

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 21st March 2025 | Issue 23

Dear Greyfriars Families

This week's Gospel reflects on the Transfiguration – a moment when the disciples saw Jesus in His glory and were reminded that, even in the face of difficulty, there is beauty and hope in the journey. Life's challenges can sometimes feel overwhelming, but the Transfiguration teaches us that strength comes from recognising beauty and truth along the way. Living a life rooted in meaning and integrity allows us to navigate even the hardest paths with courage.

It has been a wonderfully busy and uplifting week at Greyfriars. On Wednesday, we held our Science Fair, which was a fantastic celebration of curiosity and discovery. The level of creativity and knowledge on display was truly impressive. Also, it was our reminder that Mr Turner really does like to blow things up! On Thursday, we welcomed families to our Year 9 Options Evening, helping students to think about the next steps in their academic journey and the exciting possibilities that lie ahead. Here is Mr Mulvany, our wonderful Head of Business and IT, showing the possibilities that there are in business GCSE. There has been a remarkable level of joy and focus in our school and I am grateful to be part of it, and to work with students and staff that are so invested in our community.



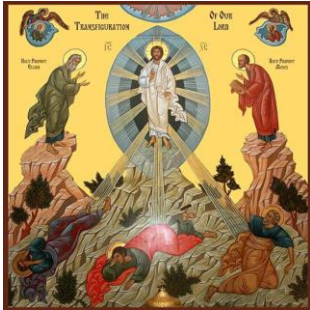
Spring has also arrived at Greyfriars! It has been glorious to see the school come to life in the sunshine, with students enjoying time outdoors and the whole community feeling energised by the change in season. The message of the Transfiguration reminds us that even when the road is difficult, there is beauty and meaning in the journey. Let us carry that strength and hope into the coming weeks as we continue to support, appreciate and uplift one another.

Have a beautiful weekend with your families.

Lyndsey Caldwell
Headteacher

WHAT IS GOD'S MESSAGE FOR ME THIS WEEK?

Gospel Luke 9: 28b – 36



Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my chosen Son; listen to him.' After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

Reflection

The Transfiguration is a pivotal event where Jesus is transformed in front of three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—on a mountain. While praying, Jesus's appearance changes. His face becomes radiant, and his clothes turn dazzling white, symbolising his divine glory. Two figures from the Old Testament, Moses and Elijah, appear and talk with Jesus. They discuss his upcoming departure (his death and resurrection) in Jerusalem, signifying the fulfilment of God's plan for salvation. Peter, overwhelmed and unsure of how to respond, offers to build three shelters for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. This is a sign of deep respect and worship. However, as he speaks, a cloud envelops them, and a voice from the cloud declares, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." This voice affirms Jesus as God's Son, and He carries equal authority. The Transfiguration reveals Jesus' divine nature and glory, establishing him as the ultimate fulfilment of God's promises. Just as Jesus reminds His disciples of His power and His divinity, we too are reminded of God's strength as we read this story. We too follow a God who goes before us strongly and always fulfils His promises.

An Irish Blessing for St. Patrick's Day.

*May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*



To view the St Edmund and St Frideswide (Greyfriars) parish website please click on the following link:

<https://www.greyfriarsoxford.uk/>

GENERAL NOTICES

Catholic Life News | Mr Greer

Students have helped prepare for many new initiatives that are coming soon (it's a secret!). They spent Tuesday afternoon, after school, organising binders, unboxing deliveries, and organising prayer materials for form tutors.

As always, the Catholic Life of the school could not run without their help. It is immensely appreciated, and will be felt as a gift to all in the coming weeks!



Congratulations!

A huge congratulations to Nadia and her team who took 3rd place at the Rhythmic British Groups Qualification at Northumbria University at the weekend.

Based on the results of the 2025 National Group Qualification Competition, the girls have made it to the Gold Level Group National Competitions and Finals. Their next stop is the Spring Stars Cup, London.



**Good luck from
Greyfriars!**



GENERAL NOTICES

WELCOME to THE LIBRARY

Library News | Miss Brett

Hello fellow readers! Welcome to the sunniest week yet! Oh what joy it is to finally be able to read in the sun ☺.

This week, I would like to share with you a story that was created by team effort in our Collaborative Story Writing workshop, run by Mr Greer during the Literary Festival.

Summer had come early to Oxford: it greeted everyone in March rather than its typical home of June. The weather brightened our day in contrast to the usual soggy morning in Great Britain making it seem idealistic and memorable. The waves and the loud seagulls make me awake. I rise groggily and in shock at the time. I am hoping to be able to go surfing but it was too boring, since no one else would go out with me. This streak of abandonment can't keep going, I need someone, I need something. I need "Magic".

Isn't it glorious? Where would the story go next? Can you hear the distinct voices of all the writers who contributed to this story? Can you guess how many there were? Do you want to join them??

We have a Storytelling Corner in the library, where you can either contribute to a collaborative effort, or write your very own story using a prompt (or just your imagination). Come and have a try! Who knows, you might even win our new short story competition and get a prize! It's always worth having a go, especially if you are an aspiring writer.

Finally, our "Positive Vibes Only" wall is flourishing! However, there is always room for more positive thoughts in the library! Come and share yours.

Word of the week: Tolerance [noun] - willingness to accept behaviour and beliefs that are different from your own, although you might not agree with or approve of them

Examples: (1) Some members of the party would like to see it develop a greater tolerance of/towards contrary points of view. (2) He asked for tolerance of his habits. (3) The two peoples lived together in mutual tolerance.

[Cambridge Online Dictionary]

Enjoy the sun and lots of reading!

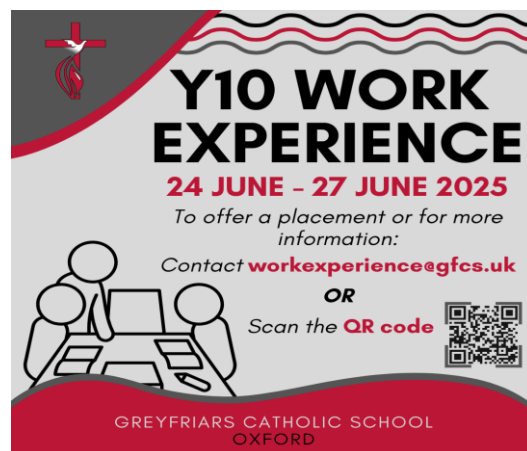


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Careers | Miss Manns

Careers Fest 2025

On Wednesday, 19th March Dr Rogers, Mr Cunningham, Mr Mulvany and myself accompanied our Year 10 students to Oxfordshire's Career Fest hosted at the Kassam Stadium. This was an opportunity for our students to engage with the numerous employers and training providers, in addition to the different further and higher education providers available to them in the local area. Students were able to explore options for their upcoming work experience and the future pathways that they are interested in.



Each and every one of our students were outstanding! Exhibitors from the event were delighted to be recognised by our students from previous in-school events and commented on how polite and engaged the Greyfriars students were. Our students represented the school and themselves remarkably throughout the event and I really couldn't be more proud!

East Oxford Parent Power Meeting 1st of April!

April 1st at Rose Hill Community Centre 6:00pm to 8:00pm (online zoom attendance available). There will be a talk from Oxford Brookes University on GCSE options and how we can discuss with young people their motivations, interests and who they are as a person to help make those choices and beyond.



Whether GCSE choices are in the future or already happened, discussing what makes us happy, our skills, interests and values and how understanding ourselves better can help shape what we want to do from GCSEs to A-levels, apprenticeships or onto to University and work. Then we'll also discuss our tutoring and other campaigns planning out next actions going forward. [Sign-up Here!](#)



For lots of useful information regarding careers, please click:

[OxLep Picks of the Week](#)



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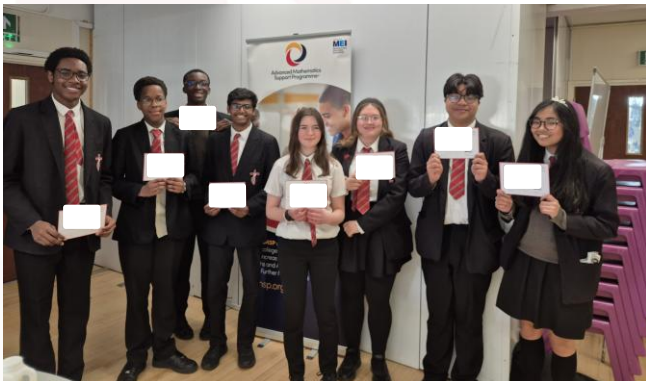
Maths Feast | Mr Secker

On Wednesday eight brilliant maths students took part in Maths Feast, a maths competition for Year 10 students hosted by Wheatly Park School and run by the AMSP.



David, Arnav, Tyrone and Mfoniso made up one team and Lian, Joseph, Aoife and Izzy made up the other team. Both teams competed fantastically well in really tough challenges, scoring especially well in the "Would I lie to you" round and the relay round.

A brilliant effort from both teams who both ended on the same points and should be very proud of their efforts on the day.



6th Form News | Ms McCabe

House Assemblies

Our Sixth Form students have been busy planning the House Assemblies for next week. This is an opportunity for students to really shine as role models and leaders in our school. Each group will be talking about their chosen charity to the students in their House and our focus for the term 'Preferential Treatment of the Poor'. Student leadership is an area we have really sought to develop this year and our Sixth Formers & are setting a wonderful example.

UCAS Trip

A reminder that Y12 have their UCAS trip on Monday. They should be in school by 8:45am. The coach will leave promptly at 9:00am. Students should remember to bring a packed lunch. Food can be bought inside the venue but it is expensive and the queues are long! Any student who is not on the trip will be expected to be in school as usual.

Y13 Revision

Y13 should be well into their revision routines with summer exams around the corner. The term break, in particular, is a key opportunity to really consolidate knowledge and revise content. We have many resources in Sixth Form to support students with their independent revision - from blank flashcards to revision materials to highlighters. If any student is in need of anything to support their revision, please come to see us.

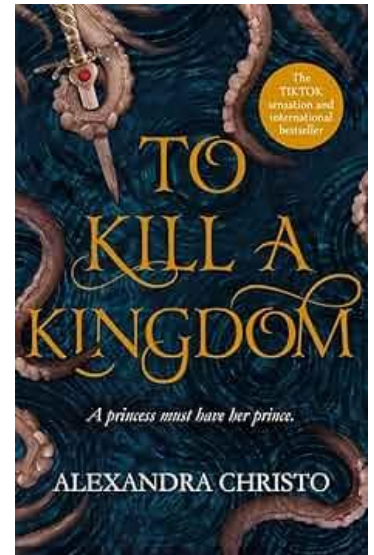
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Book of the Week | Review by Lian G

To Kill a Kingdom by Alexandra Christo (YA)

A very dark and perhaps loose retelling of 'The Little Mermaid', it's mythical and great at worldbuilding. It expands a reader's perspective of fantastical creatures like sirens and mermaids, giving a darker view on their nature rather than an idealised glimpse of these people of the seas.

The story as a whole is almost enticing and gives the reader a strange feeling of tension as you carry on with the novel. Genuinely intrigued on how things should escalate and resolve out of all the twists and turns fitted into the pages. It also challenges ideas of nobility and duty, fighting for ideals of liberation and independence. It's a sharp and quite an interesting read.



Astroturf

Please remember that your child needs Astroturf trainers or turf football boots – see the picture adjacent for examples of the shoes that are permitted.

Students wearing the incorrect footwear will not be permitted on the Astroturf.

Football boots can be bought for as little as £4.99 via Sports Direct (Sondico ones).



We will hold some spare boots to lend to students if necessary, however, these are to be returned at the end of the lesson. This way we can ensure we always have a supply of boots for those students who forget theirs or are in the process of buying their own.

If anyone has spare Astro shoes that they would like to donate to the school, this would be much appreciated. These would be used or students to borrow as explained above.

GENERAL NOTICES

Sparx Reader Champions | Miss Moss

Well done to everybody in KS3 on their reading adventures!



This week's Sparx Champions

	Boy	Girl
Year 7	Grant	Abi
Year 8	Da Vinci	Ayesha
Year 9	Yurume	Phoebe

All time Sparx Champions

	Boy	Girl
Year 7	Abdullah	Anne Marie
Year 8	Da Vinci	Kamsi
Year 9	Jesse	Phoebe

OxClean | Dr Dillon

Greyfriars Y7s and 6th Formers took part in the OxClean initiative over the last fortnight and have been clearing rubbish from Cricket Road and the school site. OxClean is an Oxford Civic Society initiative dedicated to keeping Oxford clean and tidy.

Our students have helped ensure that Oxford is a welcoming and pleasant place for people to live in, work in and visit. We completed this as part of our **LiveSimply** journey - an opportunity for our Catholic school to answer the call to care for our common home and stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world.



GENERAL NOTICES

Match Report | Mr Dunne

Greyfriars Year 8 Boys Shine in 7 - 0 Friendly Win Over Lord William's

Greyfriars Y8 boys delivered a dominant performance in their friendly fixture against Lord William's, cruising to an emphatic 7 - 0 victory on our brand-new 3G Astro.



From the first whistle, Greyfriars showed their attacking intent and quickly took control of the game. Lushun opened the scoring early, setting the tone with a composed finish. He went on to grab a second goal, demonstrating his sharp eye for goal. Further strikes from Kevin, Ruchy, Kaylun, Paulo, and Joshua sealed an outstanding all-round display.



The creativity behind the goals was equally impressive. Bam Bam and Kevin led the way with two assists each, while Kaylun, Joshua, and Lushun each added an assist, showcasing excellent teamwork throughout the match.



At the back, goalkeeper Shekarau remained solid and focused, ensuring the team kept a clean sheet to round off a complete performance.

Going the Extra Mile for SSNAP: Supporting sick newborns and their families

The fundraising campaign, initiated by St Edmund House students and staff, aims to raise awareness and financial support for SSNAP, whose work is crucial in offering both emotional and practical support to families during the fragile early days of a newborn's life. This charity steps in to provide families with resources, guidance, and even financial assistance during a time when parents are grappling with the uncertainty of their child's health and well-being.



Mr Masterson has run both the Great North West Run and the Bath half marathon on Sunday. This is followed by a further half marathon at Oxford in October running a total of 39.3 miles in total.

Donations are welcome and can be made through his JustGiving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/sean-masterson-2?newPage=true#sharePage>.

Together, we can ensure that no family goes through the traumatic experience of having a sick newborn alone.

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Message for KS4 | Mr Strachan

Today was a wonderful milestone for our Year 11 students —their official Year Group Photograph. Our students looked truly outstanding in their uniforms as professional photographers captured this special moment. Standing proudly alongside them were our Headteacher, KS3 Pastoral Manager, and Year 11 Tutors, making it a memory to treasure.

We hope that in years to come, our students will look back on their time here with warmth and joy, reminiscing about friendships, achievements, and the journey they shared. May this photograph serve as a reminder of the incredible chapter they've written together.

The poem below (author unknown) beautifully captures the essence of this moment.

*A moment frozen, clear and bright,
All together, bathed in light.
Smiles and laughter, side by side,
A snapshot filled with schoolyard pride.*

*Blazers crisp and ties held neat,
Memories gathered, bittersweet.
Standing tall, yet looking back,
Tracing steps along our track.*

*Years of lessons, trials, and cheer,
Now we pose, the end draws near.
Captured now in black and white,
Yet glowing still, our future's light.*

*When we part and go our way,
This photograph will always stay—
A piece of us, a bond so tight,
Year 11 framed in time just right.*

Details of how to place an order for the photograph will be sent in due course.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Business News | Mr Mulvany

Miss Longley-Williams led two groups of our students as they took part in the prestigious Made in Oxford competition. They went head-to-head with other schools from across the county having been given the challenge to design and create a space in the Westgate that could be used by the general public.

Although they didn't take home the top prize, both teams showed incredible dedication, creativity, and teamwork throughout the event. Their hard work and determination were clear to see, and they should be extremely proud of everything they achieved. Well done to everyone involved!

GENERAL NOTICES

Building Cultural Capital: How Knowledge Opens Doors | Mr Dingley

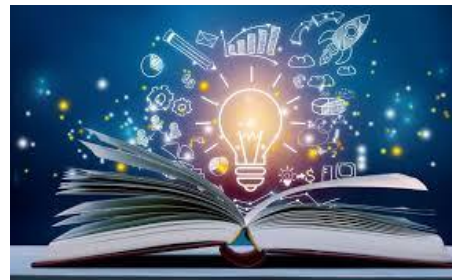
At Greyfriars Catholic School, we believe that knowledge doesn't just help students succeed in lessons and exams—it opens doors to new opportunities, ideas, and experiences. This is what we mean by *building cultural capital*.

What Is Cultural Capital?

Cultural capital is the knowledge, skills, and experiences that help people succeed in education, work, and wider life. It includes understanding key ideas in history, literature, science, and the arts, as well as knowing about current events and the world around us.

When students have strong cultural capital, they:

- ❖ Join in with more conversations and debates
- ❖ Understand references in books, films, and news
- ❖ Feel confident in different social and professional settings
- ❖ Have greater choice in their future studies and careers



Why It Matters

The more you know, the easier it is to learn more. Knowledge is *sticky*—it sticks to what you already know, making new ideas easier to understand and remember. Cultural capital works in the same way: when students have a broad base of knowledge, they can connect new learning to the wider world, leading to deeper understanding.

At Greyfriars, we help build cultural capital through:

- ❖ A knowledge-rich curriculum that teaches powerful ideas in every subject
- ❖ Through our Period 5 Enrichment session on a Wednesday afternoon
- ❖ Discussing key cultural and historical events during form time and assemblies
- ❖ Encouraging students to read widely—fiction, non-fiction, newspapers, and more
- ❖ Trips and opportunities that broaden horizons beyond the classroom

How Knowledge Opens Doors

When students develop cultural capital, they feel more confident joining discussions, writing persuasively, and understanding different perspectives. This not only helps them succeed in school but prepares them for university interviews, job opportunities, and life in the wider world. Knowledge is empowering. It gives students the tools to make informed decisions, to engage with society, and to shape their own futures. At Greyfriars, we are proud to help our students build the cultural capital that opens doors to endless possibilities.

GENERAL NOTICES

Sparx Update | Mr Secker

WEEK 24 Sparx Maths

Total hours spent on Sparx this year

7,405 hrs

Number of questions answers correctly

451,568

XP Champions THIS YEAR 21/03/25

Name	Year	Total XP
Mithun R K	9	50,407
Da Vinci T	8	42,138
Ana Paula C	9	36,653
Miu Miu M	7	35,388
Samayrah K	9	35,350
Nedia D C S	8	27,652
Sabella O	7	26,421
Ahmed M	11	26,160
Chris J	8	24,899
Louise	7	24,752

XP Champions for ALL TIME 21/03/25

Name	Year	Total XP
Ana Paula C R	9	302,007
Da Vinci T	8	262,138
Isabelle H	9	194,953
Jack C	9	169,721
Klea L	9	159,321
Hajira R	11	138,652
Kryspin B	10	135,228
Ahmad R	9	108,605
Shehar B	10	108,518
Mathila H	10	102,403

XP Champions for LAST WEEK

Highest completion:
7B/Ma (72.7%)

Biggest completion improvement vs previous week:
9Ma4 52.6% (+27.6%)

Name	Year	XP POINTS
Ahmed M	11	4,775
Kristina M	11	3,845
Victory O	10	3,840
Edison B	10	3,409
Themi P	9	2,571
Fantasia H	9	2,488
Ana beatriz D C	8	7,018
Aman A	8	1,602
Louise L	7	3,075
Alda S	7	2,675

Well done!
Keep up the good work.

Restaurant

Keep your eyes open for the new Summer Menu in our restaurant. This will be published after Easter. Students - come along and try it out!



Year 10 IT -VR Headsets | Mr Mulvany

Year 10 IT students have been pushing the boundaries of creativity by using virtual reality (VR) headsets in their lessons. They have been exploring how VR technology can be used to design and create unique pieces of 3D digital artwork.

Equipped with the latest VR headsets and design software, students immersed themselves in 3D environments where they could draw, sculpt, and paint in a virtual space. This hands-on experience allowed them to develop their artistic skills while also learning about how technology is transforming creative industries and why Human drawing is so much better than AI.



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Friends of Greyfriars

Friends of Greyfriars is an open and important community of parent volunteers working alongside the school and teachers to benefit the school. It is like a PTA. It is a group that aims to ensure the best educational and enrichment experience for all its students. Friends of Greyfriars is a reflection of the school in the wider community.

By joining the Friends of Greyfriars you can help the school to build a far more effective and up-to-date teaching and learning environment, for the benefit of all its students. Everyone is welcome, parents, carers, staff, governors, past students, past parents, anyone and everyone who cares about the school. Please join us and be a Friend.

If you are interested, please contact Sophie Upellini via: s.upellini@gfcs.uk

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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.

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- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household earnings must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

If you would like to apply, please contact Fiona Easton for an application form via: f.easton@gfcs.uk

GENERAL NOTICES

Dates for your Diary

- 24 March | Y12 UCAS Exhibition, London ExCel
- 25 March | Into University Y8 and Y13 Workshops
- 26 March | Year 9 Options Taster Day
- 26 March | Falcon Boat Club Trip
- 26 March | Hamlet Theatre Trip
- 27 March | Y8 Into University St Hilda's Trip
- 27 March | Oxford Young Sport Leaders – Day 4
- 27 March | Y12 BNDU Trip
- 28 March | Y10 Mills & Reeve Trip
- 1 April | Basketball Tournament
- 3 April | Y10 Mock Interviews



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!

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: <https://www.greyfriarsoxford.org.uk/join-us/vacancies> to view all our current vacancies.



LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD **TOPIC** **OCD UK**

Do you have upsetting thoughts or habits that won't go away?

We want to make things easier for children like you, and we need your help to do it!

If you're **between 5 and 14 years old**, and started having thoughts that get stuck or habits you need to do over and over when you were aged 5 to 12, **we'd love to talk to you!**



We want to find a way for **parents to help their children** who have similar thoughts and habits to you. **We'd love for you to help us!**

What's in it for me?

- ✓ **Fun online sessions:** Where where you'll share your ideas on a programme designed to help with upsetting thoughts & habits.
- ✓ **Awesome rewards:** Earn £25 for each session!

Scan here for more information!  For more information or to sign up, you and your parents can **scan the code** or send us an email - OCD-empower@psych.ox.ac.uk

We're excited to hear from you! 



SEND TOGETHER

A DAY FOR PARENT CARERS TO CONNECT, SHARE AND LEARN

**THURSDAY
13TH MARCH
9AM - 3PM
THE KINGS CENTRE,
OX2 0ES**

- Workshops and Information Sessions
- Panel Discussion and Q&A
- SEND Advice Clinics
- SEND Marketplace

FOR REGISTRATION OR MORE INFO: WWW.TINYURL.COM/SENDOGETHER

A LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP EVENT

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A weekly online creative wellbeing group for 12 to 14 year olds experiencing Emotionally Based School Avoidance



Starting September 2024
Time and day TBC with group

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What is a community larder?

A membership programme that provides:

- Access to utility discounts and social tariffs.
- Local business discounts
- Little larder club
- Meet new people in a friendly environment.

Who can join? Anyone who wants to prevent food waste and save money. It is not means tested.

Where does the food come from? A Didcot based charity, providing surplus food, training and opportunities to young people and organisations.

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An individual membership provides: up to 10 items of non-perishables (paste, tins etc.) per week plus free fruit and vegetables. A family membership is twice as much.

We offer hot drinks in our back room to all members and volunteers, this is from around 12:30.

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Practice your English
Find out more about your local community
Share skills and ideas
Find out about volunteering and visit the museums

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Thabo, Multaka volunteer

**Every Tuesday (starts 5th December)
14:00-15:30
Oxford Hub,
Windale Avenue, Oxford
(see other side for directions)**


Come along and say hello.
Any questions or for more information call Sarah
07729 290462 / email sarah.levete@glam.ox.ac.uk



Multaka Oxford Club

We are in the Oxford Hub, next to Windale Primary School, Windale Avenue OX4 6JD

Oxford Hub Follow the signs for Oxford Hub. Then go through the gate.

We look forward to seeing you.

Multaka Oxford Club is a meeting point for people, cultures and ideas

LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

PROM DRESS POP UP

Looking for the perfect prom dress without the hefty price tag? Join us for a one-day-only Prom Pop-Up! We've gathered a collection of beautiful dresses for you to browse.

Tuesday, 25th March

3:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Barton Neighbourhood Centre, Underhill circus OX3 9LS

All dresses just £5!

A variety of styles and sizes are available, but stock is limited—first come, first served!

Enjoy some alcohol-free bubbles and sweet treats while you browse.

Whats going on this month?

MARCH 2025

OXPCF.ORG.UK/EVENTS

TUES 05 LISTENING EVENT 7.30PM

Venue: Teams, Online Topic: Alternative Education Provision

MON 10 WITNEY CONNECT 12.45PM

Venue: Witney Congregation Church Guest: Autism Services Group

TUES 11 DIDCOT CONNECT 12.15PM

Venue: Civic Hall Guest: One-Eighty

THUR 13 SEND TOGETHER 9AM - 3PM

Connect, Learn and Share. An event facilitated and hosted by the Local Area Partnership. Sign up for your ticket www.tinyurl.com/SENDtogether

FRI 14 CAMHS NDC WEBINAR 1PM

Venue: Teams, Online Topic: Moving Into Adulthood

MON 17 ABINGDON CONNECT 10.45AM

Venue: Carousel Family Centre Guest: One-Eighty

FRI 21 BICESTER CONNECT 9.30AM

Venue: Bicester East Community Centre Guest: TBC

TUE 25 BANBURY CONNECT 10.15AM

Venue: Jubilee Park Hall Guest: One-Eighty

THUR 27 ONLINE CONNECT 8PM

Venue: Teams, Online Topic: Oxfordshire Healthier Steps

TUE 31 WANTAGE CONNECT 11.15AM

Venue: Letcombe Regis Village Hall Guest: TBC



EASTER CRICKET Camp

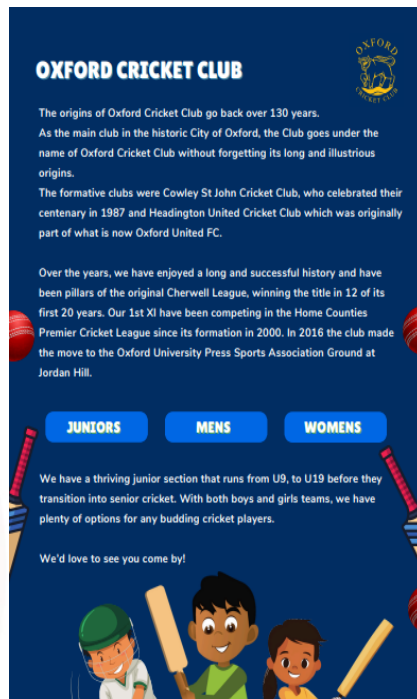
Easter cricket camps for young cricketers aged between 5 and 14

MONDAY 7TH - FRIDAY 11TH
9AM - 3:30PM

MONDAY 14TH - THURSDAY 17TH
9AM - 3:30PM

BATTING BOWLING FIELDING

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OXFORD CRICKET CLUB

The origins of Oxford Cricket Club go back over 130 years. As the main club in the historic City of Oxford, the Club goes under the name of Oxford Cricket Club without forgetting its long and illustrious origins. The formative clubs were Cowley St John Cricket Club, who celebrated their centenary in 1987 and Headington United Cricket Club which was originally part of what is now Oxford United FC.

Over the years, we have enjoyed a long and successful history and have been pillars of the original Cherwell League, winning the title in 12 of its first 20 years. Our 1st XI have been competing in the Home Counties Premier Cricket League since its formation in 2000. In 2016 the club made the move to the Oxford University Press Sports Association Ground at Jordan Hill.

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We have a thriving junior section that runs from U9, to U19 before they transition into senior cricket. With both boys and girls teams, we have plenty of options for any budding cricket players.

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East Oxford Parent Power in collaboration with Oxford Brookes University are looking to start a tutoring pilot scheme. We want to hear from parents in East Oxford. Take this 5 minute survey to help shape a new accessible tutoring campaign in the area.

Fill in the 5 minute Survey by Scanning QR code or follow this link <https://forms.office.com/e/nDH9AWCCg3> deadline 15th of April

For more information contact call 07397383200 or email parentpoweroxfordshire@thebrilliantclub.org

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Spring 2025
Newsletter

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK. Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each - Book Online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

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24th April
19:00 - 20:00
FREE

Responding to Angry Behaviour
What can we do in the moment?

Tuesday
18th March
10:00 - 11:30
£24

Anxiety Explained
Anxiety, especially in our young is rising. This session explains what it is, why it happens and how you can help.

Thursday
3rd April
10:00 - 11:30
£24

Supporting a Child with ADHD
Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday
3rd April
19:00 - 20:30
£24

Improving Family Communication
How to reduce the shouting and arguing and start the talking.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk.

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Spring Timetable

all sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long
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Anxiety Explained	18 MAR 7pm
What is ACT?	20 Mar 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 MAR 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 MAR 7pm
Decreasing Depression	25 MAR 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	25 MAR 7pm
AUTISM: Improving Communication	2 APR 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 APR 10am
Improving Family Communication	3 APR 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	7 APR 10am
Facing Defiance	7 APR 7pm
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	8 APR 10AM
Understanding Anger	8 APR 7pm
Anxiety Explained	14 APR 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	14 APR 7pm

Parent Power

We support local parents living in the OX4 area

Our team of Parent Advocates (local parents), Donna, Kerrisa and Kylie, can support you with:

- **Practical and emotional support**
- **Connecting with your child's school or local organisations**, such as attending parents' evenings with you.
- **Connecting you to a network of parents** so you can support each other.
- **Help and support with form filling**

Need help? Want to get involved?

Get in touch with the team:
Email: donna@oxfordhub.org



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LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

LEYS YOUTH HUB @ ORION ACADEMY

Fun, Free & Exciting Session for Young People

Location: ORION ACADEMY,
KNIGHTS ROAD, BBL, OX4 6DQ

EVERY FRIDAY
3.30pm - 6.30pm

GIRLS YOUTH CLUB

Sports, Art, Cooking & More!

For Age 11 - 18

(Up to 25 if you have a disability)

For further details, please contact
07483010739 or 01865 335884



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Location: BLAP, MOORBANK,
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EVERY THURSDAY
5.45pm - 7.45pm

Cooking, Sport

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