



EUROPA SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

6th December 2024

Europa helps to celebrate Entente Cordiale with the Queen and Mme Macron



On Wednesday, 4th December, Mrs. Wood, Mme Gaillard, and Mme Dubois, along with Aurora (6FE), Solomon (6FE), Leo (S6), Sophie (S7), and Natalie (S7), proudly attended a ceremony at the French Embassy to meet Queen Camilla and Madame Brigitte Macron. The event celebrated the Entente Littéraire Prize (Prix de l'Entente Littéraire), a UK-France literary prize for young adult literature. This award commemorates the 120th anniversary of the Entente Cordiale, the 1904 agreement between the UK and French governments that strengthened bilateral relations.

During the ceremony, held alongside the Lycée Churchill, two students read an extract from a nominated British book, translated into French, *Le livre Bleu de Nebo* from Manon Steffan Ros aloud in front of cameras, Her Majesty, the First Lady, ambassadors, notable French and British writers, and film directors.

We were immensely proud to witness our students confidently speaking French with Mme Macron. They truly earned their petits fours!



Video of the meeting, at 1.30 hear Mrs Wood explain Europa to the Queen

[Read the Livres Hebdo
article here](#)



Diary

Tues 10th Dec Flu Vaccinations
Thur 12th Dec S1-S3 Music Soiree
U15 football vs LVS Ascot - Home
Fri 13th Dec Junior Ball
Wed 18th Dec Last day of Term

It was such a unique and exciting experience.

Everyone was really looking forward to meeting Her Majesty Queen Camilla and the first lady Brigitte Macron. As they walked in, the whole room fell silent. At first, we only caught glimpses of The Queen and First Lady because they were completely surrounded by journalists and photographers. Thankfully, the leaders soon made it to us and were very friendly and very attentive when we talked to them. We even got to shake their hands! We were all in disbelief! Not least Sophie who said, "This doesn't feel real!" On the other hand, we were very nervous and rather sweaty too because we had to read the winning book in front of all these important people! Thankfully, with the help from Mme Dubois, Mme Gaillard and Susi, the recital went excellently! My favourite thing of the whole experience though was the food. I must have eaten at least 10 macarons.

Leo Gonzalez-Merckx





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L'Atelier d'écriture avec la jeune romancière, Constance Robert-Murail



Le jeudi 21 novembre, nous avons fait un atelier d'écriture avec la jeune romancière, Constance Robert-Murail. Elle s'est présentée et elle a expliqué qu'on allait faire des exercices liés au corps. Nous avons commencé par faire un rhyme avec nos noms, et le dire à voix haute, pour utiliser l'imagination et pour qu'elle apprenne nos noms. (ex; Annabelle, les pensées dans le ciel).

[Continue reading here and also the English translation](#)

Trinity College Beyond the Classroom Online Academic Enrichment Programme back in 2025!

What Our online after-school academic enrichment programme is back for 2025 and will feature a new series of mini lectures, Explore taster sessions, academic skills talks and advice about preparing for university study. A certificate of participation from Trinity College, Oxford, for those attending 7 or more sessions! Plus an extension programme for students in year 12 considering applying to study one of the 19 subjects Trinity College admits for study at the University of Oxford. The Extension Programme includes a FREE one night- two day residential taking place at Trinity College on the 10-11th April 2025, a mini tutorial in chosen subject area, access to the library, free time for revision and private study to explore the subject in more detail and meet other participants on the programme. Throughout the year, students are also supported with suggested reading and other materials, take, online mini tutorials and will receive additional support with their Oxford application.

Who Any state school student in Year 7 to 12 interested in exploring learning across a broad range of themes and cross subject beyond the classroom and/or applying to Oxford.

When Beginning 5 March until 9 July 2025. Year 12 Deadline for applying for extension programme.

Where Online via Teams.

Students can sign up to Beyond the Classroom & the Extension Programme now by completing our [Registration Form](#).

CAREERS NEWS

Europa School UK

S1 - S3

Winter Music Soirée

Thursday 12th December

5.00 pm in the Chapel



Donations for Europa Music Department are welcomed at the end

Local flooding, water safety and getting to school



Marvellous video on water safety from a Europa parent with footage of the local floods, a resource beneficial to the wider school community. This video is, as Herr Ray, points out to be watched alongside guidance such as [Flood advice - RoSPA](#).

Lunchtime Clubs

Day	Timing	Year Group	Club
Monday	Lunchtime	S1 to S7	Girls Recreational Sports Club, in the Sportshall
Monday	Lunchtime	S4 & S5	Girls Fitness Club, in the Fitness Suite
Monday	Lunchtime	S1 to S6	Go Ecolo Club (Club of Ecology)
Monday	After school	S4 to S7	Model United Nations Club
Monday	Lunchtime		Linguistics Olympiad
Monday	Lunchtime	S3 & S4	S3/4 Book Club (Abingdon Young Adult Book Award)
Tuesday	Lunchtime	S4,S5 & S6	Philosophy Club
Tuesday	Lunchtime	S1 to S5	Maths Challenge Club
Wednesday	Lunchtime	S1 to S5	Ambassador of Europe (EPAS)
Wednesday	Lunchtime	All years	TableTennis
Thursday	Lunchtime	S1 to S7	Girls Recreational Sports Club
Thursday	12:45 - 13:15		String Chamber Orchestra
Thursday	Lunchtime	S4 & S5	Girls Fitness Club
Thursday	Lunchtime	S4 to S7	Model United Nations Club
Friday	12:45 - 13:15	S1 to S4	Singing Group
Friday	12:35 -13:20		Board Games
Tuesday and Friday	Lunchtime		Warhammer Club
Starting from Monday 13 January	Lunchtime	S1 to S4	Dance Club - Hip Hop

PTA Christmas Fair UPDATE

The fair is cancelled due to the weather warnings

- The Raffle will go ahead and winner will be notified by email. Buy tickets using the link to the right. You will be able to collect prizes from Monday.
- Collect Christmas Trees from Thame lane entrance on Monday
- Mistletoe for sale
- More information will follow



KREATIVE kids

FESTIVE ART

Join us for one day of **FESTIVE ART** fun!
We will be making festive Art and decorations.
Join **Jess & Laure** at **Europa School**:

Saturday 14 December
10:00 - 3:00pm
£46 / day
For ages 9 - 14

All materials supplied
Email us to book:
kreativekidsartcamp@gmail.com



CHESS

Oxfordshire Junior Chess is excited to announce that we will be holding the annual county junior chess tournament on the weekend of 4th / 5th Jan 2025 at Cumnor Primary School. As in previous years, there will be U9, U11, U13 and U15/18 sections. The online entry form link is <https://forms.gle/PpAYv8Rq1xvKPG8C9> from which full tournament information and rules can be accessed. The tournament caters for first time entrants all the way through to experienced players. Queries are welcomed by email to Anna Bishop at oxfordshirejuniorchess@gmail.com.

Crisis at Christmas

It is the same time of the year when the Europa school community comes together to donate food and other items to the Crisis Appeal. This is our 7th year of supporting the local homeless charity.

This year the collection will be from Monday 25th November to Thursday 12th December. There will be a box for donations at the Main Reception from Monday onwards.

Donations needed for Crisis at Christmas

This year we need the following:

Tinned food (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
Nuts, crisps, dried fruit
Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate
Seasonal treats (mince pies, cakes, selection boxes)
Dog Food & Cat Food

We are accepting donations now. Please contact christmas.oxford@crisis.org.uk to let us know what you are collecting for us and to arrange delivery. Find us on Facebook: Crisis Skylight Oxford

Thank you for supporting people facing homelessness this Christmas.