

# OX14 LP NEWS

A summary of partnership activity for schools in the OX14 learning partnership.



InspirED speakers and sixth form students

*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.*

## InspirED Guest Speaker Event

In November, over 300 students from our schools came together for the InspirED event. InspirED was planned in collaboration with colleagues from across the partnership and aimed to inspire and encourage Year 10 students with a diverse range of voices. Key speakers included, Emmy O'Shaugnessy, Deputy CEO and Director of Innovations and Growth at Oxfordshire Youth. She combines a personal experience of the care system with two decades of work in the voluntary sector. Franny Benali MBE, former player for Southampton Football Club has completed 3 ultra endurance challenges in aid of Cancer Research, raising over £1 million. Students were inspired by listening to his experiences of following his passion,

having a vision and pushing through challenges. Professor Ilan Kelman, UCL, talked to students about the impact of their choices and actions with a focus on disaster and health research. Nancy Mudenyoun Hunt, Director and Founder of the Nasio Trust charity spoke about how she began the charity and her continued focus on empowering girls through education. Ely Lassman of educational charity Prometheus on Campus talked about the importance of communication, gaining mental clarity and the power of reading good literature. Themes of ambition, challenge and gratitude ran through the morning. Sixth form student representatives from across the schools introduced the event and shared their experiences and words of wisdom for their younger peers in a final Q & A session. They described events that had changed and challenged them and spoke with insight and maturity. This event was the first in a series of events and is part of a wider programme of activities for students.

### OVERVIEW:

- InspirED
- Peer support
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## Peer support

This term has seen the new cohort of Peer Support Leads in each school take part in shared training and reflection sessions. The role of PSL is a valuable support to school pastoral systems, trained students support younger members of their schools. Training has focused on empathetic listening, supporting mental health issues and understanding the teenage brain. The group enjoy the opportunity to reflect on their experiences together and will go on to take part in further training sessions next term.

## Business Language Challenge



Business Language Challenge

Earlier in the term, 70 students from across schools came together for a business language challenge. Students formed mixed school teams to take part in a variety of activities based around marketing and selling Jelly Babies. After initial icebreakers, teams began by creating a trade stand for their sweets as well as a flyer, all in their chosen foreign language. A highlight of the day was filming a short advert and making a phone call to a business representative for a large supermarket chain. Students enjoyed meeting new people and brushing up on their presentation skills, as well as using their language knowledge to complete the challenges – as many as 97% said they would recommend the day to a friend! Well done to all who took part.

## Academy of Broadcast Journalism

This term saw the relaunch of the Oxfordshire Academy of Broadcast Journalism with record numbers of students attending. The course was introduced by Olly Hogben and Blythe Lawrence, two experts in the world of broadcasting who lead on the course. Sessions will be held online for students to give them a taste of what it takes to create a podcast, write a blog or present in front of the camera. We look forward to seeing what students produce on the course.



Peer Support Lead training



*Getting to talk to younger students, learning from their issues and learning how to listen and respond to them effectively and respectfully.*

*I have enjoyed being able to make a difference.*

*The training provided me with additional knowledge on how to act and what to look out for.*

Peer Support Feedback



## University Support

Students continue to meet for lectures and talks to supplement their studies. Careers talks and University information events are also an important part of the OX14 LP calendar. Groups of students meet termly as Oxbridge club to get support for their applications and personal statements as well as hearing from previous students about their experiences of University. More information about lectures and events can be found on the website.

## Mental Health and Wellbeing

As one of our core aims, mental health and wellbeing support continues to be an important part of the work of the partnership. Mental Health and wellbeing Coordinator, Natalie Hunt, works across schools to facilitate one to one and group student support sessions, assemblies, training for staff and parent information sessions. School staff work together closely to identify relevant themes and areas of support. Topics covered include navigating friendships & peer pressure, communicating consent and the teenage brain. The OX14 LGBTQ+ Inclusion group have continued their development of student engagement & support across the partnership schools.

## Upcoming Dates:

January 2024



16 January 2024 @ 4:15 pm - 5:00 pm  
[Academic Coaching Training – Session 1 Leadership](#)

18 January 2024 @ 8:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
[Lord Vaizey: 'Cultural Policy in the UK'](#)

23 January 2024 @ 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
[Oxbridge Club – Y12 Session 2](#)  
More details to come

23 January 2024 @ 4:15 pm - 5:00 pm  
[Academic Coaching – Training Session 2 The Coaching Conversation](#)

23 January 2024 @ 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm  
[Gap Year Advice Evening Webinar 2024](#)

25 January 2024 @ 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
[Gandhi Lecture – Prof Faisal Devji](#)

29 January 2024 @ 4:10 pm - 5:05 pm  
[Careers Leading from the study of Geography](#)

30 January 2024 @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
[Civil Engineering Challenge morning](#)

30 January 2024 @ 4:15 pm - 5:00 pm  
[Academic Coaching – Training Session 3 Safeguarding](#)



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

**18** different activities

**3974** hours of student experience

**2506** students involved from across six schools



*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 students, staff and parents getting involved.*