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OX14 LP NEWS



A summary 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.

This isn't going to hurt - Medic day

Aspiring medics from across our schools came together for an inspiring day of medical challenges. From hands on use of surgical instruments, to talks from medical experts, the students enjoyed a day learning about the realities of a job in medicine. Students carried a bleeper and took part in role play scenarios as well as an ITU ward round simulation. This day forms part of a developing programme to inspire and raise aspirations and hopes to support those wishing to study medicine in the future.



Medic day - This isn't going to hurt!

Peer support

The Academic Coaching and Peer Support Lead programmes remain popular among students and staff alike. In both, students are trained in key skills to enable them to support younger students in their schools. The PSLs attend workshops together to learn about mental health support, listening and empathy. Academic Coaches are trained in the coaching conversation. Both take part in safeguarding training before working with younger students to provide another layer of support and a listening ear. Feedback from both programmes has been positive including the feedback below:

'Being a PSL has really helped my collaborative skills as it has allowed me to see different ways of communicating.'

'I valued the bond and rapport I built with my coachee.'

'My coach has been so nice and helpful and supportive to give me the best experience I could get.'



Academic Coaching

Students are keen to take part in these leadership activities to gain skills for the future, make a difference to others and collaborate with young people from other schools. They benefit from quality training and collaborative discussion as part of these programmes.

Model United Nations Conference

This term saw the first Model United Nations Conference for the partnership. Delegates gathered to take part in topical discussions and debate. Model United Nations (MUN) is a simulation of the United Nations where students discuss global issues, build diplomacy skills, and propose solutions. The day had a real buzz as students worked together. Feedback showed that students felt inspired by the day and felt it helped them gain in confidence to speak in front of other people.

Oxbridge Club

Students in Years 11 and 12 have taken part in the Oxbridge club. Sessions have looked at critical thinking, student life and the admissions process and hope to support students with their applications. The main benefit of the club is the opportunity for students to meet peers in other schools with similar aspirations and interests. Discussion and debate are an important part of the group. The group have also benefitted from hearing from current Oxbridge students sharing their experiences.



Oxbridge Club



MUN Conference

Broadcasters of the future

The Oxfordshire Academy of Broadcast Journalism gave students across the partnership an opportunity to learn more about the skills involved in broadcasting. Working with industry professionals, the programme began with a well attended launch event. Over the next few weeks students took part in online workshops on topics such as blogging, presenting and creating a podcast. They also learnt about media law and ethics and shared their work with others. Students enjoyed the opportunity to develop skills for life and have gone on to create some impressive pieces of work.



Students at the launch of the OABJ

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Mental health and wellbeing support continues to be an integral part of the partnership. The MH Coordinator has overseen a variety of events including two

parent webinars, staff training and group sessions on topics such as exam anxiety. The partnership continues to support and work with local mental health charity The Abingdon Bridge.

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DATES FOR THE DIARY:

SEPTEMBER

September 28 @ 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm
[Global negotiations – Cop 28 comes to schools](#)

OCTOBER 2023

October 3 @ 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
[Core training for Peer Support Leads](#)

October 12 @ 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
[In Conversation Event](#)

NOVEMBER 2023

November 7 9 -12.30
[InspirED conference](#)

November 9 @ 9:30 am - 3:00 pm
[Business Language Challenge](#)

9 November 2023 @ 4:00 pm - 4 May 2024 @ 5:00 pm
[Peer Support Lead Training – Location TBC](#)

Please check the website and updates as events are being added regularly