

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 11th July 2025 | Issue 36

Dear Families

It's the final newsletter of the year—and what a joyful week it has been!

We began the week reflecting on the Gospel where Jesus sends out the 72 – ordinary people, sent out in pairs, to do extraordinary things. It's a powerful reminder that we are stronger when we work together, and that we are each called to bring joy, hope, and light to the communities we are part of. That message has rung true in so many ways this week, and year.

There has been joy everywhere at Greyfriars. From exciting school trips, to the buzz of our school production, and the glamour of our Year 11 Celebration Summer Ball (I still can't bring myself to call it 'Prom'!). Each event has been filled with celebration, laughter, and a genuine sense of togetherness.

As we look ahead to next week, we are gearing up for two more wonderful occasions – Culture Day and Sports Day – both brilliant opportunities to celebrate participation, talent, and the vibrant community we have built together. I'll share more about those in the new school year, but for now, let me just say: there is so much to celebrate and so much love in this school.

Thank you for your support this year, for walking alongside us, and for everything you do to make Greyfriars the joyful, faith-filled place that it is. I am deeply grateful for your support, time and good will. I am looking forward to 2025/26 and the joys of the new school year.

With every blessing for a restful and happy summer. I hope you have a wonderful time with family and friends.

Lyndsey Caldwell
Headteacher

WHAT IS GOD'S MESSAGE FOR ME THIS WEEK?

Gospel - Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

At that time the Lord appointed ahead of him in pairs to every town to them, "The harvest is abundant master of the harvest to send out way; behold, I am sending you like bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet house you enter, first say, 'Peace to lives there, your peace will rest on Stay in the same house and eat and labourer deserves his payment. Do not move about from one house to another. Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.' Whatever town you enter and they do not receive you, go out into the streets and say, 'The dust of your town that clings to our feet, even that we shake off against you.' Yet know this: the kingdom of God is at hand. I tell you; it will be more tolerable for Sodom on that day than for that town." The seventy-two returned rejoicing, and said, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us because of your name." Jesus said, "I have observed Satan fall like lightning from the sky. Behold, I have given you the power to 'tread upon serpents' and scorpions and upon the full force of the enemy and nothing will harm you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven."



seventy-two others whom he sent and place he intended to visit. He said but the labourers are few; so ask the laborers for his harvest. Go on your lambs among wolves. Carry no money no one along the way. Into whatever this household.' If a peaceful person him; but if not, it will return to you. drink what is offered to you, for the

Reflection

Jesus's request here is valid. We must always pray to the "Lord of the harvest", namely, God the Father, that he send labourers into his field which is the world. And each of us must do so with an open heart, with a missionary attitude; our prayer must not be limited only to our needs: a prayer is truly Christian if it also has a universal dimension-it includes others. If lived in these terms, the mission of the Church will be characterized by joy. It is not a temporary joy, which flows from the success of the mission; on the contrary, it is a joy rooted in the promise that — as Jesus says: "your names are written in heaven" (v. 20). With this expression he means inner joy, and the indestructible joy that is born out of the awareness of being called by God to follow his Son. That is, the joy of being his disciples. The joy of being a Child of God.

Prayer: (We continue to pray for peace in the Middle East)

God of peace, bearer of hope, we seek your help for the peoples of the Middle East. Quiet the clamour of war and guide us towards peace. Where there is hatred and division sow seeds of calm and openness. Where there is destruction help us to rebuild. Where children are crying bring an end to tears. Shelter your peoples and protect them. Guide them and keep them from harm. Show us how to break down the barriers of history and fear and breathe whispers of hope. 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

On Monday, a group of Catholic Life Ambassadors attended CitizensUK's summer gathering. We learned more about the organisation and talked with other schools, charities, and religious groups across the city on how we could best win the fights that need to be won. It was inspiring to be in a room full of people, of all ages, eager to fight poverty and inequality in Oxford.

We also made the Rome trip live this week! All families should have received a letter and a link if they would like their child to attend. The fundraising has already begun as well. Please email me via s.greer@gfcs.uk if you have further questions.

citizensUK



Congratulations!

A huge 'well done' to Nadia and her team for their rhythmic gymnastics competition achievements over the last few weeks. They have been working hard and it has paid off.



Bath Open Championship. Gold for hoops and for clubs – gold overall



Devotion Cup, London . Gold for hoops and clubs routine and gold overall.



Dynamo Cup. London. This was an individual competition and Nadia won silver for her hoop routine, silver for clubs and gold overall.



The last important competition this season was the English Championship. The girls won bronze for their hoops routine, silver for clubs - combined with Level 5. The girls are actually on Level 4 . And overall for Level 4 they won gold. This means the girls are Gold Junior Group Champions!



They team is now having a break which they very much deserve!

GENERAL NOTICES

Sixth Form News | Ms McCabe

Y12 Teambuilding

I had wanted Y12 to experience a real team building activity for a while. So, we were delighted when we were given the opportunity to arrange a morning with the Army. On Wednesday, the morning started with a presentation where students learned about the vast range of careers and training on offer. But, before they got too comfortable, they were ordered outside to the field. It was then that they were really put through their paces!

In groups they had to navigate their way through scramble nets, carry 'injured' students, perform first aid and get a team across a deadly sea, with supplies.

The Y12 were brilliant and threw themselves into it. In the words of one student, it was 'the best day of the year!'.

Ready for the final week of school!

We have a busy week next week! On Monday, most of our Y12 students will be heading to Thorpe Park. On Wednesday, we have our Culture Day. Thursday, Sports Day and on Friday, we have our very special end of term celebration and achievement assemblies. Lessons will be running and students will be getting back any final PPE papers and going through their responses. They will also be getting information about summer homework. Students should be in school every day as usual.

Summer holiday work

Of course, we want our Y12 to rest and relax over the summer but we also want them to spend some time preparing for Y13 so they come back refreshed and ready to go! The termly update letter that is sent out next week will share details of the summer homework all Y12 must complete.

Finally, to all of our sixth form parents, thank you for supporting us throughout the year. We are working really hard to grow our sixth form provision into something really special and we could not do it without your help!



GENERAL NOTICES

Hengistbury Head Geography Trip | Miss Watkin

On Monday we had the pleasure of taking students from Years 12, 10 and 9 on a beach trip to Hengistbury Head on the south coast.

The weather was perfect for a beautiful day at the beach with light winds and hazy sunshine. The students had a fantastic time paddling in the sea, building sandcastles, collecting shells and even making time for a quick football match with another school.

We finished the day with a cool walk through the ancient woodland overlooking the salt marshes and mudflats which are home to many rare migrating birds.



Message for Year 7 | Mr Weedon

As the year draws to a close, what a remarkable journey it has been! I'm incredibly proud of our Year 7 students, who are now fully immersed in the Greyfriars Way — this truly is their school. Throughout the year, they have embraced a wide range of exciting opportunities, from the Science Fair and sports competitions to enriching trips, engaging enrichment sessions, concerts, and of course, the unforgettable Year 7 camping trip. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our students for their hard work, dedication, and positive attitude in the face of every challenge they've faced.

It will be with a heavy heart that I pass on such an incredible year group. I look forward to watching the students grow and achieve amazing things throughout their years here at Greyfriars. I would like to thank parents and carers for all the support you have given your children this year, it's really appreciated.

In September, as Y6 join us, it gives an opportunity to our current Y7s for stewardship and to support those new students settling into the Greyfriars Way.

I wish you all a fantastic and peaceful summer

GENERAL NOTICES

Careers Trip to Milton Park – Designing the Workplace of the Future | Mr Dunne

On Thursday, a group of students had the exciting opportunity to visit Milton Park for a careers-focused trip exploring sustainability and innovation in the workplace.

The day began with an introduction to the concept of a design sprint – a fast-paced, hands-on process used by teams to solve problems and develop creative solutions. Students then took part in their own challenge: designing a sustainable workplace of the future.

Working in groups, they shared imaginative ideas about how their future workplace could be powered, how it would support professionals in making more environmentally responsible choices, and what kind of atmosphere it would create for its employees. From energy-efficient designs to wellbeing-focused layouts, students demonstrated thoughtful, forward-thinking concepts. Each team then had the chance to present their workplace vision to others.

The day also included a fascinating tour of Milton Park’s sustainability site, where students saw real-life examples of green infrastructure in action. This helped bring their design ideas to life and highlighted the importance of sustainability in modern career pathways.

To finish the day, students took part in an orienteering challenge around the site – competing against four other schools. I’m proud to share that Greyfriars came in 1st place with an impressive 102 points!

The trip offered a fantastic mix of creativity, learning, and teamwork, giving students a valuable insight into future-focused careers and the importance of sustainable thinking in the world of work.

Message from the Restaurant

Chef Mike would like to thank all the students for their custom throughout the year and hopes that you enjoyed the food produced from the kitchen.

Have a lovely summer break.



GENERAL NOTICES

Message for Year 8 and Year 9 | Mrs Reddy

As we close the chapter on **Year 9**, I want to take a moment to reflect on what a fantastic year it has been. You have shown what it means to follow the Greyfriars Way, demonstrating respect, discipline and kindness in your daily actions, and supporting each other to succeed. It has been a privilege to watch your passion for learning grow, and your drive to improve, both in and out of the classroom.

You have made me immensely proud of the way you have conducted yourselves with poise and determination throughout your KS3 journey. It is not an easy road to travel, but you have shown that anything is possible if you put your mind to it. As you step into Year 10, you will find the challenges of GCSEs can feel daunting at times, but remember that every small step you take brings you closer to your goals.

I have no doubt you will carry the same focus, energy and dedication into Y10, continuing to make us proud. Remember that your teachers, family and friends are here to support you. We believe in you, and we are excited to see you grow into the best version of yourself over the next two years.

I leave you with these buzzwords for your journey through GCSEs: **respect, discipline, hard work, and sacrifice**. Hold on to these values and you will find yourself ready to face every challenge and opportunity that comes your way. Have a restful summer and come back ready to begin your next chapter with energy and ambition. We believe in you, and we look forward to seeing all you will achieve in Year 10.

Year 8 you have come a long way since starting in Y7, and it has been a pleasure to be your Year Lead. I have seen you grow in confidence, character and your approach to learning, and I look forward to another year of academic and personal growth with you. Your journey into Year 9 is exciting, as you begin to prepare for your options and the next stage of your learning journey. Being present, focused and on task are the key ingredients you will need to ensure you make the right choices for your future. This is the year where you start to discover your strengths and interests, and I encourage you to embrace every opportunity that comes your way.

To our parents, I want to thank you for your continued support for your child and for the school. It makes a real difference, and together, we will ensure your child is ready for a successful Year 9.

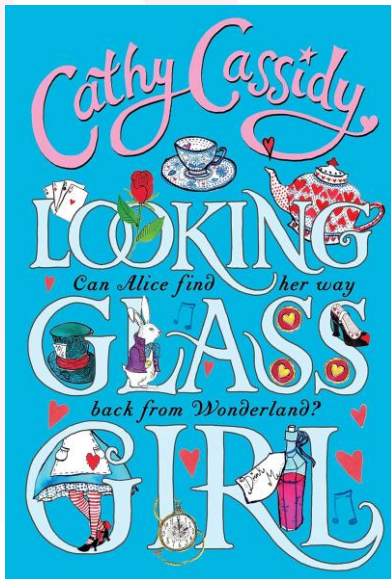
Thank you to the tutors for their ongoing support. It is with a sad heart that I say farewell to Mr Mehmeti and Mr Kavanagh. They have been a real asset to our team and our students. Their passion and dedication will not go unnoticed. Good luck in your new ventures from all of Y8 and Y9 students and form tutors.

GENERAL NOTICES

Book of the Week | Review by Lian Gebana

Looking Glass Girl by Cathy Cassidy

Based off of the wonderfully whimsy tale of 'Alice through the looking glass' you're retold the story of Alice's journey through wonderland. Although it isn't exactly the same. It's been modernised and there's a sort of dual storytelling as Alice explains all of her situation. You learn more about Alice's character not only because of folks in wonderland but what she thinks of them, where she might've seen them all before. It is much like chatting with her and perhaps you'll find yourself the only one to truly notice her-compared to the memories she's shared.



The descriptions are lovely and all the attention to detail only makes you all the more inquisitive-just as the Classic Alice's adventures in Wonderland did. Some might even say 'Curiouser and curiouser' while reading!

Sparx Maths Update | Mr Secker

Sparx Maths **WEEK 37**

Total hours spent on Sparx this year

10,739hrs

Number of questions answers correctly

664,568

XP Champions THIS YEAR 11/07/25

Name	Year	Total XP
Miu Miu M	7	68,188
Mithun R K	9	65,607
Da Vinci T	8	56,038
Samayrah K	9	55,950
Ana Paula C	9	55,853
Nedia D C S	8	40,974
Sabella O	7	38,421
Taryn N	8	37,229
Ahmed M	11	37,128
Abdullah A M	7	36,452

XP Champions for THIS TERM

Name	Year	XP POINTS
Sneha F	12	4,975
Joao B	11	3,845
Ayden M	10	5,340
Kryspin B	10	4,509
Ana Paula C	9	8,871
Samayrah K	9	8,688
Blossom V	8	8,288
Kali R	8	7,902
Miu Miu M	7	10,775
Abdullah A M	7	6,475

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Wow - What a Night! | Mr Strachan Year 11's Long Goodbye Ends in Style

What a way to cap off five incredible years! Last night, our Year 11 Celebration brought the house down in what can only be described as the event of the year. Our students arrived in jaw-dropping fashion - glamorous gowns, sharp suits, and looking almost unrecognisable (in the best possible way!).

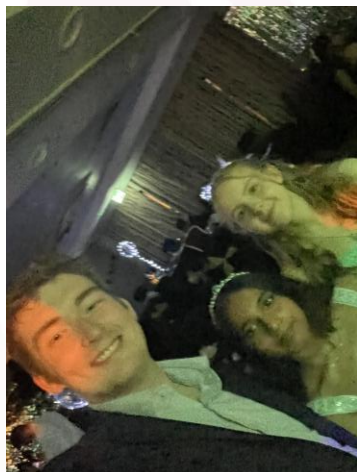
The hall was transformed into a stunning venue thanks to the creative talents of Mrs Mold, Miss Gorringe and Miss Jelfs. The food was top-tier, the DJ had the crowd dancing from start to finish (quite literally), and Mr Shaw's expertly set-up photography captured the evening in style.

In a surprise twist, Mr Dunne wowed the room with a comedy set that had the students and staff in stitches. There were also touching moments of reflection and heartfelt thanks to our dedicated tutors - reminders of just how far these students have come.

This year's Prom King and Queen, Dylan and Senhalia, were runaway favourites, winning by a landslide. And yes, the dance floor saw some truly *bombastic* moves - some more coordinated than others! Special mention goes to Ms Caldwell, who showed us all how it's really done.

It was a fitting farewell to five years of laughter, learning and growth - a night that will live long in the memories of all who attended.

Here's to many more magical evenings like this in the years ahead!



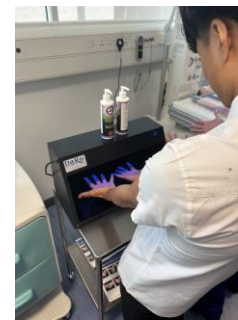
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Careers | Miss Manns

On Tuesday a mix of Y9 and Y10 students had the opportunity to travel to Bucks New University in Aylesbury to participate in a work experience pilot programme hosted in collaboration with the NHS and Enterprise Oxfordshire. The day consisted of 5 different workshops that highlighted 5 different areas of social care. The sessions were designed and run by professionals of the field, offering their insight and expertise in their subject area.



Our Greyfriars students started the day engaging with the charity Hearing Dogs and their special guest Ken - a black lab nearing his 10th birthday and retirement. In the second session, students met with a team of dental practitioners. This tested the students hand-eye coordination and their ability to work inverted using a mirror. Third session was hosted by a GP practice that explained the numerous different roles on offer within a practice.



Following a lunch break, students met with a team from a local care home. In this session students engaged with sign language and learned about its importance within a care home setting, as well as learning about the complexity of memory and experiencing what it might be like to be in an elderly state using an age simulator. Students also raced to apply the necessary PPE (apron, mask and gloves), which I am pleased to announce Isabela as the champion of the day with a time of 50 seconds. To finish the day, the students had the chance to learn and apply the techniques of CPR and see how effective they were at washing their hands with the university's operating theatre team.



It was an absolute delight to see how engaged our students were throughout the day. Not to mention, it was pretty special to have numerous volunteers comment on how brilliant and polite they found throughout the day.

We were delighted to invite Young Drivers back to Greyfriars this week to run two days of driving lessons with our Y10 students. During the 15 minute session, each student was able to try their hand at parallel parking, emergency stops and using their mirrors to reverse (just to name a few skills) in a manual Suzuki Swift. This was an amazing opportunity for students to grow their confidence all while learning the rules of the road.



As a thank you for having Young Drivers in school, they have shared a 20% discount code for their weekend sessions hosted at the Kassam Stadium. Simply visit www.youngdriver.com and use code YDF20 at checkout.

GENERAL NOTICES

Library News | Miss Brett

WELCOME
to
THE
LIBRARY

Hello fellow readers!

I can't believe we are nearly ready to part for the summer.

However, just because you can't see me, doesn't mean you are off the hook with your reading 😊.



The summer Readathon challenges are ready and we have only had nine students sign up so far. We can do better! Come up to the library and grab your information bookmark – or let one of our Student Librarians sign you up out and about the school. Continue to read throughout the summer, at least 20 minutes a day, it really is so important, not only for academic achievement, but also for your mental health and wellbeing. Don't forget, we have three displays all ready for you to choose from.



Of course, if you prefer to read a book that is not on the displays, or not even in our library – feel free to do that too. Read something from your bookshelf, borrow from your local library, or simply swap with a friend. As long as you read 😊.

And now, it's what we've all been waiting for – the final score for our Reading Championship. Well done, readers! Congratulations Sahas and 7RM – well deserved victories! You will be suitably honoured at the End of Year Assembly.

TERM 6 WEEK 4				
	Reading Champ		Tutor Gp Reading Championship	
1	SU (8AS)	84	7RM	120 ↑
2	BD (7RM)	46 ↑	8AS	117
3	PL (9BK)	43	9SA	64 ↑
4	HJ (7TT)	29	8BM	63
5	A-ML (7RM)	22 ↑	7TT	61

The winners of the Art Competition and the Loyalty Bookmark raffle will be announced on Tuesday.

I also have some great news to share. Earlier this term I applied to receive free copies of books shortlisted for the Information Book Award. I am happy to say that not only have we been chosen to get the free copies, but we were also invited to present at the Award Ceremony in November. What an honour!



I would like to say a huge thank you to my Student Librarians, who made the library their second home and come to help me every day! You are amazing! (but don't forget to sign up for the summer reading challenge :D).

GENERAL NOTICES

Library News Continued....

Now, I would like to brag about how brilliant our students are. Previously, I have shared stories that were submitted by the students, this time it's a POEM. And what a beautiful poem it is. Have a read and see for yourselves.

*Colourful hues swim through my dimmed eyes
As i watch the sun creep through your summer
linen,
Strewn with inconsistent buttons,
Each representing a different way I admire your
soul.*

*Church hymns echo through my blood crusted ears,
Yearning for you to notice my ache for an instant.
May you reawake me from my wide awake
slumber,
Wake me up from my slumber.*

*Connect the grayed scars on my skin with your
gentle touch,
Reignite the lanterns of my brain.
Because my brain could only wish to be a soul,
Could only wish to be one as sweet as yours.*

*Convince me that things aren't as they discern,
Allow my trust to mould into your palms.
Ease my aching bones with a kiss of your lips,
Make my damaged self yours completely.*

[Student, Y10]

Another extra-talented student, who happens to be our "Artist-in-Residence", is currently working on our Book Tree – a project that was proposed by another student to make the library even more welcoming. Have a glimpse at the progress. I will be sure to show you the finished masterpiece in due course.



So much talent! I am looking forward to sharing such extraordinary pieces with you next year.

To conclude – a lovely quote from "The First Year" by Matt Goodfellow that I am currently reading:
"She smiled and squeezed my shoulder,
C'mon, man summer always comes, ya can't stop it.
Just gotta take it fifteen minutes at a time, innit?"

What y'on about?

Fifteen minutes at a time, Natey. It's what my dad always used to say. Ya can't waste time lookin too far ahead cos ya never know what's round the corner, innit? So ya just gotta take it fifteen minutes at a time and find them little moments of joy."

I wish you all many little moments of joy this summer (hopefully lots of them with a book in your hand 😊).

Have a **Readspirig** weekend and a **READSPIRATIONAL** summer 😊

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.

A welcome email has been sent to all year groups 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.

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

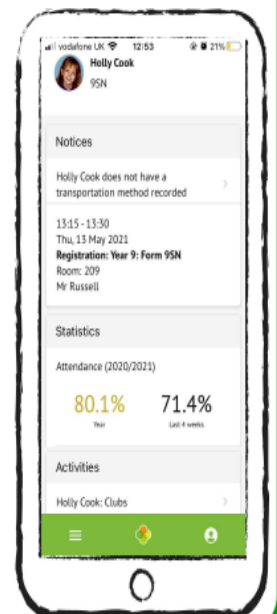
Need help using Arbor?

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

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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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

- 14 July | Year 12 Thorpe Park Trip
- 16 July | Culture Day
- 17 July | Sports Day
- 18 July | End of Term (early closure)
- 14 August | A Level Results Day
- 21 August | GCSE Results Day
- 3 September | Year 7 Start
- 4 September | Years 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 Start

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
CRICKET ROAD OXFORD OX4 3BR
TEL: 01865 749933 OFFICE@GFCES.UK

LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES



STEVENSONS

Win with Stevensons: Book Your Uniform Fitting Today!

We're excited to let you know about an exclusive in-store competition at Stevensons!

Families who attend a booked in-store uniform fitting this summer will get the chance to enter our Lucky Dip. Find the golden nugget at the till, and you'll win back the cost of your uniform!

Why book?

Guaranteed one-on-one fitting with a uniform expert
Avoid the back-to-school rush
Be in with a chance to win your uniform for free!

Appointments are filling fast!

Book today!

Good luck in the prize draw!

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





FALCON BOAT CLUB WELCOMES LOCAL RESIDENTS



COMMUNITY OPEN DAY





What to expect

- ✓ Kayak, canoe and rowing tasters
- ✓ Food and drinks
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SUNDAY 13TH JULY 1-5PM

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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

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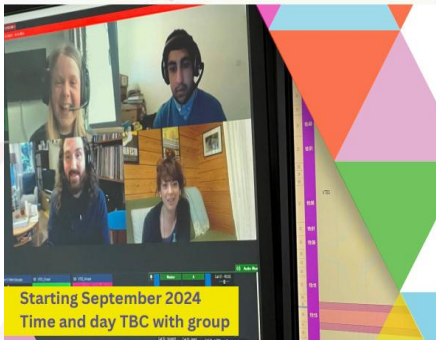
Find out more from: <https://oxfordccai.org/>



LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

MySpace

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



Starting September 2024
Time and day TBC with group

Express interest by filling in our online form:
www.ark-t.org/refer-someone-to-us
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Blackbird Leys COMMUNITY LARDER



Oxford Hub Community Larder
Every Wednesday 12:30-14:00
Email: Hello@oxfordhub.org
Telephone: 01865 745203
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
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P/WEEK

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP FROM
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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.

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BODY POLITIC
SUMMER CAMP
Ages 7-11yrs
Monday 4th August - Friday 8th August
Hot food & snacks provided

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BODY POLITIC
SUMMER INTENSIVE
12yrs+
11th AUGUST - 13th AUGUST

Names listed: OLA PAPINOR, RUMANAVAL, ELLI GOODWIN, VICTOR ALLEN.

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.

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

University of Exeter logo.

For questions or more information, contact: Anais Ng at anais.ng@exeter.ac.uk

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

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.

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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.

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JULY 2025 Newsletter

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK. Talks are 90 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



August Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each or **FREE** with School Membership - 90 minutes long. Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk Recordings available for 48 hours

Anxiety Explained	4th 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	4th 7pm
What is ACT?	5th 10am
Introduction to OCD	5th 7pm
Raising Self Esteem	11th 10am
Decreasing Depression	11th 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	12th 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	12th 7pm
Improving Family Communication	18th 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	18th 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	19th 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	19th 7pm
Understanding Anger	25th 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	25th 7pm
Facing Defiance	26th 10am

Schools are closing for the summer holidays but FACE will be open for your parents



Ongoing online advice, information and support. No waiting lists, no referrals, a friendly face!

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk
facefamilyadvice.co.uk



The CPD Standards Office
CPD REFERENCE: 2024
100-002

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



LEYS YOUTH HUB @ ORION ACADEMY

Fun, Free & Exciting Session for Young People

Location: ORION ACADEMY,
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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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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

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

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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:
- 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@rdcn.ox.ac.uk / 01865 610 471

Healthy Control Poster
Longitudinal MRI Study of 11-18 Year Olds with Traumatic Brain Injury
Dr M. Tim Lawrence

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