

Friday 25th April 2025

Parent Bulletin

Dear families

I hope you all enjoyed the Easter break. It was lovely to see all students return on Tuesday morning, lining up under the falling blossom in the courtyard.

It feels like all the hard work in the first four terms is starting to pay off for our students and the theme for the summer feels very much: Work Hard, Play Hard! Whether it is in the classroom, the exam hall, or taking part in extracurricular activities, it is a privilege to see so many students excelling.

We are always keen for students to get a proper break over the holidays and I am incredibly grateful to all the members of staff who gave mornings, afternoons and often more, to support many Year 11 and Year 13 students who came in for extra revision over the holidays. I know that the Year 11 also had a fantastic time while completing their Silver Duke of Edinburgh practice Expedition in Dorset. Thanks again to all staff involved and it is great to hear how well the various DofE teams worked together.

Term 5 is a short one, and already Year 10 have made a great start to their mock exams. This can be a daunting time for students as they face their first big period of exams in the Sports Hall, but they have taken it all in their stride and have given our invigilation team a great start to the exams season before the external public exams.

The summer term has so much on offer, and I look forward to keeping you updated with everything taking place. Whether you are working hard or playing hard, have a great weekend.

Best wishes.



Alastair West
Headteacher

School News

Easter Baking

The year 11 Hospitality and Catering students had some fun with easter baking in the week before the Easter break with Mrs Brooks. Some delicious treats to help with their revision over the holidays! Here are some of the amazing bakes:



Term 5: Secondary School Health Nursing Newsletter April



Please find the latest School Health Nursing Newsletter here:

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Important Dates:

Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 6th May – Welsh Farm Parent Information Evening

Tuesday 20th May – Sorrento Parent Information Evening

Thursday 22nd May – Year 10 Parents' Evening

Other important dates can be found on our website calendar:

<https://www.johnmason.oxon.sch.uk/events/calendar/>

Term dates for the academic year are on our website:

<https://www.johnmason.oxon.sch.uk/events/term-dates/>

Term dates for the next academic year are now on the website:

[Term Dates 2025-26](#)