



# EUROPA SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

4th April 2025

## Spring Careers Round Up

### Europa's Creative Encounters

On the afternoon of Friday 28th March, we invited several guests from a range of creative industries to share their passion and offer students from S3 to S7 the opportunity for a number of creative encounters: presentations, group discussions and question and answer sessions. The creative industries drive cultural expression, innovation, and economic growth. They foster creativity and diversity, which help shape identity and social values. These industries generate jobs, contribute to the

economy, and often lead to technological advancements, enhancing quality of life, inspiring new ideas, and keeping societies dynamic and evolving. Huge thanks for inspiring and engaging conversation goes to our wonderful guests: Max Blansjaar (Musical Artist); Liza DeBlock (Literary Agent); Georgia Dowdeswell (Software Product Design and Delivery); Holly Gurr (Advertising and Marketing); Jackie Holderness (Children's Author); Zohra Jenkison (Teacher and Charity Worker); Ruth McAleavey (Marketing); Trevor Mostyn (Author and Journalist); Berny Sebe (Academic and Photographer); Chaz Snell (Photographer and Entrepreneur); Zoe Sparrowhawk (Sculptor and Teacher); Alain Torri (Architect); Alex Wenham (Stone Carver).



### Life in the Army

A team of eight Army Apprentices visited the school on Monday 17th March. They introduced a range of Army careers, including apprenticeships, through team-building and problem-solving activities and Q&A opportunities with S3 and S4. This was a chance to meet the soldiers and find out what life is like in the Army. We met soldiers from The Royal Corps of Army Music and The Corps of Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers.



### Careers Fest at the Kassam

S4 were invited to the Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership Careers Fest at the Kassam Stadium on Wednesday 19th March. The Careers Fest presented an opportunity to meet a range of Oxfordshire employers, further education colleges, universities and training providers. There were over 80 exhibitors offering information, advice and guidance on future pathways and careers from a varied range of sectors. It was a great opportunity to start exploring post-16 and post-18 options.



## Diary

Tues 22nd Apr	First Day of Term
Wed 23rd April	UCAS Exhibition Winchester S6
Thur 24th April	S7 Study leave starts
Mon 28th April	Carnegie Cake Sale
	IB DP Exams Start (to 21st May)
Tues 29th April	S6 Exams (to 1st May)
Tues 29th April	Bronze DofE Practice Expedition (to 30th April)



# Sports Roundup

On Tuesday 25th March we hosted the best young volleyball players in the area from the Cherwell school. There were two visiting players who play on the English national U16 boys and U18 Volleyball team.

Our U18 mixed team played the visitors first in two sets losing both but putting up a great resistance. For many of our players this was their first ever competitive volleyball game so losing 17:25 and 13:25 was not bad at all.

Our U16 boys played 3 sets, losing two 14:25 and 16:25 but amazingly winning the third, short set 15:13.

All the Europa players had a great time and learned a lot!

For the great success we will welcome the same Cherwell team again on Tuesday 1.4. Thank you to all the supporting parents and students helping with the organisation. Our U16 girls team will play the Cherwell U16 girls on Sunday 27th April.  
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On Thursday 27th March Europa school hosted the quarter final match against the Cherwell school in the OSFA U15 boys Cup.

The Europa team started very well, playing excellent football and putting Cherwell under pressure. Europa players were quick, technical and confident, this constant pressure resulted in a goal scored by Elliot (S3). Europa was up and in the 19th minute Otis scored after a corner kick. Excellent performance continued and Felix scored our third goal in the 25th minute with a beautiful long shot from the free kick. There were some more opportunities and even a disallowed goal due to the offside. First half finished 3:0 and all seemed good.

In the second half the Cherwell team leveled their game up a bit but still did not get many shots. This changed about 18 minutes till the end when Otis had to leave the pitch due to injury. He was difficult to replace and Cherwell started to push harder now. The Europa team lost its cohesion a bit and started to make mistakes allowing the opposition some free kicks in the dangerous distance from our goal. Eventually after a confusion in our defence Cherwell managed to score. There was still about 13 minutes to play and Europa had to face some serious pressure. Leo made some amazing saves and kept us alive. Cherwell even hit the crossbar. However, Europa improved and managed to organize some very dangerous counterattacks with clear chances and even hitting the crossbar as well! Everybody worked really hard, defending and battling for the ball in the truly fierce battle. Alexander, John, Evan, Lucas and Louis were holding the defence, Felix being everywhere, Stefan, Ilyan, Elliot, Jamie, Luc and Eddie giving it all, supported by Jan from the side line and half of the school as audience for this intense drama.

Eventually, after an exhausting finish Europa managed to win 3:1 and will be playing the U15 boys OSFA semifinal against Matthew Arnold school. Let's go Europa school!  
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**Do we have enough?**

**Oxplore Essay Competition 2025**

## Sponsor our IB Academic Prizes




**Can you help us?**

Do you own or are you employed by a business that would be interested in sponsoring one of our awards for the International Baccalaureate Proclamation?

Each year, we give prizes in recognition of the students who have excelled or have developed the most in different subject areas. Traditionally, prizes have been £30 book vouchers, but we are open to exploring alternative ideas. For instance, the Science prize winner will receive a personalised tour of a world-class scientific establishment instead of a monetary reward.

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THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE	



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# KODÁLY SUMMER MUSIC SCHOOL

**INVITATION  
TO THE KODÁLY SUMMER MUSIC SCHOOL  
18th-22nd Aug 2025  
at EUROPA SCHOOL**

Thame Lane, Culham, Abingdon  
OX14 3DZ

**Monday to Friday  
9 am-3.30 pm**

**Programme:**

9.00-10.30 various music activities: music games, singing, dancing, active music listening, playing percussion, and have lots of fun!

10.30-11.00 a "snack break" and relaxing time, playing outside

11.00-12.00 musicianship programs

12.00-13.00 Lunchtime and relaxing time, playing outside

1.00-2.00 pm music and arts (various activities linked to music)

2.00-3.00 pm presentation of different music instruments, little live concerts

Friday afternoon: a small concert and party

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Our CAS project is food donation for the Abingdon food bank. We got the idea after researching food insecurity and decided we could launch our own school project to help with a large global issue on a smaller scale. We believe it is important to help our local community by providing for those in need. There will be a box under the canopy by the bus bay/parking lot and a second box in the office. Collection will be from Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 2nd May. The list of foods needed is the following (please stick to the list); Tinned ham, Tinned hotdogs, Tinned meatballs, Tinned vegetables, Chopped tomatoes, Pasta sauce, Biscuits, Rice pudding, Tinned Custard, Tinned fruit, UHT Milk, Crackers for cheese, Chocolate/treats, Washing up liquid, Shower gel, Shampoo, Cooking Oil, Corned beef, Hot chocolate, Squash (orange and blackcurrant), Nappies size 6-8, Honey, Plain flour, Strong carrier bags, Tinned mac & cheese, and Tinned ravioli. We need your help because everyone deserves the comfort of having food at home.

Free!

## Cholsey Fun Day Monday 14 April

10am-3pm

Cholsey Pavillion, Station Road,  
Wallingford, OX10 9PT

Football

Born to Move

Fun Games

Xplorer

Family Fun Fitness

Boxercise

New Age Kurling

For more information and to book,  
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## Didcot Fun Day

Wednesday 9 April

10am-3pm

Didcot Leisure Centre  
OX11 8AY

Fun Games

Born to Move

Badminton

Pickleball

Family Fitness

Table Tennis

Bouncy Castle

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