

SECONDARY PARENT / STUDENT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

3rd 10th DECEMBER 2021

LFD TESTING

Twice-weekly LFD testing - please support us by continuing to do the twice-weekly LFD Tests at home. This is proving invaluable in managing Covid-19 within secondary schools.

PROCEDURE FOR A POSITIVE PCR TEST

Please note this procedure is not the same for the whole school and follows the Department for Education (DfE) recommendations

A report of PCR confirmed case in the school - All parents in the class are told as soon as we have been made aware of the positive case. (Positive LFTs must be confirmed by PCR)

Primary - If your child is a close contact it is advisable to organise a PCR test for your child, as primary classes mix substantially we recommend that all children do a PCR test. Schools do not act as track and trace. The DfE does not recommend LFTs for primary children.

Secondary - If your child is a close contact it is advisable to organise a PCR test for your child, please ask your children who they sit next to classes and who they spend a lot of time with. All other classmates should do an LFT before they next come to school and continue to do LFTs twice a week (which they still can get from reception). If an LFT is positive, it has to be confirmed by a PCR test within 48 hours. If you wait longer than 48 hours, you must isolate for 10 days even if the PCR comes back negative. If you do not confirm with a PCR at all, you will need to isolate for 10 days.

Anyone who had Covid can return to school 10 full days after the positive PCR test if they were asymptomatic OR 10 full days after the onset of symptoms. Anyone still suffering from a high temperature beyond the 10 days self-isolation period should continue to isolate until their temperature has returned to normal.

ACCENT CATERING HAVE MARKED THE START OF THE FESTIVE SEASON

Ivor and his team are selling delicious treats to keep us all joyful and nourished.



Morning break in the canteen

Crisis Oxford Christmas Appeal

Food Collection for Crisis Oxford Christmas Appeal (Local Homeless Charity). There are boxes at the Main reception for collection or please give the items to the class teacher if your child is on the bus.

I will be in school on Monday the 6th of December between 8 and 9am or on Friday the 10th of December from 2:30 to 4pm at the Thame Lane entrance under the canopy. It can be biscuits, tea, coffee, chocolates, jams, chutneys, tinned food, soups, squash, dried fruit, cereals, fruit bars, christmas gifts etc. Many thanks for your cooperation. Zohra (Louis3EE).



Donations needed

Food

Non-perishable foods only
Tinned food (e.g. Soups, Stews, Rice
Pudding, Tinned Fruit etc)
Pasta, rice and noodles
Pot Noodles, Cup-a-Soup, Instant
Porridge
Cereal bars/ Energy Bars
Chocolate / Sweet Biscuits

We will start accepting donations from
Monday 15th November 2021. Please
contact christmas.oxford@crisis.org.uk
to let us know what you are collecting
for us and to arrange delivery. We
cannot accept donations of second hand
clothing or perishable goods. Find us on
Facebook: Crisis Skylight Oxford

**NO ONE
SHOULD BE
HOMELESS
AND ALONE.**



Together
we will end
homelessness

PTA CHRISTMAS GIFTS AUCTION

Go to www.europa-pta.org/events to buy your Christmas Raffle Tickets, order a delicious Syrian takeaway meal (meat or veggie), or to volunteer to bake a cake for the Cake Auction.

11th December 2021 4pm
Raffle Draw and Cake Auction Ends



11th December 2021 - Syrian Takeaway last orders this weekend! [Book now](#)
Could you spare an hour? on 11th December to deliver takeaways? We really need more volunteers, and this is an easy way to do help out if you can.

Please contact Liz Parham on class list / email to Committee@europa-pta.org



CHRISTMAS CAKE AUCTION

The PTA is organising an online Christmas cake auction, please see here for more details:

<https://www.europa-pta.org/cakeauction.html>

Students and parents can bake a cake in time for the Christmas holidays, or just pledge to bake it in the next 3 months. All cakes donated will be auctioned and won by the highest bidder. In addition, among all the cakes donated by secondary students, the cake with the highest bid will win a small prize!



Europa School Christmas Bake-off

**Donate a baked good to
the CHRISTMAS CAKE
AUCTION and the cake
donated by a student
with the highest bid
will win a prize!**

The auction runs
from 4 to 11 December.

**ENTER YOUR
CAKE HERE
by 10 December**



Questions? auction@europa-pta.com



**TO ALL POETS AND CODERS OUT THERE, HERE IS YOUR
CHANCE TO ENTER A COMPETITION
TO SHOW OFF YOUR TALENTS**

Poetry and Coding competition for young people aged 4-18 years on the theme "connectivity and the universe" (deadline Sunday 19th December 2021).

Click here for more information: <https://aboutus.earth/about-the-competition>



ADVENT CALENDAR IN THE LIBRARY



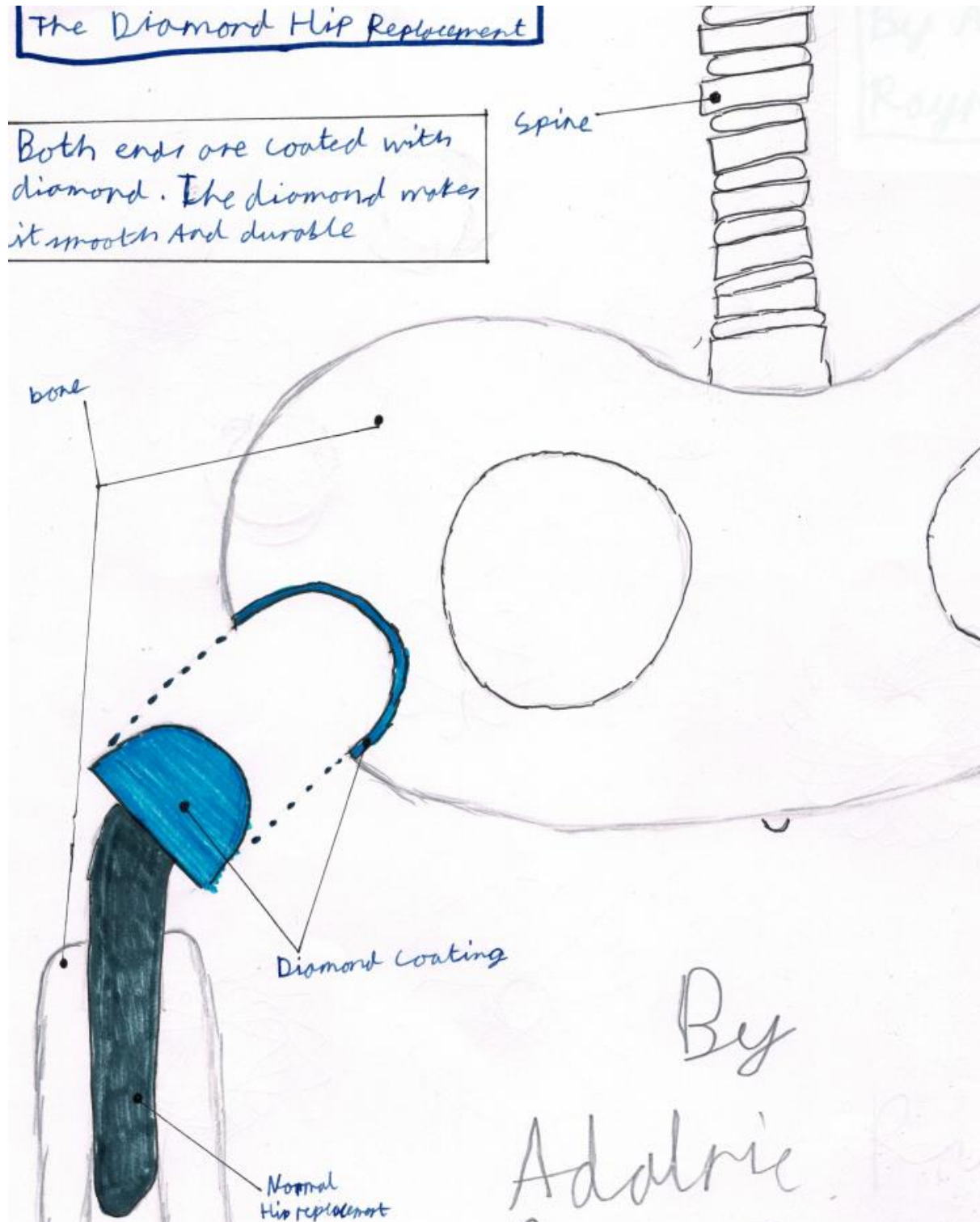
**Come to the secondary library every day
to discover a new bauble challenge!**



BE A DIAMOND INVENTOR COMPETITION

Congratulations to Adalric, S2 who won the Be a Diamond Inventor competition where young people had to find a new use for diamonds.

Adalric came up with the idea of a diamond coated hip replacement "to reduce the overall cost because it doesn't wear down"



Europa School Competition

→ open to all secondary pupils ←

Design the 2022 ex-libris to be inserted for a year in all the donated books in the library

& *Be Remembered Forever* inside the library books!

Examples of ex-libris:



Ex Libris: decorative label pasted into a book, to show the name of the book's owner.

Rules:

- ★ Must be in black and white
- ★ Design should be relevant to our school or times
- ★ Design must incorporate "Europa School, Culham" & "2022"
- ★ Size: 8cm (height) x 6 cm (width) max.

The **best design** will be inserted in all the 2022 donated books in the secondary library & its designer will win a **£20 voucher**.

Entries to be submitted by **16 December** to Mrs Mallett



We urgently need

HELP

JOIN OUR TEAM

• COVER TAS

Energy and a love of children a must

• **Already have a DBS?**

We would especially love to hear from you

• Up to £10.38 per hour



Call Anna Cole-Morgan to arrange a trial day

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HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN **OXFORDSHIRE**

Every year, thousands of school age overseas students are educated at independent schools across the UK. When their school closes for half term holidays and exeat weekends, they need a great host family who will provide a home away from home.

Pippa's Guardians has been providing high quality Guardianship services to international students for over 20 years and understand the value of a good home and how a host family can positively impact on a student's wellbeing.

The families we look for are welcoming and interested in other cultures. Having children of similar ages helps but isn't the most important thing as we have many successful host families who have no children, younger children or indeed older children who have left home. Internet access is very important and each student will need their own bedroom with a desk or somewhere quiet for homework. Being part of a family and experiencing day-to-day family life enhances students' study and plays a part in improving their English language.

As well as receiving a generous payment, becoming a Pippa's Guardians host family is a wonderful experience; providing the opportunity to really make a difference to a student whilst they are studying here in the UK, in many cases a very long way from home.

For children of host families, it can be really exciting and interesting getting to know other children who have had very different life experiences to them. For families where children have grown up and left home, it is a chance to enjoy the fun and companionship of having younger people in the home once again.

Our students come from all over the world. It is a marvellous and interesting way to learn about the cultures, traditions and daily life of young people and their families from countries very different to our own. Many of our host families form lifelong friendships with our students and their families and stay in touch even after they have left school for university.

We are very keen to find new host families locally so please do spread the word if you know anyone who might be interested in applying to host a student. Our local Area Managers in Oxford look after our students during term time and are close by to support you whilst your student is staying in your home.

For further information contact: hostfamilies@pippasguardians.co.uk or visit our website www.pippasguardians.co.uk

CAREER / UCAS

FCDO NEXT GENERATION ECONOMICS COMPETITION 2021 to 2022

The Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) invites UK students to write about big economic challenges by 12th January 2022.

Write about the biggest economic challenges facing your generation by 12th January 2022 to enter our Next Generation Economics Competition. You could win £250.

Welcome to Next Generation Economics, a Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) competition for students in years 10 to 13. You do not need to have studied economics to take part. Next Generation Economics is your chance to write about the biggest economic challenges facing your generation.

How the competition works

To enter, submit your response to 1 of these 2 questions:

1. What economic policies should governments around the world use to economically empower women and girls?
2. What economic policies should the UK government use to facilitate a fair transition away from fossil fuels globally?

Your entry should take the form of a letter to the FCDO Chief Economist and should be no longer than 800 words.

Read the [competition rules](#) and send your entry to NextGenerationEconomics@fcdo.gov.uk by 11:59pm on 12th January 2022.

UKAEA'S WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME HAS NOW BEEN LAUNCHED

The programme provides as much of a real-life experience as possible for students studying in academic years 10 - 11. The weeks we will be inviting students to UKAEA will be Week Commencing 18th July 2022 and Week Commencing 9th August 2022.

Students can apply for a place by sending a copy of their CV and a covering letter, explaining why they would like to come to UKAEA for work experience. More information can be found here: <https://ccfe.ukaea.uk/careers/early-careers/work-experience/>

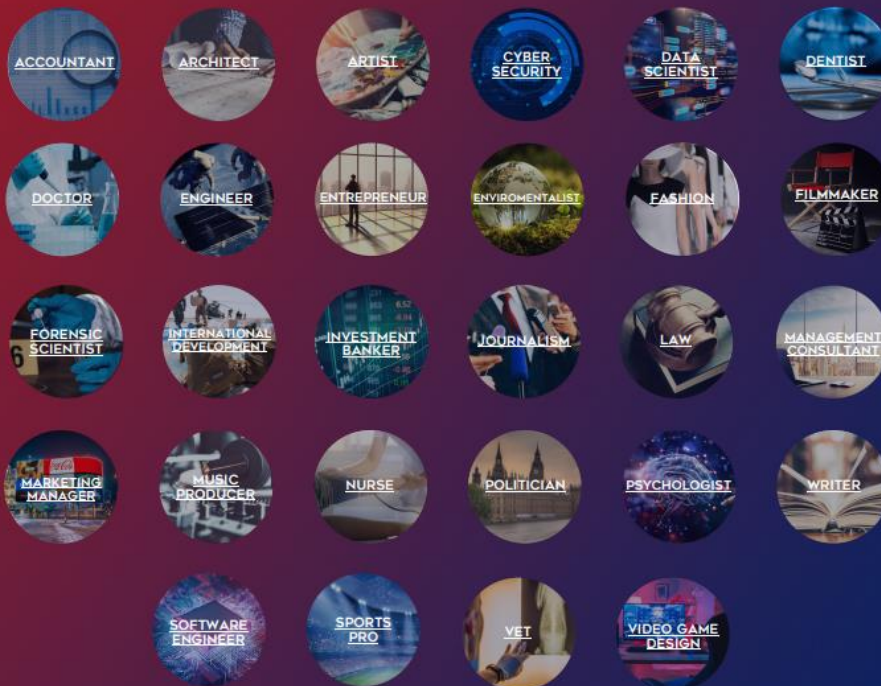
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 7 th December	S5 Study day S2 Virtual parents evening
Wednesday 8 th December	S5 Exams
Thursday 9 th December	S5 Exams S7 Pepernoten Sale : 12h35 outside the canteen 15h45 Thame lane gate
Friday 10 th December	S5 Exams
Monday 13 th December	S5 Exams – Final day ICT Week
Tuesday 14 th December	S7 English Lang A IA Orals ICT Week
Wednesday 15 th December	S7 English Lang A IA Orals ICT Week
Thursday 16 th December	S7 English Lang A IA Orals ICT Week
Friday 17 th December	ICT Week Christmas holidays begin at 15h45

2022

Tuesday 4 th January	Return to school - First day of the 2 nd Semester
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