

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 20th June 2025 | Issue 33

Dear Families

This week began with a focus on the Gospel and a chance to reflect together in our Monday assembly. We are reminded again and again that the teachings of Jesus are not just lessons from the past—they are a call to action now. The Feast of the Holy Trinity this week reminds us to be people of compassion, trust, and courage. In the face of uncertainty or challenge, we are called to live with hearts open: to do the right thing, speak truth, and serve with love.

This message has felt especially timely as we marked two important milestones in our school community. On Wednesday evening, we welcomed our new families for the Year 6 Transfer Evening, a joyful occasion filled with optimism and excitement. It was a pleasure to meet the next generation of Greyfriars students and to see the warmth with which our current students welcomed them. There were some understandable nerves, but plenty of smiles too, and it was a powerful reminder of the strength of our community. We are ready to welcome our new students to our school family.

Today, we held our Year 11 Leavers' Celebration Service, a beautiful and moving event. It was filled with reverence, gratitude, and laughter (and even some tears!) not least thanks to the brilliant student-led prayers, speeches and awards. It was a fitting farewell to a year group who have given so much to the life of the school. We are incredibly proud of them.

Meanwhile, our exam students continue to show great resilience, and school life remains full of energy, creativity, and opportunities to participate and lead. We've continued to see students stepping up with generosity and kindness, whether supporting their peers, preparing for Culture Day and Sports Day, or simply doing the right thing when it matters most. These moments are where we see The Greyfriars Way come to life.

Thank you, as always, for the part you play in our school community. Your support, encouragement, and faith in our young people help make Greyfriars the hopeful and loving community it is.

With every blessing for a joyful (and cool) weekend,

Lyndsey Caldwell
Headteacher

WHAT IS GOD'S MESSAGE FOR ME THIS WEEK?

Gospel - John 16:12-15



Jesus said to his disciples: "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.

Reflection

This passage is traditionally read on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, a day that marks the extraordinary nature of our God. In his homily this past Sunday, Pope Leo remarked, "for God is not immobile and closed in on himself, but activity, communion, a dynamic relationship between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, which opens up to humanity and to the world."

Jesus's message in this week's Gospel is about how the Trinity functions: it is One God in perfect relationship with Himself. And the miracle, through Jesus coming to Earth, is that we are invited into this same exact community. We can be in relationship with the Trinity if we accept the free Christ offers.

Prayer (for the Feast of Corpus Christi)

*Jesus, Body and Blood, we are grateful for the gift of your life and the way it strengthens us to live ours. Teach us to draw on the gift of your Body and Blood for energy, renewal, strength and grace. May we never take the gift of your presence for granted.
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

This Thursday, students gathered to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, a day dedicated to giving thanks for the gift of Christ's body and blood.

We had our first Eucharistic adoration of the year: we opened the tabernacle to expose the Blessed Sacrament, and students spent time reflecting in silence, giving God thanks for what He has done in their lives. Student leaders helped to read Gospel passages and prayers, guiding everyone through the reverent silence.



Next week, some students have the opportunity to visit the Carmelite friars in Boar's Hill. We will continue practicing the stillness, reverence, and reflection shown this week. Please don't forget to check ParentPay if your child is going on this trip!

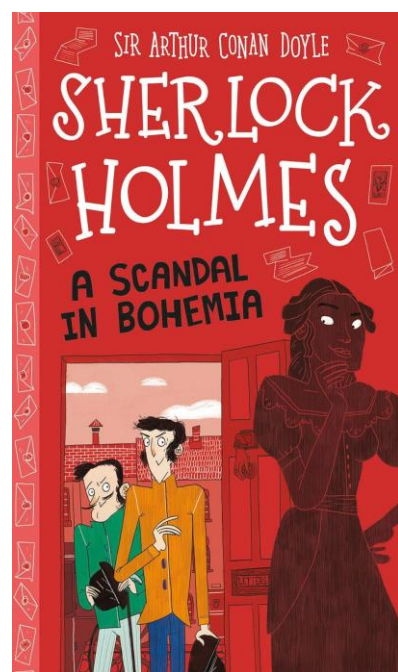
Book of the Week | Review by Lian Gebana

Sherlock Holmes: A Scandal in Bohemia by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

An extremely well known classic of the Sherlock Holmes Fandom. For a first time read it is a wonderfully exciting and intricate looking into the minds involved. Especially as all the short stories being written by Watson makes it appear as though he loves praising those around him overzealously, it all really is as clever as he describes.

It's greatly intriguing as if you've seen the BBC Sherlock Adaption there's a rather large contrast between the two stories and how Adler is presented however the wittiness and puzzle ridden tone is comfortingly kept the same! Certainly a favoured read of mine!

Another interesting thing to note is that the lesser known adaptation 'Sherlock & Co.' the podcast recently posted the full 5 episodes of its own spin on this short story! Have fun listening after all it's national crime month and the game is afoot!



GENERAL NOTICES

Year 7 Hill End Residential | Mr Weedon

What an amazing event! I would like to thank all parents/carers for allowing their child to come on what was an extremely successful school trip. Both students and staff had a great time and it was an honour to have the students there representing our school in an outstanding way. The Hill End staff had nothing but positive things to say about our students!



What did we do?

On day one, we arrived and we got to relax in our tents. The students were so excited about how many tents there were. WE decided to name each one and create some competition between tents throughout the trip.

Once everyone had settled into their tents, we went to our first activity - shelter building and fire lighting. Our students were brilliant at this; lots of working together and communicating really well to build the best shelter. When everyone was finished each group boasted about having the best shelter. This was put to the test – the leaders had a group of students in each shelter and threw water on them to see if they remained dry. Unfortunately, most of the groups got wet!



The next activity was led by myself and the staff of Greyfriars. I taught the boys a new sport - American Football. It was really great to see the boys as a team. The girls played rounders with Miss Parish and Miss Moss and I saw some amazing catches throughout the game. Later on, Mr Masterson popped along with ice-creams and Ms Caldwell arrived in the evening to join in the fun.

During the evening, we had a campfire and did team building activities. A great one was the blindfold walk. One person was blindfolded and their partner guided them through an obstacle course. This was so much fun and at one time all students were having a go, it was definitely a firm favourite. We finished the night by the fire eating Smores.



On the second day we had a buffet breakfast served by Mr Cunningham who was the chief toaster! Then we played the world's biggest game of hide and seek where staff were seekers – it was so much fun and it turns out students are very good at hiding!. Then it was time to award the prize to the tent winners and pack up.

Thank you to the students and staff for such a memorable trip!

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Library News | Miss Brett

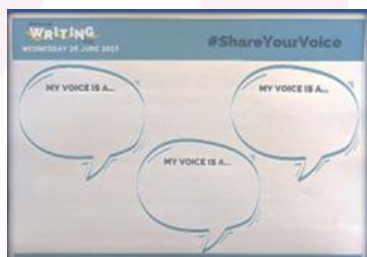
WELCOME
to
THE LIBRARY

Hello fellow readers! I hope you have a shady nook to read in this glorious weather!

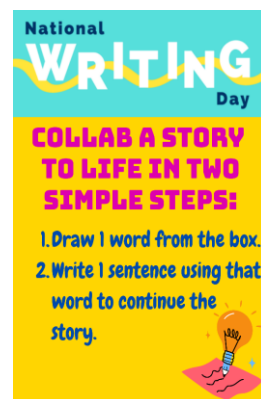
We've had a great week of reading, working, revising, playing, and relaxing in the library.



My Student Librarians and I have also been working very hard to spread the word about our Library Mystery Competition! **IT IS THIS COMING THURSDAY!** Get your teams together and test your detective skills. Also, don't forget to read the latest book review. Lian deliberately chose one to go with this month's theme 😊 and it's fantastic!



On Wednesday 25th June, we will also be celebrating the National Writing Day, so have your pens at the ready. We have a couple of lovely activities for you to enjoy. First, a little exercise to work through, that will help you discover your true voice (it's very short and fun, I promise!).



Second, a variation on collaborative story writing! It could not be simpler. Come along and give it a go. Perhaps you will learn something new about yourself, your unique voice, your writing...

Don't forget that the art competition is still open for your works on your culture. What do you like most about it? What are you most proud of? What do you want everybody to know? Bring your masterpieces to the library by 30th June and see if you can win a prize.

Finally, the latest Reading Championship Leader Board! As the weather warms, the reading seems to be slowing down... Don't let it! Take your book outside and read in the garden 😊

TERM 6 WEEK 3				
	Reading Champ		Tutor Gp Reading Championship	
1	SU (8AS)	62	8AS	92
2	PL (9BK)	40	7RM	75
3	HJ (7TT), BD (7RM)	24	9SA	54 ↑
4	AJ (8BM)	16	8BB	51 ↓
5	A-ML (7RM)	15	7TT	49

Here's another quote before we part for the week... It might not seem as profound, but I do find it uplifting and thought-provoking.

Have a **READTASTIC!** Weekend 😊

"You never know what worse luck your bad luck has saved you from."

Cormac McCarthy
No Country for Old Men

GENERAL NOTICES

Message for Year 8 and Year 9 | Mrs Reddy

A huge shout out to Lily, Ali, Tallulah and Alessandra for their fantastic support during our SEND Transition Day! You represented your Year 8 and Year 9 peers with pride and maturity. A special mention goes to Lily, who took the lead with confidence by warmly welcoming the first two primary school students and their teachers while waiting for other schools to arrive. Your kindness, enthusiasm and teamwork made a real difference and helped ensure the day was a positive and welcoming experience for everyone involved. Well done to all of you, we're incredibly proud of your efforts and leadership!

Final push over the next few weeks to boost your achievement points ahead of our big celebration assembly for Year 8 and Year 9! The easiest way to earn points is by showing up every day, being on time, bringing the right equipment, and wearing the correct uniform. You've got this!!

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!



Students leading the way

Year 8		Year 9	
Blossom	Feranmi	Jesse	Yurume
Deven	Amna	Rehoboth	Juliet
Thomas	Ursula	Daisy	Aryan
Junaid	Darcy	Nancy	Khadijat
Ayesha	Morizo	Ana Paula	Jeyden

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

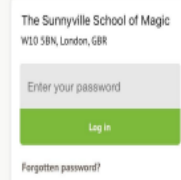
We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our school.

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



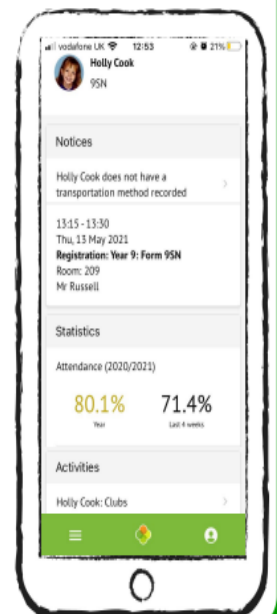
Need help using Arbor?

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

The Importance of Reading | Mr Dingley

At Greyfriars, we see reading as a vital part of learning. It is how students build knowledge, develop vocabulary and understand the world around them. Reading well supports success in every subject, not just English.

In form time, our *Register, Read, Respond* routine gives students regular opportunities to read and think about key ideas, current events or important values. It builds confidence and helps students practise reading aloud with fluency and focus.

In lessons, we are developing the habit of reading explanations together. Every student follows the text using a ruler held in two hands. This simple routine helps everyone stay focused and gives every learner access to the same high-quality information.

Reading is not just a skill. It is a gateway to knowledge. At Greyfriars, we are building a culture where reading helps every student grow.

Careers | Miss Manns



For lots of useful information regarding careers, please click:

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

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

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- 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

- 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
- 25 June | Year 10 City of Oxford College Visit
- 25 June | Carmelite Priory Visit
- 27 June | Year 8 – Year 10 Immunisation Catch-up Day
- 30 June | Year 13 Leavers' Service
- 30 June | Sports Awards Evening
- 01 July | KS3 / KS4 Thorpe Park Trip

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.



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GENERAL NOTICES

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6th DECEMBER 2025
11:30AM - 2PM

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LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES



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LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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21ST JUNE 2025 11-4.30PM FLORENCE PARK OX4

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COMMUNITY GROUPS - DOG SHOW - KID'S CORNER
DELICIOUS FOOD - BAR AND SOFT DRINKS

MAIN STAGE MUSIC

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ATTRACTIONS

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CALLING ALL YEAR 11 - YEAR 13

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6:30PM - 8:00PM
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THE PODIUM INSTITUTE FOR SPORTS MEDICINE & TECHNOLOGY

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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
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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



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



Child Development and Learning Difficulties Lab

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



Online events especially for parents & carers interested in finding out more about university in general and the University of Oxford



The Access Team at Trinity College, University of Oxford, are offering two online sessions for parents and carers in July 2024. Please feel free to book tickets to attend one or both of the following sessions:

Session 1 For Families - a guide to university
Monday the 7 July 6 - 7:15pm with live Q&A until 7:30pm

This session will be of interest to parents and carers of students in Years 10, 11 and 12 and will be particularly useful for those who did not attend university themselves or who feel they would appreciate updated university information and guidance.

In the session, we will focus on effective ways parents and carers can support their child's progression to higher education. We aim to build confidence and knowledge about what a parent and carer's role is in the process of a university application and to clarify the benefits and costs of going to university. We will also touch on some aspects of the University of Oxford.

There will also be a live Q&A with some current undergraduate students who'll share some of their own experiences and answer any questions parents and carers may like to ask.

Session 2 For Families - a guide to the University of Oxford and the application process
Thursday the 10 July at 6 - 7:15pm with optional live Q&A until 7:30pm

This session will be of interest to parents and carers of students in Years 10, 11 and 12 and is particularly useful for those wanting to hear specifically about the University of Oxford and the application process.

In this session, we will also focus on effective ways parents and carers can support their child, should they decide to apply to the University of Oxford in the future. We aim to build confidence and knowledge about what a parent and carer's role is in the process of a university application and to clarify the benefits and costs of going to the University of Oxford.

There will also be a live Q&A with some current undergraduate students who'll share some of their own experiences and answer any questions parents and carers may like to ask.

Please go to our registration form to book both or your preferred option - click [HERE](#)

* Please note this exclusive event is intended for parents/carers of children in [mainstream secondary schools only](#)

** Bookings accepted up to 5pm, two days prior to each event

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Family research participants wanted this summer 2025!

How do you like the generative AI models?

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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

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

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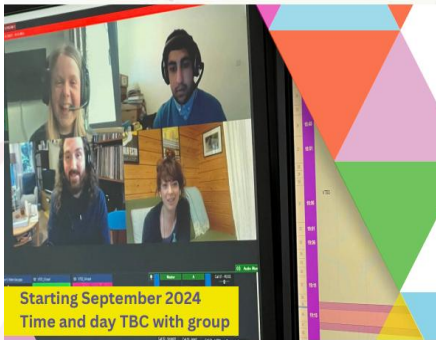
GREYFRIARS
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

www.greyfriarsoxford.org.uk

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
 Supported by Well Together



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

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

Blackbird Leys COMMUNITY LARDER



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.

Oxford Hub Community Larder
 Every Wednesday 12:00-14:00
 Email: Hello@oxfordhub.org
 Telephone: 01865 745260
 If you have any further inquiries.

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
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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

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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 Ng at yn216@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



JULY 2025 Newsletter

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK. Talks are 30 minutes long, £24 each or FREE with a school membership code. Book Online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk on the PARENTS page.



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

Thursday

31st July

19:00 - 20:00

FREE



Supporting Healthy Screen Use

Screens are here to stay. Identifying the issues and step by step guide to reduce the negative impact.

Monday

21st July

10:00 - 11:30

£24

recording available



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.

Monday

28th July

10:00 - 11:30

£24

recording available



Facing Defiance

Specific strategy to help parents manage defiant and challenging behaviour, especially aimed at ADHD, ODD and PDA conditions, 5 to 12 years old.

Tuesday

29th July

10:00 - 11:30

£24

recording available



Anxiety Based School Avoidance

Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school. Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk



July Timetable

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

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
Anxiety Explained	8 July 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	14 July 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	14 July 7pm
Decreasing Depression	15 July 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	15 July 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	21 July 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	21 July 7pm
Autism Improving Communication	22 July 10am
Improving Family Communication	22 July 7pm
Facing Defiance	28 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:

- Art Exhibition
- Music and Dance by Local Schools

In collaboration with Eyukamba Foundation
Everyone is warmly welcome!



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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EVERY WEDNESDAY
3.30pm - 6.30pm

Baking, Art & Craft

Music, Dance

Design & More!

For Age 11 - 18

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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)

For further details, please contact
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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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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
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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



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



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