



EUROPA SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

16th May 2025

S4 Students Shine on DoE Training Expedition in the New Forest



Last week, 35 S4 students took part in their Duke of Edinburgh training expedition in the beautiful New Forest, spending two nights under canvas and covering an impressive 35km over three days.

They were always in good spirits and full of enthusiasm. There was plenty of laughter, and a strong sense of teamwork as they explored the beautiful scenery.

Their navigation skills were outstanding, with students confidently using bearings and maps to find their way. Staff described them as one of the best groups they've worked with, thanks to their independence, motivation, and support for each other. The students were praised by members of the public staying at the same campsite, who commented on their excellent behaviour and positive attitude.

Day 2 brought a memorable moment when a New Forest pony and her young foal wandered through camp during the morning briefing, briefly stealing the spotlight from Mr Stepan. With glorious weather throughout and a well-earned ice cream to celebrate at the end, the expedition was a huge success. One student summed it up perfectly: "The DoE practice was amazing. We were really motivated to do well, and thanks to all the help of the teachers and volunteers, who provided water stations and support."

Well done, S4, DoE group you did yourselves and the school proud.

Diary

Mon 19th May	IB DP Exams until 21st May S6 Exams All week
Tues 20th May	MYP Personal Projects Exhibition
Fri 23rd May	DELE Exams Last day of Term
Mon 2nd June	First day of Term S4 Assessments all week S6 Exams (to 4th June)
Wed 4th June	Hadrian's Wall Online Info Session 19.00)
Thurs 5th June	DoE Silver S5 Expedition

Parking Note: The Field Gate Closes at 4pm

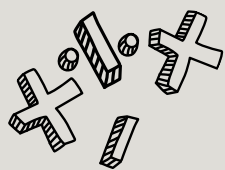


S2 self portraits in the style of Julia Opie





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Fantastic Results in the Junior Maths Challenge

The Junior Maths Challenge is aimed at students in S1 and S2 across the UK. It consists of 25 challenging and interesting problems that encourage mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency and flexibility in applying mathematical techniques. You can find the paper [here](#) (written solutions [here](#) and video solutions [here](#)) if you would like to take a look at the problems.

A total of 163 students participated in the challenge this year, achieving excellent results. Congratulations to the following students:

Awarded a BRONZE Certificate (performing in the top 50% of all entries across the UK):

In S1: Duncan A, Iciar AC, Josephine B, Hernan DSF, Yasmine EKG, Marc GL, Caden H-H, Grace K, Victoria MC, Jeremy O, Jakub R, Mykhailo Y

In S2: Martyna B, Leonardo CZ, Alexander F, Anna F, Navid G, Ollie G, Cloudagh H, Annabelle J, David K, Teo M, Sarah O, Rose R, Sam RO, Christian S, Ariana SF, Jasmine S, Matvey T, Leena T, Olivia V, Theodore W

Awarded a SILVER Certificate (performing in the top 25% of all entries across the UK):

In S1: Leonardo A, Hugo A, Isaac B, Viola C, Theo G, Thomas GM, Franklin S, Maximilian T, Charlotte W

In S2: Amelie D, Ikal ES, Bosco M, Lucie M, Luca M, Niko S

Awarded a GOLD Certificate (performing in the top 8% of all entries across the UK):

In S1: Ruben BC*, Peter H*, Zachary P* (Best in Year)

In S2: Aurelia B*, Louis G*, Emma H, Lea K (Best in School), Armand K, Donald K*, Alejandro M, Bea N*, Ayman P, Tristan R*, Christopher S*, Zosia S*, Sebastien S*

Following their excellent results in the Junior Maths Challenge, several students have been invited to participate in the Junior Kangaroo, a follow on round of a similar format but with more challenging questions. These students are marked with * in the list above.

On top of this Lea K (S2B) and Armand K (S2B) have been invited to participate in the Junior Mathematical Olympiad. This is the highest level of challenge at this age range, and will challenge them with 6 problems to solve in 2 hours, with full written solutions.

Congratulations once again to all the participants in the Junior Maths Challenge.

The Maths Department

Europe Day Celebrations 9th May



This year, our Europe Day celebrations were richer than ever, combining fun and learning both at home and in London. At school, students enjoyed a European Cine Forum on May 9th, sparking discussions about democracy, diversity, and unity. A lively EU-themed photo booth and a quiz with prizes added excitement to the day, reinforcing key European values in an engaging way.

Meanwhile, our EPAS Club students travelled to London for a two-day learning adventure. Day one included a visit to the British Museum, where they explored the roots of democracy through ancient artefacts, followed by activities in Parliament Square linking past principles to modern systems. There was also time to enjoy central London and some well-earned bubble tea!

The highlight was Day 2 at Europe House, where students joined other Ambassador Schools in celebrating Europe Day. They engaged in discussions, heard inspiring talks from MP Marsha de Cordova and Susanne Oberhauser, and even participated in a Europe-themed quiz, special congratulations to our students Ruth, Quentin, Leoni, and Eli, who reached the podium with their teams during the quiz and games — a proud moment for our school!

Special thanks to Europe House, our EPAS leaders, and Junior Ambassadors. Europe Day 2025 was not only educational, but a powerful reminder of the shared values that unite us across cultures and borders.

[Read The Full Article Here](#)





SPORTS ROUNDUP



On Monday 12th May a group of 58 Europa school's athletes competed in the ESAA English school Track and Field cup, first round at Tilsley park. There were four teams from our school: Junior boys, Junior girls (S1-S2), Intermediate boys and Intermediate girls (S3-S4).

The whole event was very competitive with a lot of top athletes from the Oxfordshire area taking part. Our students performed incredibly well and showed some high level performances, often in events they had not trained a lot, such as hurdles or triple jump.

Junior boys finished in third position out of five schools, only 3 points from the second place behind Abingdon Prep school and Wheatley park.

Junior girls finished 5th out of 8 schools beating some big guns.

Intermediate boys won their group beating the Lord Williams and Abingdon boys school. They progress into the regional round in June! Congratulations!

Intermediate girls finished fifth, not far from the fourth position.

Overall, Europa school students had a great time, yet again competing successfully against the top schools in the county. Congratulations to all the participants and thank you to S6 helpers and Mr Keymer for officiating. Well done everybody!

Our S6 Biology and Environmental Systems and Society students have been enjoying fantastic weather as they explore this wonderfully historic Somerset Field Study Centre Site and the wider surrounds of the Quantock hills. They've practiced sampling and identifying organisms in a variety of grasslands, a very steep slope, pools and riffles of the local Donerford Brook, considered the effects of water pollution and practised capture-mark-release techniques. New statistical tests have been trialled and mammal (mice and voles) and land invertebrate sampling is to come. The ESS students are currently studying controlled burning and succession on the hills today and the Biologists are sampling freshwater invertebrates. Great fun and eventfulness has been had last night playing frisbee and football!

Next is discussing several methodologies for their IAs and then their choice of individual study and the data gathering itself!

Our students are being exemplary, enthusiastically working hard despite the heat and being beautifully polite, as commented upon by the staff here, really lovely feedback!

S6 Field Trip





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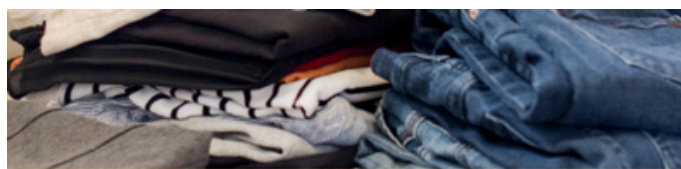


ADVANCE NOTICE re. Summer Music Soirée date
26th June 2025 5pm

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.



CLOTHES & SHOES COLLECTION

THURSDAY 22 MAY
8-9 AM

THAME LANE ENTRANCE

Sponsor our IB Academic Prizes



Can you help us?

We opened the floor to businesses that may be interested in sponsoring, now we are opening it up to individuals. Would you be interested in donating a prize?

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.

Get in touch with us with any questions or leads:
fundraising@europaschool.uk

Prize name	Sponsorship available
LANGUAGE A	
MULTI-LANGUAGE	NOT AVAILABLE
SCIENCE	NOT AVAILABLE
MATHS	
INDIVIDUAL HUMANITIES & SOCIETIES	
ARTS	
CREATIVITY, ACTIVITY & SERVICE	NOT AVAILABLE
EXTENDED ESSAY	
THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE	



MAY ART CAMP

For your creative kids this May Half Term:
Join Jess & Laure Multilingual Art Teachers at Europa School and explore a variety of Art projects:

- ▶ PAINTING & DRAWING
- ▶ PRINTMAKING
- ▶ MIXED MEDIA
- ▶ SCULPTURE
- ▶ CLAY

Learn New Skills
Build Confidence
Create and Have Fun!

For children 8 - 14 years
9:30 - 3:30pm
£49/day (all materials supplied)

DATES:
MAY 27, 28, 29 (Tues - Thurs)
At Europa School, Culham, OX14 3DZ

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MAY HALF-TERM DRAMA WORKSHOP

@ Europa School

A Play In A Week

8-14 yrs old
MAY 26th-30th
10am-4pm
£150 week or £30 per/day

Performance Friday @ 3pm

To book and info please contact Emel
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