



# EUROPA SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

26th September 2025



## MEET THE PRINCIPAL MEETING

We would like to share with you our:

- Strategic plans and goals
- Give you updates on the school's achievements and site improvements including funding and fundraising.

 **30** SEPTEMBER  
 AT **19:30**

Online Meeting  
(link to be sent separately)

## Diary

Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	S3 German Exchange group at Europa S7 Cake Sale
Tue 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	S4 Interdisciplinary workshop
Tue 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	S3 German Exchange group-Oxford visit
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	S3 German Exchange group-Warwick Castle
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	S3 German Exchange group-Dorchester & Wittenham Clumps
Fri 3 Oct	S3 German Exchange group at Europa (workshop)
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Secondary Middle Years Open Day (virtual)
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> -10 Oct	MUNUccle Brussels S5-S6-S7
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	IB Open Event (virtual)
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Prospective Sec (S1) Parent online presentation (7pm-8pm)
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Half Term
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Vaccination
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fête
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Fête

## 2025 RTX Quadcopter Challenge

We are really proud that last year three teams of Europa Students (Frog for logs, Hawks Drones and Europa Engineers) entered into a competition to design a drone to support our local heroes. Two of those teams (Frog for logs and Hawks Drones) got through to stage 2, which we hosted here at Europa last Tuesday.

Our two teams and a team from Bournemouth School for Girls built a basic drone, and learned to fly it. I was impressed with how brilliantly our students worked, and at their impressive teamwork. Our students learned how to build a drone. Now the teams have five weeks to improve their drones and practice their flying skills before the next stage of the competition, where one of them will be selected to go through to the national stage of the competition.

Thanks to all three team, who participated with great enthusiasm and congratulations to our two teams: **Frogs for Logs** (Kavarenah A, Navid G, Annabelle J, Christian S and Ariana S) and **Hawk Drones** (Micaela A, Cloudagh H, Matej H, Mylo R and I E for representing our school in this exciting national STEM Challenge. Good luck!

Ana Maria Sierra-Villar  
Science Technician(chemistry)



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## PTA NEWS

### PTA gathering at the Crown and Thistle

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us at the first coffee morning of the year and at the PTA gathering on 23 September at the Crown and Thistle – it was a great way to start the term together!

Last year, thanks to your support, we raised almost **£30,000** through the Christmas and Summer Fetes, second-hand sales, cake sales and much more.

Funding priorities are agreed through a joint process between the PTA and school leadership.

### Projects supported last year 2024-25

Support to the 3 large projects (drains, chemistry labs, toilets)  
Phonics resources  
Primary visualisers  
Welfare support for school trips  
Hazard Alley workshops  
Exhibition spaces  
Kiln  
Performance equipment  
Drama studio refurbishment  
Unifrog (career and UCAS support)  
Lost property refurb  
Design studio equipment (ongoing)  
Staff visits to IB schools

### Ongoing big projects

- Great progress is being made with the chemistry lab (almost complete) and the drains project (due for completion in March 2026).
- We will continue to support the toilet improvements in partnership with the school and grant funding
- For more details about these projects and the overall school fundraising efforts, please refer to the latest fundraising newsletter at: <https://europaschooluk.org/fundraising/>. You can donate to the school from the same link!
- WANTED! We're urgently looking for a Treasurer, Secretary and Christmas Fete team members – any help, big or small, is warmly welcomed.

### Your PTA team this year

- Co-Chairs (trustees): Bernadette Brent & Alex Merckx
- Interim Secretary & Treasurer (trustee): Gaelle Jamar
- Communications: Celine Grand

With huge thanks to Rosie Chitty, Sally Povolotsky and Maria Frantzeskaki for their service as trustees, and of course to all our fantastic PTA friends who give up their time and energy.

### *Dates for your diary*

- 24 October- Halloween Cake Sale
- 6 December- Christmas Fete
- 27 March - Easter Cake Sale
- 27 June - Summer Fete

*Stay connected with us through:*

- [europaschooluk.org](https://europaschooluk.org/fundraising/)
- Classlist
- and look out for more updates via the school newsletters

The PTA Committee



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TRINITY COLLEGE  
UNIVERSITY of OXFORD

Online talks 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:** For Families - A guide to university 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:** For Families - A guide to the University of Oxford will be of interest to parents and carers wanting to hear specifically about the University of Oxford and the application process. In both sessions, 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, carers and supporters of young people in a state secondary school considering university

**When:** Session 1 For Families - A guide to university on **Monday 3 November at 6pm - 7:30pm**; Session 2 For Families - A guide to the University of Oxford and the application process on **Thursday 6 November at 6pm - 7:30pm**

**Where:** Online

**Links:** Parents can register directly via our [Registration form](#) to book both or their preferred option. Registration open until 48 hrs prior to each session.

Ivana Charalambous, UCAS Coordinator & Economics Teacher

## Urgent Appeal CHARTERED SURVEYOR



### Could you help?

Please contact

[a.cole-morgan@europaschool.uk](mailto:a.cole-morgan@europaschool.uk)



## NHS Virtual Work Experience Opportunity for Students (Years 10-13)

### Who can join?

Students in Years 10-13 (or S3-S6/NI11-NI14) who are considering careers in:

- Nursing, Midwifery, Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy
- Dietetics, Radiography
- Prosthetics & Orthotics
- Speech & Language Therapy
- Pharmacy

### What's involved?

Follow real patient journeys from presentation to recovery.

Gain insight into NHS multidisciplinary teams  
Interact with healthcare professionals live  
Building knowledge for UCAS applications

Earn certificates for each session

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 9am-5pm**

£10 per session

Places are £10 a session to cover administrative and technological costs

[Register here](#)

Once they've registered, students will be emailed links to their virtual work experience portals.



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**KREATIVE  
kids**

## OCTOBER ART CAMP

**For your creative kids this October Half Term**

Join Jess & Laure **Multilingual Teachers** at Europa School and explore a variety of Art projects:

- ▶ **DRAWING & PAINTING**
- ▶ **COLLAGE**
- ▶ **MIXED MEDIA**
- ▶ **TEXTILE ART**
- ▶ **FOIL ART**

**CREATE & MAKE  
LEARN NEW SKILLS  
BUILD CONFIDENCE  
MAKE FRIENDS  
HAVE FUN!**

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

**AVAILABLE DATES:**  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October  
At Europa School, Culham OX14 3DZ

**PLEASE EMAIL US TO BOOK YOUR SPACE:**  
[kreativekidsartcamp@gmail.com](mailto:kreativekidsartcamp@gmail.com)

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## Preloved clothes and shoes collection to raise funds for our school as well

- **WHEN:** 9<sup>th</sup> October, 08:00 to 09:00
- **WHERE:** Under the canopy at the Thame Lane gate
- **YES:** Clean, good condition adult and children's clothes, paired shoes tied together, hats and scarves, handbag and belts, packed in bags. This will be taken by the weight for reuse and donation paid to school.
- **NO:** uniforms, socks, dirty items, ripped or stained clothes.



## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Next week we shall be distributing the school photograph order forms. Please check the deadline for ordering online when you receive them as you will need to pay postage after that.

## THE OXFORD CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

There is a great programme of music, including a Family Concert on Saturday 27th September.

We are offering Under 25's £10 tickets for our concerts and hope that Tania is bringing a group for free on the 22nd September. Use this link to book your tickets

## CYCLE/PEDESTRIAN GATE

From Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September the gate by the Chapel will have a new code. Please visit reception to get the code.

## Individual Instrumental Tuition

You can use this link to book.

For more information email [t.ognjenovic@europaschool.uk](mailto:t.ognjenovic@europaschool.uk)

