



SECONDARY PARENT / STUDENT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

21st JANUARY 2022

UPDATE ON THE FACE COVERING POLICY FROM THE SECONDARY MANAGEMENT

We are aware of the changes in the UK government's guidance regarding the use of face coverings in school settings. However, the Secondary management considers that we should maintain our current policy in expecting secondary students to wear face coverings in communal areas and strongly encourage their use in classrooms. We are really grateful to see that all of the Secondary students are complying with this measure.

The policy will be reviewed towards the end of the February half term. We are taking this decision because we believe that it is important that we take the necessary measures to reduce the risk of infection and maintain students' attendance.

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 [vaccination for 12 to 15 year olds](#) is available on the NHS website.

LIBRARY STUDY ROOM

Please note that the Library study room will now be used as an S5 study room. All other cohorts who wish to use this room must seek permission from either Mrs Mallet or Georgie Neville. Thank you.

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

Part time work available at Europa School!

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competitive rates available

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FOOTSTEPS

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 [Walking with children | 365Alive](#) 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

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-prospective-applicants/essay-competitions>



EX LIBRIS COMPETITION

Ex libris competition:

Congratulations Kseniya! The very first ex libris competition of the school was won with this beautiful design. It will now be added to all the books donated to the secondary library in 2022. Kseniya will also receive a £20 voucher from Mostly Books.

Have a look at some of the other stunning designs displayed by the library's main entrance.

Ex Libris: decorative label pasted into a book, to show the name of the book's owner.



S2 Carnegie Shadowing:

What is it? The prestigious and oldest UK book award for young people.

The 5 to 8 books chosen for the award will be announced in mid-March and will be available for you to read, review and judge for your favourite title. We will meet once every two weeks at lunch time.

If you are passionate about reading books, want to have fun, write book reviews, meet new people, eat cakes, take part in fun activities, go to three great events in other Abingdon schools and have a chance to win prizes, then join in!

To know if you might be interested, come to the information session where you will meet previous Carnegie shadowers.

Meeting: Friday 28 February in the Study Room at 12.45

ART

S4 took a series of black and white photos, focusing on trying to capture an atmosphere and exploring small and normally insignificant spaces. They then recreated these photographs using only black and white paint and creating grey tones.

'Secret Places'

S4 A study in black and white







S1F TRIP TO STONEHENGE

Une journée formidable pour les S1F à Stonehenge qui finit bien leur cycle d'apprentissage sur la Préhistoire. Le soleil et la bonne humeur étaient au rendez-vous de cette aventure néolithique.



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.**

[VIEW ALL: AGES 15-18](#)

[VIEW ALL: AGES 12-14](#)



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](#)

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

We are very excited about National Apprenticeship Week - 7th - 11th February 2022. There are lots of events springing up for you and your children to get involved in and to explore what apprenticeships are. We are lucky to have secured some events for ourselves during that week including a presentation to S4 students during their PCD lesson on Monday 7th February 2022, to help them understand what an apprenticeship is and the different types of apprenticeships available.

Our current S5 students had this session last year. On Tuesday 8th February at 6pm there will be an information session for parents and the opportunities to ask the experts at Amazing Apprenticeships as part of their ASK programme. This will be online and I will send out the link as soon as we have it. Any interested S4-S7 students are also very welcome to attend. We are also in the process of confirming a visit to OAS to look at what they offer at Culham Science Centre.

Some of the events locally which have come to my attention include:

- An apprenticeship open evening at Diamond Light Source

<https://www.diamond.ac.uk/Home/Events/2022/Apprenticeship-Open-Evening-18-Jan.html>

- An open evening at Oxfordshire Advanced Skills (OAS)

<https://www.oas.ukaea.uk/openevenings/>

If I come across last minute opportunities these are often shared on our Instagram (@Europa.careers) or emailed to the students directly so please feel free to follow us on Instagram and encourage your children to check their emails.

I will provide any further updates and opportunities over the next couple of weeks.

Mrs Powell



We're launching a brand new, hands-on radio broadcasting course.

Located in the Headington School Music Department, the 4-week **Radio Academy course** will make use of the school's outstanding music studio and control room and will appeal to **Year 10-13 students** with a passion for radio, podcasting and music production, journalism and engineering. Leading the course will be two industry experts, **All Jones** and **Laurie Bailey** who have worked extensively as presenters and producers in radio and television.

**22nd, 29th Jan, 5th, 12th Feb
10.00 am - 3.00 pm
£260 for 4 week course**

Places are limited to 10 students per course, on a first-come, first-served basis. To book please email activities@headingtonschool.com

SPORTS

This week Fixtures' Thursdays continued with S1/S2 and S3 Girls' Futsal versus St Helen and St Katharine's. S3 started their match brightly and with confidence playing some nice football out of defence and creating opportunities for the strikers. We managed to create three one on ones with the keeper but each time she made a great save to the frustration of the team and the great crowd that came to support. This tight encounter finished 0-0, with us, in my unbiased opinion, edging in.

The S1/S2 team also started on the front foot keeping their positions and being solid in defence. SHSK managed to score a goal on the break and left us chasing the game, conceding another late on. Overall a great performance so well done everyone and a special well done to Sid (S2) and Alexandra (S3) who were awarded players of the match. Next week I want a win (!). Let's do it Badminton Players!!!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 25 th January	S2 -S7 Cross country v Radley College (Away)
Thursday 27 th January	16h30 - S1-S3 & S4-S6 Girls Badminton matches – New Gym (Home)
Monday 31 st January	S1 Reports issued
Tuesday 1 st February	11h00 S5 GCSE Maths Mock exam S1+S2 - U13 Football match v John Mason (Away)
Wednesday 2 nd February	14h00 S3/S4 U15 Football match v Wallingford school (Away)
Thursday 3 rd February	16h30 - S1 Girls Basketball v Saint Helen and Saint Katharine - Sports hall (Home)
Monday 7 th February	11h00 - S4 (During the PCD class) - ASK – Apprenticeship Awareness session - Drama Studio
Tuesday 8 th February	S5 GCSE Maths mock exam 18h00 - ASK - Apprenticeships - virtual presentation for parents
Thursday 10 th February	14h15 - S4/S5 - Making the Most of Work Experience" Workshop 16h00 - 17h30 S5 Girls basketball v Saint Helen and Saint Katharine - Sports hall (Home)
Monday 14 th February to Thursday 17 th February	S7 IB Mock exams
Thursday 17 th February	Covid vaccine Dose 2 - 12-15 year olds - AM Please note that NO vaccine will be administered without a completed consent form from the parents/guardians. The information was sent to you via email from the school earlier on this week. 16h00 Indoor Girls Hockey v Matthew Arnold - Sports hall (Home)
Monday 28 th February to Friday 4 th March	S7 IB Mock exams