

WINTER 2025

OX14 LP NEWS



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.

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



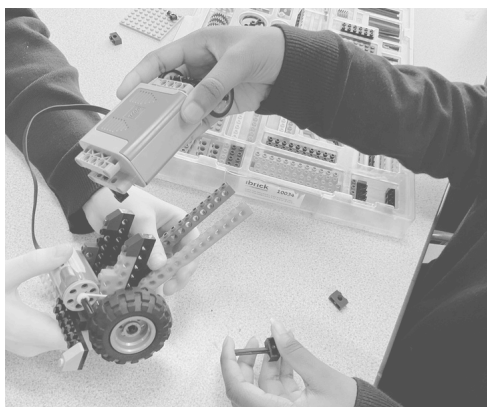
Business Language Challenge Event

STEM Challenge Event Success

Over 100 Year 8 students from across schools recently participated in **ChallengED**, a highly engaging, hands-on STEM Challenge Morning hosted by Larkmead School. Students worked in mixed-school teams on activities delivered by external groups; Space Store and House of Fun. Challenges focussed on developing essential skills in problem-solving, communication, and teamwork. This event provided a valuable opportunity for students to engage creatively with STEM concepts outside of the classroom, with 97% of attendees saying they would recommend the day to a friend. Students particularly enjoyed meeting new people and successfully challenging themselves throughout the morning.



ChallengED STEM Event



Over 75 students took part in the **Business Language Challenge**. Students worked in mixed-school teams to transform the room into an international marketplace, using a foreign language to develop sales pitches, create adverts, and sell products. This challenging day pushed participants to master teamwork and presentation skills. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with 93% of attendees feeling appropriately challenged and praising the opportunity to collaborate and meet new people. Congratulations to all students for their impressive language skills and excellent teamwork!



PSL Training

Sixth form **Peer Support Leads (PSLs)** across our schools have continued their work as mentors this term, providing invaluable support through one-on-one guidance, leading school talks in assemblies, and creating presentations on topics like Anti-Bullying. This term they have attended joint training sessions, where they gained practical strategies for supporting those with anxiety and a deeper understanding of The Teenage Brain. The PSLs meet regularly to refine their skills, ensuring they continue to make a significant and positive impact across our school communities.

Students spent a productive day at the Oxford Town Hall taking part in **OXCOP**. 11 students from across 4 of our schools took part and worked together to represent their countries. One student wrote:

‘Today, at OxCOP, simulating COP30, we gave opening speeches on China and Chile’s environmental progress. We then separated into various committees for unmoderated caucus on our country’s stance on topics such as oceans, energy, development, and ecosystems. Together, we wrote up resolutions which were then formally debated between all students. The day ended with a fascinating speech from Henry Mance, a Chief Features Writer for the Financial Times.’ Another said ‘I found the OXCOP experience to be highly beneficial and extremely enjoyable. I got the opportunity to collaborate with peers from all across the OX14 learning partnership, developing my leadership skills greatly....Overall, I made good friendships and had great fun immersing myself in the life of a COP ambassador.’

Student Voice Group

The newly formed OX14 Learning Partnership **Student Voice Group** held its first meeting this term, uniting Sixth Form students from all our schools. These students are acting as Student Ambassadors to provide vital feedback on the partnership and support its future development. During their initial collaborative session, they suggested key improvements, including the need for increased event awareness and the organisation of even more joint activities between the schools. This group provides a crucial platform for our students to directly shape the partnership's ongoing success.



The **OX14 LP Pride group** met again at the start of the year for a fun games night. We hope to plan more opportunities for the group to meet throughout the year.

Coming up:

- Cross School Academic Coaching between trained Y12 students and younger students
- InspirED - A morning of inspirational guest speakers and workshops for Y10 students
- Oxbridge Club
- Medic Day
- Careers Convention
- Shakespeare Shorts Competition



Check out the website to
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We would like to thank all students and staff who have participated in or helped organise a partnership event so far this year. Bringing our schools together for collaboration and shared learning is fundamental to the OX14 Learning Partnership. We are excited about another year of engaging activities and events ahead. For more details, please read our weekly updates or visit the OX14 Learning Partnership website.