



# EUROPA SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

11th September 2026

## Join our Club



**Europa Sustainability Club (ESC) about Ecology**  
*Tuesday Lunchtime* room 331 and outside with Lucia Singer and Sandrine Philippot-Gasc.

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Model  
United  
Nations

**Model United Nations (MUN) about Politics** *Thursday lunchtime and Monday after school 15h45-16h25* room 331 with Sandrine Philippot-Gasc.

## Basketball at Europa School



A new season.  
A new team.  
More basketball!



Basketball is growing at Europa Dragons.

This season we are delighted to launch a new Secondary Girls' team, led by our new Coach Homara.

Europa School has always had a strong connection with basketball, and we want more pupils to have the opportunity not just to learn the game, but to play it.

For the 2026-27 season, Europa Dragons teams will play against local schools, across Primary and Secondary, boys and girls. We want our players to compete, represent their school and experience basketball as part of a team. We are committed to giving every player meaningful court time. We play to compete and we play to win, but games are also where young players learn, develop and discover their place in the team.

Registrar with the After-School Club on the MCAS portal. Players who are not able to join the ASC practice but do want the opportunity to play fixtures can contact Head Coach Etienne: [etienne.roesch@gmail.com](mailto:etienne.roesch@gmail.com).

### Saturdays, Gym

9:00-10:00 · Y4-6 Primary

11:00-12:30 · S1-S7 Secondary Boys & Girls

### Tuesdays, Gym

15:45-17:00 · S1-S7 Secondary Boys & Girls

Team practice and/or fixtures

### Wednesdays, Gym

20:30-22:00 · Adult scrimmage

## Diary

Tue 15<sup>th</sup> Sept

S4 online evening 6.30-7.15pm

S6 in person info evening 7-8pm

Tue 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Sept

School photos

Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Sept

S2 online info evening 6.30-7.15pm

S3 online evening 7-7.45pm

IB DP Open Event On Site 14:00-16:30

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Oct

Clothes & Shoes collection

6th - 9<sup>th</sup> Oct

MUNUCCLE Brussels

Mon 26<sup>th</sup>-Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Oct

Half term

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Nov

Flu Vaccination

## SCHOOL PHOTOS



All of Secondary are scheduled to be photographed on Tuesday and Wednesday. There is the opportunity for family photos at the end of the day on Monday and Tuesday from 15.30. Please note that parents/Secondary age siblings will have the responsibility at this time, not the school staff. It will be a first come, first served system.

## Individual Instrumental Lessons 26-27

Enrollment form 2026-2027 for NEW starters from Year 2 and older for individual instrumental lessons at Europa.

For any further information, email [t.ognjenovic@europaschool.uk](mailto:t.ognjenovic@europaschool.uk)

## Learn a brass instrument

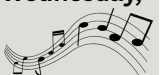
Abbey Brass Band offers group tuition and free loan of a brass instrument for an annual membership of £132 (£11 a month).

Complete beginners welcome, from year 3 up to adults on a Wednesday 18:30-19:15 at Fitzharrises School.

Children welcome by themselves or come join other Europa parents who are learning alongside their children.

First session to try out different instruments on Wednesday, 16th September.

Email [membership@abbeybrass.com](mailto:membership@abbeybrass.com)



Ruthy Trevitt



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## A Love Story under the Europa School banner



Once upon a time, there was a little Danish girl, Kirstine Fahl, and a little French boy, Jean-Aymeric Gasc. They met in Primary 6 at the European School in Culham.

After many adventures at school and on school trips – to Puy du Fou, Eurosport and many other places – they went on to become part of the very first Europa School graduating class in 2018.

They stayed together as they continued their studies across Europe, in London, Madrid, Berlin Paris and Copenhagen.

This summer, they celebrated their wedding at the family country home in France, surrounded by many of their friends from school. They said “I do” on 7 and 8 August, at the town hall in Margueron and at the church in Monteton, near Bergerac in France.

And so, here is the lovely story of the very first Europa School wedding!



💕 From classmates to soulmates!

*Congratulations to the first couple to meet at school and go on to get married!*



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**Europa School UK**  
Inspiring excellence

*Celebrating*  
**INTERNATIONAL  
RECOGNITION**  
FOR OUR SPANISH SECTION!

We are delighted to announce that Europa School UK, together with the Bilingual Primary School of Brighton & Hove, will be among the first schools in the UK and Europe to join the International Spanish Academy (ISA) programme.

**ISA** | INTERNATIONAL SPANISH ACADEMY

A network of high-performing schools outside Spain, recognised by the Spanish Ministry of Education.

**OFFICIAL RECOGNITION** by the Spanish Ministry of Education  
**ACCESS TO EXCLUSIVE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES**  
**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**  
**PART OF A PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL NETWORK**

**AN EXCITING MILESTONE AHEAD**

**OFFICIAL VISIT TO EUROPA SCHOOL UK**  
Tuesday 19th September  
The Under-Secretary of Education, Vocational Training and Sports will meet our students, teachers, senior leadership team, governors and parents.

**CEREMONIAL SIGNING EVENT**  
Wednesday 30th September  
At the residence of the Ambassador of Spain in London. With representatives from the Spanish Ministry of Education, the Department for Education, the British Council, universities, MPs, Local Authorities and other strategic partners.

**THIS EVENT WILL LAUNCH THE ISA PROGRAMME IN THE UK AND GIVE EUROPA SCHOOL UK'S PARTICIPATION THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE.**

**LOOKING AHEAD**  
Our first ISA planning meeting in October will help us shape an ambitious programme of activities to benefit our school community for years to come.

*Thank you to our teachers, students and wider community for your ongoing support!*

PROUD MEMBER OF INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS **ISA** Label France Education excellence in French education **PLASCH** Partnership Schools for the Future

**OXFORD CHAMBER  
MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
PRIYA MITCHELL – ARTISTIC DIRECTOR  
21 – 26 SEPTEMBER 2026

**New Worlds**

'An event of national rather than merely local significance.'  
The Independent  
**FESTIVAL PRESIDENT - ROB RINDER**



## CLOTHES & SHOES COLLECTION

**THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER  
8-9 AM**

**UNDER THE CANOPY AT THAME LANE GATE**

Bag up your preloved, unwanted and outgrown clothes, paired shoes, and handbags and bring them to school.

**Rags2Riches4Schools** will collect them on the day and pay for them.



**PRELOVED CLOTHES and SHOES COLLECTION to raise funds for our school and recycle well.**

**WHEN** 8 October, 8:00 to 9:00 am

**WHERE** Under the canopy at Thame Lane gate

**Sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and fill a bag (or more!) with clean, reusable, unwanted or outgrown clothes and shoes.**

**YES:** clean, good condition adult and children's clothes, paired shoes tied together, hats and scarves, handbags and belts, packed in bags. This will be taken by the weight for reuse and a donation paid to the school.

**NO:** uniforms, socks, dirty items, ripped or stained clothes.



# PTA News

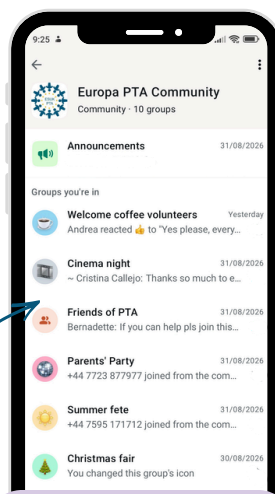
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Keep in touch on  Classlist

## GET INVOLVED

There are many ways to support the school via the PTA! We know life is busy. Most of our PTA community members help in small, "bite-sized" ways that fit around work and home life. For all projects - like the bake sales or the fairs - we form small working groups. Join our PTA WhatsApp community to get involved (or just see how we work, no pressure!) This community is for anyone who wants to support the PTA in any capacity.

*Join the "Friends" sub group for general chats about PTA activities and how to get involved. Join any of the dedicated volunteer groups if you already know what you'd like to help with.*



[JOIN NOW](#)



Well done and thank you to Louis who did a 50 mile cycle ride from Oxford to Brill to raise money for the boys toilet repairs during the summer!

## DIY CLUB



Dates for DIY sessions for this term are on the website. If you plan to come along it's useful to let Valerie know ahead of time to help her plan! By popular demand, there is now a DIY Whatsapp group. Some of the items on the to-do list (no particular order):

- Outdoor toilets - finish plastering
- Accessible toilet - sorting the lock & paint snags
- German corridor toilets: tiling & grouting
- Mediatheque toilets: cleaning and repair
- Reception toilets: cleaning & cheering up
- Music block: toilets & wall mural for the staircase
- Art block painting
- Hostel block toilets...



No rest for the DIY Club this summer who gave the Old Gym a fresh coat of paint with help from corporate volunteers from AECOM (if anyone needs corporate volunteer hours we can arrange sessions!)



## JUST JOINED EUROPA

Welcome to the community!

[VIEW OUR NEW STARTERS PAGE](#)



## CLASS REPS

If you are Class Rep and haven't joined our WhatsApp group yet, please do so here:

[JOIN THE CLASS REPS GROUP](#)

