

EUROPA SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

6th June 2025

Geography Field Study on Rivers and Watersheds



A group of 11 S6 students embarked on a three-day bilingual geography field trip in English and French, exploring two rivers and their watersheds at Nettlecombe, Somerset. Their studies focused on river and watershed management, vital for preventing village flooding, protecting aquatic ecosystems, and understanding the water cycle. The students collected data on various factors including infiltration, flow rate, and stone size. This hands-on fieldwork served as excellent preparation for their upcoming international thesis.



ADVANCE NOTICE re. Summer Music Soirée date 26th June 2025 5pm

Any pupils wishing to take part will need to perform their pieces to Mrs Scaber or Ms Ognjenovic before Friday, 13th June.

Performers needing accompaniment should provide the sheet music and rehearse with Miss O. before that date.

DRESS CODE for concert is SMART.

Diary

Mon 9thJune S4 Assessments all week

S2 Carnegie cake sale

Tues 10th June S6 UCAS Day (p3-p9)

Wed 11th June Goethe in-house Exams
Thurs 12th June Hadrian's wall Group 1 depart

Student President Election

Mon 16thJune Hadrian's wall Group 1 depart & 2 return

Tues 17th June S7 Cake sale

Wed 18th June Goethe C1 exam London
Thurs 19th June S2&S4 Catch up vaccination

Student President election result

Fri 20th June DofE Gold expedition depart

Junior Ball

Sat 28th June Summer Fete



Isabelle D's (S6) artwork has been accepted into the Young Artists Exhibition at the Magdalen Road Studios, Oxford. The exhibition is open from 7th to 14th June.





Trinity College online talks especially for parents, carers and supporters interested in finding out more about university in general and the University of Oxford

What The Trinity College Access team is offering two talks that will be of interest to parents and carers of students in Years 10, 11 and 12.

Session 1 will be particularly useful for those who did not attend university themselves or who feel they would appreciate updated general university information and guidance. Session 2 will be of interest to parents and carers wanting to hear specifically about the University of Oxford and the application process. In both session, we will also focus on effective ways parents and carers can support their child, should they decide to apply to University and/or the University of Oxford in the future. We aim to build confidence and knowledge about what a parent and carer's role is in the process of a university application and to clarify the benefits and costs of going to university and/or the University of Oxford. Includes live Q&A with current undergraduates at Oxford.

Who Parents, cares and supporters of young people in a state secondary school considering university When Session 1 For Families - A guide to university on Monday 7 July at 6pm - 7:30pm; Session 2 For Families - A guide to the University of Oxford and the application process on Thursday 10 July at 6pm - 7:30pm Where Online

Links Parents can register directly via our <u>registration form</u> to book both or their preferred option. Registration open until 48 hrs prior to each session.

World Environment Day

Today marks World Environment Day, a global occasion to reflect on our planet's health. While environmental challenges can seem overwhelming, we choose to remain hopeful and proactive.

In line with this commitment, several of our teachers are participating in a research project led by our in-house Environmental Systems and Societies (ESS) teacher, Adriana Reis. They recently attended a workshop featuring a teaching tool developed by Oxford University researchers and will continue to reflect on their learning later this term. This initiative will be showcased at a poster conference at Oxford University on 14th June.

For those interested in furthering their environmental education, consider attending the following university open days:

- University of Plymouth Open Day at the Eden Project - More info here
- University of Manchester Earth & Environmental Sciences Open Day – 28th June – <u>Details here</u>

Let's stay inspired and work together to make a positive difference.

Introducing Our Ethical AI Tool for ESS Students

In response to growing concerns around the use — and misuse — of AI in student work, we are pleased to share a new initiative currently being piloted in Environmental Systems and Societies (ESS). We've developed a purpose-built GPT tool that supports students as they plan, structure, and reflect on their Internal Assessments (IAs). Importantly, this is not a feedback tool, nor does it provide direct answers. Instead, it prompts students with thoughtful, openended questions that challenge them to think critically, clarify their ideas, and engage more deeply with their research. Rooted in IB ethical standards, this tool aims to foster academic integrity by guiding students away from superficial habits like copying and pasting — and toward a more reflective, responsible, and independent learning process.

With the 15th June first draft deadline approaching, we encourage parents of ESS students to explore the GPT tool alongside their children. It's a chance to support their learning while seeing how the tool promotes critical thinking and independence — not shortcuts — in line with IB values.



PTA UPDATES



Buy your hoodies Dead line 10th June Order form



Save the date! Our annual Summer Fête will take place on Saturday 28th June from 11am, with fun for all the family!

This year we will be raising money towards the school's priority projects - upgrading the chemistry lab, improvements to the school toilets and addressing the drainage issues around the grounds.

RAFFLE - As always, we have amazing prizes and hampers to win. This raises the majority of funds at the fete, so a key way to contribute. Buy your <u>tickets here</u>:

More details and sign up forms can be found here.

Would you like to run your own stall or donate a cake? Or volunteer? (We need LOTS of volunteers please - no help is too little!) All sign up lists can be found via the <u>same link</u>

See you there!
The PTA Committee



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