



SECONDARY PARENT / STUDENT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 29th September 2023

SCHOOL FUND

THANK YOU, we have raised 20% of our target, £31,730

Thank you to all the parents who came on Wednesday. For those of you who weren't able to make it, we are currently facing a financial shortfall of £162,000 per year.

Much of this is due to a time lag in funding which affects our school in particular as it is growing every year and this situation will continue until the school reaches its capacity. The shortfall does not impact the school's viability, but it does make the difference between an "OK" education and a great bilingual one. Lynn Wood's presentation from Wednesday can be found [here](#).

Please help us bridge this gap.

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. Please use the following link to donate [Fundraising – Europa School UK](#).

We understand that not all parents can afford this but for those of you that can please support this unique school.

The feedback at the meeting demonstrated your strong support for the school, but also that we need to communicate more about the specific activities that your funding goes to and how much has been raised, we are working on improving this.

VACANCIES

We have immediate vacancies for a **Spanish Teacher** Part time - 0.47 of FTE over 3 days or 0.5 of FTE over 4 days.

There are also part time roles for **Teaching Assistants and Cover Supervisor** and **Lunchtime supervisors**.

[Full details can be found on our website](#)



Welcome to Europa!

New-starters at Europa, the Parent and Teacher Association invites
you to join us and meet other Europa families at our pop-up

WELCOME CAFÉ!

PRIMARY QUAD / CANTEEN ANNEXE •
SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER • 2PM – 4PM



**EUROPA
SCHOOL UK**

Sixth Form Open Day

12th October 2023 at 2pm

International Baccalaureate Diploma

**Discover Boundless Horizons: Unleashing
Educational Excellence, For All**



Get the IB at a State School



MUSIC



For Year 2 and older pupils:

To enrol for

INDIVIDUAL INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL LESSONS at the school from September 2023

fill in the Google-form

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSersZS0nO2XwyTQTNGZsx0AyrItZvCmS-ewIn0WWxxGNKyjQQ/viwwform?usp=sf_link

For more info, email our Music Department on t.ognjenovic@europaschool.uk



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, Friday lunchtime.

The first meeting will be on **Wednesday 11th October 2023.**

For more information please contact Dr Sandrine Philippot-Gasc : 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. First meeting on Friday 29th September 2023.

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 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

FOR ASPIRING DOCTORS - FREE LIVE VIRTUAL

For aspiring Doctors: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Medicine conference dates:

Saturday 30th September

Saturday 7th October

Students and parents can register for free at this link:

<https://medicmentor.org/get-into-medicine-ucas-conference/>

All aspiring doctors in years S4, S5 and S6 are invited to register.

These conferences offer tailored advice for medicine and dentistry, covering a range of crucial topics:

- Tactically choosing universities
- Personal statements
- UCAT
- Medical & Dental school interview skills
- Medical Leadership Programmes
- Awards Programmes
- Extracurricular activities
- Work experience
- Building a CV
- Applying for scholarships

We encourage both students and parents to participate in these invaluable sessions.

Spaces are competitive and limited, so students should register as soon as they can using the link below. For this reason, we kindly request that students only book one conference.

Registration Link: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lw6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

Here's how the day will run:

9:30-10:00 Registration

10:00-11:00 Quick introduction to Medic Mentor, overview of the day, competition ratios, application timeline, Awards and Scholarships

11:00-11:15 Break

11.15-11.45 Introduction to the UCAS application form and entry requirements

11.45-12.15 Interactive CV building exercise and exclusive access to leadership, research, presentation, publication, prizes and scholarship opportunities

12.15-12.30 Top tips from a successful applicant (medical student)

12:30-12:45 Break

12.45-13.30 How to write the perfect personal statement

13.30-13.45 Break

13.45-14.10 Entrance exams - how to do ace the UCAT

14.10-14.30 How to prepare for Medical School interviews

14.30-15.00 Top tips from a successful applicant (medical student) and next steps

Our doctors and medical students look forward to welcoming your students at the conferences.

OXFORD CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

PRIYA MITCHELL - ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

4-7 OCTOBER 2023

FREIGEIST

Holywell Music Room

SJE Arts

Bodleian Library

Friends receptions & priority booking

Free tickets Under 25's

Festival Passes available

OCMF.NET

'No. 1 unmissable event' BBC Music Magazine

'A national treasure' Philip Pullman

TICKETS 01865 305305 | ticketsoxford.com

OXFORD CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

PRIYA MITCHELL - ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

**FREIGEIST - a state of being and a free spirit - source of
all great art and the life blood of creativity!**

We celebrate the geniuses who wrote and lived with **FREIGEIST** as their credo and gave us all the extraordinary music we will share with you. From the several meanings of the German term "Freigeist" our chosen interpretation is the simplest: the free spirit and romantic manifestation of all that is creatively unfettered, the opposite of material and manipulated. As we emerge from the curbs and restraints of the last few years we all long to express our humanity and connectedness.

**What more inspiring pathways to this than the compositions of pioneering
minds and spirits like Mozart and Stravinsky?**

Join us this Autumn to experience the unique OCMF atmosphere in historic venues in Oxford. We are looking forward very much to you being part of this and seeing all our OCMF musicians and audience again!

Friends priority booking
Festival passes available
Free tickets for 8-25 year olds

ARTISTS INCLUDE

POLINA LESCHENKO | JULIUS DRAKE
JULIAN ARP | RETO BIERI | TETIANA LUTSYK
PRIYA MITCHELL | SASCHA BOTA
CLAUDE FROCHAUX | MISHA MULLOV-ABADDO
JORDI CARRASCO HJELM | HEINI KÄRKKÄINEN
DOROTTYA LÁNG | ALICE ZAWADZKI

For full information **OCMF.NET**





**NATIONAL
BADMINTON**



**OXFORDSHIRE
BADMINTON
ASSOCIATION**
Incorporating the Oxfordshire Schools Badminton Association

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY BADMINTON TRIALS

**Radley College Sports
Centre Radley
SATURDAY 14TH
OCTOBER 2023
1-4pm!**

**All levels welcome
- both community
and county places
offered!**

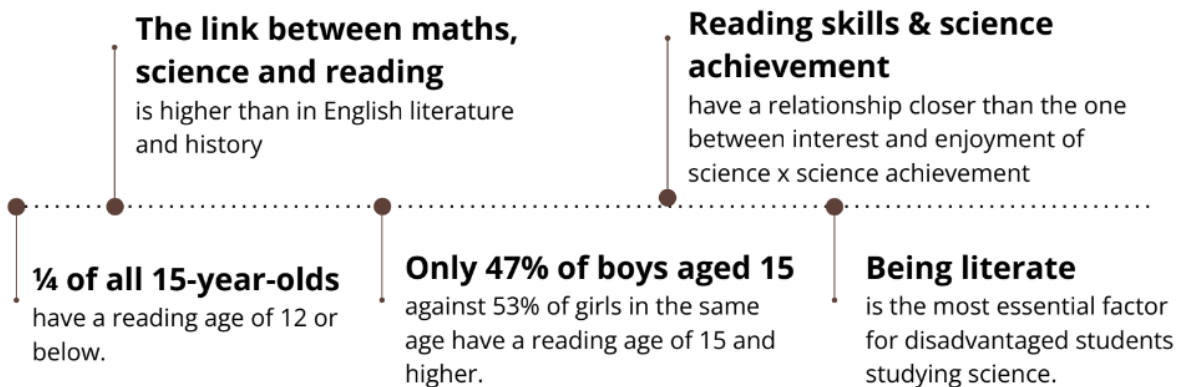
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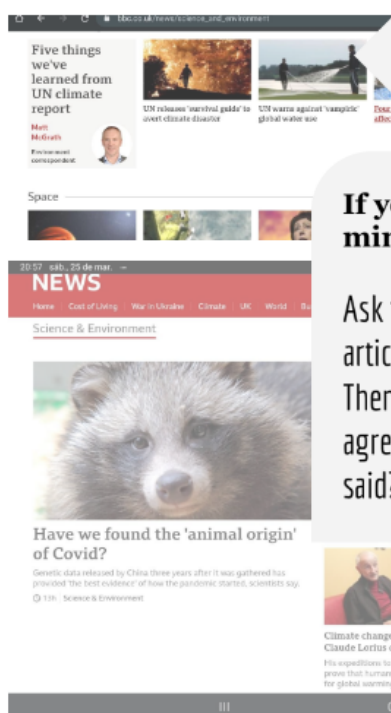
**[HTTPS://NATIONALBADMINTON.
ORG.UK/](https://nationalbadminton.org.uk/)**

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

Q&A page



Five decisions among the species of gannet nesting birds at South Walney Nature Reserve

Grey waders, black-gulls and drongos are disturbing nesting birds at a nature reserve, conservationists have warned.

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

It is urging visitors to stick to clearly-marked paths away from beaches where are out of bounds.

Dogs are not allowed on the site unless they are assistance animals.

Nature reserve officer Paul Wainhouse said birds such as Arctic terns, oystercatchers and waders were ground-nesting and particularly vulnerable between March and April.

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

"It can be really hard to see the speckled birds eggs and the little chicks can be extremely well camouflaged too, and almost impossible to spot amongst the shingle (shells) found all around the shorelines at South Walney."

"If you're a very well-behaved dog on a lead will save birds away from their nests."

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

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@europaschool.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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September 2023

Saturday 30th Sept Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice expedition
14h00 - PTA Welcome to new parents - Chapel

October 2023

Monday 2nd October MUNUCCLE - European school 1 Brussels
15h45 - U13 Football v Matthew Arnold - Home

Tuesday 3rd October MUNUCCLE - European school 1 Brussels
8h - 9h and 15h-16h30 "Back to School" sale of good used clothes
Canopy Thame Lane Gate

Wednesday 4th October MUNUCCLE - European school 1 Brussels

Thursday 5th October MUNUCCLE - European school 1 Brussels

Friday 6th October MUNUCCLE - European school 1 Brussels

Thursday 12th October 14h00 - Sixth form Open Day

Monday 16th October UCAS early application deadline
S7 Bratwurst Sale

Wednesday 18th Oct Cambridge admission testing
School photo Catch up Sessions - More information to follow.
If students have any questions please go and see Susie or email
reception@europaschool.uk

Thursday 19th October Oxford admission testing

Friday 20th October 09h00 S6 Royal Literary fund workshop
Oxford Admission Testing
15h00 - 16h00 - PTA Halloween Cake Sale - Thame Lane

HALF TERM **23rd - 27th OCTOBER 2023** **HALF TERM**

SAVE THE DATE

December 2023

Saturday 9th December Europa School Christmas Fair from 11h - 15h00.
Please save the date and plan to come along / help out.