

# SPRING 2026

# 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.



Oxbridge Club

## InspirED: Building the next generation of communicators

The energy was electric at Fitzharrys School as 180 students from across the OX14 Learning Partnership gathered for **InspirED**. Moving away from traditional lectures, the team from Loudspeaker led a high-octane morning of workshops focused on public speaking, networking, and the power of authenticity. From inflatable unicorns to interactive storytelling, students from six different schools connected, laughed, and gained the confidence to use their ‘sincere voices.’ As one participant shared, the day was ‘energising’ and inspired them to be their genuine selves. The second core event of the year, InspirED was an opportunity for students to meet new people, hear from inspiring voices and step outside of their comfort zones.



InspirED Y10 Event



Academic Coaching

Now in its sixth year, **Academic Coaching** Programme has fostered powerful peer-to-peer connections across the partnership. Over 70 Sixth Formers were trained in the art of the coaching conversation, before being paired with younger students seeking support. Weekly sessions focussed on open questioning to help students work on their personal targets. This unique programme not only provides targeted support and confidence for younger coachees but also equips our Sixth Formers with high level interpersonal skills that are invaluable for university and future careers.



This isn't Going to Hurt Medic Day

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. Joint training sessions this term have covered peer mentoring in the workplace and opportunity for reflection on experiences and discussion around tricky scenarios. As our PSLs head into their exams we look forward to recruiting the new cohort. We would like to thank the existing PSLs for all their hard work, care and support over the last year.

## Future Doctors Take the Lead at 'This Isn't Going to Hurt' Medic Day

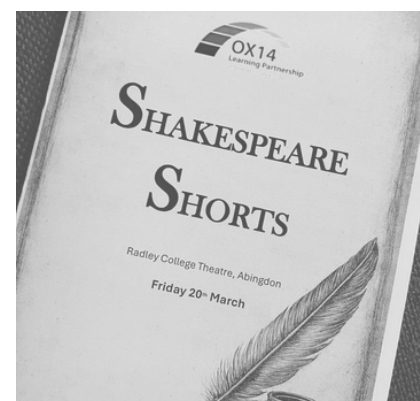
Earlier in the term, 30 aspiring medics from across our schools attended the annual 'This Isn't Going to Hurt' event at Radley College. The day provided a realistic and inspiring dive into the medical profession through hands-on workshops in clinical skills, including suturing and patient immobilisation. Guided by experienced healthcare professionals, students explored various medical specialties while building supportive networks with like-minded peers. This collaborative event not only sharpened their practical skills but also strengthened their confidence as they navigate the challenging pathways toward medical school. We look forward to seeing these dedicated students succeed in their future careers! The well attended **Careers Convention** and **Medic/Vet** event also supported students with their Career aspirations.

Shakespeare Shorts

## Shakespeare Shorts

The Fifth Annual Shakespeare Shorts Inter-School Drama competition saw three partnership schools perform a variety of monologues and duologues. This event aim to extend literacy beyond the classroom while helping students develop their oracy and public speaking skills.

Finalists participated in a workshop and show led by visiting actor Edward Bennett, gaining practical experience from a professional in the field. The event also featured a group ensemble performance of *The Tempest* by Fitzharrys students, and the event was a showcase for effective collaboration and engagement.



The **Oxbridge Club** brought together Year 11 and 12 students interested in making aspirational university applications. Sessions included presentations from Oxbridge leads and groupwork on tasks. The goal of the club is to provide clear guidance and support for those aiming for high-level academic pathways.

The **OX14 LP Pride group** has held two social sessions which included quizzes, games and badgemaking. This group provides an inclusive space for students to make friends and have fun.

## Coming up:

- SupportED - Wellbeing event for Y9s
- Futures Fair
- PSl Initial Training
- Ulitmate Frisbee Y7
- OX14 Pride BBQ

*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 the engaging activities and events ahead. For more details, please read our weekly updates or visit the OX14 Learning Partnership website.*



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