



The Weekly Word

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A note from the Principal

I write this week's WW entry having just come off my phone from checking in with the group from Space Studio Banbury who have just arrived in the Czech Republic on their exciting 4 day trip to Prague. The pictures of the snowy landscape that greeted them look beautiful. It reminded me of the wonderful opportunities we give students on our campus with four lucky students off to NASA in the next two weeks for a bespoke trip of a lifetime which members of the public have no access to. My mission is to give our students the rounded education they deserve, and whilst exam results are important, in the grand scheme of things employability and social skills developed through experiences we provide will be as important as our students set out on their careers. I was overjoyed to meet up with three of our last y11 cohort who came to see me this week and were brimming with confidence and excited about the jobs they were doing and their college courses.



[Link to calendar](#)

I continue my campaign to secure better road safety for our students as they walk to and from school. As you are aware I met with Kieron Mallon last week and he has emailed me back to say that he has put proposals forward for making the crossing of Springfield Avenue safer for our students and those who head that way from BGN as well. Whilst it is true that there have not been any fatalities on that road I am not prepared to wait to act until there is a child who becomes a statistic. We continue to drive home the message about how to safely navigate our roads and I would be really grateful if you could reiterate those messages to your children as frequently as we are. If there are other parents out there who have not emailed their support to me yet please do not hesitate to drop me a line on stthomas@wykhampark-aspirations.org.

Coming soon - Gmail

IT Support have arranged for all students to have access to Gmail, and this will be prepared and rolled out to all Wykham Park students in the new term.

Instructions on how to access the student Gmail will be handed out in due course.

Dates for your diary:

- Half Term - Mon 18th Feb to Fri 22nd Feb
- Year 10 Parents' Evening - Thurs 28th Feb

Reminder!

Art and Design Department - Year 7



Year 7 have made a great start to their new project with a seed head theme. I am extremely pleased with their charcoal studies which demonstrate good skill level and creativity; well done year 7!

Featured work (left to right): Shannon workman-Jones, Jacob Spink, Kacper Sliwinski and Aseeb Raza.

Miss Brookes

Head of Art

Miss Brookes' class 7f/Ar1 had great fun this week developing their mark making skills by drawing seed heads using sticks and Indian ink.





Miss Smiths' Year 7 art class have really improved their observational drawing skills by completing lovely drawings of seed heads using pen and ink.



El Viejo Saloon



A group of Year 9 students went to Tudor Hall last week to see a Spanish play entitled "El Viejo Saloon".

There were many comic moments, with students having great fun and understanding a good amount of Spanish!

You can see some of them pictured on stage with the 2 cast members!

Basketball with 'Coach Moe'

Since the beginning of this term, 12 students have been benefiting from the expertise of the American coach, Richard Moses. These students have developed massively in their practice over the last three weeks. Moe comes in every Wednesday to work with the students – this is open to all students in school. There is a £5 charge which is paid straight to Moe and it runs from 3:15 – 4:45 weekly.



For more information contact:

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Year 9 trip to Oxford

SSB Year 9 went on a trip to Oxford on drop down day. They had a printing workshop in the Bodleian library, A tour of the Weston including behind the scenes to the study areas and the roof terrace. They had free lunch in Trinity College and a talk about life in Oxford colleges then finally a self guided tour of the Pitt Rivers museum exploring the Egyptian artifacts and the historical weapons.



Year 9 Students

On the 18th and the 25th of January Harriers brought in 30 of their pupils on each occasion and the year 9 core project class ran a carousel of activities for the year 3s who are studying Egyptians. We had a team of scientist that demonstrated Bunsen burners and the others worked with the younger pupils talking about the Egyptian artifacts they had seen at the Pitt Rivers and building pyramids with the primary school pupils



The Rotary Club of Banbury presents



CROCUS CONCERTS 2019

at St Mary's Church, Banbury

Choirs and Musicians from Local Schools

7.00pm - admission £5

accompanied children free



Tuesday 12th



Bloxham, Sibford and Tudor Hall



Thursday 14th



Chenderit, North Oxfordshire, The Warriner
and Wykham Park



Thursday 21st

Blessed George Napier,
St John's and St Joseph's



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Bloxham Dental @ Banbury Childrens' Day



18th February 2019

8am -6pm

Come along for a free check-up with our friendly dentists, fun and games. For children of all ages (0-18 yrs)



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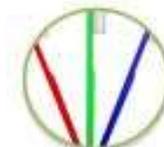
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Bloxham Dental @ Banbury, 49 The Green, Southbar, Banbury, OX16 9AB
www.bloxhamdental.co.uk



Half term hubs Our hubs give children aged 5-15 a unique opportunity to participate in a wide range of sporting activities delivered by qualified and DBS (formerly CRB) cleared coaches. In addition to fun and games, arts and crafts sessions will also be available. Our holiday activities will operate at North Oxfordshire Academy, Cooper School Sports Facility and Magdalen College School.

Session structure and price
8.45am - 3pm.....£15.30 per session
8.45am - 5pm.....£19.40 per session

Costs just over £2.40 per hour

Activities kick off on 18 Feb 2019

For 5-15yr olds

North Oxfordshire Academy, Banbury Book online at www.cherwell.gov.uk/holidayactivities

Week 1	Mon 18 February	Tue 19 February	Wed 20 February	Thu 21 February	Fri 22 February
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Cooper School Sports Facility, Bicester Book online at www.cherwell.gov.uk/holidayactivities

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Magdalen College School, Brackley Book online at www.southnorthants.gov.uk/holiday-activities

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Key: 🎨 Art and Crafts 🏆 Athletics 🎭 Dance 🏆 Fun and Games 🎭 Multi Sports 🏆 Tennis 🎭 Trampolining

🏆 Multi Sports will include tag rugby, football, h/wk cricket, hockey, basketball, dance and more - delivered by activity staff

Book online from 30 January at:

www.cherwell.gov.uk/holidayactivities
www.southnorthants.gov.uk/holiday-activities

Earlybird discount 30 January -3 February inclusive
For more information contact 01295 221803

Lunch breaks are supervised. Bring your own lunch. Please note we do not accept any form of childcare vouchers. Refunds will only be given if sessions are cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. All information is correct at the time of print and is subject to change without prior notice.

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