



We were pleased to welcome the French students who were visiting from our partner school in Pontarlier on 17th June. The Year 10 students who gave them a tour of the school and our Year 12



French students who spent period 5 with them really enjoyed the experience. The French students had a fantastic time and were very impressed with the school.

On Monday 20th June, Year 12 students went on a Computing trip to Bletchley Park in Milton Keynes with Mrs Chinniah and Dr Morris. Among many things, students had a chance to look closer at the 'Enigma machine' used by Germans during World War II and at the 'Alan Turing' exhibit. It was a fun and knowledgeable trip on a bright sunny day.



Year 10 visited Royal Holloway University on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st June. They were involved in a range of exciting activities to get them thinking about what studying at University is actually like, how to choose a degree course and university and how to finance University. This involved activities such as how to budget your living costs at University, as well as speed duvet cover changing; a useful skill needed for independent living at



University! We enjoyed a tour of the beautiful campus; the highlight being the Founders building which is an impressive Victorian masterpiece based on a French chateau, as well as the stunning chapel; where all of the graduation ceremonies take place. Year 10 will be able to use this experience to begin to consider their next steps after 6th form.

Congratulations to our former Year 13 student Evelina Ursu obtained a Gold certificate for her achievement in the British Biology Olympiad 2022, which is awarded to the top 5% achievers.

Looking ahead

Monday 27th June

Westbrook event

Historian Dominic Sandbrook speaking in the Hall, p3

Orchestra workshop, p5

Tuesday 28th June

Year 7 Assembly in the Hall

Year 10 RE trip to Westminster Cathedral

Year 8 MEP trip to London

Concert rehearsals, p3-5

Summer Concert, 4-5pm

Wednesday 29th June

Year 8 Assembly in the Hall

Year 9 MEP trip to London

Thursday 30th June

DT/Art exhibition private viewing, 4.30-7.30pm at I.N.

Friday 1st July

Year 13 Leavers' Assembly, p1 in the Hall

DT/Art exhibition, 1.50-3.30pm at I.N.

Graduation Ball

Monday 4th-Tuesday 5th July

Sixth Form Induction

Monday 4th-Friday 15th July

Year 9 MEP Intensive Study

Tuesday 5th-Friday 8th July

Speaking & Listening exams

Thursday 7th July

Sports Day

Year 7 Induction Evening

Friday 8th July

Year 7 Induction

Speaking & Listening exams

Monday 11th July

Year 12 Reject Racism Workshop

Speaking & Listening exams

Tuesday 12th July

Music Modulo trip

Wednesday 18th July

Year 7 MEP Intensive Learning Day

Assembly theme

This week's Assembly theme: Courage and Meeting Challenges

Discovering personal hopes; persevering in the face of difficulty; helping others by taking action yourself; inventors that struggled to get their work noticed; hopes for the future and how these might change as life progresses. Can be linked also to Armed Forces Day.

Our School Environment

Please ensure all areas of school are left litter free.

Litter duty: 9L Please collect the litter picks and black sacks from the Premises shed and report to your Learning Leader at the end of lunchtime.

Water: Please use the water stations around the school at break and lunchtime and remember to bring a bottle each day to minimise use of single use plastic bottles.

Ukraine Appeal

Once again, many thanks to all our school community who have kindly donated supplies to send to Ukraine. We are sending our final donations for the year next week. It would be wonderful to fill our school minibus! If you would like to help please continue to bring in your donations to the Orangery so we are able to continue supporting this important and essential work. In addition, we are continuing to accept messages of hope and support for those displaced by the conflict in Ukraine, so please do keep these coming. Suitable items for donation: baby formula (especially hypoallergenic one - huge shortage); baby feeding bottles; sterilising equipment (nothing electric - different sockets); baby food; nappies - any sizes; warm socks/gloves/ warm hats; camping mats; sleeping bags; protein/energy bars; warm blankets; thermal/base layers; hot water bottles; female sanitary products; any clean, soft toys/teddy bears to help comfort the children.

Creative Writing Competition for Years 7 and 8

We are running a creative writing competition for our lower school students this term. To enter, you should produce a short piece of writing inspired by a favourite book or poem. Our sixth form representatives will be visiting your forms during registration to give you further information and ideas; you could re-write the ending of a book, write the opening chapter to a sequel or create an origin story for your favourite character. We had a fantastic response to our journalism competition earlier this year; we hope that you will be encouraged to pick up your pen again this summer term. The deadline for entries is the 4th July. Please hand in your entries to your English teacher, or to any one of our English sixth form representatives. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Reminders

Parking on roads around the school: Please could we ask that parents/carers park considerately and safely on the roads around the school. There should be no parking directly outside or in the immediate vicinity of the school entrances to drop off or pick up children. We have recently received reports of parents blocking residents' access to their property – please be more considerate to our neighbours.

Uniform: Coats should not be worn in school buildings from this point forward. This is a reversal of a Covid rule which is no longer required. If you bring a coat to school you should take it off as you enter the building and place either in your bag, in your locker or carry it. You will be asked to remove a coat before you enter the canteen and queue for food. Your Learning Leaders will be reminding of this as well.

Punctuality: Please ensure that you keep a careful eye on the time throughout the school day.

Safety in the car park: A reminder to all students that you should not be sitting in between the cars by the side of the science block (or anywhere else where cars are parked). Cars are driving into and out of the school site throughout the day and need to access the tennis courts safely.

16 x 16 update



Thank you to all students who responded to the '16 by 16' survey- there were over a

hundred responses! I am delighted to announce the top 10 readers who are being awarded a £10 voucher for Waterstones. Well done to: Haniya K (Year 7), Fallon L & Amira B (Year 8), Sameko (Year 9), Vidhi P, Aleena M & Anesu (Year 10), Rosie R & Grace B (Year 11).

Music to Support Mental Health

[The Lily-Jo Project](#) are passionate about the power of music and its role in helping us maintain good mental health. Their playlists are aimed to inspire, motivate, and help people process complex emotions. Check out [15 Songs for Self-Expression](#)

House Merits

Final House Points will be calculated by Mr Boyce before the end of term. The House Trophies will be presented to the winning Houses during the final week.

If you want to win, now's the time to work hard!

International Book Club

TRANSLATION EXCHANGE
Sign up for free via QR Code
(or visit www.queens.ox.ac.uk/international-book-club-schools)

INTERNATIONAL BOOK CLUB
6th July, 7pm, Online

The International Book Club for schools is a chance for you to translate fiction with other like-minded, literature-loving students. No knowledge of the original language is required to take part!

For those of you thinking you may like to study languages at university, there will also be a Q&A with current students.

We will be reading *The Blacksmith's Daughter*, written by Selim Özdoğan and translated from German by Ayça Türkoğlu and Katy Derbyshire. It tells the story of Gül, a Turkish girl who grows up in rural 1950s Anatolia and moves to Germany as a migrant worker.

The Blacksmith's Daughter
Selim Özdoğan
Ayça Türkoğlu
Katy Derbyshire
2020

The International Book Club is run by The Queen's College, University of Oxford and discusses the English translation of foreign language texts – so no knowledge of the original language is required to take part.

The text to be discussed at the next online meeting on Wednesday 6 July 2022 at 7pm is: [The Blacksmith's Daughter](#) by Selim Özdoğan, translated from German by Ayça Türkoğlu and Katy Derbyshire. It is the first instalment of the Anatolian Blues trilogy, telling the story of Gül, a Turkish girl who grows up in rural 1950s Anatolia and moves to Germany as a migrant worker. Click here to register: <https://forms.gle/ivedPdBh89TdGggz7> For more information, see email from Mr Lobo.

Canteen News

UKRAINE DAY

27TH JUNE

**CHICKEN KYIVI
CHEESE NALESNIKI
DERUNY**

**GARLIC PAMPUSHIA
VEGETABLE SALAD**

SYRNIKI WITH JAM SAUCE

£2.70

THERE WILL BE UKRAINIAN THEMED CUPCAKES ON SALE ALL WEEK. 10p WILL BE DONATED TO THE UKRAINE APPEAL FOR EVERY CUPCAKE SOLD.