



The Weekly Word

No. 7— March 2019

A note from the Principal

If you think back to your school days I imagine, like me, some of your favourite memories are of the extra-curricular activities that you did. Your children are offered opportunities here to engage in a range of enrichment activities and we have had a great year on both the sporting and performing arts front. After Easter we have the school show; the culmination of hours of hard work by a dedicated group of talented students supported by a number of equally dedicated staff. I have had a sneak preview of the quality of what will be on offer when I've poked my head around the drama studio door during rehearsals and strongly urge you to snap up some tickets before the shows get sold out. I am so proud of what the cast have done so far and your support will be greatly appreciated.



Work Experience

A huge thank you to everyone who has returned their work experience forms, I know the students are looking forward to their placements. There are still a small number of students who have not returned their forms, it is now two weeks past the deadline so I would ask these are completed and returned as a matter of urgency.

Thank you for your support with this - Mrs Foster

Red Box Scheme

We have just signed up to become part of the excellent National Red Box Scheme. The aim of the Scheme is to fight period poverty and to this end we will be provided with 4 boxes in school each containing sanitary products, spare tights and pants. The boxes will be kept at 4 locations across the school:

- Student Services
- School Nurses Office
- Ms White's Office for 6th form
- Space Studio Banbury

The idea is that girls can access the products either if they need them in an emergency or if they are struggling to afford adequate sanitary products.

We will be running assemblies for students to discuss period poverty and the Red Box Scheme.

If you would like more information about the scheme you can find it here:

<http://redboxproject.org/>



Diary Dates:

Year 11 Mock Exams - 25th March - 5th April
Sixth Form application deadline- 29th March
Easter Holidays– 5th April to 22nd April

Key dates for this term

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



During the May half term holiday Science Oxford will be running a medical sciences experience week (28 - 31 May) for any boys interested in medicine. We'll be visiting university and NHS departments as well as pharmaceutical companies and the Medical Research Council to learn how studying biological sciences and chemistry can lead to exciting and challenging careers. <https://scienceoxford.com/schools/secondary-schools/stem-placements/> The deadline for applications is Friday 10 May 2019.

Also, the closing date for applications for the STEM summer placement scheme is drawing near (29 March 2019). Interested students should fill out the application form found here: <https://scienceoxford.com/schools/secondary-schools/stem-placements/>

YOUNGMINDS

Exam support

As we start to move towards exam season, **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/>

Japanese Visiting Students

We had some Japanese students that came to SSB on Monday and showed us some of their Japanese traditions. One of the traditions is making origami sculptures. They showed us how to make a Japanese bird called a crane along with that we made a rose and a ninja star. We even got to have a go at making them. Fatima says, "Thanks to the Japanese students who made our day! It was really nice having them here and they were really friendly."

They got to explore VR with Mr Yeap and built LEGO spacecrafts with the students who had been to NASA. Together we got to do boro. This is another Japanese tradition that reuses old fabrics. We had collected old jeans and the Japanese students brought some fabric with them. Together we made a patched hanging.

"Having the Japanese students in was so fun, it was so interesting how much English they knew and how much they interacted with us. They presented themselves towards us was in a friendly and caring way." - Cordelia.



The Bee Team

The AEP Bee team went back to William Morris.

We all had an amazing time sharing our knowledge with the students of William Morris. A few students said they had a “buzzzzst” time completing our quiz.



We then rewarded the winning team with our festive prize, an Easter egg, along side a whole class treat of an animal rubber. Kelly and her team have been asked to keep coming back to William Morris and are already planning their next term's project which will be around saving our waterways from plastic.



Year 7 Art

At Wykham Park, Students are currently researching and responding to natural forms, focussing on seed pods. Miss Smith's group 7sAr1 have produced media experiments with oil pastels and paint. Well done Year 7.



Dance and Drama

Father Figurine Curtain Raiser

On the 8th March, four of the Wykham Park Year 10 students took part in a professional curtain raiser performance before Body Politics professional performance of Father Figurine. Emily, Kyle, Maria and Josie took part in two intensive professional workshops with Emma-Jane Morbey the founder and director of Dance company Body Politic at The Mill Arts Centre in Banbury.

Father Figurine is the companies first full length performance piece and it explores the vulnerabilities and fragilities in men and young boys.

It was a fantastic opportunity for our students and they all performed brilliantly!



Textiles

On Saturday 17th March Wykham Park students in year 11 came into school to review and refine Textiles course work. The group worked very hard all day and produced some wonderful work. Well done Ladies— Miss Smith



Yr 10 Careers Day



On 12th March Year 10 students took part in mock interviews. Local business representatives volunteered to support the school and to put Year 10 students through some tough questioning in order to prepare them for life in the work place.

Michelle Patterson from The Apprenticeship & Training Company Ltd, said:

"I was so impressed by the attitudes of the young people that I saw today. Aside from how well they did in their individual interviews they were all well turned out and very polite and I felt very welcome as a visitor to the school. The year 10 students that I interviewed today are a real credit to the school. It was lovely to come into a school and hear students speaking about their achievements and recognising what a positive difference they can make to themselves and to those around them. I think this has been such a worthwhile exercise and I hope that the students will feel more confident about speaking to potential employers in the future. I will be very happy to support any similar events in the future."



We were very proud of all the students in year 10, as some of them were nervous. We will be sharing individual feedback in mentor time over the next few weeks.



Student Quotes:

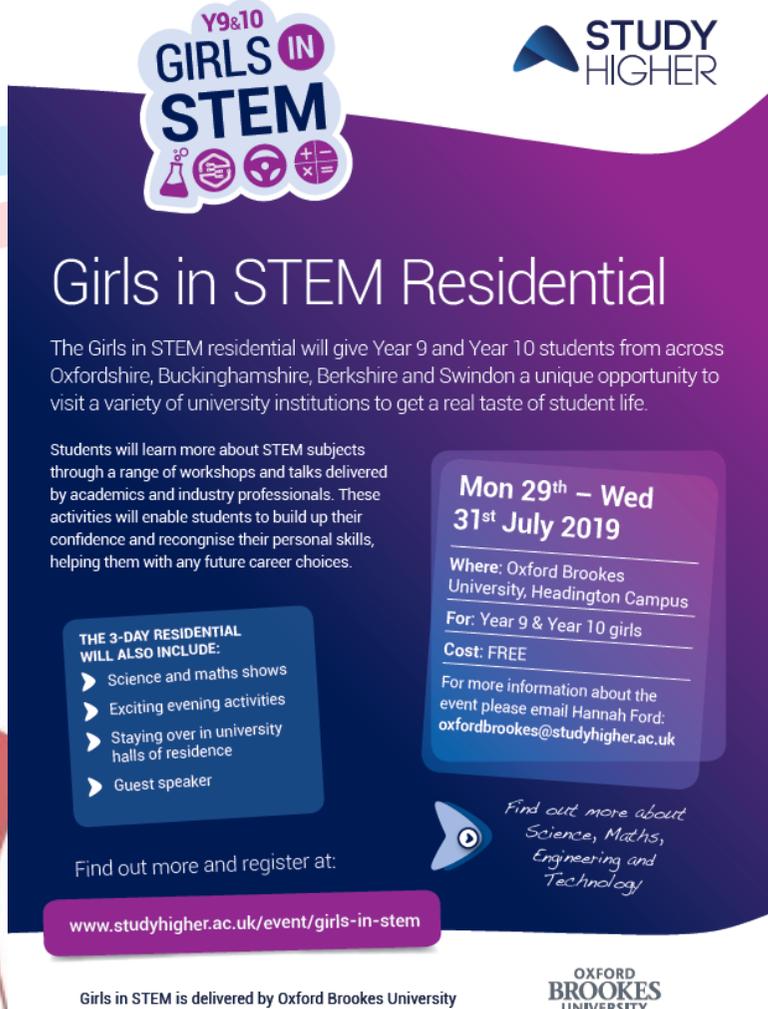
"Before the interview I didn't want to go in because I was very nervous, and then after the interview I felt calm and confident that it had gone well." Tiffany

"After the interview I felt proud of myself because I answered all questions confidently" Amy

"After the interview I felt relieved and realised it was nothing to worry about" Kyle

"After the interview I found it helpful as I had gained this experience." Kiya

Events in the coming weeks



Y9&10 GIRLS IN STEM

STUDY HIGHER

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 29th – Wed 31st 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

Find out more about Science, Maths, Engineering and Technology

Find out more and register at:
www.studyhigher.ac.uk/event/girls-in-stem

Girls in STEM is delivered by Oxford Brookes University

OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY

THE 3-DAY RESIDENTIAL WILL ALSO INCLUDE:

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



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Show dates:
Tuesday 30th April –
Thursday 2nd May

Doors open: 6:30pm

Curtain up: 7pm

Tickets: £7.50

School production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.

Tickets available from: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wykhampark>

Tickets can only be purchased via the website above. Tickets will be sold on the door subject to availability.



SSB Reward Trip

Rebound Revolution

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Easter Hubs are here...

Activities kick off on **8 April 2019**

Session structure and price
8.45am - 3pm.....£15.60 per session
8.45am - 5pm.....£19.80 per session
Costs just under £2.50 per hour

Easter holiday activities for 5 - 15 year olds
Cherwell Book online at www.cherwell.gov.uk/holidayactivities

The Cooper School, Bicester
Monday 8 April - Thursday 18 April

North Oxfordshire Academy, Banbury
Monday 8 April - Thursday 18 April

Warriner School, Bloxham
Monday 8 April - Thursday 18 April

South Northamptonshire book online at www.southnorthants.gov.uk/holiday-activities

Towcester Centre for leisure, Towcester
Monday 8 April - Thursday 18 April

Magdalen College School, Brackley
Monday 8 April - Thursday 18 April

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*Please look online for updated coaching sessions

*All staff are DBS checked * Sessions are split into two age groups 5 to 7 and 8 to 15 * Lunch breaks are supervised
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Book online from 18 March at:
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www.southnorthants.gov.uk/holiday-activities

Earlybird discount 18-24 March inclusive. Enter code 'EARLYBIRD'
For more information contact 01295 221803

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Cherwell DISTRICT COUNCIL SOUTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Yr 11 March Mock Timetable 25th March – 5th April

	Mon 1st	Tue 2nd	Wed 3rd	Thu 4th	Fri 5th
1	9am ENGLISH LIT P2 2hr 15	9am TRILOGY PHYSICS 1hr 15 PHYSICS 1hr 45	9am FRENCH R/W 1hr 45/2hr15 SPANISH R/W 2hr 15/1hr 45	9am HISTORY P3 1hr 20	9am GEOGRAPHY P2 1HR 30 DT 2hrs
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3		11.30am GEOGRAPHY P1 1hr 30	11.30am MUSIC 1hr 30	11.30am COMPUTER SCIENCE 1HR 30	
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5	2.05pm ENGINEERING 1hr POLISH WRITING 1HR			2.05pm FRENCH L 35min/45min	

Careers and opportunities for all ages

28 March
2019

5:30pm - 7:30pm



APPRENTICESHIP RECRUITMENT EVENT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

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Tingewick Hall Foyer and Lecture Theatre 2, Academic Centre, John Radcliffe Hospital

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NHS Foundation Trust

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RETURNERS**



Science & Technology Facilities Council
Rutherford Appleton Laboratory

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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