



SECONDARY
PARENT / STUDENT WEEKLY
NEWSLETTER

17th DECEMBER 2021



**Buon Natale, Joyeux Noël, Glædelig Jul, Feliz Navidad,
Vrolijk Kerstfeest, Frohe Weihnachten, Happy Christmas, from
Europa School UK**



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The Well-being Hub

A big *THANK YOU* to all the parents who donated articles and resources such as books, beanbags, rugs etc. and also to those who contributed to our VMG fundraising page! We raised £532 towards setting up the *Well-being Hub* in school.

The aim is to create a warm, peaceful and welcoming space for all Secondary students for individual counselling, small group sessions or for those who are in need of a safe space to de-escalate.

We have already been able to set up and paint one of the rooms which is being well used by the students.

Some of the things still on our *Wishlist*:

- Paint for all of the other rooms
- A big rug / carpet
- Multi - sensory equipment
- Sign boards outside the building and door

If you would still like to contribute or have any questions please contact *Georgie Neville* or *Karen Marais* at wellbeing@europaschool.uk

ASYLUM WELCOME

Last week many pupils in the secondary school learned about refugees in their Religious Education and Ethics lessons. This was an opportunity to find out about the struggle and hardship faced by millions of people who are displaced around the world.

Closer to home, as a school we made a collection for the food bank at Asylum Welcome, a charity which works with refugees and asylum seekers in Oxford. Thank you very much to everyone who generously brought in donations. They were very gratefully received on Monday this week by the staff at Asylum Welcome.

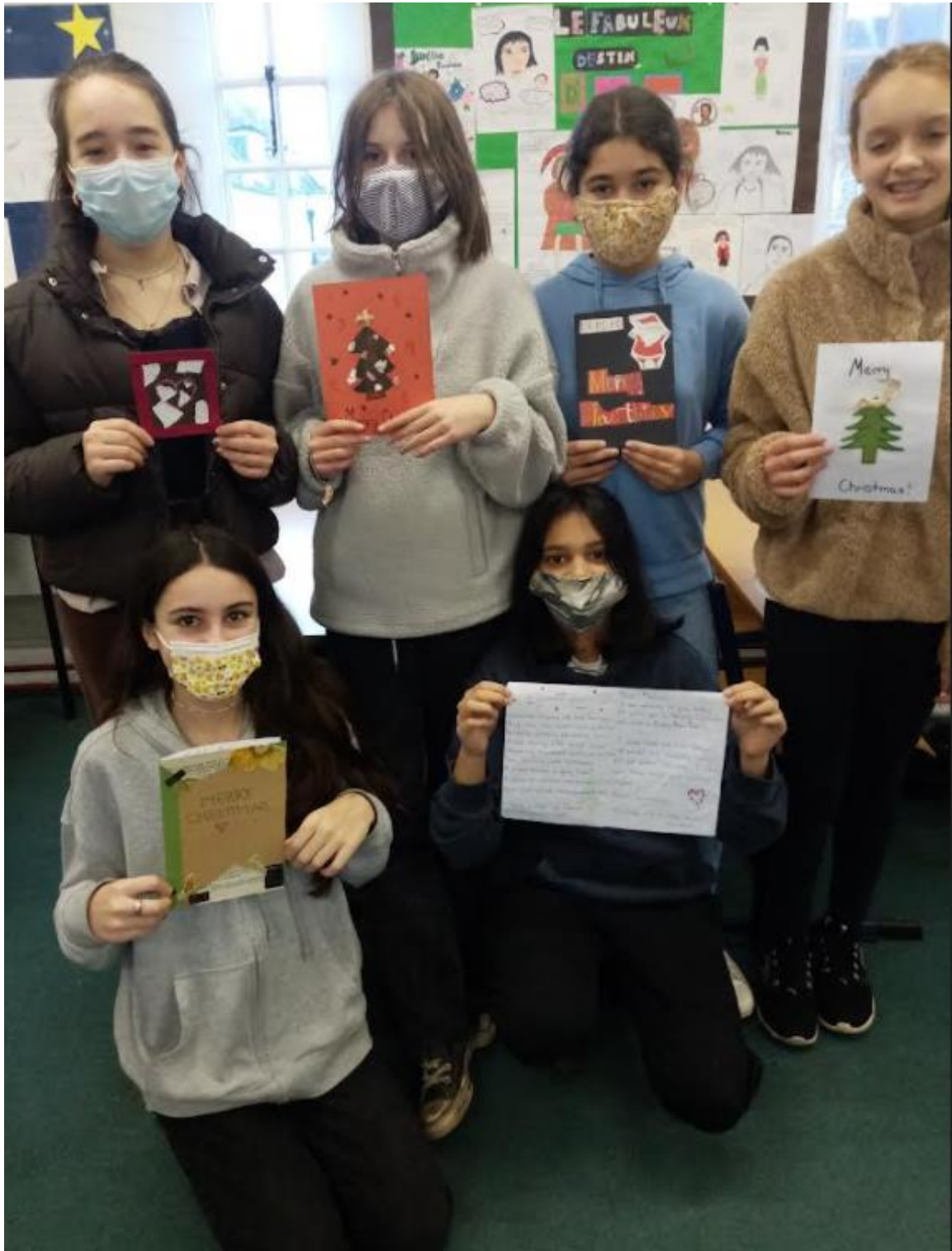


LIBRARY

Merry Christmas to you all from the Cheerful Christmas trees!



S2 MORAL STUDENTS



For the past two weeks the S2 Moral class has been making Christmas cards for the elderly with Madame Dubois. They've been creating their own designs.
Amélie and Anuschka

SECONDARY RUNNING CLUB CHRISTMAS ORIENTEERING CHALLENGE

On Tuesday 14th December 2021 the members of the secondary Running Club had their Christmas Orienteering challenge

In the dark the students had to navigate their way around the school premises (field and site) to find all 19 checkpoints. Some of the checkpoints were easy and some difficult to find. The best time (24:31) was achieved by Leo and Simon. The last pair arrived in 55 minutes. The course was challenging and some students experienced a fall or trip. All the students had a great time. Well done all.

M. Stepan (PE department)



CODING CLUB

The Coding Club for students is starting again.

Do you want to build your own racing or fighting robot - balancing on two wheels?

Then join us on a Friday 4-5.30pm

Learn about 3D printing, Arduino software, servo loops and much more ...

Contact:

Johan - j.marais@europaschool.uk or Georgie activities@europaschool.uk



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>

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/>

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>

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](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2022

Monday 3rd January

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 4th January

Return to school - First day of the 2nd Semester