

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22nd March 2024 | Issue 23

Dear families

We are coming to the end of term with no hint of slowing down! We have had a packed week here. Part of the week started at Oxford Magistrates Court, where we took part in the mock trials, a schools competition where students take all the roles in a court case. Last week, I talked about the importance of being able to talk publicly – how dialogue is how we find peace and unity in our community. This is especially important when it comes to speaking up for others. I was so proud of our students and how they stood up and spoke in a courtroom, or took part in various ways – magistrates, ushers, defendants, witnesses. It is a wonderful event. I am delighted we won best witness and best usher! It is so difficult to overcome nerves to do these roles – most adults would also be terrified. It was a great start to the weekend.

We have also been busy with Y9, who have had their Options Week. They had taster sessions and a wonderfully well-attended Options Evening for families last night. It was a joy to see so many families so committed to their child's success and have so many conversations about the future and how they might transform the world. A special thanks to all the staff for the work they do to make this such an informative event.

This is our last newsletter of the term. We come to the end of Lent and welcome Easter. Easter is a time of rebirth, new life and freedom. Lent allows us to free ourselves from habits through sacrifice and Jesus' resurrection gives us comfort. Our faith has the power to heal sadness and bring us joy and awe. This weekend is one of my favourite masses – Palm Sunday. It is a time to pause and renew our faith and remember that we too can love through God's love for us.

Have a peaceful and blessed Easter holiday and Eid Mubarak – when it comes over the holiday – to our Muslim families too.

With best wishes

Lyndsey Caldwell
Headteacher

WHAT IS GOD'S MESSAGE FOR ME THIS WEEK?

Gospel: John 12 : 20 – 33



20 Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.²¹ These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.'²² Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus.²³ Jesus replied to them: Now the hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified.²⁴ In all truth I tell you, unless a wheat grain falls into the earth and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies it yields a rich harvest.²⁵ Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.²⁶ Whoever serves me, must follow me, and my servant will be with me wherever I am. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.²⁷ Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it is for this very reason that I have come to this hour.²⁸ Father, glorify your name! A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will again glorify it.'²⁹ The crowd standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.'³⁰ Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.'³¹ 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be driven out.'³² And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all people to myself.'³³ By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

Reflection

Jesus tells us his hour had come. The time to see him had come and gone. He tells us that like the kernel of wheat his death would bring a greater fruitfulness. Jesus came to be our king; his coronation wouldn't end on a golden throne but on a wooden cross. The purpose for coming to earth had always been to give his life. And now we must ask if we are willing to follow him there.

*Lord you invite us deeper into your world. Your people, your
lent. May this time be one of outward focus seeking you in
those we often ignore. Help us live a lent focused on freedom,
generosity and encounter.
Amen.*



To view the St Edmund and St Frideswide (Greyfriars) parish website please click on the following link:
<https://www.greyfriarsoxford.uk/>

GENERAL NOTICES

Ashmolean | Mr Larsen



The artefact of the week was: a Victorian razor! While it may look like a pocket knife today, what is left of its blade indicates it's true purpose. Much like in today's world, men's facial hair and grooming was a big industry. Razors such as this one were used by men of all classes to trim their beards and moustaches to whatever wacky fashion was popular each year.

Congratulations to JOHN in Year 7, who won this week's prize! Check in next Wednesday for our last artefact of the term!

Careers Fest | Written by Erin, Amy and Stuthi

On Thursday, 21st March, Year 10 and 12 students were lucky enough to attend a careers event at Kassam Stadium, organised by OxLEP. This event included an overwhelming amount of opportunities from around many different employment sectors; from the NHS to Morgan Sindall Construction.



The students had valuable conversations to build their confidence and find work experience with people from all over the careers industry. This was an extremely helpful experience for those with interests in accountancy, medicine, engineering, Ministry of Defence, STEM, sport and so much more! The employers were generous enough to offer multiple informative pamphlets with contact details, as well as several souvenirs.

We are extremely grateful for this opportunity given to us by local employers and our school staff who arrange events like these to help guide us in our next steps.

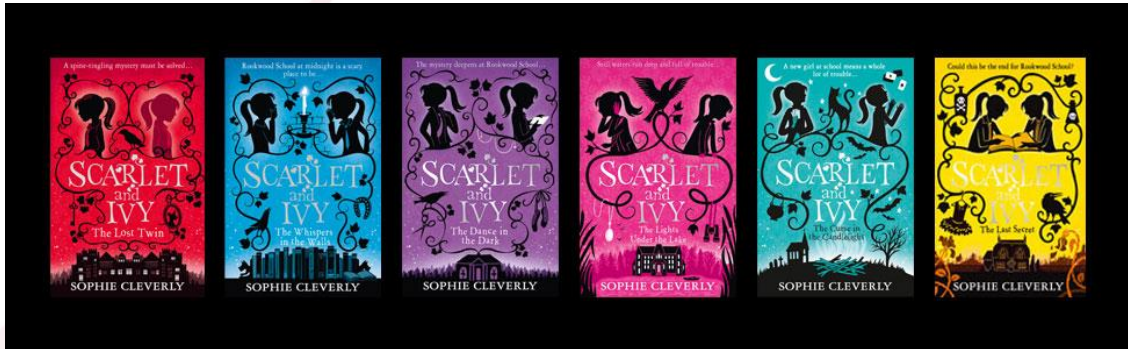
Choir Performance | Mr Dingley

On Friday morning, 35 students from our choir went to sing at Our Lady's Catholic Primary School in their celebration assembly. Students performed fantastically, bringing tears to two members of staff's eyes! They proudly represented our school and were excellent examples of brilliant Greyfriars students.



GENERAL NOTICES

Library Books of the Week | Miss Hall



The "Scarlett and Ivy" series by Sophie Cleverly is a captivating collection of mystery novels that feature the twin sisters, Scarlett and Ivy, who are sent to a gloomy boarding school, Rookwood, following a series of unfortunate events. The plot is engaging and filled with suspense, as the sisters unravel the school's dark secrets and cover-ups. Cleverly does a fantastic job of creating an eerie and mysterious atmosphere that pulls you into the story, making you eagerly turn the pages. The writing style is accessible and descriptive, making it a great read for its target audience and even older readers. The characters are well-developed and relatable, each with their own unique traits and quirks. The bond between Scarlett and Ivy is particularly well-portrayed and is at the heart of the series. Overall, the "Scarlett and Ivy" series is a thrilling and entertaining read that combines mystery, adventure, and the bonds of sisterhood. It's a must-read for fans of mystery novels and young adult fiction. With the Easter holidays coming up, it's a great time to sink into a good series!

Food Technology | Mrs Awanyo

Well done to Fatima and Isabelle and the rest of Year 8 food technology for baking some beautiful cupcakes and exploring varied decoration techniques. They were so soft and tasty and the splash of colour made our eyes pop with excitement.

Delicious!



GENERAL NOTICES

Sixth Form News | Mr Shaw

UCAS Discoveries Exhibition

Students had a good time perusing the various University and Apprenticeship stands at the 2024 UCAS discoveries at the London Excel centre. Gaining a bit of insight into what the next step in their educational journey might look like. They were also happy with all the tote bags of goodies that were being handed out. There really is a world of amazing opportunities awaiting our sixth formers.

Career Fest

Yesterday some of our Year 12 students headed off to the Kassam stadium for the Careers Fest 2024, which was another opportunity to see what career options there are and not only connects young people with some of Oxfordshire's best employers but highlights significant career pathways available in the county.

Exam ready Year 13s

Again we have reached this critical time of year just before Easter, when sixth formers need to be thinking about the work and revision to be done over the Easter Holidays. It is important that students get their revision planners prepared so that psychologically everyone is in the best place to get over this last hurdle and make the best of all the hard work that has taken place over the last two years.

Let's make the Easter holidays count!

Greyfriars Science Fair | Mr Turner

This year's science fair was very well supported with seven teams making it to the final judging with topics ranging from Hydroelectric power to Cloud Chambers to a study of neutrinos. The students all excelled both in their presentations and the materials they made, with a large leaf-blower hovercraft floating across the floor! The judging was difficult and the votes cast showed a very tightly fought competition.



1st place

Fatima and Isobel
Year 8
Study of Asthma.



2nd place

David
Year 11
Cloud Chamber Study

Joint 3rd Place



Arina and Marharyta
Year 8
Hydro Electric



Ava, Lilly and Ana Paula
Year 8
Hovercraft Team

All the projects were brilliant and everyone should be proud of the work they produced.

GENERAL NOTICES

Maths | Mr McCutcheon

Dari has made a maths video about his homework - take a look!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jTr0soQGbdk>

Careers News | Miss Manns

Careers Information and Events

For lots of useful information regarding careers, please click: [OxLep Picks of the Week](#)

Join East Oxford Parent Power at Bournemouth University on Saturday 20th April.

East Oxford Parent Power, a group supporting parents and carers to explore their children's next educational steps, are running a free visit to Bournemouth University for all families in East Oxford.

The coach will depart from Rose Hill Community Centre at 8am on Saturday 20th April, and return to Oxford around 6pm that evening. The visit will include a tour of the university campus, a chance to speak to student ambassadors about their experience of university, an opportunity to view student accommodation and the chance to explore the city of Bournemouth as a whole.

If you are interested, please complete the registration form here: [Registration Form](#)

If you have any questions, please contact: parentpoweroxfordshire@thebrilliantclub.org

Music and Science

Workshops | Mr Dingley

On Friday, 20 students from Year 9 got to take part in the first session of our Music and Science workshops. They had a university-style lecture from Professor Paul Klenerman from Oxford University and then a series of sessions looking at viruses, the immune system and vaccines. This project continues after half term where students will be creating music in response to the concept of vaccine memory, leading to a performance at the John Radcliffe Hospital in June.

East Oxford Parent Power

Join our visit to Bournemouth University - free of charge, with lunch and travel included.

Date: Saturday 20th April 2024
Time: Departure at 8am from Rose Hill Community Centre.
Return by 6pm



The visit is open to all families in East Oxford who have at least one child in Y6, Y7, Y8 or Y9.

On the trip we will find out more about Bournemouth University, hear from students in a Q&A session and give you the opportunity to explore the university campus.

Scan the QR code to secure your place on the trip...

For more information, contact Megan at 07432 809761 or via email at parentpoweroxfordshire@thebrilliantclub.org

...Or sign up via [this link](#)


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GENERAL NOTICES

Message for Years 10 and 11 | Mr Strachan

As we approach the conclusion of what has proven to be a robust half-term, and as we contemplate the significance of the upcoming Easter season, let us pause to reflect on the profound sacrifice made by Christ the Saviour for each of us, inviting us to embrace the boundless Glory of God.

Throughout this half-term, it has been a source of immense joy to witness the personal and academic growth of our students. They have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to becoming the finest versions of themselves, a journey that is both fulfilling and challenging. As we anticipate the forthcoming break next Thursday, I extend my heartfelt wishes for a restful and rejuvenating respite to all our Year 10s and 11s.

At this moment, however, I am compelled to honour a select group of students who have exhibited remarkable diligence not only in their conduct and academic endeavours but also in embodying the values of Greyfriars through their outstanding accumulation of points throughout this term thus far.

The celebrated students with the most points so far this term are as follows:

10JS

1 Erin | 278
2 Stuthi | 269
3 Amy | 262

10MMH

1 Lusi | 261
2 Senhalia | 209
3 Phoebe | 198

11FD

1 Stethuli | 342
2 Peace | 322
3 Renars | 296

11DHU

1 Annie | 141
2 Maryiam | 115
3 Marco | 93

11DT

1 Rebecca | 194
2 Bailie | 155
3 Baykan | 154

10WK

1 Mel | 289
2 Abigail | 281
3 Stephanie | 265

11KBH

1 Dominion | 210
2 Gabriel | 205
3 Sneha | 167

11MJ

1 Luna | 255
2 Joel | 243
3 Francisco | 242

11RM

1 Tobias | 167
2 Camily | 163
3 Benjamin | 148

Greyfriars PTA

Why not come along to our next parent teacher association meeting?

The meeting will be held online on

Tuesday 16 April 2024 at 7pm.

There is no obligation to sign up, however, you might like to join us and see what the group does – support can be given in a variety of ways.

Please contact Sophie Upellini via s.upellini@gfcs.uk if you would like an online meeting invitation.

GENERAL NOTICES

Message for Years 8 and 9 | Mrs Reddy

Thank you all those families who attended the Year 9 Options Evening - the room was buzzing with energy! Parents and students alike were brimming with curiosity, emphasising the importance of making informed choices for GCSE subjects. Your engagement highlights the collaborative effort in empowering students to map out their educational paths. Let's continue to cultivate this enthusiasm for learning, and greater academic success and personal growth. Don't forget to make your first and back up choices via SIMS online!

The Year 8 and Year 9 Leadership elective is going from strength to strength! Thank you to those of you who have donated Easter eggs and supported the cake sales that are currently being held. Please show your support in buying raffle tickets for the Easter egg hunt next week. All proceeds will go towards the breakfast club.

Highest Achievement Points

Well done to the following students – keep it up!

8BK

Isabelle

8SA

Jesse

8CT

Nadia

8JOD

Anna Paula

9FA

Izzy

9KI

Anna

9SC

Achi



Congratulations to all students with 100% attendance.

Thank you to the tutors for their ongoing support.

Keep on striving to be a better version of yourself Y8 and Y9!

GENERAL NOTICES

Sparx Update | Mr Secker

There has been some amazing work this half term, with special mention to Year 8 who have really stepped up in term 4.

All level up certificates will be handed out in tutor time next week and Sparx Awards for the champions handed out in assembly.



Sparx Maths WEEK 25

Sparx Superstar tutor groups this week

Form	XP Week Average
11DHU	192
10WK	187
9SC	192
8JOD	354
7AG	265

Leading Year Group

Year Group	XP Average
8	255
7	241

Sparx XP Champions this week.

Name	Year	XP POINTS
Dylan M	11	2,235
Edima O	11	1,949
Divo D A S	10	1,240
Sophia P	10	1,109
Sofia B	9	4,571
Mark B	9	3,138
Natasha J	8	5,418
Ana Paula C	8	4,952
Da Vinci T	7	3,359
Vielnia O M D A	7	2,360

Total XP Points Earned

440,809

Sparx XP Champions All Time 22/03/24

Name	Year	Total XP
Mahbod S	8	235,435
Ana Paula C R	8	167,307
Jack C	8	150,221
Isabelle H	8	147,553
Klea L	8	139,577
Hajira R	10	117,855
Mark B	9	109,740
Kryspin B	9	98,928
Peace O	11	95,292
Da Vinci T	7	92,038



Well done everyone!

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In Partnership With GREYFRIARS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Multi-activity holiday clubs for young people

Dates 4th, 5th, 11th and 12th of April 9 am to 5 pm

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AT GREYFRIARS SCHOOL

How to book your session for either a normal activity 9 am to 5 pm day or a lunchtime drop-in session

By clicking the Book Now button or scanning the QR code, you can choose and book free HAF activity sessions from a selection that will be on offer. You will be asked to input a code when booking. Your school should distribute the code.

The programme will offer free holiday activities to school-aged children who are in Reception- Year 11 and who receive benefits-related free school meals.

Dates 4th, 5th, 11th and 12th of April 9 am to 5 pm

BOOK NOW

GENERAL NOTICES

Vacancies | Exam Invigilators x 3 - £12.80 per hour

Greyfriars is looking for three casual Invigilator's to work with our exam's team to help the smooth running of exams at our school.

Responsibilities will include the correct conduct of external examinations in accordance with JCQ regulations and procedures issued by the Examinations Manager.

An ideal candidate will:

- ✓ be reliable, flexible and readily available during main exam periods
- ✓ have effective communication skills and good interpersonal skills
- ✓ work well as part of a team
- ✓ be confident and a reassuring presence to candidates in exam rooms
- ✓ be able to give instructions and manage situations involving different groups of people
- ✓ have basic IT skills (familiar with use of email, mobile phone messaging etc.)

Main duties

- To conduct examinations in accordance with the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ), awarding body and Greyfriars Catholic School regulations and instructions
- To have a key role in upholding the integrity and security of the examination/assessment process

Application Details

We hope you are interested in this exciting opportunity and would like to submit an application. To apply for the post of Invigilator, please contact the School Business Manager, Sophie Upellini Email: s.upellini@gfcs.uk or Tel: 01865 749933

Greyfriars Catholic School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant for any position will be required to undertake an enhanced disclosure via the DBS (disclosure and barring system) and appropriate Right to Work clearances and our recruitment and selection practice

The Pope Francis Catholic Multi Academy Company (PFMAC) is a family of Catholic schools in Oxfordshire, who work together to promote the teaching of Christ and the Catholic faith.

GENERAL NOTICES

5 Ways to Well-being | Click on the logo to find out more.



TALK & LISTEN,
BE THERE,
FEEL CONNECTED



DO WHAT YOU CAN,
ENJOY WHAT YOU DO,
MOVE YOUR MOOD



REMEMBER
THE SIMPLE
THINGS THAT
GIVE YOU JOY



EMBRACE NEW
EXPERIENCES,
SEE OPPORTUNITIES,
SURPRISE YOURSELF



Your time,
your words,
your presence

Building small actions into your daily life can make you feel good, and feeling good is an important part of being healthy. There are 5 ways to wellbeing that are proven to make a real difference to you.

BASKETBALL CLUB

GREYFRIARS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Tuesday
GIRLS 3:30 PM

Thursday
BOYS 3:30 PM

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SPORT HALL

Registration: Mr. Florin Roman, Email: f.roman@gfcs.uk

Logos at the bottom: NBA Jr., British Basketball Federation, and Basketball England.

WELCOME TO THE
LIBRARY

OPENING TIMES:
8AM-4PM MONDAY - THURSDAY
8AM-3:30PM FRIDAY

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS:
MONDAY - CREATIVE WRITING CLUB
TUESDAY - BOARD GAME CLUB
WEDNESDAY - FILM CLUB
THURSDAY - ASHMOLEAN CLUB

GENERAL NOTICES

Dates for your Diary

25 March | Year 11 and Year 13 Group Photographs

28 March | Last day of term (early finish)

29 March – 14 April | Easter Holiday

15 April | INSET Day – No students in school

16 April | First day of Term

17 April | RAF Benson Trip

23 April | Y9 TDP/MenACWY Immunisations

25 April | Year 10 Mock Interviews

2 May | Year 9 Parent Consultation Evening



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is open
Mon – Fri 8.00am - 8.30am
in our restaurant.



Everyone is welcome to come and join us for breakfast club.
Breakfast is free. Start your day with friends and food!

SIMS Parent App – Download Now!

If you haven't already done so, please download our Parent App. This app enables you to view information regarding your child at school including their timetable, achievements, reports and messages from school. You should have received an invitation email that you must accept and this will then take you to a sign-in screen. You can then use your normal Facebook, Twitter, Google or Microsoft username and password to register.



Vacancies

If you are interested in joining the team at Greyfriars Catholic School, please email our School Business Manager, Sophie Upellini via: s.upellini@gfcs.uk or visit: [tes](https://www.greyfriarsoxford.org.uk) to view all our current vacancies.

LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES



**Gosford Hill School
Memories Festival**
A final farewell to our existing school buildings

Wednesday 17th April 2024
4:30pm–7:30pm

- Special Guest Speakers • School Archives •
- School Tours • Refreshments •
- Music •

Please RSVP via our website or by telephone:
www.gosfordhillschool.org 01865 374971



SEN COFFEE MORNINGS!

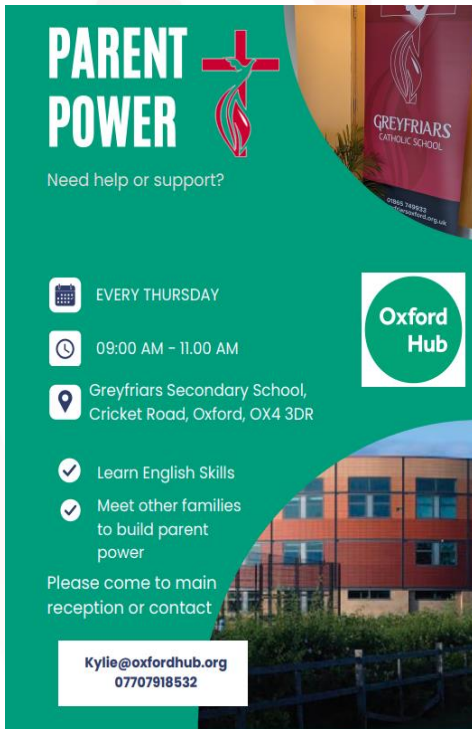
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PAP (Parents and Professionals)
Fortnightly Coffee Mornings, mainly aimed at PARENTS of children with SEN (diagnosed/undiagnosed) to get together for a FREE talk presented by a guest speaker. Its a time to relax, refresh, chat, spill the beans, share opinions & experiences, support each other, have a laugh or shed a tear, all over a cup of coffee.

Coffee Mornings are every other Thursday, 9.30–11am
Next session are: 21st March 18th April and 2nd May
Location: The Jungle, Templars Square Shopping Centre

JUNGLE

PARENT AND PROFESSIONALS COFFEE MORNING
CONTACT KYLIE FOR MORE INFORMATION:
KYLIE@OXFORDHUB.ORG



PARENT POWER

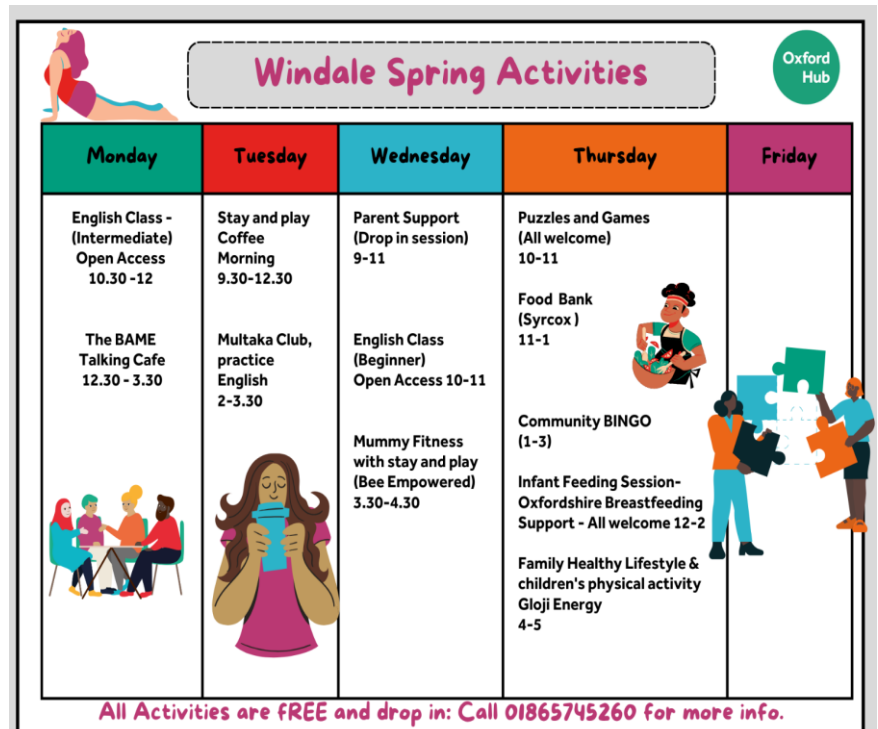
Need help or support?

EVERY THURSDAY
09:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Greyfriars Secondary School,
Cricket Road, Oxford, OX4 3DR

- ✓ Learn English Skills
- ✓ Meet other families to build parent power

Please come to main reception or contact
Kylie@oxfordhub.org
07707918532

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Windale Spring Activities

Oxford Hub

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English Class - (Intermediate) Open Access 10.30 - 12	Stay and play Coffee Morning 9.30-12.30	Parent Support (Drop in session) 9-11	Puzzles and Games (All welcome) 10-11	
The BAME Talking Cafe 12.30 - 3.30	Multaka Club, practice English 2-3.30	English Class (Beginner) Open Access 10-11	Food Bank (Syrcox) 11-1	
		Mummy Fitness with stay and play (Bee Empowered) 3.30-4.30	Community BINGO (1-3)	
			Infant Feeding Session- Oxfordshire Breastfeeding Support - All welcome 12-2	
			Family Healthy Lifestyle & children's physical activity Gloji Energy 4-5	

All Activities are FREE and drop in: Call 01865745260 for more info.

LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Parent Support Group New!

A peer support group for parents of teens that have additional needs and/or mental health concerns.

This is a parent-focussed group, facilitated by a professionally accredited therapist (UKCP/MBACP), providing a safe and supportive space to share and talk through the challenges you may be facing with your teen.



When? Tuesdays 6-7.30pm
Starting Spring 2024

Where? St Mary's Church Hall,
Church Street,
Kidlington OX5 2AZ

Cost? Free!

Empowering parents through shared experience and professional support

If this sounds like the group for you, please get in touch with Felicity on 07821 542182
Alternatively email felicityscroggie@gmail.com and leave your name and number for a call back

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SUBJECTS INCLUDE

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- LOW MOOD
- HOW TO TALK TO YOUR DISTRESSED CHILD

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COMMUNITY SPORT PROJECT ELITE

BASKETBALL FOR ALL

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BOYS OXFORD GIRLS

AGED 14-17

13TH JANUARY 2024
12:00 - 14:00

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GIRLS OXFORD & CARTERTON BOYS

AGED 9-11/12-14

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LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES



Low cost and free activities for families to enjoy together!

You Move is brand new for Oxfordshire, providing low cost and free fun activities for families including weekends and school holidays



It's quick and easy to sign up for You Move:

- 1) visit www.getoxfordshireactive.org/you-move to register or call your local activator for more information (info below)
- 2) we'll send you a You Move welcome pack and membership cards
- 3) your local Activators will be on hand to provide lots of support and advice

Enjoy a fantastic range of activities including swimming, badminton, activity packs, children's holiday activities and so much more!

Oxford City Activators
Ben - 07483 010720
Gerti - 07485 311346



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Thrive

WELL-BEING WORKSHOP FOR NEURODIVERGENT TEENS

Saturday, 16 March 1-5pm
Iffley Village Church Hall, Oxford

Mental Health and Well-being Workshop run by two experts in teen mental health on:

- tools to manage anxiety, stress and low mood
- emotional self - regulation
- body and mind self-care practices
- fostering self-compassion & self-acceptance
- improving social skills, self-esteem & confidence

Register your interest at www.thriveteens.co.uk
Sign up: thriveprogramme@gmail.com
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9:30AM TO 3:00PM

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Youth Clubs

FREE EXCITING AND EMPOWERING SESSIONS to connect and meet others aged 11 to 19 years. Come chill, have fun and enjoy activities, trips, games, cooking, gaming, arts & craft, music and so much more during school term times!

EMBS (run in partnership with EMBS Community College)

- KEEN Teens Session** (exclusive social activities for those with disabilities and special needs, run in partnership with KEEN)
Monday 6pm - 7.30pm (11-18yrs)
St Clements Family Centre
- Northway Youth Club**
Tuesday 5pm - 7pm
Northway Tower Playbase
- Rose Hill Boys Youth Club** (run by Rose Hill RFC)
Wednesday 5.30pm - 7pm
Rose Hill Community Centre
- Wood Farm Youth Club** (run by Wood Farm RFC)
Wednesday 5.30pm - 7.30pm
Wood Farm Youth Centre
- Girls Youth Club** (run in partnership with EMBS Community College)
Wednesday 5pm - 7pm
EMBS Community College, Templars Square
- Littlemore Youth Club**
Thursday 4pm - 6pm
Littlemore Community Centre
- Rose Hill Girls Youth Club** (run by Rose Hill RFC)
Thursday 5.30pm - 7pm
Rose Hill Community Centre
- Barton Youth Club** (run by Barton Community Association)
Thursday 6pm - 8pm (12-18yrs)
Barton Neighbourhood Centre

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MultiSports

FREE Join our FUN PACKED multi-sport sessions for 11 to 19 year olds. Enjoy games, develop skills and gain confidence while making great friends!

- Football Session**
Tuesday 4pm - 5pm
Oxford City Community Arena, Marston
- Boxing Session**
Friday 4pm - 5pm
OMAA, Templars Square
- BBL Friday Multi-Sport Session**
Friday 6pm - 7.30pm (11-14yrs)
7.30pm - 9pm (15-19yrs)
Leys Pools and Leisure Centre

Aspiration

CAREER & EMPLOYMENT advice and support for 16 to 24 year olds at Rose Hill Community Centre

FREE

- CV Skills & Support**
Tuesday 10am - 12pm
- Job Club**
Tuesday 1pm - 3pm
- Employment Drop-in**
Wednesday 10am - 4pm
- Post Employment Training (PEP 1/PEP 2)**
Thursday 10am - 12.30pm
- Well Being Courses (Healthy Body, Healthy Mind)**
Thursday 1pm - 3pm

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LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

OxLAT Latin Teaching Scheme 2024—2026

The Faculty of Classics is again able to offer its Latin teaching scheme, OxLAT and is inviting our students to apply.

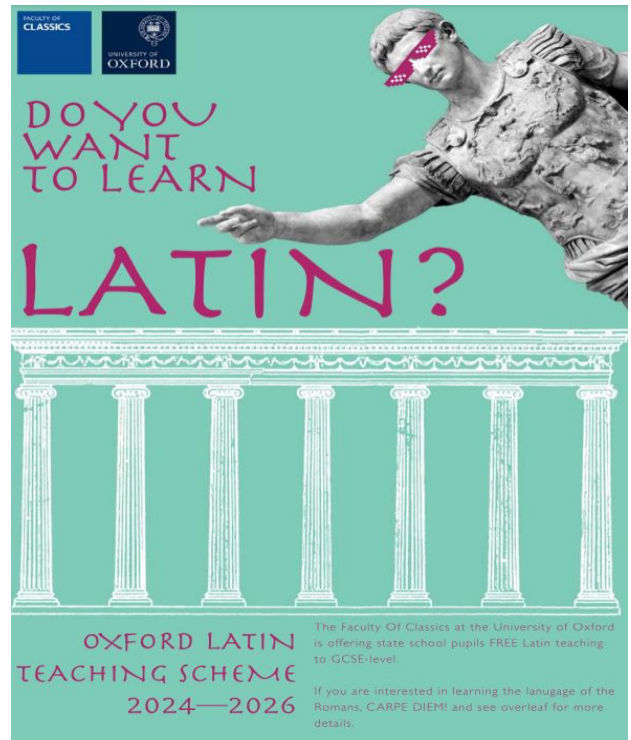
The OxLAT Scheme students in Years 8, 9 and 10 (13—15 year olds who will be going into Years 9, 10 and 11 in September 2024) who are interested in studying for a GCSE in Latin. The Scheme offers eligible students free tuition in Latin language and literature from scratch through to GCSE examination.

Weekly two-hour lessons take place every Saturday morning during school term-time at the Faculty of Classics (66 St Giles, Oxford) and are taught by two professional Latin instructors: they will start in June 2024 and continue for two years until the summer of 2026 when students will sit their Latin GCSE exams.

The academic programme of the scheme replicates the teaching students would experience if they were taking the subject as a GCSE option at school (albeit in a reduced timetable and with greater focus on independent learning): students will be expected to consolidate their classroom learning with appropriate study-time at home each week, aided by the Scheme's VLE system. Homework will be roughly the same as one would expect for any GCSE subject.

If you are interested full details and application forms are available at:

<https://clasoutreach.web.ox.ac.uk/oxlat>



DO YOU WANT TO LEARN LATIN?

OXFORD LATIN TEACHING SCHEME 2024—2026

The Faculty Of Classics at the University of Oxford is offering state school pupils FREE Latin teaching to GCSE-level.

If you are interested in learning the language of the Romans, CARPE DIEM! and see overleaf for more details.

The OxLAT Scheme is for enthusiastic and committed students in Years 8, 9 and 10 (who will be going into Years 9, 10 and 11 in September 2024) who are interested in studying for a GCSE in Latin but attend state schools where there is no Latin provision. The Scheme offers eligible students free tuition in Latin language and literature from scratch through to GCSE examination.

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WHEN: June 2024 – May 2026. Lessons will take place every Saturday (10.30–13.00) during Oxfordshire schools' term dates.

STRUCTURE: 2 years of intensive language and literature study in small groups. Students will be entered to sit a Latin GCSE at their school in May 2026.

COSTS: None. The Scheme is offered for free as part of the Faculty of Classics' Outreach Programme.

ELIGIBILITY: Only current Year 8, 9 and 10 students at state schools that do not currently have any Latin provision (which includes lunch-time/after-school Latin clubs) are eligible. There is no strict catchment area for this scheme: if you live in Oxfordshire or the surrounding regions (and meet the other eligibility requirement above), you are eligible.



HOW TO APPLY

Full details and application forms are available at WWW.CLASSICS.OX.AC.UK/OUTREACH

Application Deadline: Friday 26th April 2024

If you have any questions or queries please contact the OxLAT team via email: OXLAT@CLASSICS.OX.AC.UK

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