



EUROPA SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

14th March 2025

Incredible!

Our students did it again! For the fourth time in a row, in fact, since the award was established, our students (each year a new team) have come back victorious with the trophy for the Abingdon Young Adult Book Award quiz!



Before the event, our students met every week for bookish activities and read the 6 selected books. Then, last Wednesday, we had 2 teams competing against 6 other local schools: St Helens & St Katharine, Our Lady's, Radley College, John Mason, Fitzharrys and Larkmead. The quiz was tough, the competition very close, but our team of S3 won thanks to the general literature round.

The 6 books are now available in the secondary library for everyone one to borrow. Songlight by Moira Buffini was the favourite one this year, closely followed by If my words had wings by Danielle Jawando.



Diary

- Mon 17th Mar Careers Week - Human Library & Tech apprenticeships presentation
- Wed 19th Mar S4 Careers Fest Kassam Stadium
- Thurs 20th Mar Music Soiree/ S5 Art Exhibition 5.30pm
- Thurs 27th Mar S6 UCAS talk 2 -3pm
- Fri 28th Mar Creative Encounters - Spotlight on creative industries S3-5

The Faraday Institution:

Creating a dynamic and diverse pool of talent for the battery sector



As part of British Science Week, the Faraday Institution visited yesterday and held a very engaging presentation to the S3s on Batteries; How they work and the revolution of batteries. They were really impressed by our students and how interested they were.



Donations at the end

to raise funds for the Music Department using the link or QR code below

<https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QG5ILOMY4>



EYPUK Regional Forum

Last Monday, a group of eight S6 students proudly represented our school at the EYPUK Regional Debating Session in Hammersmith. It was inspiring to see their teamwork in action and hear their confident public speaking. While they won't be progressing to the National Round this time, we are incredibly proud of their dedication, enthusiasm, and ability to engage thoughtfully in this new debating format. Their well-informed, poised, and respectful contributions to Open Debate were particularly impressive. Mrs Simpson and Ms López

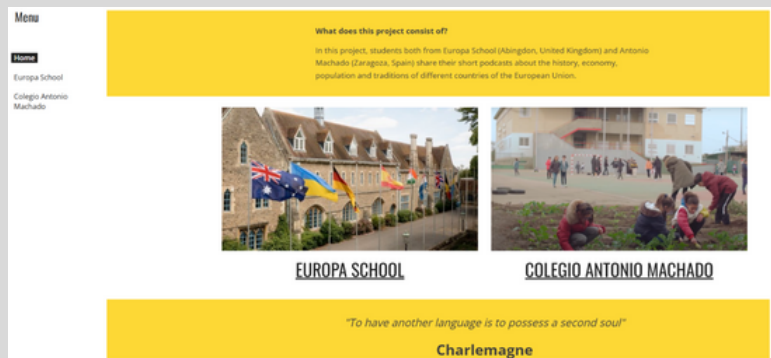


Completion of the collaboration project "Podcast-Europa"

This week, we successfully concluded the Podcast-Europa project, a fantastic collaboration between Europa School and the Spanish school Antonio Machado in Zaragoza, as part of the subject Individuals & Societies in Spanish. Over the past three weeks, our students have worked together to explore the European Union—its values, history, and cultural heritage—through the creation of a joint podcast.

The project culminated in a videoconference where students from both schools had the opportunity to meet virtually, discuss their work, and reflect on their experiences. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm as they shared how much they had learned about Europe while also having fun throughout the process.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in making this project a success! Mrs Isabel López, Humanities Spanish teacher and leader of EPAS programme



Commemorating International Women's Day with EPAS



As part of the EPAS (European Parliament Ambassador School) programme, our S3 students marked International Women's Day in a truly meaningful way. They prepared and performed an original and educational play for some of our S6 primary students, highlighting the historical journey of British women in their fight for the right to vote.

Following the performance, students engaged in a debate on the importance of equality in societies across the world. This event was not only an opportunity to celebrate International Women's Day but also a great way to reinforce our shared democratic values across the school community.

Well done to our S3 EPAS students for their creativity and commitment to this important cause!



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Sports Roundup

On Thursday 13th March the U12 boys (S1) team took part in the Vale of White Horse schools FA Indoor 5-a-side football tournament in Wantage leisure centre.

There were 6 teams competing - King Alfreds, St Birinus, Matthew Arnold, Wheatley Park, John Mason and Europa School UK.

In the group stage we played all the teams and all our boys equally contributed to the Europa team successfully qualifying into the semifinal.


In the semi we faced Wheatley Park beating them 5:1 where all the Europa boys performed super football.

In the final we played against Matthew Arnold who did not lose a single game in the group stage. The Europa boys played extremely well and the first half finished 1:1. In the second half it was a fantastic battle with some amazing moments on both sides. Luke made some crucial saves, Hernan, Zachary, Peter and Jenson played great football and had a lot of chances, but Matthew Arnold managed to score in the last minute. The Europa team made a last push but could not score. Eventually we came second and received the silver medals. What a fantastic achievement! Well done to the whole team!

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SCIDS presents



Much ado about

Ali Baba

FRIDAY 21 MARCH 6.30pm
SATURDAY 22 MARCH 2.00pm & 6.30pm
Sutton Courtenay Village Hall

All tickets: £7
Box Office: 847707 / 848335
(from 24 Feb)

The cast of this show includes a lot of Europa primary and secondary pupils/students. Full number to book tickets is 01235 847707 or 01235 848335

Sign up for Oxplore's latest livestream event to launch our new essay competition: 'Do we have enough?'

Who is 'we'? Is it humanity? Or perhaps the next generation? What is 'enough'? Enough to survive? Enough to be satisfied? And enough of what? Time? Money? Resources? Compassion? Happiness?

Our newest essay competition question is very broad and can be approached from many different angles. From 2 - 2:45pm on Friday 28 March we're giving students the opportunity to get their brains thinking about how they might want to start answering this question with an expert panel from the University of Oxford.

We've designed this event specifically for young people aged 11-18. Tickets are free and the only technical requirements are internet access and a free [vimeo.com](https://www.vimeo.com) account. Teachers can stream this event in a classroom and submit pupil comments themselves if that is preferred.

We look forward to seeing you and your students online!



Do we have enough?

An online discussion for ages 11-18 with special guests from the University of Oxford



You're invited!