



**The Weekly Word**

No. 10— June 2019

**A note from the Principal**

There have been some significant developments regarding improvement to the road safety around the busy junction at the Springfield Avenue/Ruskin Road site. I have spoken to Councillor Kieron Mallon this week and he has updated me with progress on this issue. It seems likely that this autumn we will have some work done along Springfield Avenue in terms of warning road users and encouraging them more visibly to reduce their speed when students are coming to and from school. The second development will take considerably longer in terms of providing another crossing point. This is because surveys will need to be carried out and a consultation process with local residents run. I will update all parents when I get further information from Kieron.



**Diary Dates:**

21st June — Exams finish for Year 11 and 13

27th June— Year 11 Prom (Hopcrofts Holt arrival from 6:45 collection at 11:00)

27th & 28th June— INSET days (No students in school)

19th July— Last day of Term 6

15th August – AS and A level results

22nd August – GCSE results

4th September 2019 – Term 1 Starts

**Key dates for this term**

Click [here](#) to check the SSB calendar

**Science Day at Queensway School**

Miss Randall and the Nasa 2019 students attended the science day at Queensway Primary school, where they delivered two sessions to year 6 students. They spent the day building and launching rockets. The students were very inspired and had a great time learning about Nasa!



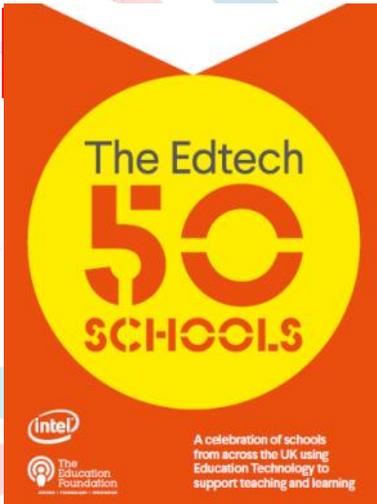
**SSB Update**

We say farewell to our Year 11s this week after what has been an intensive and tiring exam season. They have conducted themselves extremely well and have worked really hard. We look forward to celebrating their time at Space Studio on Friday at their leavers assembly, **where students and teachers will be present**. The celebrations will then continue at their prom at the end of the month .

Our thoughts now start to turn to Aspirations week for our remaining students where we have three exciting days of activities planned including a trip to Horley, Ardley and Rutherford Appleton Laboratory at Harwell (letters to follow).

Julia Ingham

# Edtech 50 Schools



The Education Foundation received many nominations for the Edtech 50 Schools and wanted to recognise schools that were developing imaginative uses of digital to support teaching and learning. The 'Ones to Watch' section celebrates schools and highlights their positive work. Their entry for Space Studio recognises that we are a school for those interested in Science, Maths, Engineering and Space. Piloting the effective application of VR, AR and web-based technology within lessons with UK's first onsite Virtual Reality Suite.

## Broken Tie, No Problem



## iDEA Scheme Award

Jess and Daria, Year 9 students at Space Studio are the first 2 students in Banbury to gain Bronze Certificates in the Duke of York's iDEA scheme. This new scheme is like the Duke of Edinburgh in that it is internationally recognized but it focuses on Digital and Enterprise skills. They had to complete badges on skills in 4 categories: Citizen, Worker, Maker and Entrepreneur. Badges include understanding how to design a web page and keeping yourself safe on line. Well done to all who are working on their badges!



# Marine Engineering Day

Year 9 in SSB had a fantastic visit from the Sea Cadet's education department. Their buoyancy workshop was great fun and the pupils also got to see marine engines and look at electric motors.

Commanding Officer of Banbury Sea Cadets SCC, Stephen Shepherd, was there to provide support and teach about pulleys.

If you are interested in joining the Sea Cadets do come and ask in SSB.



**Young Minds** have launched advice for parents about supporting their children. These are things that can really make a difference:

- **Work** with your child to find what revision style works for them.
- **Encourage** your child to take revision breaks and find a balance between studying and doing things they find enjoyable and relaxing.
- **Make** sure they are eating and drinking at regular intervals.
- **Encourage** them to take some time after revising to wind down.
- **Remain** positive and hopeful!
- **Plan** a treat or an activity together to mark the end of the exams.
- **Set** aside one to one time so that they can talk to you about any worries.

Find out more: <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-guide-to-support-a-z/parents-guide-to-support-exam-time/>

Exam support **YOUNGMINDS**



## NATIONAL HEALTHCARE WEEKEND

YEARS 10 - 12 AND PARENTS, JOIN US AT MEDIC MENTOR'S 2 DAY CONFERENCE FOR ASPIRING MEDICS, DENTISTS AND VETS.

### Day 1: Insight into Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary

14 unique talks for each speciality looking at experiences from A Levels, throughout university and leading to life as a fully qualified professional.

### Day 2: Medicine only UCAS Lectures

A full day of lectures covering the medical application process including work experience, personal statements and interview techniques led by our team of doctors.

London	30th - 31st March
Stirling	15th - 16th June
London	6th - 7th July
Cardiff	13th - 14th July

Registration: \*  
Day 1 starts from £25  
Day 2 £100

\*Students from low income backgrounds can apply to attend for free  
Teachers attend free  
Proceeds from events are reinvested to support the next generation of healthcare professionals.

Register now at [medicmentor.co.uk](http://medicmentor.co.uk)

or call 01524 389772



## Events in the coming weeks

Oxfordshire Libraries

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present

# SPACE CHASE

Summer Reading Challenge 2019

[www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

## Calling all 13 to 24 year olds! Volunteering opportunities in Oxfordshire Libraries this summer



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✓ Great for references, UCAS & D of E Award

✓ You can work towards Summer Reading Challenge 'Certificate of Volunteering'

✓ Have fun by helping others and learning new skills

Find out more at:  
[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries)  
Or ask at your local library



## Girls in STEM Residential

The Girls in STEM residential will give Year 9 and Year 10 students from across Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Berkshire and Swindon a unique opportunity to visit a variety of university institutions to get a real taste of student life.

Students will learn more about STEM subjects through a range of workshops and talks delivered by academics and industry professionals. These activities will enable students to build up their confidence and recognise their personal skills, helping them with any future career choices.

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> – Wed 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019

Where: Oxford Brookes University, Headington Campus

For: Year 9 & Year 10 girls

Cost: FREE

For more information about the event please email Hannah Ford: [oxfordbrookes@studyhigher.ac.uk](mailto:oxfordbrookes@studyhigher.ac.uk)

### THE 3-DAY RESIDENTIAL WILL ALSO INCLUDE:

- Science and maths shows
- Exciting evening activities
- Staying over in university halls of residence
- Guest speaker

Find out more and register at:

[www.studyhigher.ac.uk/event/girls-in-stem](http://www.studyhigher.ac.uk/event/girls-in-stem)

Find out more about Science, Maths, Engineering and Technology

Girls in STEM is delivered by Oxford Brookes University



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## Creative Writing Challenge

Charlie Slaughter in Year 7 won the English Department creative writing challenge. You can read Charlie's winning story below. Well done Charlie!

### The Blue Flag

Woods, that's all I could see. We need the blue flag to free our people from the zombies. Walking through knee high grass something was slithering. "Shhhhh," I shouted. "It's a grass snake!" All different adrenalins went through my body. "Ow," shouted James. "The snake bit me!" All we had was a disqualified doctor but it will have to do. Any hint for the blue flag was needed. One of the children in the blue flag zombie house was Zoe who had lost her dad two years ago today. Let's settle for the night. With an early sunrise sleep wasn't brilliant. We kept travelling and heard leaves crunching. "Over here," this stray man shouted. "Please help me." With only one arm we had to get our brains in gear, "what happened?" I asked him. "A zombie ate my left arm," he replied. The disqualified doctor came in hand again. We bandaged up the end of his arm and he stayed with us and helped. We walked into this unexpected brick wall and had to somehow build a ramp up. "I can do it," shouted the one armed man. "Really?" I asked in surprise. "Yes," he replied. The one armed man builder, who would have thought it, bang! Nails were banged into pieces of wood and believe it or not he made the ramp. With all of us getting over we carried on. Everyone was getting hungry until we saw a house, we all darted towards it. However it didn't have a blue flag. We all knocked. The door creaked open and all of a sudden there was a loud "hooray," shouted by all these people.

It wasn't the people we were looking for but they could help, we went in. The telephone rang and all the noise dropped dead. "Answer it," I said. No, they couldn't answer it because the zombies could find their location if they did. All we had to eat was peanuts. One of the people was getting their hair cut which was strange, but I wasn't going to question it. Around the back of the house was a black hole to hide everything, so there was no trace of people being here. BANG! Nothing was heard of them again.

## Big Battery Hunt

Over in SSB we are looking into all aspects of recycling and we have entered the Big Battery Hunt.

We have collection buckets at reception in SSB and in Wykham Park and one in the library.

Please bring as many old batteries as you can into school for the buckets and we can make sure that the rare metals are recycled!



For more information visit the [website](#).

Image reference  
Big Battery Hunt. (2019, May 9).  
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### Y9 and Y12 Sports Leaders umpire at Kwik Cricket Festival

Year 9 and 12 students umpired at the U10 and U11 Kwik Cricket Festival which was held at Banbury Cricket Club on Thursday 23rd May. It was huge test of focus and stamina as they umpired over 50 matches between them in the blazing sunshine. They all did a superb job, umpiring fairly and accurately throughout the day.



## Sixth form—AEP

We took a trip down to Collins Aerospace Banbury on two separate occasions. On our first visit, the hydraulics team briefed us on their project for us. They then offered us the opportunity to present our project's work

to them. Then gave us useful critique and advice for our presentation. We'd like to thank our client for this amazing opportunity.



At the regional AEP final Year 12 pupils presented to Head of Sixth form and several employer clients their 6 week project.

Their work included designs for the future for Aston Martin, a VR game developed for Playko, plans for the teaching space outside Space Studio, a cost analysis of a process for Collins Aerospace, establishing a sustainable charitable organisation for Uniting Generations and developing awareness of the impact of litter on the planet.



The employers and staff were all impressed by the students presentations and their innovation and application.

# Careers and opportunities for all ages

## PREMED PROJECTS

Medical school application day.

(14-18)

Imperial, Medical School  
London -

6th Aug 10am - 5pm

Medicine Work  
Experience

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School of Medicine  
8th Aug 10am - 4pm

Anatomy Day. Whittington Hospital  
London  
11am - 4pm 9th Aug

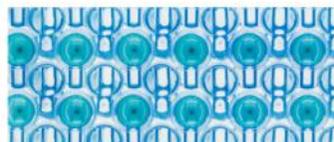


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