

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 13th June 2025 | Issue 32

Dear Families

This week, we reflected on the Pentecost; that moment when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and gave them the gift of language. It's always struck me how powerful it is that language was the holy gift. The ability to communicate, to connect, and to reach across difference lies at the heart of all community. As we often say at Greyfriars, how we speak to one another, how we listen, include, encourage, is a reflection of the love we are called to live out each day. This is part of our Greyfriars Way.

In that spirit, Mr Masterson's assemblies this week have focused on discipline, the choice to do what is right, even when it is difficult. The root of the word *discipline* is *disciple*, someone who learns. To be a disciple is to commit to learning, growth, and responsibility. But Pentecost reminds us that the journey doesn't stop there. The disciples, once learners, are now sent out to teach, lead, and build community. They are empowered to act with courage and conviction. It's a reminder to all of us: we are constantly learning from each other, but we are also called to use what we've learned to inspire and uplift those around us. Often, this requires real discipline.

Our Year 10 and Year 12 students have truly embodied this message. As our Year 11 and Year 13 students reach the final stages of their exams, our younger students have stepped up with real focus, care, and ambition. They're showing that discipline isn't about being told what to do, it's about knowing what matters and sticking with it. It has been a real pleasure to see them step up with such conviction.

Across the school, our focus on participation continues to thrive. Whether through the preparations for Culture Day, rehearsals for the school production, or upcoming Sports Day events, students are not only taking part, they're helping to lead. This is what it means to live out our Catholic Social Teaching and The Greyfriars Way.

As always, thank you for your support in all we do. Greyfriars continues to be a place where every voice matters, every gift is welcomed, and every act of kindness builds something lasting.

Have a joyful weekend.

Lyndsey Caldwell
Headteacher

WHAT IS GOD'S MESSAGE FOR ME THIS WEEK?

Gospel - John 14:15-16, 23b - 26



Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always. "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me. "I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."

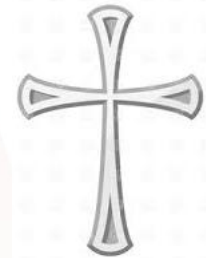
Reflection

This week, the Church celebrates the Feast of Pentecost—the moment when the Holy Spirit arrived, entering into the hearts of the disciples. Jesus told His disciples that this moment would happen, but only after He had gone back to Heaven. This “Helper,” this “Advocate” would unite us to God for eternity. The Trinity invites us in: we can know the Father and the Son through our communion with the Holy Spirit that we receive through Baptism. This week, in which we remember the Holy Spirit’s appearance as red flames through the liturgical colour of red, is important to us as it helps us look to the future. God still speaks. God still helps and advocates for us here.

Come Holy Spirit

Come Spirit like rain, refresh, renew, revitalise.
 Come Spirit like fire, embolden, enlighten, enable.
 Come Spirit like a mighty wind, move, challenge, enkindle.
 Come Spirit like wave, move, tear down, lift up.
 Come Spirit, come Breath, draw us close, make song, bring intimacy.
 Come Spirit, come Love, make one, make justice, make peace.
 Come Spirit, come Kingdom, come Love.

Amen.



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 | Mr Greer

Happy Pentecost!

We are reminded this week of the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives, and that He is not done speaking to us. The story of Pentecost reminds us that God is also a God of the future - He guides us still, leading us towards new ways and new life.

Sixth Formers continue to show this in their fundraising preparations, working to support a charity for our school during culture day.

Catholic Life Ambassadors continue to lead others in reverent and purposeful prayer during their form times. I am thankful too for those who help behind the scenes, decorating the Chapel with red garments and making sure everything is in its proper place, The diverse community gathered from across the school is quite akin to those who gathered on that fateful feast day many years ago.

Many Pentecost blessings to you and your families.



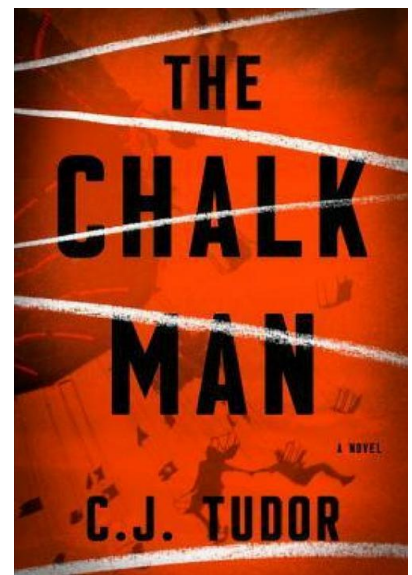
Book of the Week | Review by Lian Gebana

The Chalk Man by C. J. Tudor (YA)

Originally, I was intrigued by the book because the cover reminded me slightly of the Sherlock adventure 'The dancing men'. It was only partly similar although I'm not sure if it was inspired at all, this novel is hauntingly good.

The tone of the novel is bare and rough. You can almost feel the grim reality of the situation inside the book. When reading you'll wonder how deep the rabbit hole really goes. The details are chilling when they're all connected by the end.

Perhaps even you will begin question things you thought you once knew-just like our protagonist.

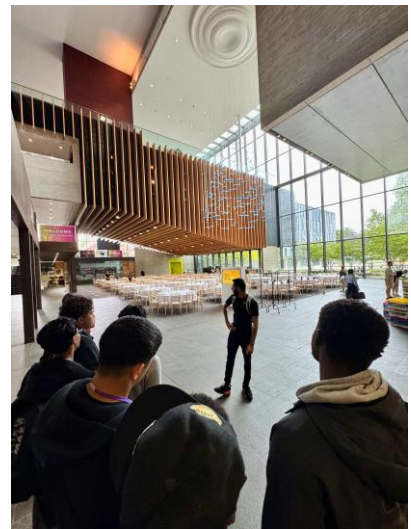
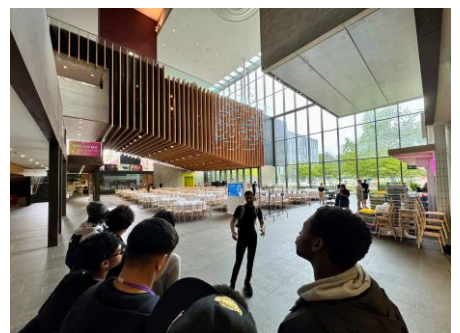


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Year 12 Oxford Brookes Taster Day Form News | Mr Shaw



This Wednesday, myself and a group of 33 Year 12 students spent the day at Oxford Brookes for a university taster day. We began with a session on how best to approach writing their personal statements for UCAS applications. This was followed by a guided tour of the campus facilities. After a spot of lunch, we attended a presentation by three students on university life, which covered everything from organising a great social life to managing finances.



It was a lovely day and has definitely encouraged our Year 12s to start thinking about their various post-A Level options.

GENERAL NOTICES

Library News | Miss Brett

WELCOME
to
THE LIBRARY

Hello fellow readers! Are you enjoying the Crime Reading Month so far?

Come and recommend your favourite crime/mystery novel to your fellow students by popping it onto our crime scene tree 😊. Staff members – you are also invited to join in the fun. Tell our students about the most thrilling or mysterious book you have ever read!

Later this month, we will be solving our own crime as well... I hope you have your magnifying glasses at the ready!



GREYFRIARS CATHOLIC SCHOOL
ART COMPETITION
Theme: "MY CULTURE, MY PRIDE"
Express your cultural identity through art!
Your piece can represent:

- A national plant
- A famous building or monument
- A cultural figure or hero
- A well-known book or story
- A signature dish or food
- A traditional event or celebration

Who can enter?
All secondary students are welcome!

What can you submit?
Any visual art form: drawing, painting, collage, digital art, mixed media, etc.

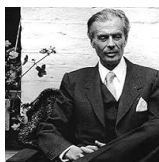
Deadline:
Monday, 30th June 2025
Submit your artwork to the Library Desk

Prizes awarded for creativity, originality, and cultural expression!

Need inspiration?
Join the Library Lunchtime Art Club on Mondays!
Let your art tell your story. We can't wait to celebrate the diverse cultures that make our school special.

Here is the latest Reading Championship Leader Board! Encourage your classmates to borrow and read more books and you will be in for a chance to win the Reading Championship Cup.

	Reading Champ		Tutor Group Reading Championship	
1	SU (8AS)	55	8AS	84
2	PL (9BK)	31	7RM	69
3	HJ (7TT)	24	8BM	51
4	BD (7RM)	22	9SA	48
5	AJ (8BM)	16	7TT	47



Finally, I really enjoyed sharing the beautiful quote by Maya Angelou with you last week, so I have decided to share more.

"Experience is not what happens to a man; it is what a man does with what happens to him." - Aldous Huxley, Texts and Pretexts: An Anthology With Commentaries

Have a **READFUL** weekend 😊

In preparation for Culture Day, we are also running an art competition in the library – check out the poster. Teach us about your culture through art, we are all so excited to learn.

GENERAL NOTICES

Sparx Maths Update | Mr Secker

Sparx Maths **WEEK 33**

Total hours spent on Sparx this year

9,960hrs

Number of questions answers correctly

609,858

XP Champions THIS YEAR 13/06/25

Name	Year	Total XP
Mithun R K	9	62,607
Da Vinci T	8	59,238
Miu Miu M	7	53,188
Samayrah K	9	50,120
Ana Paula C	9	48,153
Nedia D C S	8	38,974
Sabella O	7	36,921
Taryn N	8	36,452
Ahmed M	11	36,128
Themis P	9	35,029

XP Champions for LAST WEEK

Name	Year	XP POINTS
Ahmed M	11	5,075
Joao M B	11	4,245
Ayden M	10	3,240
Russell R	10	2,709
Ava D	9	4,071
Mithun R K	9	3,988
Kali R	8	6,488
Nedia D C S	8	3,952
Miu Miu M	7	7,175
Sabella O	7	2,245

Keep up the good work!



Careers | Miss Manns



For lots of useful information regarding careers, please click:

[Oxfordshire Careers Hub: Picks of the Week](#)

GENERAL NOTICES

Arbor Parent App | Launch Information

The Arbor Parent App is an essential tool for parents. It not only allows you to view your child's timetable, achievement and behaviour information, but you will also be able to book appointments for parents' evenings, select options for GCSEs and receive communications from school.

The final year group to be sent an invitation is Year 12 – these will be issued on 25th June.

The welcome email will come from:
arbor-education.com
- so do keep an eye out for it!

Please see the adjacent information about how to register and note that not all functions will be available / active straight away.

Parents from all other year groups should have now received their invitation email. Please do register as soon as you can.

Thank you for your continued patience as we move to our new MIS system.



We're using Arbor's free Parent Portal and Parent App

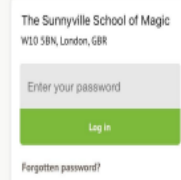
We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our school.

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Parent App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Parent App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

How to get started

1. Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready - you won't be able to log in before
2. Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
3. Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
4. Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
5. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
6. Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday



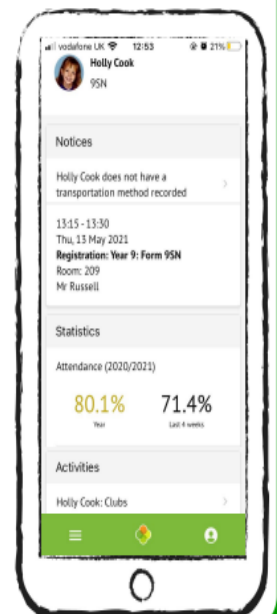
Need help using Arbor?

Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or Parent Portal. Tell us the type and model of your phone, e.g. an iPhone SE, and include screenshots or screen recordings.

To safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.

Some tips to try:

1. Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor. Ask us to **check the email address** linked to your account.
2. **Reset your password** from the login page, or ask us to do this.
3. If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the **password link will have expired**. Ask us to send it again.
4. Ask the school office to check that your email address has not been used twice - e.g. on another guardian or child's profile.
5. **Enter the birthday** of one of your children to log in.
6. Only relatives who are **Primary Guardians** of a child can access the Arbor App. Ask us to check you can access Arbor.



GENERAL NOTICES

Message for KS5 | Mr Strachan

A Week of Milestones and Celebration!!

Congratulations to our wonderful Year 11 students, who have now completed their final full week of exams! With only a few remaining—Physics and DT among them early next week—we are nearly at the finish line.

What an incredible journey it has been. Through moments of challenge, uncertainty, and determination, our students have shown remarkable resilience, focus, and hard work. Year 11s, I know there were times it felt overwhelming, but you've made it—and you've done so with courage and strength. I am immensely proud of each and every one of you. You are overcomers, and you should feel incredibly proud of all you have achieved.

Greyfriars After School Clubs

April - July 2025

Clubs are for ALL year groups unless stated otherwise.

Monday	Softball Football Netball	Mr Mehmeti Mr Dunne Miss Moss
Tuesday	Cricket - Years 7, 8, 9 Runders Basketball	Mr Weedon Mr Dunne Mr Roman
Wednesday	Basketball - Years 9, 10, 11	Mr Phillips
Thursday	Volleyball Gym Gaelic Football	Mr Ballance Mr Mehmeti Dr Dillon

As we look ahead to your final exams next week, I hope you're also starting to look forward to more well-deserved celebrations we've planned to mark your time here at Greyfriars following the wonderful shirt signing ceremony last week Friday.

Meanwhile, our Year 10 students have completed the first of their two weeks of PPEs (mock exams), and I must commend them on their outstanding focus and conduct. Adjusting to the rigour of formal exam protocols is no small feat, but they have risen to the challenge with maturity and poise. Year 10s—you have impressed us all. One week down, one to go—well done!

Wishing everyone a restful and joyful weekend.

GENERAL NOTICES

The Power of Routines | Mr Dingley

At Greyfriars, we believe that strong routines create calm, focused classrooms where every second is used for learning. Whether it's lining up quietly, standing behind chairs to start and end lessons, or showing active listening during reading, our routines set the tone for excellence.

Routines aren't about control — they're about creating *certainty*. When students know exactly what to expect, they feel more confident, more settled, and more ready to learn.

Simple habits, repeated consistently, make a big difference:

- ❖ A calm line-up means a calm start.
- ❖ Standing behind chairs shows respect and readiness.
- ❖ Active listening helps everyone learn more deeply.

At Greyfriars, our routines aren't just about behaviour — they're part of how we *teach character, focus, and self-discipline*.

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. 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.

GENERAL NOTICES

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

5 Ways to Well-being

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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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Free School Meals

Are you entitled?

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- 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

- 16 June | Hamlet All Hail to the Thief Theatre Trip
- 18 June | Y6 Induction Evening for Families
- 20 June | Year 11 Leavers' Service
- 23 June | Staff INSET Day – No students in school
- 24 – 27 June | Year 10 Work Experience Week
- 25 – 27 June | Y6 into Y7 Transition Days
- 27 June | Year 8 – Year 10 Immunisation Catch-up Day
- 30 June | Year 13 Leavers' Service
- 30 June | Sports Awards Evening

Donations

If you wish to make a donation to the school please click on the link.

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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.



You Tube

GENERAL NOTICES

Save the date!

GREYFRIARS
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6th DECEMBER 2025
11:30AM - 2PM

JOIN US

GREYFRIARS CATHOLIC SCHOOL
ERICKET ROAD OXFORD OX4 3BR
TEL: 01865 749933 OFFICE@GFCSS.UK

LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

FLOFEST

21ST JUNE 2025 11-4.30PM FLORENCE PARK OX4

FREE DAYTIME ENTRY

LIVE MUSIC - SPORTS FIELD - MARKET STALLS
COMMUNITY GROUPS - DOG SHOW - KID'S CORNER
DELICIOUS FOOD - BAR AND SOFT DRINKS

MAIN STAGE MUSIC

DJ BADGER
ETHIOXIA
PYJAMA
CYMBAL SHARDS
THE FOX IN THE REEDS
THE SUBTHEORY
DJ SARAH LAMTREV
PROHIBITION SMOKERS CLUB

ATTRACTIONS

NATTY MARK'S REGGAE AREA
THE V STAGE
OXFORD PLAYHOUSE - PLAYS OUT TENT
SILENT DISCO & GRAFFITI WORKSHOP
DANCE GROUP ZONE
GO KARTS - CAROUSEL - FACE PAINTING
ROSEHILL SAMBA BAND
CITY OF OXFORD SILVER BAND

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JUNE 21ST 6-11 30PM FLORENCE PARK OX4 (TICKETS REQUIRED)

SECRET RIVALS

PAPA NUI - LIFE UNDERGROUND
WILDERNESS STATES
LASER FINALE BY DJ JAMES USSHER & DJ KWASSA

FOOD & BAR WWW.FLOFEST.UK/GLOFEST

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- Holiday Art Workshops
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DISCOVER & Create

Creative activities in a safe and welcoming environment for young people experiencing mild-moderate mental health issues to support wellbeing, self-esteem & confidence.

Join us at the Museum of Natural History & Pitt Rivers. Have a go at creative activities inspired by museum objects. Handle real museum objects and go behind the scenes.

There is always a choice if and how you want to take part.

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CALLING ALL YEAR 11 - YEAR 13

SOCIAL FOOTBALL DURING YOUR EXAMS!

EVERY MONDAY
8:30PM TO 10:00PM
BICESTER

EVERY TUESDAY
6:30PM - 8:00PM
OXFORD

NHS Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

OXFORD DEPARTMENT OF CLINICAL NEUROSCIENCES

THE PODIUM INSTITUTE FOR SPORTS MEDICINE & TECHNOLOGY

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Principal Investigator:
Mr Tim Lawrence
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Imaging Study of 11 to 18 Year olds with Head Injuries

Ethics Approval Reference: 24/SC/0155

Are you 11-18 years old?
We are looking for healthy volunteers to take part in our study!

What is the purpose of the study?
Head injuries are common in young people. While most recover well afterwards, some feel worse than expected. Currently, we don't know why this happens. This study could help us predict how well someone will recover after a head injury.

What does the study involve?
We will ask you to attend 2 visits at the FMRIB centre in John Radcliffe Hospital. The visits will take place 6 months apart, and will each last around 2 hours.

Both visits will involve:

- A magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) brain scan
- Questionnaires
- Short tasks
- Height & weight measurements

Who can take part?
We are looking for young people who:

- are 11 to 18 years old
- are fit and healthy
- ✓ and take part in sports

Unfortunately, you will not be able to take part if any of the following apply:

- Currently recovering from a head injury
- Ever diagnosed with a neurological or psychiatric condition
- Unsafe to be around a strong magnet
- Previous head surgery

If you would like to find out more, please contact
isabelle.lovgren@ndcn.ox.ac.uk / 01865 610 471

Healthy Control Poster
Longitudinal MRI Study of 11-18 Year Olds with Traumatic Brain Injury
© Mr Tim Lawrence

Version Date: v1.104 Feb 2025
IRAS Project Number: 336967
REC Reference Number: 24SC0155

Dates

- Thursday 22 May
- Thursday 29th May (drop in)
- Thursday 5th May
- Thursday 12th May
- Thursday 19th May
- Thursday 26th May

Times

- 3pm - 4.30 pm

Free drink in the cafe for parents/carers

Venues

- Pitt Rivers Museum & Museum of Natural History, Parks Road, OX1 3PW

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LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Faculty of Education and Society

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Promoting and supporting autistic students' mental health in mainstream secondary schools in England



Hello! My name is Şeyda Çetintas.



I am a doctoral student at University College London.

I want to hear from young people aged 11-16 with a diagnosis of autism and enrolled in mainstream secondary schools in England.

What are your experiences of school mental health awareness and school mental health support?



What is involved?

- 1 Introductory online meeting session with parent and young person to share interview schedule and pre-interview task.
- 2 Online meeting with young person to discuss their photos, drawings, notes or poems to express their ideas about wellbeing at school.

For parents → How can you take part?

[Click here](#) or scan the QR code below to access the expression of interest form.

Want to know more? Scan QR code to access the online questionnaire along with the information letter, or email Şeyda at seyda.cetintas.21@ucl.ac.uk



GRRAND Child Development and Learning Difficulties Lab

An online talk by Jane Keyworth

Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes, offering practical support and explaining more about this condition



June 23rd 7 - 8:30pm

Talks are recorded and available to watch for up to 48hrs after the session £24



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facefamilyadvice.co.uk
go to PARENTS
on the Homepage



Student voice matters!

A research opportunity for autistic students to tell us their experiences of school mental health awareness and support

[Link for parents to express interest](#)

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Family research participants wanted this summer 2025!

How do you like the generative AI models?

Interested? Please contact oxfordccai@cs.ox.ac.uk for more information



Are you a parent of a 13-17-year-old, who uses technologies like ChatGPT regularly?

Are you interested to find out how children think about these technologies and how they can use them more effectively?

WHO? We are looking for children living in the UK, between 13 and 17, who spent at least 2 hours per week on a technology like ChatGPT.

WHERE? Online or Department of Computer Science, University of Oxford.

HOW LONG? ~mins



WHAT WILL MY CHILDREN LEARN? Your children will learn about how to make comparisons of different large language models, and how to use these technologies more effectively

WILL I GET PAID? A small gift voucher will be provided as a thank-you gift.

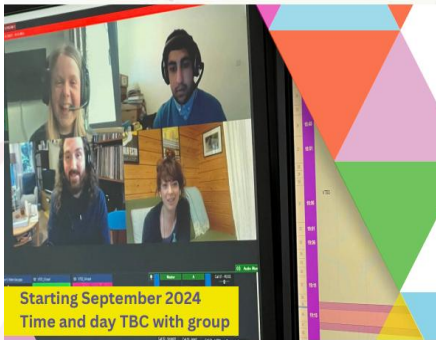
Find out more from: <https://oxfordccai.org/>



LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

MySpace

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



Express interest by filling in our online form:
www.ark-t.org/refer-someone-to-us
or call Vanessa on 07388 092590
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2025 Astor Visiting Lecture

SCIENCE AND SCIENCE FICTION

Professor Robert Scherrer
Vanderbilt University

As a practicing physicist who has written science fiction, I will explore the similarities and differences between the process of writing science fiction and the process of "producing" science, specifically theoretical physics. What are the ground rules for introducing unproven new ideas in science fiction, and how do they differ from the corresponding rules in physics? How predictive is science fiction? (For that matter, how predictive is theoretical physics?) While science fiction has been dubbed "the literature of ideas," there are crucial differences between the role that ideas play in science fiction versus their role in science, as well as differences in the actual way in which ideas are presented. Finally, I will examine whether a background as a research scientist provides any advantage in writing science fiction, or whether it can actually be a hindrance at times.

Wednesday 25th June 2025
5pm (to be seated by 4:50pm)

Martin Wood Lecture Theatre, Clarendon Laboratory, Parks Road, Oxford, OX1 3PU
Followed by a reception in the foyer

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If you have any further inquiries.

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.

£10 P/YEAR ANNUAL JOINING FEE + **£3.50** INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP FROM P/WEEK + **£7** FAMILY MEMBERSHIP FROM P/WEEK

An individual membership provides up to 10 items of non-perishables (pasta, 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.

Want free food and a bunch of other benefits?
Sign up today!
www.sofea.uk.com



JOIN US FOR THE 3RD ANNUAL OXFORD SANCTUARY FAIR

TUESDAY 17 JUNE 2025

10AM - 5PM OXFORD TOWN HALL

A FREE, FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT ALL WELCOME!



Featuring:

- Information stalls
- Panel discussions
- Children's activities
- Buffet food and refreshments
- Open mic
- Interactive workshops

BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE (OR JUST DROP IN) tinyurl.com/sanctuaryfair2025



Refugee Week

16-22 June 2025

The world's largest festival celebrating the contributions, creativity, and resilience of refugees.

Join us for Refugee Week 2025 to celebrate 'Community as a Superpower'.

For details of Oxford Refugee Week events, visit: oxfordrefugeeweek.info

Get involved

Donate
Your donation will help refugees and asylum seekers in urgent need here in Oxfordshire. Visit asylum-welcome.org/donate to make a difference today!

Organise an event
We can help promote your event, send you materials, and connect you with speakers. Contact us at: comms@asylum-welcome.org

Other ways to help

- Donate a bike, lights, lock or new helmet
email bike@asylum-welcome.org
- Donate food or toiletries
email food@asylum-welcome.org
- Donate a phone, laptop, or tablet
email laptops@asylum-welcome.org
- Donate clothes
Collection point: Friends Meeting House, 43 St. Giles, Oxford OX1 3LW

Send a message of support - we love to receive your cards and artwork... we proudly display them in our Welcome Centre!

Your support makes a huge difference - thank you so much!

WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

Are you a parent or guardian of a school-age child?
Help us understand your perspective on mental health support in schools!

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?
We are conducting a study to explore parents' and other caregivers' perceptions of the provision of mental health support within the Whole School Approach (WSA), as well as their involvement in mental health support provided in schools.
Whole-school mental health approaches involve strategies and practices that support the mental health and wellbeing of the entire school community, including students, staff, and families, through preventative and essential support measures.
Your feedback will help improve mental health support for students and families.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?
Complete a short 20-minute anonymous online survey. Share your valuable experiences and insights.
Your participation is voluntary, and all responses will remain confidential.

WHY PARTICIPATE?
Your voice matters! This research aims to:
Support schools in better engaging parents.
Help reduce barriers to mental health support.
Foster a healthier, more supportive school environment for children.

Ready to Participate? Scan Here to Take the Survey

For questions or more information, contact Anais Rigby at yr216@exeter.ac.uk

LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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

Oxford Hub

oxfordhub.org/parent-power



Are you at risk of losing your home?

We can help you to avoid eviction

Our Housing Support Service Team can help keep a roof over your head by providing you with the tools to manage your money, navigate benefits, be independent, and avoid homelessness. Our team will help you gain control of your situation by working alongside you, to fully understand the challenges you are facing, so we can tailor our support. This free service is for individuals and families over the age of 16, who are residents in Oxfordshire.

Get in touch

- enquiries@connectionsupport.org.uk
- 01865 711267
- connectionsupport.org.uk



Visit our website to download the referral form

Drop-in details:



Low cost and free activities for families to enjoy together!

YouMove is brand new for Oxfordshire, providing low cost and free fun activities for families including weekends & school holidays.

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

Find out more here:



YouMove is here to offer free and low cost activities for children on benefit related free school meals and their families.

YOU MOVE



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



Schools can now buy a **FACE School Annual Membership** which means **ALL** parents and **ALL** staff get unlimited **FREE** access to **ALL** 16 parent talks

Thursday
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 info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk



Summer Timetable

all sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long
book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk Recordings available for 48 hours

Supporting Healthy Sleep	16 June 10am
Decreasing Depression	16 June 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	17 June 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	17 June 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	23 June 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	23 June 7pm
Improving Family Communication	24 June 10am
Autism Improving Communication	24 June 7pm
Facing Defiance	30 June 10am
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	30 June 7pm
Understanding Anger	1 July 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	1 July 7pm
Introduction to OCD	7 July 10am
What is ACT?	7 July 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	8 July 10am



COWLEY ST JOHN

WINDRUSH DAY CELEBRATION WITH THE BISHOP OF OXFORD

Join us for a special Service of Thanksgiving

Honouring the contribution of the Windrush Generation to the Church and community

Sunday 22nd June

St Mary & St John's Church,
Cowley Road

- 10:30am - Thanksgiving Service, including the Dedication of the Windrush Plaque by Bishop Steven

- 12:00 noon - Celebration Lunch with:
 - o Art Exhibition
 - o Music and Dance by Local Schools



In collaboration with Eyukamba Foundation
Everyone is warmly welcome!

WINDRUSH

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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Fun, Free & Exciting Session for Young People

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KNIGHTS ROAD, BBL, OX4 6DQ

EVERY WEDNESDAY
3.30pm - 6.30pm

Baking, Art & Craft

Music, Dance

Design & More!

For Age 11 - 18

(Up to 25 if you have a disability)

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LEYS YOUTH HUB @ BLAP

Fun, Free & Exciting Session for Young People

Location: BLAP, MOORBANK,
BLACKBIRD LEYS OX4 6HW

EVERY THURSDAY
5.45pm - 7.45pm

Cooking, Sport

Art, Games

Movies & More!

For Age 11 - 18

(Up to 25 if you have a disability)

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07483010739 or 01865 335884



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.

JUNIORS

MENS

WOMENS

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.

We'd love to see you come by!



PARENT WEBINAR

NHS
Oxford Health
NHS Foundation Trust

Parents are the most important part of young peoples lives and hold the key to helping them. Let us, help you, to help them.

CAMHS
Child and Adolescent
Mental Health Service

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS SESSIONS FOR
PARENTS AND CARERS

SUBJECTS INCLUDE

- TEEN ANXIETY
- SELF HARM
- LOW MOOD
- HOW TO TALK TO YOUR DISTRESSED CHILD



WWW.OXFORDHEALTH.NHS.UK/CAMHS/OXON/SIR/WEBINARS

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BODY POLITIC

YOUTH AUDITION

Body Politic YOUTH is auditioning for some new members to add to the team!
Open to experience dancers aged 15-25yrs.
Audition date: Saturday 28th June 2025
Timings: 1-3pm
Location: Pegasus Theatre, OX4 1RE

SIGN UP HERE



07791905851

www.bodypoliticdance.com
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