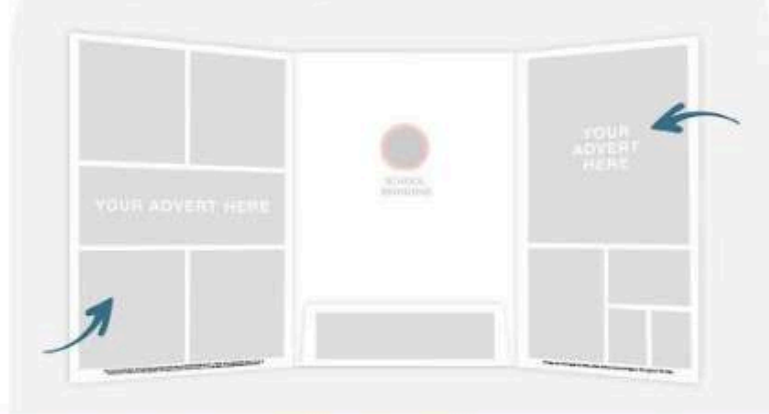
## CALLING ALL PARENTS!

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**

**fse**  
Funding Solutions for Education  
[www.fundingse.co.uk](http://www.fundingse.co.uk)

## 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 [www.citizensadviceosav.org.uk](http://www.citizensadviceosav.org.uk) Tel: 0808 278 7907

Vale Community Impact [www.vci.org.uk](http://www.vci.org.uk) Tel: 01235 765348

# FamilyFirst

Proudly supporting  **NHS** in improving the physical & mental wellbeing of families living in England



[https://issuu.com/sevenstarmedia/docs/ff\\_spring2024\\_digital210324](https://issuu.com/sevenstarmedia/docs/ff_spring2024_digital210324)

## PARENT WEBINAR

**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

QR CODE

**SUBJECTS INCLUDE**

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

WWW.OXFORDHEALTH.NHS.UK/CAMHS/OXON/SIR/WEBINARS

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:

[Parent webinars | Oxford Health CAMHS](#)

## **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.

## **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.

## **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 McCleod at [a.mcleod@europsachool.uk](mailto:a.mcleod@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](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**

### **April 2024**

Monday 29th April

No Exams  
Library Cake Sale

Tuesday 30th April

No Exams  
16h20 - 17h00 European Parliament Ambassador school visitors

### **May 2024**

Wednesday 1st May

S7 IB External Exams

Thursday 2nd May

S7 IB External Exams  
S5 Exam leave  
19h00 - CAMHS presentation for S1-S3 parents - Schuman Hall

Friday 3rd May

No Exams

Monday 6th May

**BANK HOLIDAY** - No school for students except S7 IB students who have an exam on this day.

Tuesday 7th May

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

Wednesday 8th May

S7 IB External Exams  
S6 Exams (until 22/05/24)  
S5 MYP Exams  
S2 Carnegie Quiz at Larkmead School

Thursday 9th May

S7 IB External Exams  
S6 Study leave

Friday 10th May

S7 IB External Exams  
S6 Exams  
S2 Warhammer cake sale  
S3 Bronze DofE (Postponed)

Monday 13th May

S7 IB External Exams  
S6 Exams  
S5 MYP Exams

Tuesday 14th May

S7 IB External Exams  
S6 Exams  
S5 MYP Exams

Wednesday 15th May

S7 IB External Exams  
S6 Exams  
S5 MYP Exams

Thursday 16th May

S7 IB External Exams  
S6 Exams  
S5 MYP Exams

Friday 17th May

S7 IB External Exams - Final day  
S6 Exams  
S5 MYP Exams - Final day

Monday 20th May

S6 Exams  
S6 GEO Nettlecombe trip - Depart  
S5 Work Experience  
S7 Crepe Sale

Tuesday 21st May

S6 Exams  
S6 GEO Nettlecombe trip  
S5 Work Experience

Wednesday 22nd May

S6 Exams final day  
S6 GEO Nettlecombe trip - Return  
S6 BIO/ESS Nettlecombe trip - Depart  
S5 Work Experience

Thursday 23rd May

S7 Talent Show - Schuman Hall  
S6 BIO/ESS Nettlecombe trip  
S5 Work Experience

Friday 24th May

S3 TDp/MenACWY vaccination session  
S5 Work Experience  
MUN cake sale  
S6 BIO/ESS Nettlecombe trip - Return

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