# OXFORD SPIRES ACADEMY SIXTH FORM Y12 Newsletter



Oxford Writers' House- Free Workshop for Young Authors,

5-7pm 6<sup>th</sup> Nov Curio Bookshop

Register Here: https://shorturl.at/8dl59

If you are interested in completing an EPQ or just want to find out more, register here!





### Deloitte.



Apprenticeship opportunities in a range of areas. With an award-winning Apprenticeship provider.

Applications now open.

#### From Yr 13 Head Students:

We are currently organising a Culture Day event and are looking for enthusiastic Year 12 students who would be willing to assist with the planning and execution of the event.

We are looking for students who are eager to contribute in any way such as through creative ideas for workshops, setting up stalls, general support, music and henna!

We would appreciate it if interested students could **send us an email** just letting us know what they can do to help.

This is a great opportunity to be part of a fun and meaningful project, while also gaining some valuable organisational experience which you can mention in your personal statements.

#### Email

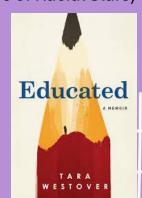
18astephen@oxfordspires.anthemtrust.uk 18akashif@oxfordspires.anthemtrust.uk Application for being involved in the running of student council



### Recommendation of the week:

#### **Book (Non-Fiction)**

Educated
By Tara Westover
(TW: Emotional and
Physical Abuse, Violence,
Use of Racial Slurs)





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Deadline to apply for a place – Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> October

### Year 13 Apprenticeship Mock Assessment Centre Workshop day.

We have been offered the chance for 5 students to attend a Mock Assessment Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November – to express an interest please complete the form:

https://forms.office.com/e/MEZjipu505



#### Yr 13 Cycle 1 Mock Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				8/11/24
History	English Lit	Comp Sc	Gov & Pol	Chemistry
2 hr 15	2 hr 15	2 hr 30	2 hr	2 hr
Geography	Sociology		Physics	DT
2 hr 15	2 hr		2hr	3 hr
Sport BTEC	BTEC Business			Media
1 hr 30	2 hr			2 hr 15
Further Maths	Maths	Biology	Psychology	Catch-ups
1 hr 30	2 hr	2 hr	2 hr	
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Log in to Unifrog and complete your personality quiz



Revision Tips - Beating Exam Stress





https://www.youtube.com/
watch?v=7AgswlakjRw







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### **Mock Exam Procedures**

We will do a walk through of this before half-term so you know exactly what to do and when

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	7.30am – 8am	Sixth Form Study Centre: Independent Study
	8am – 8.30am	Warm Up: Teachers come up to Sixth Form and give you advice and answer questions
AM	8.30am	Put bags in the back of PE1, walk through the Theatre
	8.45am	Enter exam hall / small room
	9am	Exams start
PM	12.30pm – 12.55pm	Warm Up: Teachers come up to IT Science and give you advice and answer questions
	12.55pm – 1pm	Put bags in the back of PE1, walk through the Theatre
	1000	Enter exam hall / small room
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# OXFORD SPIRES ACADEMY SIXTH FORM Further Opportunities





Inspire Years 12 & 13 is a free, online, interactive programme that offers academic challenges alongside opportunities to visit the University of Oxford.

### WHAT IS THE INSPIRE 12 & 13 PROGRAMME?

The programme is a two-year course specially curated for students in their final years of study before higher education.

The programme is divided into Years 12 and 13, and provides a unique set of tools to aid you on your path to higher education.



OLIVER HEDGES YEAR 12 & 13 INSPIRE PROGRAMME LEAD



#### THE PROGRAMME COMBINES:

- · Online academic taster and skills sessions
- Opportunities to attend subject-focused study days at St John's College
- · Virtual and residential summer schools
- · Inspire research project
- · And much more!





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Have you been accepted onto Migrant Leaders?

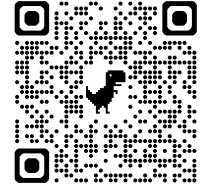


# Are you applying for a course which requires an interview? Are you looking at degree apprenticeships?

Join our Interview Skills Workshop on **Tuesday 22nd October**, **16:30-17:30** to gain crucial insights and preparation tips for a university or degree apprenticeship interview.

This session will be supported by both the University of Sheffield and our industry partners - come along to hear their expert advice about how to ace this part of the

application process!



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BRAIN AND MIND EVENT: READING AND THE BRAIN (October 22nd, 2024)

The St Hilda's Brain and Mind Series of workshops continues this year with the theme of 'Education and Learning'.

The first workshop, on 'Reading and the Brain'. will take place on Tuesday 22nd October, 2024, 5:00-7:15pm, Jacqueline du Pre Music Building, St Hilda's College.

Guest speakers will investigate the topic of reading from the points of view of philosophy (Prof. Maximilian de Gaynesford, University of Reading), psychology (Prof. Maggie Snowling, University of Oxford) and neuroscience (Dr. Jo Taylor, UCL). The talks will be followed by a Q&A. session.

'Reading and the Brain' is a free, in-person event, where all are welcome. Booking is required at <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brain-and-mind-event-reading-and-the-brain-october-22nd-2024-tickets-945942829467">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brain-and-mind-event-reading-and-the-brain-october-22nd-2024-tickets-945942829467</a>

Future events will be 'Maths and the Brain' (February 4th, 2025) and 'Science and the Brain' (May 13th, 2025)





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### Preparing for Oxbridge Assessments



# Preparing for Oxbridge Assessments live webinar 22<sup>nd</sup> October 4pm











### **OPPORTUNITIES IN TECH**

Stemettes - Dream, Listen, Connect: Visions Season Panel

Join the Stemettes on Saturday 23rd November to ask all of your STEM & STEAM questions to a panel of role models! This event includes a panel followed by a Q&A session and speed networking, exclusively for young women and non-binary people aged 12-25 in Newcastle and online. Find out more **HERE.**.

University of York - Lights, Camera, Computer, Action! How Digital Technology is Transforming Film, TV and Gaming

On this three-week course from the University of York and Screen Industries Growth Network (SIGN), you'll explore the impact technology has already had on storytelling in the screen industry, the new opportunities it presents and how your own skills match up with different roles in the industry. Find out more **HERE.**.

#### **Code Academy - Intro to Generative Al**

Artificial Intelligence is a fast-evolving field of technology that lets computers simulate human functions, such as learning and problemsolving. A subset of AI that's been gaining traction recently is generative AI, which specializes in creating new content, be it text, images, audio, or videos. Take this course to learn about the different types of generative AI using interactive applets! Find out more **HERE**..





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# University of Oxford - Oxford Womxn in Computer Science Challenge Club

The Challenge Club is a free initiative designed to inspire more young women to continue their mathematical pursuits, over five online discussion sessions to encourage, extend and support students, as well as monthly independent problem sheets to stretch and challenge themselves with their mathematics. Applications are open now - find out more **HERE**.

# UCL - An Anthropology of Smartphones: Communication, Ageing and Health

Explore how smartphones have affected our lives by using comparative anthropology as a method of research. This course will develop your understanding of the concept of digital anthropology, and through ethnographic research findings, you'll explore the potential consequences of using a smartphone every day. Find out more **HERE**..

Faculty of Natural Sciences Science & Innovation UK Competition - Imperial College London

The Science & Innovation Competition, which is run by the Faculty of Natural Sciences at Imperial College, is open to teams of young people. The purpose of the competition is to motivate young people to engage with science, to encourage them to work together as part of a team and to engage them in a fun activity that is motivated by their curiosity and drive. Teams will be asked to develop a new and innovative scientific solution to help achieve one of the United Nation's Global Goals for Sustainable Development. To enter, teams will be asked to create a 5-minute film. Preregister by Friday 13th December. Find out more **HERE**..





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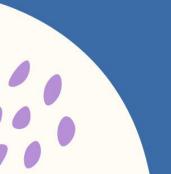


#### Isaac Computer Science

This free online platform contains high-quality materials to boost your performance. There are also regular online sessions to support you with your studies and to introduce you to extension topics, opportunities beyond school and career pathways. Find out more **HERE**..

#### Forage & Citi - Technology Software Development Job Simulation

During this program, you will get the opportunity to complete tasks that replicate the work that the Citi Technology team does every day. The Technology Software Development team develops innovative technology solutions and is focused on providing exceptional service to clients in full partnership with the product teams. Find out more **HERE**..





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The Access Team at Trinity College, University of Oxford, are offering two online sessions for parents and carers in July 2024.

### Session 1 For Families - a guide to university

#### Monday the 4 November 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 7 November at 6 - 7:15pm with optional live Q&A until

#### 7:30pm

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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.

**Link** Please go to our registration form to book both or your preferred option – click **HERE** 

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# Volunteering



Who will feature next week?