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OX14 LP NEWS



A round up of partnership activity for schools in the OX14 Learning Partnership .



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The OX14 LP is a group of six state and independent schools working in partnership to raise educational aspirations across OX14 by providing opportunities for students and staff to be challenged, inspired and learn from and support each other.

Oxfordshire Academy of Broadcast Journalism

The 2023 season of Oxfordshire Academy of Broadcast Journalism workshops was launched on 23 January, led by professional broadcasters, Olly Hogben and Blythe Lawrence. The launch taster session at Larkmead School attracted over 50 students from across the OX14 learning partnership who were treated to an account of some of the challenges and thrills of a career in broadcast journalism. Olly and Blythe have also run a number of popular virtual online sessions focusing on writing, editing, presenting and media law. We look forward to seeing the work that students create, this will be shared at a celebration event in April.



Students at the launch of the Oxfordshire Academy of Broadcast Journalism

Student collaboration at Challenge days

Last term, 66 students and their teachers came together for the inaugural Business Language challenge. The day was run by experts and industry volunteers from Business Language Champions who aim to 'promote modern foreign languages and cultural cohesion by demonstrating to young students the importance of language skills in the workplace.'

After an inspiring keynote speech from a sales and marketing expert with broad language skills, students worked in mixed teams on a series of challenges in their target languages. Using either French, German or Spanish, they set to work to promote and sell a popular confectionary item. After initial icebreaker activities, they began designing a trade stall, producing an advert and flyer as well as creating their version of the product, before testing their language skills with a real life phone call to a large supplier.

The afternoon saw students working together, sharing their ideas and drawing on their individual and group strengths, then finalising their designs and presenting their ideas to the industry experts.



Teams at the Business Language Challenge

Initial feedback from staff and students showed that they enjoyed the opportunity to work with, and meet, new people as well as getting to be creative. They valued the support of the volunteer linguists who supported them through the day. One student even described the day as 'wunderbar!'

Abingdon Science Partnership hosted a Faraday Challenge day for students. The challenge, run by the Institute of Engineering and Technology, saw students work in teams to design a prototype of their solution to an engineering problem they were asked to solve. Staff and students had a great day and hope to see it on next year's calendar.



Peer Support Lead Students

Careers and University opportunities

There have been a wide range of options to inspire and support students as they think about their futures. Careers talks on Humanities careers, art and design and computing have been well received. Webinars and talks on gap years, international universities and taking an art foundation have also been offered. A new cohort of students have been selected to join the Oxbridge club, an opportunity for students from across the town to find out more about applying to Oxford and Cambridge Universities and hear from alumni. The year started with a fantastic TedX event with talks on AI, virtual reality, quantum science and sustainability. This event provided a platform for students to learn about the fast moving world around them. Sixth form lectures in History, Chemistry and Philosophy have also been included on the busy events calendar.



Through attending the shared lectures I learnt not only about other subjects, but also discovered interests I didn't know I had.

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Leadership Opportunities

Leadership opportunities continue to be a real benefit of the partnership and students enjoy coming together for joint training and shared experiences. The Peer Support Lead programme continues to train sixth form students who support younger students with their wellbeing. Students have enjoyed working together to come up with ideas for supporting others with difficult issues. This term has seen the start of the Academic Coaching programme. Sixth form students have been trained in listening skills and the coaching conversation and will work with younger students to support with academic goals. Coaching is a skill that employers value and will training will provide long term impact.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Mental health and wellbeing support continues to be an integral part of the partnership. The Mental Health and Wellbeing Coordinator works with students and staff to provide support and sign posting as well as training for staff. Earlier in the year James Shone, founder of the charity, 'I Can & I Am' spoke to parents about his work and why he passionately believes that every young person deserves to have good self esteem and self belief. The webinar focused on how parents and families can support children and raise self esteem and confidence.

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DATES FOR THE DIARY:

FEBRUARY

February 9th and weekly on Thursdays - Academic Coaching

February 24 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

The Road to Recovery: Finding Treatments for a pandemic (A talk by Prof Sir Martin Landray)

February 27 @ 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Oxfordshire Academy of Broadcast Journalism: Presenting session 2

MARCH

March 2 @ 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Oxfordshire Academy of Broadcast Journalism: Media law and ethics

March 2 @ 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Professor Aviva Burnstock, The Courtauld Institute: Art meets Science for the technical study of paintings

March 2 @ 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Is Oxbridge for me? Higher Education information event.

March 6 @ 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Oxfordshire Academy of Broadcast Journalism: Audio and Film editing for Journalists

March 7 @ 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

'This isn't going to hurt' - Medic day

March 7 @ 4:15 pm - 5:00 pm

Peer Support Lead Training

March 8 @ 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Othello NT Screening
Amey Theatre

March 14 @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Visit to Diamond Light Source (Invite only)

The Student Forum group meets termly to discuss partnership events and student views



We would like to thank everyone who has taken part in a partnership event or helped to run a programme. Bringing our schools together to collaborate and learn from each other is at the heart of what we do and couldn't happen without staff, students and parents getting involved.