



## 2023–24: Term 2 Overview

Our Overview newsletters are designed to contain the key information you'll need each term.

Briefing on curriculum content, extra-curricular opportunities, current school messages and more, parents and carers can use this outline to support students and help them succeed at school.

## Learning

### ENGLISH:

#### **Lord of the Flies** with English Language Paper 1

Students will learn to explore theme and character and to comment on their development throughout the novel. Students will learn to analyse the language and structure of an extract, and to evaluate a critical opinion based on an extract. Students will learn to write creatively to a brief.

### MATHS:

Individual class focus for this term:

- **Miss Morgan & Mrs Payne's class:** *Pythagoras & Trigonometry, Angles, Algebra, and 3D shapes.*
- **Miss Keeble's class:** *Ratio & Proportion, and Pythagoras & Trigonometry.*
- **Mr Smytheman's class:** *Ratio & Proportion.*
- **Mr Whitley's class:** *Ratio & Proportion.*
- **Mr Poolman's class:** *Percentages, and Ratio & Proportion.*

### SCIENCE:

#### **Triple Science**

In **Biology**, students will be studying communicable diseases focusing on their transmission and symptoms. They will also look at how disease can be prevented through treatment such as vaccination.

In **Chemistry**, students will study molar calculations as well as completing key practicals such as titrations. They will also study electrolysis and how this can be used to extract aluminium from the ore bauxite.

In **Physics**, students will study a range of different electrical components in circuits and study the topic of UK mains electricity, its safe use, and the transmission of electricity from the power station to the consumer.

#### **Combined Science**

In Combined Science, students will study a **Physics** topic looking at UK mains electricity, its safe use, and the transmission of electricity from the power station to the consumer. They will also cover **Chemistry** topics looking at reactivity and making salts as well as chemical calculations and conservation of mass.

### PSHE:

*Celebrating Difference* – Students will explore what equality means in the UK. The benefits of a multicultural society, the power dynamics in relationships, and the challenges of inequality will be covered. They will also gain insights into how health can impact life opportunities, and the importance of taking responsibility for one's wellbeing.

For a full breakdown of curriculum content for all subjects, visit our [Curriculum Maps](#) page on the school website.

## Key Contacts

Head of Key Stage 4: **Mr M O'Neill**

KS4 Student Wellbeing Managers:

**Miss R David & Miss K Carmichael**

Assistant Head, Personal Development: **Mr M Davies**

## Useful Links

Revision Resources [Padlet](#)

Post-16 Choices [Padlet](#)

Adviza Careers [Portal](#)

School Website [Careers pages](#)

# Aspiration

## INFORMATION REPORT

This term, Year 10 students will receive Information Reports. These will give feedback on attainment and progress but will not include a written comment from teachers. They present a good opportunity to review the targets that were set to be completed in your child's last report and see if they have had an impact on progress or confidence.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 10 start their work experience journey this week with an assembly introducing the programme. This assembly will give students an idea of how to organise a work placement and what the experience will entail. Details will follow.

## UPCOMING POST-16 OPEN EVENINGS

It's never too early to start exploring ideas for next steps after the GCSE exams. This term, there are several open evenings that your child could attend to get inspiration for post-16 study. The links below provide more details:

- **Abingdon & Witney College:** Abingdon Campus Open Day, Wednesday 1st November 2023, 3.30pm–7pm
- **City of Oxford College:** Open Day, Wednesday 15th November 2023, 4.30pm–7.30pm
- **JMF6 Abingdon:** Open Evening – Fitzharrys School site – Thursday 23rd November 2023

# Opportunity

## CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

A reminder our [extra-curricular offer](#) is online and is regularly updated. Why not try a new club or activity this term?

## PERIOD 6: STUDY SUPPORT

Key Stage 4 students are welcome to use the upper school space in East block after school to revise or complete homework. There are computers, revision guides and exam past papers to aid study. This is a great opportunity for students to help each other with revision and to develop and nurture independence.

## KS4 WELLBEING CHRISTMAS QUIZ

The first of three KS4 wellbeing events will be our second annual Christmas Quiz, taking place on Monday 18th December after school (timings TBC). All students are welcome to join and form teams for a range of rounds. Food will be provided and there will be prizes to win! Main contact: Mr O'Neill [moneill@fitzharrys.school](mailto:moneill@fitzharrys.school)

# Integrity

## CHILDREN IN NEED – NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY

There will be a non-school uniform day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November in aid of Children in Need. The school council has set the contribution at £1 per student participating, and donations will be collected via ParentMail accounts. Students may bring and wear an appropriate alternative PE kit for their PE lesson if they wish to do so. We are grateful for the support of parents and carers in reminding students that jewellery is not permissible for health and safety reasons.

## FOODBANK COLLECTION

In the lead up to Christmas, we will once again be collecting items for [Abingdon Foodbank](#) to support their aim to combat poverty and hunger, bringing emergency food and support to local people who are referred to them in crisis. Donations can be brought to form tutors at the start of December. Further details will be shared in assemblies and via email in due course. The school will deliver donations to the food bank before the end of term.

## FLU VACCINATIONS

Flu vaccinations are being offered to Year 7–11 students at school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. An email with full details and a link to an online registration form was sent out on 19<sup>th</sup> October – please ensure this is completed ASAP if you would like your child to receive this vaccination at school.

## FITZHARRYS COMMUNITY: CHRISTMAS EVENTS

We are looking forward to bringing the wider school community together for our annual **Carol Concert** at Trinity Church on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm. This is not a ticketed event; all are welcome to come along to join in the festivities on the night. We hope you will also join us for this year's **Staff Panto**, being planned for Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm; ticket information to follow. Save the dates! Communications regarding both events will follow later this term.

## Key Dates

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 3.30–7pm  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 4.30–7.30pm  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 5–7pm  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm start  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 7–8.30pm  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December, (times TBC)  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January

Abingdon & Witney College Open Evening (Abingdon site)  
City of Oxford College Open Evening  
*Children in Need* – Non-School Uniform Day  
JMF6–Abingdon Open Evening (Fitzharrys School site)  
INSET Day; school closed to students  
Flu Vaccinations  
Inter-House Cross Country Competition Week (in PE lessons)  
Carol Concert – Trinity Church  
Staff Panto (doors 6.30pm, start 7pm)  
KS4 Christmas Quiz (after school)  
End of Term 2 (school closes at 1.10pm)  
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY  
INSET DAY; school closed to students  
Start of Term 3 (Week B)

## News

School Website: [Home page](#)  
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Twitter: [@fitzharrys](#)

## Queries

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to [contact](#) the school.

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