

SECONDARY PARENT / STUDENT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

10th - 17th DECEMBER 2021

ACTIVITIES

The parent portal is now closed. However, there are still many places available. Please check on the website and then contact Georgie activities@europaschool.uk.

The invoices will be sent out on Monday 13th December 2021.

STAFF WELL BEING - POTTERY GROUP

Staff have enjoyed six weeks of pottery classes. Here is a glimpse at some of their amazing work. There's plenty more to come out of the kiln on Monday. Thank you to Georgie for organising. We hope to continue the group in the new year.



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 13th December 2021 between 8h00 and 9h00 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 or Christmassy 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

School Christmas Jumper Day - Wednesday 15th December 2021

Children are invited to wear their Christmas Jumper's to School to add some festive cheer in the last week of term.



SPORTS

After Christmas we are going to be running Fixtures on Thursdays. We have teamed up with St Helen and St Katharine's, OLA and Matthew Arnold schools to compete against them in a variety of sports. So far, we have arranged Basketball, Hockey, Futsal, Badminton and Swimming fixtures. Let's Go Europa!!! Check out the calendar for dates.

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 a 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.

PTA CHRISTMAS GIFTS AUCTION

LAST CHANCE to buy Raffle tickets!!! We have had an amazing range of prizes and hampers donated this year. The best way to support the PTA this Christmas is to buy your raffle tickets before 4pm on Saturday 11th December 2021

. <https://europa.rallyup.com/europachristmasraffle/>



Bid on our fabulous festive baked goods: <https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/christmascakeauction> by 4pm on Saturday 11th December 2021 (you can still pledge a cake [here](#))

11th December 2021 - Syrian Takeaway

If you have ordered a Syrian Takeaway do make sure you are in to receive it on Saturday 11th December 2021 evening.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Many photos have still not been collected. Maybe your child was absent on the day they were given out? All photos are now in Reception. Please collect them as soon as possible. Thank you. The reception team.



ADVENT CALENDAR IN THE LIBRARY



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



EUROPA SCHOOL COMPETITION

DEADLINE FRIDAY 16th DECEMBER 2021

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

CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION



Inspiring new writing, stories and voices from around Oxfordshire

Competition dates: Monday 6th December 2021 – Sunday 27th February 2022

The competition aims to inspire writers to tell their own original story and so is a great opportunity to discover unique writing voices. This year, children aged 7-11 are invited to write a short story (up to 3000 words). Other categories are for 12-17 year olds and 18+.

The winner of each category will see their entries published as an eBook, to be made available to members of Oxfordshire Libraries to read and borrow in 2022. You can see last year's winners here: <https://oxfordshire.overdrive.com/collection/1210418>

Full terms and conditions, as well as instructions on how to submit entries, can be found on the Oxfordshire Libraries website: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/shortstorycompetition

CAREER / UCAS

FINANCIAL EDUCATION WITH HSBC

Our colleagues at HSBC have decided to run a Christmas special event. On Monday 13th December from 5:00pm - 6:00pm they'll be hosting a virtual 'Managing your Money' evening designed to educate us with some tips and tricks for best financial practice.

We'll be hearing from the finance experts themselves as they give us the run-down on how to ensure we best look after our spending during Christmas and throughout life. Financial education is extremely important and something we believe the school curriculum should be offering to students across the UK.

You'll hear all about savings, investments and about different aspects to intelligent banking.

If banking and finance is something you think you might be interested in, events like these are a great addition to a CV when applying to positions within financial organisations to show an interest in the industry at such an early age.

The online event is open to all students.

If you'd like to apply to this event, please click on the registration link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HSBC-Financial-Education>

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.



We are delighted to announce that the Oxford and Cambridge Student Conferences will be going ahead in 2022. The conferences will be virtual-only and are taking place in the second half of March 2022. Students can book onto the conferences individually and bookings will open at the end of January 2022.

We will be posting further updates and developments about the conferences on our website, and we look forward to welcoming you and your students to the conferences in March 2022!

[Find out more](#)

FITZWILLIAM COLLEGE ESSAY COMPETITION

Essay competitions in a variety of subjects for pupils in Year 12 (England and Wales), S5 (Scotland), Year 13 (Northern Ireland), or equivalent to explore their interests beyond the school curriculum. This year there will be essay competitions in Ancient World & Classics, Archaeology, Architecture Design, History, Land Economy, and Medieval World.

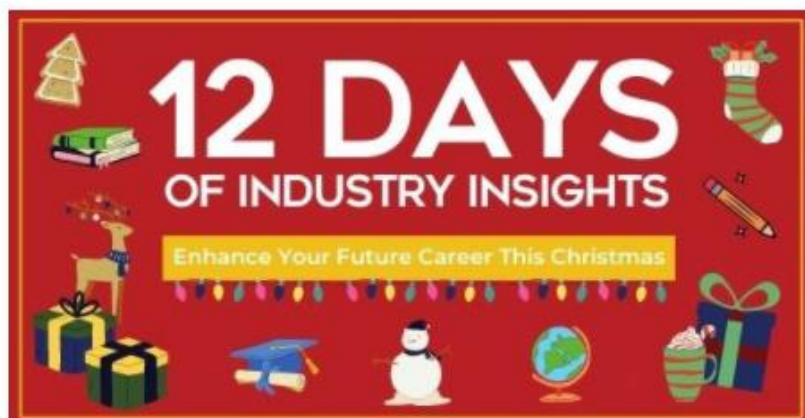
Deadline: 1st March 2022

<https://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/opportunities-prospective-applicants/essay-competitions>

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

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 Christmas jumper day.
Thursday 16 th December	S7 English Lang A IA Orals ICT Week
Friday 17 th December	ICT Week Christmas holidays begin at 15h45

2022

Monday 3 rd January	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 4 th January	Return to school - First day of the 2 nd Semester