

It is hard to believe that we are now half way through the academic year, although it is good to see that the days are getting longer and that the dark mornings of January seem behind us!

The coming of the spring should remind us all that the GCSE examinations are coming around quickly now. Our GCSE Food Technology and Music students have already taken their practical examinations this week, and all excelled in their first formal assessment. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our students the very best in all of the GCSE examinations to come.

After school revision sessions are now underway, and 40 students attended a GCSE poetry revision session this week. If you are the parent of a Year 11 student, do remind them to look out for information posted on further sessions after the half term break. In addition, Year 11 students should all be making use of GCSE pod in their revision; do let us know if your son or daughter is having difficulty logging on! Parent of Year 10 students are reminded that internal exams begin on March 5th, and GCSEpod will be an invaluable part of the students' revision for these examinations as well.

Parents are asked to note that our exams officer, Mrs Protheroe, is currently off work for medical reasons. All examination enquiries are being dealt with by Mr Bamford, and parents should direct any issues to Mr Bamford in the first instance. We all wish Mrs Protheroe well and hope that she will be back at work very soon.

It has been a very busy term for our students, with a wealth of extra-curricular trips and visits offered to so many students. The English Department ran two large theatre trips to see the RSC production of A Christmas Carol in Stratford, and more recently an adaptation of David Walliams' Awful Aunty at The Swan in High Wycombe. A group of Year 9 linguists took part in the languages immersion day at Queen's College in Oxford, the Technology Departmental ran trips to explore artefacts at the Pitt Rivers museum in Oxford, and our science team ran a trip to the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory with a party of Year 10 students for a physics workshop with the national space academy.

Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 also took part in the UK Intermediate Maths Challenge, we await their results with much anticipation. It has always impressed me that there is such a rich programme of extra-curricular activities in our small school and I would like to thank the staff for all their additional work to make these events happen, as well as our students for being such wonderful ambassadors for the school wherever they go.

It is now time for our skiers to depart to Austria, where the snow conditions are excellent. We wish them all a safe and memorable week on the slopes! In addition, I do hope that all our students can enjoy some time with family and friends over the forthcoming half term break. Bring on the spring!

Mr R Holroyd  
Headteacher



Artist of the Term

## **Bertie Spencer 11GP**



## Music News

**Congratulations to the many students who took and passed music exams before Christmas.**

Rhiannon Evans  
 Jess Li  
 Jane Vincent  
 Hannah Weller  
 Freya MacDonald  
 Alice Carson  
 Megan Walpole  
 Asri Southby  
 Laura Ogden  
 Lewis Moghul  
 Katie Harris  
 Isabelle Chandler  
 Stef Achor-Dorado  
 George McCormick  
 Lloyd Singleton  
 Theo Warren  
 Bertie Spencer  
 James Broadbent  
 George Scurr  
 Ned Garrett  
 Lottie Whatmore

Harp  
 Theory  
 Violin  
 Trumpet  
 Piano  
 Flute  
 Voice  
 Voice  
 Drums  
 Piano  
 Clarinet  
 Piano  
 Piano  
 Drum kit  
 Clarinet  
 Trumpet  
 Piano  
 Cornet  
 Piano  
 Cello

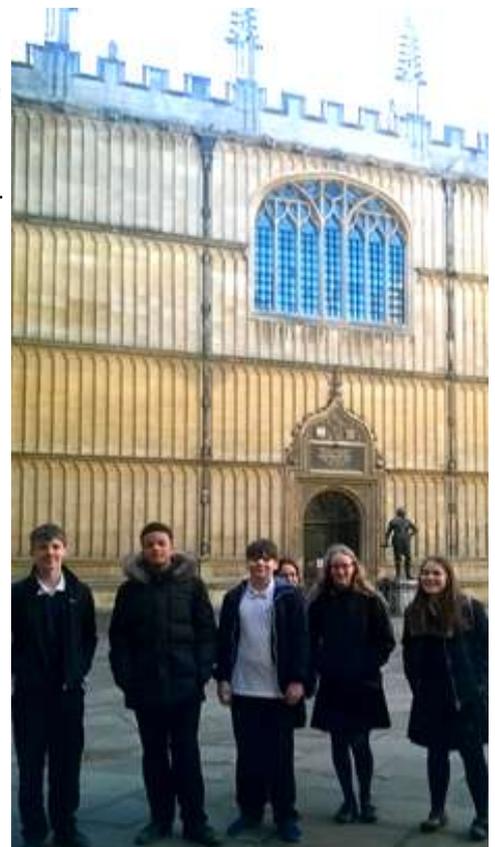


**Thank you to Mr Ranger for the donation of a piano and Mrs Lea for the donation of a clarinet.**



## Modern Foreign Languages

A small group of our year 9 linguists had the opportunity to attend the 'Year 9 Modern Languages Open Day' in Queen's College at the University of Oxford. After an interesting and humorous lecture by Dr Ash Asudeh on what a language really is, the students had the opportunity to get the taste of a new language and subtitled a short film in French, Spanish and German. Next they were able to attend a very interesting presentation by Dr Simon Kemp about all possible university degrees that could be done with a language and about what exciting job opportunities are out there for our linguists. To end with, our students were given the opportunity to ask questions to a panel of undergraduate students from Oxford University to help them make their end of year 9 GCSE option choices. It was a very interesting and enjoyable day.



**Please check the website for up to date information. [www.langtreeschool.com](http://www.langtreeschool.com)**

## Food Technology

The food department were delighted to take delivery of pasta makers and food processors that were purchased with money donated by the PTA.

The picture below shows one of the pasta makers in use.

Thank you to the PTA for all the financial support it provides to Langtree School. The support that the PTA provides to Langtree School is invaluable in supporting all students in their learning.

Thank you to all those parents who volunteer their time to organise events. The committee are always looking for new members and for new ideas. Please see the website for ways to contact the PTA:



<http://www.langtreeschool.com/category/community/langtree-pta/>

## Year 9 Design Technology Students

enjoyed a trip The Pitt Rivers Museum in Oxford to start their design work for the Amulet project they will be carrying out in conjunction with the museum during their DT lessons. The Amulets they make will be displayed at The Pitt Rivers Museum for all visitors to view.



## The Langtree Challenge

Once again we were delighted to be able to celebrate with a large group of students their Bronze, Silver or Gold Langtree Challenge Award. 56 Bronze, 36 Silver and 16 Golds awards were handed out at the awards celebration in January.

Libby from Invesco - who along with BP are business supporters of the Langtree Challenge, said of the Challenge. *"As a Girlguiding leader, I am hugely passionate about community work and involvement, and love that the Langtree Challenge awards encourage you all to participate in your school's life and your wider community. As a member of the local business community, I value the skills that the awards promote: being able to demonstrate that you are great at working in a team; can lead when needed; are able to mentor younger students and are can organise events like assemblies, lunchtime clubs and charity fundraisers - these are all skills that are transferrable into the wider world and knowing that you can step up and do these things will stand you in great stead. Lastly, companies value the passion and engagement that it shows when people participate in awards like these. Turning up at school and studying is expected of everyone - going above and beyond what you are supposed to be doing every day to achieve a Challenge Award shows that you are prepared to offer something more of yourself to your school community, and, in time, the organisation for which you work.*

*Congratulations again to everyone who has worked hard to achieve an award tonight - keep up the good work!"*



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## 2017–2018 Term Dates

### February Break – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Start of Term 4
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>End of Term 4</b>
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Inset Day 4</b>
<b>Easter Holiday – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018</b>	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Term 5
Monday 7 <sup>st</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	End of Term 5
<b>May Break – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018</b>	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Start of Term 6
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term 6 (School closes at 12.30 pm)

**The date of an additional inset day during 2017 /2018 is to be confirmed.**

### Absence Requests

Parents may not authorise absence; only schools can do this. Schools may authorise any absence they deem appropriate; conversely, they can refuse to authorise any absence. Parents do not have an automatic right to withdraw students from school for a holiday, and, in law, have to apply for permission in advance. Retrospective approval may not be given. Holidays taken during term time without approval from the Headteacher will be recorded as unauthorised. Removal of your child for a holiday in term time without permission without authorisation from the Headteacher may lead to issuing of fixed penalty notice or even prosecution under section 444 of the Education Act. **What to do:** Requesting absence should be done in writing at least one month prior to the absence. If the child does not return to school after an agreed period, they may be marked as having unauthorised absence. Requests for absence should be made in writing to Mr Holroyd stating the dates of absence and the reason for the absence, the school reserves the right to seek further information about the requested absence. Email requests can be sent to Mr Holroyd via his PA Mrs M Taylor-Lane: mtaylorlane@langtreeschool.com

### **LOST PROPERTY**

When lost property arrives in the school office it is checked for a name. Named lost property is then returned directly to the owner. Unnamed property is kept in the school office in the hope that it will be reclaimed. 2 or 3 times during the school year the unnamed lost property will be made available in the main hall for the students to look through. please help us to return belongings to students by clearly naming all their uniform and other belongings. Thank you.

## 2018 – 2019 Term Dates

<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Inset Day 1</b>
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Start of Term 1 for Year 7 students – Induction Day
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Term 1 starts for all other students
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Sponsored Walk
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Open Evening/students finish at 1.00pm
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>Inset Day 2</b>
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Open morning for prospective parents (9am-12pm)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Open morning for prospective parents (9am-12pm)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival Assembly
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	End of Term 1
<b>October Break – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b>	
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Start of term 2
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Y11 Henley College Taster day and CREATIVITY DAY 1</b>
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Inset Day 3</b>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	7.30pm GCSE Presentation Evening
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Senior Citizens Christmas Party
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term 2 (School closes at 12.30pm)
<b>Christmas Holiday – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b>	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Start of Term 3
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>End of Term 3</b>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Inset Day 4</b>
<b>February Break – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b>	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Start of Term 4
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Creativity Day 2
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>End of Term 4</b>
<b>Easter Holiday – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019</b>	
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Start of Term 5
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	End of Term 5
<b>May Break – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Start of Term 6
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Activities Week Y7 Camp / Y8 France / Y10 Work Ex.</b>
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Sports Day
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term 6 (School closes at 12.30pm)

**Please pay on line for trips & visits rather than by cash or cheque.**

**If you do not have your unique pupil code please email the finance office: [finance@langtreeschool.com](mailto:finance@langtreeschool.com)**

Paying online is quick and convenient and allows you to see what you have paid and any amounts left to pay, particularly useful for school trips. Paying online also helps the school by cutting down the amount of time needed to process the hundreds of cheques we receive. There is a link to the online payment system on the front of the school website.

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