

Friday 21st September 2018

Oxford University Open Day trip.



Fourteen Year 10 pupils were inspired to think about their futures with a trip to Oxford University's open day. They had college tours by current students looking at libraries, student rooms and Junior Common Rooms with the opportunity to quiz their guides about what life is really like at university. They then split into two groups; one groups of those interested in Humanities looking at the History, Music and English Departments whilst the Scientists toured the Chemistry laboratories and explored the different aspects of Engineering including an activity balancing the energy supplies and needs of the UK.



It was a brilliant day and really encouraged the pupils to think about their academic futures beyond school just before they start their GCSEs. They all said that the day gave them a good glimpse of university life and opened their minds to many potential avenues and career options they could pursue.

International Day of Peace

Emily (Year 9) read this Hindu Text in Meeting for Worship this morning

May there be peace in the heavens, peace in the atmosphere, peace on the earth. Let there be coolness in the water, healing in the herbs and peace radiating from the trees. Let there be harmony in the planets and in the stars, and perfection in eternal knowledge. May everything in the universe be at peace. Let peace pervade everywhere, at all times. May I experience that peace within my own heart.



Keeping in touch

Now that the start of term is well and truly underway, it would seem timely to remind parents of the different mobile platforms Sibford School uses to share news and events.



Social Media: It is estimated that more than 40 per cent of the population use social media ... and Sibford School is no exception. You can follow us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram ~ links to all three can be found on the homepage of the website www.sibfordschool.co.uk so do feel free to like and share what we are up to.



The D6 School Communicator App: This is a stand-alone application designed to simplify school-parent communication, the beauty being you can personalise the information you receive. So, for example, if the school is closed due to adverse weather conditions, everyone will be alerted via the app. However, if the coach bringing Year 7 pupils home from a visit is stuck in traffic, only parents with pupils in Year 7 will receive the news. To install visit: <https://d6.co.za/education/downloads/> then go to 'Personalise' tab and select the relevant channels for you and your children.\



Classlist: this is a free, private social network that lets school parents achieve more in less time. Effectively it's a virtual school gate where you can connect securely with other parents in the school and in particular those with children in the same year group as your own. To download click on the link of the Parent/Pupil section of school the website.



**Junior School
Open Morning**

Saturday 22 September
10.30am - 12 noon



Our Early Years, Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2 School is hosting an Open Morning tomorrow, if any friends or neighbours are looking for Junior education do let them know. As well as show rounds there will be activities for any visiting youngsters and we'll also be serving breakfast baps!

Unplanned Absence:

If a child is unable to attend school due to illness, parents are requested to either telephone the school or email absence@sibfordschool.co.uk by 09.00am on each day of absence.

The telephone call must then be followed by a written letter or email to the child's tutor explaining reasons for the absence. Where an absence is expected to last for more than three days a letter should be sent to the school, this should be accompanied by a doctor's certificate for a prolonged absence from school.

NSEA Inter School Show Jumping Qualifier at Rectory Farm

Well done to our school equestrian team who took part in this event on Saturday, special mention goes to Maizey who came 2nd in the 80cm class. We're looking forward to seeing the team in action again at the Beachborough Eventer Challenge next month. Well done to all involved!



We had a visit from Oliver King who has recently graduated from Oxford University with First Class Honours in Physics. The Year 13 physicists had the chance to chat to Oliver about what university is like, the application process and careers in science. After lunch we held an open session for KS4 and 5 students interested in space. Thomas Kitchen opened proceedings asking the question 'Does gravity affect the ageing process?' This question led on to a discussion about worm holes, black holes, dark energy, the Fermi paradox and many other things. It was great to hear Oliver's explanation for some of the questions; there is still such a lot we don't know about the Universe. Thomas closed the session asking Oliver who he preferred Captain Kirk or Captain Picard, which caused great amusement when Oliver told us (looking across at him Mum, Frances King) that he hadn't watched Star Trek when he was growing up! (PS It's Captain Picard!)

Cath Harding, Head of Science.



Sibford sport off to a great start

We have enjoyed a successful first week of fixtures for the Sibford School teams; it has been fantastic to see so many pupils across the whole school participating in team sports. We started last Thursday with the U15 hockey team who took on a competitive Tudor Hall team -working tirelessly to finish with a closely contested draw. At the beginning of this week, we commenced a full schedule of fixtures for all teams and age groups.



The U12A, U13A and U12/13B teams travelled to Kingham for their first hockey matches of the season and for some their first time playing for the school. It was fantastic to see a good standard of play at such an early stage with the U12A and U13A teams getting their first wins and the U12/13B with a closely fought loss. The U12s began their season with an impressive performance. There were some fine individual performances particularly from Will, Josh and Ryan in the pack; Samba and Harry showed enough to suggest they will form a solid half back pairing. Well done boys a solid start to the season.

The senior hockey team played a 7 a-side training match against Shipston High. With many students out on a Geography trip this was a great opportunity for the remaining players to get some much-needed match play and fitness. Sibford finished with a convincing win. POM- Anoushka

Unfortunately, due to the wet weather yesterday, the second U15 hockey match was called off but the U14 and U15 rugby fixtures went ahead. The Year 9 boys rugby team recorded a comprehensive win with the team running in 6 tries and conceding none, it was too tight to pick one player of the match. Mila, Silas, Max and Ollie produced some outstanding rugby and Fox led the team exceptionally well as captain. The U15 boys also ran out with a convincing win with Joe, Dan and Kim excelling as forwards and Tane, Billy and Joseph controlling the backs. Tom R scored two tries on his debut.

