

# STUDENT bulletin

20 March 2023 – Week 1

<b>Monday, 20 March</b>	
Lunchtime	Year 11 BTEC Sport Intervention (Exam Focus)
Lunchtime	Year 7, DT Catch up, Mr Reskalla, DT1
Lunchtime	Run Club, Miss Green, School Field
Lunchtime	Singing/Ukulele Club, Mrs Brown, Music Room
Lunchtime	KS3 Badminton, Sports Hall
Lunchtime	Puzzle Pirates -Year 7 & 8, M3
Lunchtime	KS3 Dance Club, Miss Gardner, Dance Studio
<b>Tuesday, 21 March</b>	
Lunchtime	Year 7 Boys Indoor Football, Sports Hall
Lunchtime	Year 8 DT Catch up, Mr Reskalla, DT1
Lunchtime	Literature Film Society KS3, EN1, Mr Groves
Lunchtime	Eco Club, Miss Kirby, S2
Afterschool 4.15pm	Separate Science Lesson—Year 11
Afterschool 4.30pm	Twilight GCSE Dance Year 11, Dance Studio
Afterschool 4.15pm	Homework Club, Library, Mrs Gopal
<b>Wednesday, 22 March</b>	
<b>Year 7 Parent Forum</b>	
Lunchtime	Maths Past Paper Practice (Year 11) M1
Lunchtime	Maths Drop-in (Year 11) M4
Lunchtime	Space Club, Mrs Hardman, S1
Lunchtime	Girls Indoor Football, Sports Hall (All Years)
Lunchtime	Eco Club, Miss Kirby, S2
Afterschool –4:10	Art Club, Mr Watterson
Afterschool - 4.30pm	Twilight GCSE Dance (Year 10) Dance Studio
Afterschool—up to 5pm	KS4 Art Catch up, Mr Watterson, Art Studio 1
Afterschool—4:15pm	Maths Drop-in (All Years) M4
Afterschool—4:15pm	Homework Club, Library, Miss Swayne
Afterschool—4.15pm	Table Tennis Club, Mr Hunter, Meet @ PE Office
<b>Thursday, 23 March</b>	
Lunchtime	S.T.E.M Club, S1, Miss Swayne
Lunchtime	Latin Club, Miss Green, L4
Lunchtime	KS3 Homework Club, EN1, Mr Groves
Lunchtime	Year 8/9 Indoor Football Club, Sports Hall
Afterschool—4:15pm	KS3 Debate Club, Mr Groves, EN1
Afterschool—up to 5pm	KS4 Art Catch up, Mr Watterson, Art Studio 1
Afterschool—4:15pm	KS3 Dance Club, Miss Gardner, Dance Studio
Afterschool—4:15pm	Maths GCSE Higher Class, M1
Afterschool—4:15pm	Homework Club, Library, Miss Jackson
<b>Fixture: Pickup 5pm @ MECE</b>	<b>Year 8/9 Boys Football @ MECE</b>
<b>Fixture: Pickup 5.30pm @ MECE</b>	<b>Year 7 Netball @ Langtree</b>
<b>Friday, 24 March</b>	
Lunchtime	Year 10/11 Football, Sports Hall
Lunchtime	Drama Club, Mr Harte, Drama Studio
Lunchtime	Amnesty International, Mrs Hardman

# MECE Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Macaroni cheese & garlic bread  carrots  sweet & sour quorn with vegetables & rice  pasta bar with bolognese or tomato sauce  jacket potatoes with beans, tuna or bolognese	Taco Tuesday beef/chicken/vegetable with vegetable rice  roasted vegetables  butternut squash & spinach lasagne with side salad  pasta bar with meatball or creamy tomato sauce  jacket potatoes with beans, tuna or bolognese	Burger bar with wedges  sweetcorn  burger bar with wedges & sweetcorn  pasta bar with carbonnara or tomato sauce  jacket potatoes with beans, tuna or bolognese	Grilled sausages with mashed potatoes & gravy  carrots  sweet & sour quorn with vegetables & rice  pasta bar with bolognese or tomato sauce  jacket potatoes with beans, tuna or bolognese	Fish & chip Friday  peas  vegan sausage roll served with peas & fries  spicy meatball pasta bake  jacket potatoes with beans, tuna or bolognese
sticky toffee pudding served with custard	forest fruit crumble served with custard	jam & coconut sponge served with custard	apple & cherry pie served with custard	cake selection
<b>Baguettes &amp; Sandwiches</b> cheese, chicken, egg, ham, ham & cheese, tuna mayo or salmon & cream cheese		<b>Daily Options</b> a selection of salad bowls & plain bread will be available daily.		<b>Cold Desserts</b> fruit pots, whole fruit, yoghurts & jelly available daily.

## Lost Property



We have a large amount of unclaimed lost property in Student Services, please prompt your child to have a look before the end of this term.

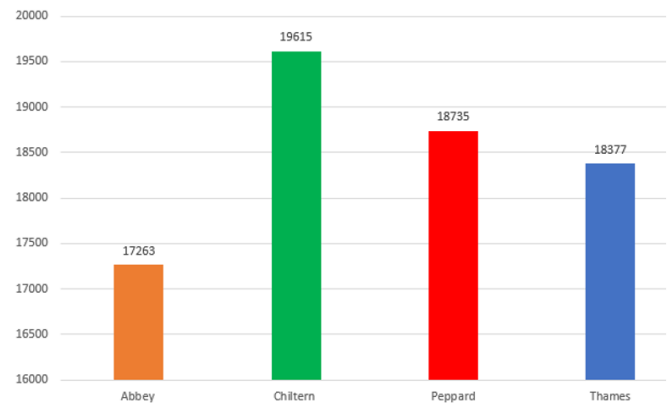
**All items that remain after this date will be donated to charity.**

Thanks  
Student Services

# MECEstars

## House Stars of the Week

<b>Abbey</b>	<b>Misa B, 7A</b>
<b>Chiltern</b>	<b>Grace C, 7A</b> <b>Inez L, 7B</b>
<b>Peppard</b>	<b>Shantae F, 8B</b>
<b>Thames</b>	<b>Elliot M, 7A</b>



## MECE STARS

Shantae F, for her excellent focus and work in science!

Amelia P, for excellent self regulation in science

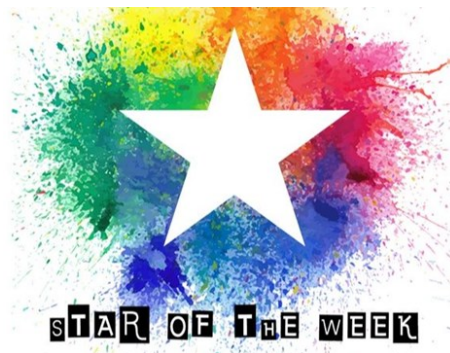
Charlie I, for great work in science!

Liam J, for his politeness, cheerfulness and positive attitude!

Milly J, for being polite, helpful and considerate!

Jess L, for trying hard and focusing well - very proud form tutor!

Ashton H , for always being so polite and helpful!



Tejaun H, for being polite, great manners and produces good work!

Tayon P, for always being polite and helpful and not afraid to set himself challenges in class!

Archie W, for an improved number of behaviour points and working well in RP/PSHE!



# WEEKLYevents

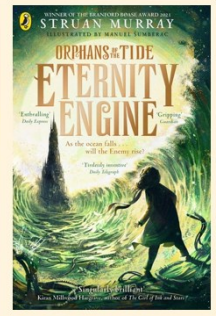
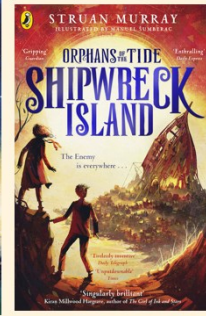
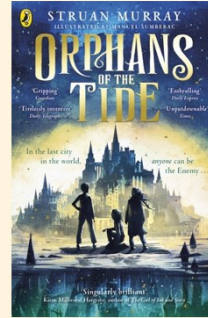
## Author of the Week

STRUAN MURRAY



Struan has won the Bath Children's Novel Award and the Branford Boase Award.

Born and raised in Edinburgh, Struan is not only an author but also a lecturer of biochemistry at the University of Oxford. His debut novel 'Orphans of the Tide' took 5 years to write but boy is it good! A mysterious boy washes up inside a whale and the people of the city immediately think that he is 'The Enemy' - but is he? The trilogy has a female protagonist and is full of adventure, strange homemade contraptions, coping with grief, friendship and family.



If you like Kiran Millwood Hargrave or, Philip Pullman you'll love these books!

*If you're anything like me, you'll have a little voice in your head whenever you try to write, telling you you can't do this. That voice doesn't know what it's talking about.*

Struan Murray says:

## Word of the Week



MAIDEN ERLEGH  
CHILTERN EDGE

### Word of the Week

# Judicious

 (Adjective)

**Meaning:** If you describe an action or decision as judicious, you approve of it because you think that it shows good judgment and sense.

**Example:**

1. *Judicious* planning now can prevent problems later.
2. With more *judicious* use, you could almost double the battery life.

**Related/similar words:** careful, reasonable, sensible, prudent.

**Etymology:** 16<sup>th</sup> Century

From French *judicieux* (16c.) or directly from Medieval Latin *iudiciosus* "prudent, judicious,"

# NOTICEboard

## This Weeks Assembly



## Shakespeare Week! With The English Department



## Competition

# COMPETITION

End Date:  
Wednesday, 22 March  
2023



**Rules:**  
No Swearing  
No personal insults to specific  
people

### Shakespearean Insults

As we all know, Shakespeare used language to create a particular mood and atmosphere.

Shakespearean insults are used for comic purposes as well as to shock the audience. Here are some:

THE ENGLISH  
DEPARTMENT WANT TO  
HEAR YOUR  
SHAKESPEAREAN  
INSULTS.  
FOR THIS  
COMPETITION, YOU  
MUST CHALLENGE  
YOUR WITS AND COME  
UP WITH SOME  
INSULTS.



THE STUDENT WHO COMES  
UP WITH THE BEST  
SHAKESPEAREAN INSULT  
WILL GET £15 WORTH OF  
AMAZON VOUCHERS.

EACH ENTRY IS WORTH A  
GOLDEN TICKET!  
HAVE FUN!  
THE ENGLISH  
DEPARTMENT





# NOTICEboard

## Spelling Bee

### KS3 & KS4 SPELLING BEE - Term 2



**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2023**

**Two Rounds, All Students to Take Part**, Qualifying through the First Round During Tutor Time to get into the Second and Final Round at Lunch Time. **There Will Bee Prizes! Are you BUZZING!?**



## Science Week Competition



### Science Week House Poster Competition

**"Science connections"**



What connections can you make in Science? Design and make a poster that includes a 'connection' theme. **2HP for every entry, golden ticket for 5 winners.**

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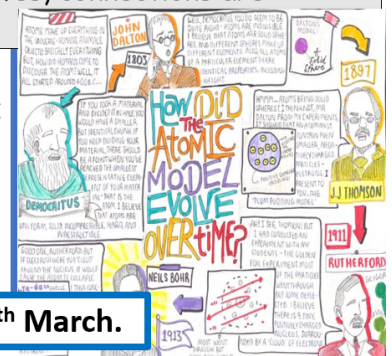
consider the family tree that connects all living creatures

how the internet connection is changing how we communicate.

how are your body parts are connected?  
- Organ systems

From the learning of new skills to the development of places and ideas that enable us to do things more efficiently in our everyday lives, connections are everywhere!

Posters will be judged on creativity, how well they fit the theme, how well they have been made or drawn, and how engaging they are.



**Posters must be A4 or A3. hand in to Mrs Kirby in S2 by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March.**

# NOTICEboard

## Football Trial Event



**OXFORD UNITED** X **Abingdon & Witney College**

**Oxford United Advanced Football Programme**

An exciting opportunity to develop your football skills whilst studying a BTEC Sport qualification at college.

**Football Trial Event**  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April  
4:00pm start  
Oxford United Bangkok Glass Training Centre OX4 2RY  
Apply now to secure your place at our Football Trial Event:  
[www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk](http://www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk)



**OXFORD UNITED** X **Abingdon & Witney College**

**Outline of the programme**

The full-time programme – which will be open to male students aged 16-18 on 31st August 2023 – will provide aspiring players with the opportunity to develop their football skills whilst studying a BTEC Sports qualification. Through this new partnership talented and aspiring players won't have to pick between football and academic development; they can do both.

You'll study at Abingdon & Witney College's Abingdon Campus, and train directly with UEFA B qualified coaches at the Oxford United Bangkok Glass Training Centre.

This new study programme includes a sports based vocational qualification, GCSE English and/or maths as required, a supportive tutorial programme, work experience, and enrichment activities.

**Focus on being your best!**

First and foremost, the Oxford United Advanced Football Programme recognises the importance of your academic development. Through this unique programme you'll also have direct access to the Oxford United Bangkok Glass Training Centre which is part of the £4.9m sports complex near Horspath.

Here you will train and compete in a competitive league and cup tournaments against other teams across the region whilst representing Abingdon & Witney College and Oxford United.

For more information about the course and to apply visit:  
[www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk](http://www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk)

*Note: Our intention is to only interview students who apply to the course and successfully complete the Football Trial Event. Interviews will take place at the event on 26<sup>th</sup> April.*

## Clubs



**Rotherfield United**

**GIRLS FOOTBALL**

**Tuesday Evenings**  
**Bishopswood, Sonning Common**

Open to all girls in current school years 5, 6, and 7  
Contact Matt on 07899 677305



**THE EYOT CENTRE**  
Registered charity 1095201

**Easter Holiday Club**

**Dates: 3rd April 2023 to 6th April 2023**  
**Time: 10.00am to 4.00pm**

**Water and Land based Activities**  
**Lunch Included!**

**ONLY £40 PER CHILD PER DAY**

**DISCOUNTS for Multiple Bookings /Siblings**

For further questions and enquiries, please email the Centre Manager: [sue@eyotcentre.co.uk](mailto:sue@eyotcentre.co.uk)  
Henley Watersports and Activities at The Eyot Centre  
Wargrave Road, Henley RG9 3JD

Payment via BACS: EYOT CENTRE ACCOUNT No: 20336668. SORT CODE 30-80-54

All safety equipment provided but please bring spare clothes!  
If you qualify for free school meals, please register via the link below:  
<https://coordinate.cloud/haf-oxfordshire-county-council/>

Supporting young people to recognise their potential through watersports and activities!



# NOTICEboard

## Advance Notice

29, March	Performing Arts Showcase 5-6pm
30, March	Year 11 Revision Day—GET SET & GO!
30, March	Year 9 History Imperial War Museum Trip
31, March	Last Day of Term 3:15PM finish
17, April	First day of Term
4, May	Year 8 Parents' Evening
4, May	Drop Everything & Read

## Trust Virtual Apprenticeships Information Evening

**Our 'Trust Virtual Apprenticeships Information Evening for Parents & Guardians' (students welcome to join with parent/guardian)**

**When?** Tuesday 21 March – 6-7pm

**Where?** Virtually via zoom – interest form via letter to parents/guardians

**Guests:** Maria Mason – representing 'Hanson UK' – a company which creates building materials for the construction industry

Hollie Cultham – representing 'PwC' – a multi-national company providing professional services such as audit, assurance, tax and consultancy.

Our Guests will share what apprenticeships are, the opportunities they offer after school, the benefits of apprenticeships, what they are looking for in

applicants + top tips on how to apply!

I will be briefly sharing some of the basic around apprenticeships – e.g. levels of apprenticeships and how to search for them!

**If you are interested please speak to Ms Hardman – there is a sign up sheet in the pigeon hole outside S3.**

**Ask your parent/guardian if they can attend and join them. If you are unable to attend – we will ensure the session is recorded.**

Thank you everyone!

**Mrs Finlason and the Careers Team.**



# NOTICEboard

## Letters Home This Week

Please Click [HERE](#) to Find Whole School Letters on our website.

Please Click [HERE](#) For Year 7 Letters on Our Website.

Please Click [HERE](#) for Year 9 Letters on Our Website

Please Click [HERE](#) For Year 10 Letters on Our Website



**Please be aware that the later school bus which departs from outside the school at 16:22 now runs on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays only.**

**On Mondays and Fridays students can walk down Reades Lane towards Sonning Common and catch the 25 bus which departs at 16:25. The bus stop is located on Wood Lane opposite the junction with Reades Lane.**

### THINGS WE SAY TODAY, WHICH WE OWE TO, SHAKESPEARE:

"KNOCK, KNOCK! WHO'S THERE?" "HEART OF GOLD"  
"IN A PICKLE" "SET YOUR TEETH ON EDGE" "GOOD RIDDANCE"  
"FAINT HEARTED" "SO-SO" "SEND HIM PACKING"  
"LIE LOW" "FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE" "BAITED BREATH" "COME WHAT MAY"  
"WEAR YOUR HEART ON YOUR SLEEVE" "THE GAME IS UP"  
"NOT SLEPT ONE WINK" "FULL CIRCLE" "OUT OF THE JAWS OF DEATH"  
"WHAT'S DONE IS DONE" "NAKED TRUTH" "TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING"  
"LAUGHING STOCK" "BREADED HIS LAST" "BREAK THE ICE" "WILD GOOSE CHASE"  
"HEART OF HEARTS" "VANISH INTO THIN AIR" "LOVE IS BLIND"  
"SEEN BETTER DAYS" "MAKES YOUR HAIR STAND ON END" "OFF WITH HIS HEAD"  
"DEAD AS A DOORNAIL" "FOR GOODNESS' SAKE" "A SORRY SIGHT"  
"GREEN EYED MONSTER" "PLAY / FOU PLAY" "BE ALL / END ALL"  
"THE WORLD IS MY OYSTER" "BRAVE NEW WORLD"

**Please click here to see next year's term dates**

**TERM DATES - Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge**