

SECONDARY PARENT / STUDENT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

14th JANUARY 2022

The S5 reports will be issued to student's tomorrow morning (Saturday 15th January 2022) and then to the parents later on in the day. The delay has been caused by technical issues. Thank you for your understanding.

Please see below, this may be an important way of lobbying the council for an A415 crossing.



Dear parent / carer,

Oxfordshire County Council's Road Safety Team are constantly looking to improve the safety of child pedestrians and so are reviewing the advice and guidance we provide to parents and carers.

To help us achieve this, we are evaluating the effectiveness of the Footsteps (Child Pedestrian safety advice for parents / carers) programme and would like parents and carers to help by completing an online questionnaire.

If you would like to keep your child safer on our roads, please visit <u>Walking with children</u> <u>365Alive</u> where you can download a copy of the Footsteps leaflet to provide you with guidance to support your child in becoming a safer and, eventually, an independent pedestrian.

Once you have downloaded the Footsteps guide, the link to the survey can be found further down the page, please click on the link to complete the short questionnaire which will then help us to keep all children safer.

Thank you.

Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service Road Safety Team, Oxfordshire County Council

COVER CLEANERS NEEDED

To any S5 or S6 students who are interested in earning some extra money by doing cleaning after school on site from 4-6pm and who are bale to be contacted at short notice, please contact Mrs Cole-Morgan on a.cole-morgan@europaschool.uk

Update on the delivery of the 12 to 15 vaccination programme

Young people aged 12 to 15 in England will be offered a second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine at a minimum of 12 weeks from the first dose, following advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI).

NHS England have now confirmed that, as with first doses, healthy school-aged children aged 12 to 15 will be able to receive their COVID-19 vaccination in their school next term, as well as having the option to receive the vaccine out of school, such as through vaccination centres. These offers will run in parallel.

More information for schools on the vaccination programme and how second dose delivery will work, including information on consent gathering, will be published by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) shortly.

We are grateful to schools for their ongoing support with the rollout of the 12 to 15 vaccination programme. Vaccinating young people is increasingly important for keeping them, their friends, family members and teachers safe as we approach the Christmas holidays.

NHS booking system.

Further information on <u>vaccination for 12 to 15 year olds</u> is available on the NHS website.

S1 CONSTRUCTION CHALLENGE DAY FRIDAY 21st JANUARY 2022

S1 will take part in a Construction Challenge day next week on Friday 21st January. This will be an off-timetable day which will follow a Skills Builder Challenge day based around redeveloping a rundown seaside town. Students will look at developing the 8 key skills builder skills with a focus on speaking, listening, teamwork and aiming high.

At the end of the day the winning teams will go in a virtual trip and present their winning ideas and the other teams will attend a special construction careers fair to understand the variety of construction careers and how to enter these careers. If you work in construction and would like to join us as part of the careers fair or to support any aspects of the day please get in touch with Mrs Powell (<u>l.powell@europaschool.uk</u>).

Spring Term Career Opportunities For Ages 12-18

Available in 20+ industries: In-person at UCL or live online



Your students can now register for our spring term career opportunities, which are available in 20+ cutting-edge industries. **Students will learn directly from some of the UK's best professionals** - doctors, forensic scientists, architects, MPs, filmmakers, engineers and more - through a series of live, interactive simulations which provide tailor-made, professional experience to ages 12-18.

Students can choose to attend either at UCL or live online from the comfort of their own homes. We expect to be fully-booked for our most popular programmes by 30th January.



FITZWILLIAM COLLEGE ESSAY COMPETITION

Essay competitions in a variety of subjects for pupils in Year 12 (England and Wales), S5 (Scotland), Year 13 (Northern Ireland), or equivalent to explore their interests beyond the school curriculum. This year there will be essay competitions in Ancient World & Classics, Archaeology, Architecture Design, History, Land Economy, and Medieval World. The deadline for all competitions is: Tuesday 1st March 2022

https://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/opportunities-prospectiveapplicants/essay-competitions



We are delighted to announce that the Oxford and Cambridge Student Conferences will be going ahead in 2022. The conferences will be virtual-only and are taking place in the second half of March 2022. Students can book onto the conferences individually and bookings will open at the end of January 2022.

We will be posting further updates and developments about the conferences on our website, and we look forward to welcoming you and your students to the conferences in March 2022!

Find out more

SPORT

Fixtures Thursdays' have arrived. Leading the way, as they frequently do, was the S6 and S7 Girls with a basketball team against St Helen and St Katharine. The opposition settled quickly into the match, showing their evident experience. We put together some nice passages of play but were unable to capitalise on our possession.

The first half ended 10-0. Second half, clean slate and now we started to show what we were made of. Defence picked up and SHSK were unable to break us down, we were crisp in our passing and we looked like the better basketball playing side. The second half finishing 5-4 to us. Pelin scored our points and Gypsy was named player of the match. Well done everyone, a great start on which to build.



New! Book Club for S1:

Meet every fortnight to speak of books and do bookish games!

When: first one starting Friday 21 January lunch time in the drama studio. Come and see if you like it!

Coming soon: Carnegie Book Club for S2:

S2, your turn has almost come to participate in the famous Carnegie award. More information to come soon...

Manga Club:

Fan of manga or tempted to try something new? Come and join the very dynamic members for manga discussions, watch anime, learn about Japanese culture, play manga games, ...

When: Every Thursday in the Drama studio at lunch time.

Abingdon Schools YA Book Award:

Open to S3 and S4 students, 5 great books to read in 2 months, discussions, bookish games and in 2 months a big quiz against the other Abingdon schools. There is still time to join ...

When: Meetings every other Tuesdays at lunch time

Knitting club: Time to try something new as this club is now ending. There are plenty of other clubs offered at lunch time during the week organised by various teachers. If you want to carry on your knitting at home, buy a "wool and needles" package from the library for £2 to cover costs.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 18 th January	S5 virtual Parents evening (information to be sent next week)
Wednesday 19th January	S6 Enrichment visit to the University of Oxford, Trinity College
Thursday 20 th January	16h30 - S1+S2 and S3+S4 Girls Futsal - New Gym
Friday 21st January	S1 Construction Challenge Day & Careers Fair
Thursday 27 th January	16h30 - S1-S3 & S4-S6 Girls Badminton matches – New Gym
Monday 31 st January	S1 Reports issued
Monday 7th February	11h00 - S4 - ASK - Apprenticeships - Drama Studio
Tuesday 8th February	18h00 - ASK - Apprenticeships - virtual presentation for parents