



SECONDARY PARENT / STUDENT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

26th NOVEMBER – 3rd 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.

COLLECTION OF WARM CLOTHING FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES

MONDAY 29th NOVEMBER FROM 8AM – 9AM
AT THE THAME LANE ENTRANCE UNDER THE CANOPY

PTA CHRISTMAS GIFTS AUCTION

<https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/christmasgiftsauction>

Get ready for Christmas with our gifts auction! You will find toys, decoration, Christmas jumpers and much more.

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Auction is live, and runs to 4pm on 28 November

Bag a bargain and support your PTA!

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.

Key Dates:

28 Nov 4pm - Silent Gift Auction Ends,

11 Dec 4pm - Raffle Draw and Cake Auction Ends

11 Dec - Syrian Takeaway



INTERACT CLUB'S PHOTO COMPETITION

By giving £1 you are able to enter into our **nature** themed photo competition. The submitted photos will be uploaded onto an online gallery where they can be viewed by everyone to vote for their favourite photos. Prizes will be awarded, including the chance to win a one to one course with a professional photographer!

The deadline for submission is the **27th November 2021**.

Click [here](#) to find more information about the photo competition and how to enter and/or vote.

This fundraiser will support **Mary's Meals**, a charity which sets up school feeding programmes in some of the world's poorest communities where hunger and poverty prevent children from gaining an education. The charity provides a daily meal, in a place of education for children, improving school enrolment and contributing to positive educational outcomes.

For more information on this amazing initiative please click here: <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>



We urgently need

HELP

J O I N O U R T E A M

• 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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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

ARE YOU IN S3 OR S4?



Would you like to take part in a **new event** to meet other Abingdon school pupils, speak about books and finish off with the grand book quiz against the other local schools?

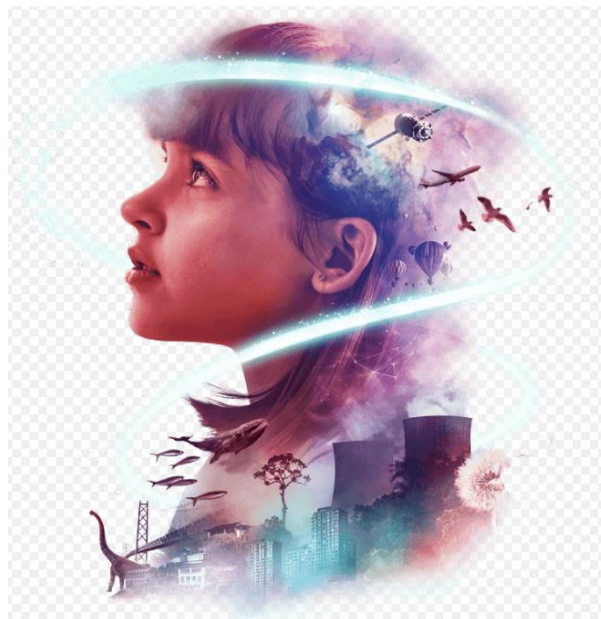
6 books will be on the reading list, we will meet regularly at lunch time and do book related activities.

If your answer is yes, please contact your librarian - b.mallett@europaschool.uk - to let her know and come to the **first meeting on Tuesday 30th November 2021 at 12.45.**

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>



SECONDARY WELL-BEING HUB

THIS IS THE FINAL WEEK TO DONATE MONEY
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



It is becoming increasingly important for schools to provide Mental Health support for young people. The pandemic and periods of lockdown had a negative impact on a great number of students and we found that a Well-being area for our students has become indispensable.

We would like to create a warm, peaceful and welcoming space for all Secondary students to enjoy in times of distress and are very excited to be setting up a **Well-being Hub**. The Hub will include the school nurse's room, rooms for individual counselling and small group support sessions as well as a Sensory / Break out room for students who feel overwhelmed and need a safe space to de-escalate, and regain a state of calm.

At the moment the rooms look run down and are in need of fresh paint and upgrading. Any donations will help and make a difference - thank you!

*Some of the things on our **Wishlist:***

- Paint for all of the rooms
- Big rug
- Multi - sensory equipment
- Bean bag chair
- Diffuser & essential oils
- Posters and Frames
- Designing a logo
- Sign boards outside the building



If you have any questions please contact Georgie Neville or Karen Marais at wellbeing@europaschool.uk

Any donations will help and make a difference, thank you
<http://virginmoneygiving.com/fund/europa.wellbeing>

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 12 January 2022.

Write about the biggest economic challenges facing your generation by 12 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 12 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 18 July 2022 and Week Commencing 9 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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InvestIN's parent event series

InvestIN's parent event series is designed to give parents the essential tools they'll need to support their child on their career journey. Events are run by leading experts and are free to attend. Sign up [here](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 29 th November	9h50 / 12h35 / 15h45 Manga Cake sale (MAB) S1 Construction Challenge Day Skills Builder (all day) 17h00 – 18h30/45 Music soiree (Streamed to families. The link will be sent out on Monday afternoon).
Tuesday 30 th November	S7 Parent teacher virtual meeting
Saturday 4 th December	Virtual Christmas Fair
Tuesday 7 th December	S5 Study day S2 Virtual parents evening
Wednesday 8 th December	S5 Exams
Thursday 9 th December	S5 Exams
Friday 10 th December	S5 Exams
Monday 13 th December	S5 Exams – Final day ICT Week
Friday 17 th December	Christmas holidays begin at 15h45
<u>2022</u>	
Tuesday 4 th January	Return to school - First day of the 2 nd Semester