

SECONDARY STUDENT / PARENT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 28th June 2024

SUMMER MUSIC SOIREE

Tuesday 2nd July 2024 17h30 in the Chapel



IMPORTANT NOTICE regarding INDIVIDUAL INSTRUMENTAL TUITION

Individual instrumental lessons' request Google form is available now via this link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/13dGuhKV7p4-ZlsZVGG9LVJuGmtWLICLfOlr4CmgPqGw/edit?ts=667 https://docs.google.com/forms/d/13dGuhKV7p4-ZlsZVGG9LVugmtWLICLfolr4CmgPqGw/edit?ts=667 <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1

We offer weekly 30min individual lessons within school hours with a number of our visiting instrumental teachers for all *Year 2 and older* Europa pupils for violin, viola, violoncello, saxophone, clarinet, flute, oboe, guitar, drums, piano and voice.

For more information email t.ognjenovic@europaschool.uk





WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO
CAME TO THE EUROPA SUMMER FETE 2024
LAST WEEKEND, IT WAS A BRILLIANT EVENT.
WE BROKE A FUNDRAISING RECORD ON THE
RAFFLE, AND NONE OF ITS POSSIBLE WITHOUT
A HUGE BODY OF VOLUNTEERS AND A LOT OF
ENERGY. WE HAVE POPPED A LONGER REPORT
BELOW BUT WE HAVE ALSO ADDED A MORE
DETAILED ROLL CALL OF BRILLIANT PEOPLE
TO OUR WEBSITE. WE RAISED
OVER £11,000 WHICH IS AMAIZNG!
EUROPA PTA CO-CHAIRS
ROSIE AND SALLY

Europa PTA - Summer Fete 2024

Saturday 22nd June was a glorious day of sunshine and "alohas", and another fantastic event run by the Europa PTA. This year we raised a record £11,600 which will go towards funding some fantastic projects for the school which will be ready for September 2024.

Please do visit our website and see what we have funded so far, how we spend the funding with the school and what the plans are for fundraising in the next academic year.

There are so many people to thank, for their time, donations, creativity and inspiration. In particular this year's event wouldn't have happened without the drive and energy of Patricia, Bernadette and Alex, who coordinated and brought the whole event together, spending over a hundred hours in preparation for the 2024 Summer Fête.

On the food front, apart from our brilliant school catering team led by Ivor, a special thanks goes to dads Ahmad and Maan who worked hard on the Syrian wrap stall. We are grateful for the generous donation from Zatar Bake, Cowley, who provided all the food for this stall. And, of course, Zohra and her fantastic squad of helpers who fed us delicious, home-made Indian food again.

Without a body of willing volunteers from the gazebo gang to signage helpers, none of our events would happen, and we are so grateful for their time and energy. We have, on our website, detailed all of the amazing people whose individual contributions go towards making events like the Summer Fete, a huge success.

Every single one of you, helped contribute to making it a brilliant event, and we are always looking for more helpers, so please do get in touch, as you are all automatically a member of our Parent Teacher Association by having a child attending the school. We would love it if you could get involved.

We have some exciting plans for 2024/25, so keep an eye on Classlist, and if you haven't signed up, then chat to your Class Rep and get connected.

Once again, a huge thank you to everyone involved.

Europa School PTA

The Carnegie Forum

The Carnegie S2 Book Club met 5 other secondary schools in St Helen and St Katharine school in Abingdon this Tuesday to take part in the Carnegie Forum, after spending the last few months reading and reviewing the 8 Carnegie books.

First, a workshop led by the acclaimed poet Vanessa Lampert put them in the mood to unleash their creativity and imagination.

Here is one beautiful example:

I Come From:

I come from spider hunters, snake catcher and crocodile wrestlers

I come from love and care

I come from people who spend Christmas on the beach

5 minutes away from our house

I come from bunnings snags

I come from people who casually sneak snacks

I come from beating New Zealand in rugby and cricket

I come from a dad who always gives that smile

from a mum who is so kind, always.

I come from Australia.

Richie

This workshop was the perfect springboard to create a play to showcase their favourite Carnegie book. All the organisers agreed that this year was one of the best for the quality of the shows! **Well done Clara, her team received prizes for the best performance of the day!**

Congratulations also to Gabriel, Richie, Nathan and Xac who all received prizes for the quality of their book reviews.











S1 session with Kiran Millwood Hargrave

What a treat! The renowned author Kiran Millwood Hargrave came to talk to our S1.

As a true storyteller, she certainly managed to captivate her audience with her sources of inspiration:

Have you heard of trees communicating to each other? Zombi fungi that hijack insects to control their every move? Greenland sharks who are over 500 years old? or the fox who travelled over 2000 miles from Norway to Canada in 76 days?

She used those fascinating facts to feed into her magical world and fantastic stories. Intrigued? Come and borrow her books from the library...





POLICE STATION

On the 13th of June, five students in S4 went to the Police Station open day.

There the police spent the whole day showing students from different schools around multiple different parts of the police force. The students participated in games, had interesting talks and questions, and saw lots of interesting things.

Elisabeth de G S4F:

My favourite part of going to the Police Station was hearing how all the investigation of the serious crimes went on behind the scenes and I loved the examples they showed us. I found it really interesting when they showed all the parts of their Police uniform especially when they handed around the Taser. All in all, I found it to be a wonderful experience.

Edie G:

I really enjoyed the experience of visiting the police station and seeing what they do on a day to day basis. The mounted section was very interesting and I could see myself in the future doing the job that they do. The whole organisation is incredible and I would really like to be a part of it in the future

Uma S:

I really appreciated the opportunity to attend the police station day and I found the dog section particularly interesting and inspiring .I am so glad I went as it really gave me an insight into the police workplace and I can see myself working with this area in the future.

S2 DIGITAL PORTRAITS: PATTERN & REPETITION

Inspired by the artist Kehinde Wiley





FROM SEPTEMBER 2024

S1 - S3 GIRLS FOOTBALL CLUB - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS



AUGUST ART CAMP



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AMBASSADOR SCHOOLS (EPAS) CLUB

As part of the European Parliament Ambassador Schools (EPAS), we held an **EU education session in school last Tuesday led by Asher J, EPAS member from London**, where students learned about the European institutions and negotiations and our current relations and views. Our students were very interested and enjoyed this great opportunity!





If you are interested in politics, democracy and human rights, come to our **European Parliament Ambassador Schools Club (EPAS) on Thursday lunchtimes.**

Mrs Isabel López, Mrs Tanya Simpson and Dr Sandrine Philippot-Gasc For more information contact Mrs Isabel López: <u>i.lopez@europaschool.uk</u>

Online Information and Advice Talks For Families

A guide to university and the University of Oxford

What: Session 1 will be of interest to parents and carers of students in Years 10 to 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. Find out about the costs and benefits of university, and feel more confident about supporting your child through the process.

Session 2 will be of interest to parents and carers of students in Years 10 to 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.

When: Session 1 Monday 1st July and Session 2 Thursday 4th July 6pm - 7:30pm

Who: Parents and carers of state secondary school children

Where: Online Links: Sign up - HERE

MOTHER TONGUE TIED

Tuesday 2nd July 2024 at 19:30 - 20:30

https://checkout.square.site/merchant/ML2NMXXMTK08F/checkout/5Z5HU5Y5WE3BTLDSX55HXKVT

Oxford's Queen's College Translation Exchange are collaborating with a new book shop 'Caper' on Magdalen Road, to present a great event for those interested in multilingualism.

Malwina Gudowska is a Polish-Canadian writer, editor and linguist. Malwina will be discussing her book, Mother Tongue Tied which explores the emotional weight of raising multilingual children while grappling with your own identity and notions of home.

TRINITY COLLEGE ONLINE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

JULY

3 July – Subject taster talk from a department, tbc

10 July – How to write a Great Personal Statement for university applications

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

Students are welcome to attend with parents/guardians.

OXFORD CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

On **July 6th**, 7.15pm, the Oxford Chamber Music Festival is holding a summer concert and party at Christ Church. The concert and party tickets are quite expensive but there are **60 tickets for Under 25 year olds which are free** (book in advance via Oxford Playhouse).

There are also some (concert only/ restricted view) tickets for £5 (buy on the door).





VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

We are looking for a volunteer or two to help support The Duke of Edinburgh Award.

We need a Verifier to help sign off the final awards. This person needs to be working at Europa School but not involved in delivering the award at the school. This will involve initially taking a couple of short courses and then once qualified, checking the final submission of the participants award to confirm it reaches the requirements.

Further information can be found here

Role-description-Award-Verifier.pdf (dofe.org)

or email dofe@europaschol.uk if you have any further questions.

Once the training courses have been completed it shouldn't be too time intensive as we usually have on average 2 or 3 awards completed each week.

SAILING AT FARMOOR RESERVOIR JULY 2024

For Years Primary 3 to S5

Please contact <u>activities@europaschool.uk</u> if your child is interested in sailing at Farmoor reservoir this summer.

Monday 15th to Friday 19th July 09.30 to 4.30 £260 or Monday 22nd to Friday 26th July 09.30 to 4.30 £260

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Some students in our Secondary Years 6 and 7, for next school year, require Host Family accommodation from September 2024, as their parents live abroad.

Please contact Susi in Reception if you are interested, for more information. s.dalton@europaschool.uk

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 <u>huge thank you</u> 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 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.

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.

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 would like to apply to do the IB Diploma please contact Mrs Carley Stump at ib-admissions@europaschool.uk

If you would like to apply to the school (for Primary and Secondary S1 - S5) please contact Mrs Abi Miles 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 Rosie Bosse Chitty r.bosse-chitty@europaschool.uk

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

If your child is absent please email absence@europaschool.uk before 09h00

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June 2024

Saturday 29th June S3 Puy du Fou trip (France) - Return (Approx 13h00)

July 2024

Monday 1st July S4 Work Experience

Sixth Form Foundation Week

Tuesday 2nd July S4 Work Experience

Sixth Form Foundation Week 17h30 - Music Soiree - Chapel

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Wednesday 3rd July S4 Work Experience

Sixth Form Foundation Week

Thursday 4th July S4 Work Experience

Sixth Form Foundation Week

Friday 5th July S4 Work Experience

19h – 22h Junior Ball - Schuman Hall

Monday 8th July Sixth Form Foundation Week;

12h30 - 15h45 - S7 Football Interyear S1-S4 + S6 Full Reports released

Tuesday 9th July 12h35 - 15h45 S7 Celebration day

SUMMER HOLIDAY Wednesday 10th July to Tuesday 3rd September 2024

September 2024

Wednesday 4th September First day of the Autumn term