



The Weekly Word

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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.



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Change of Holiday Date for 2020

The first May Bank Holiday in 2020 has been moved from Monday 4th May 2020 to Friday 8th May 2020 for the whole of the UK. This is to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

Year 10 Mock Exams

Year 10 mock exams will be running from Monday 17th June to Wednesday 26th June. A general timetable can be found on the website [here](#) but students have been provided with individual timetables as there are some exam clashes.

Dates for your diary

**Year 8 Parents' Evening- Thursday 20th June
4.00pm to 6.30pm in the Buttery and Library**

INSET Day - Thursday 27th June (no students in school)

INSET Day - Friday 28th June (no students in school)



[Link to calendar](#)

'Made in Banbury' on BBC Radio Oxford

Students from Banbury Aspirations Campus sixth form appeared on BBC Radio Oxford as part of a week of 'Made in Banbury' programming. You can hear the show <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p07b6vld> and find the interviews at 2:05:50.



Breakfast show host David Prever asked students about their career plans, and

Umair said, "Banbury's a great town - a lot of people like to go to big cities but personally I like the fact that it's a small town because we all know each other and we all get along. We have good schools, good people, good colleges to help you decide what you want to do in the future."

Natasha agreed with his positive assessment. "There are lots of businesses in Banbury and the surrounding area, like Magna and Norbar, BMW and Mini. I'm hoping to work with Dematic, an American company, and I'll be doing mechanical design. For me the apprenticeship route is what I want to do."

Sam commented, "I think there's a large amount of opportunities here and I think there's room for it to expand and grow."

BBC Oxford's David Prever noted that "Banbury's very lucky geographically because it's in such a fabulous part of the country, with access not just to Oxfordshire, but other counties as well.

"You've got Amazon here, Prodrive just down the road with lots of Aston Martins and motor tech, Douwe Egberts, Hello Fresh, Newlyweds Foods - a long list for what is after all a fairly small market town."

Two Castle Run - Well Done!

Several teachers from Wykham Park ran the Warwick to Kenilworth Two



Castle Run last Sunday.

Well done to Dr Shires, Mr Merrick, Mr Jackson, Miss Randall, Mr Smith and Mr Sterland.

Sea Cadet's Visit Year 9

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.

Win for The Warriors!



"On the 7th June, The Warriors Cheerleading Team based at Wade Gymnastics flew out to Barcelona to compete in an International competition. We competed against 6 teams some being as well known as Coventry Dynamite.

Being the first team to perform our nerves were high but we set the bar high and pulled through with a first place and a Gold Trophy."

Tiggy



AEP Regional Final



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. We hope that the winning team will do well in the National Final next week.

Dr Pickup

Art and Design Year 8

A selection of Year 8 designs linked to exploring personal identity and where they live.

Miss Smith

