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OX14 LP NEWS

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



Wordcloud from feedback of our Academic Coaching Programme

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.


Student Leadership in Action

Peer Support Lead Programme

This year's cohort of Peer Support Leads has been made up of over 50 Y13s from across the partnership. As their time in position comes to an end they had a chance to meet with representatives from two amazing local charities working in the realm of mental health support. The Abingdon Bridge provides wellbeing support for children and young people aged 13 – 25 through a number of different ways including counselling and group work. One Eighty was set up to support and engage young people to live motivated and successful lives through psychological and evidence-based approaches and works closely with local schools. Students worked in groups to discuss scenarios they had experienced in their time being a PSL and shared ideas of how to provide support. Some of these focussed on balancing work pressures, making friends, family issues, anxiety and stress. PSLs were encouraged to reflect on the impact they have had on the people they have worked with. They will all have made a difference to a young person's life and have helped provide a safe space.

It was a pleasure to work with these charities who shared their expertise and experience. We look forward to working together in the future to continue our focus on wellbeing and support.

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Academic Coaching

Last term saw students from across our schools take part in the Academic Coaching programme. This has been running for several years and is an opportunity for sixth form students to take part in Coaching training before working with younger students. The training sessions focus on leadership and using the coaching conversation as part of a coaching process. In recent weeks the Coaches have worked with a coachee, supporting them to achieve their goals and academic targets. Conversations have focussed on revision techniques, meetings deadlines, dealing with difficult concepts amongst other areas. The Coaches have supported their coachees to find strategies they can use though effective questioning and building a rapport. The cookies each week have also been popular!

Medic Taster day

Aspiring medics enjoyed an action packed day of practical workshops and gained insight into what it takes to be a medical professional. This isn't Going to hurt, hosted by Radley College, allowed students to learn from experts in a host of medical fields and take part in real life scenarios. From ward rounds to sutures, bleep calls and using a back board, students were inspired to challenge themselves as they took part. This exciting day was a hit with all those who took part and we hope it has motivated them to continue on their journey into medicine.



Medic taster Day



I really enjoyed it, it made me more confident!

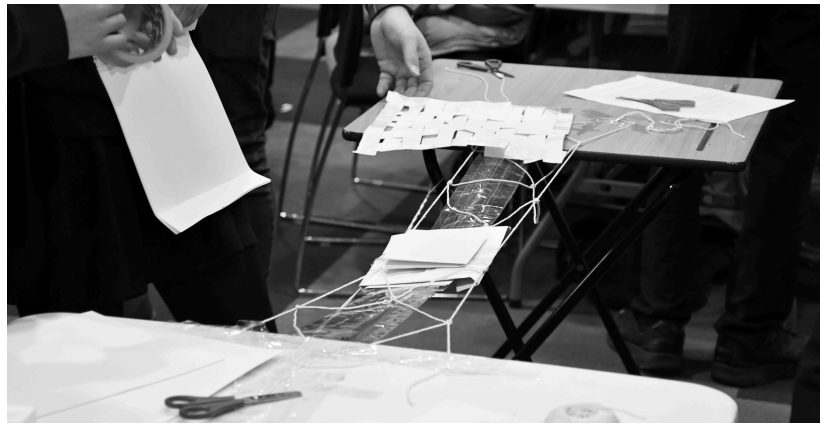
It was very enlightening and rewarding.

It has been a really valuable experience.

Peer Support Lead Feedback



Civil Engineering Challenge



Civil Engineering Challenge Day

Earlier in the term Year 9 students worked together on a lively and competitive design challenge. Led by Civil Engineering company MJA Consulting, the mixed school teams worked to design a bridge out of paper, sellotape and string. With input from industry professionals, students also found out more about routes into this area of engineering and enjoyed meeting new people. The results were impressive and the weight test surprised everyone. The structures were varied and innovative and impressed the judges with their strength. Challenge days like this bring students together to share ideas, and collaborate on real life activities. Students value the collaborative aspect with feedback showing that 100% would recommend the day to a friend.

Arts partnerships

Students have enjoyed taking part in the Oxfordshire Academy of Broadcast Journalism. Online sessions on a variety of topics have encouraged them to develop their skills in areas such as blogging, presenting and creating podcasts. Working with industry professionals from the field has allowed participants to gain insight into the world of media. The newly developed Shakespeare Shorts competition brought Year 9 students together to perform monologues or duologues of their choosing after heats in their own school. This interschool drama competition aims to extend knowledge of literacy beyond the curriculum, and strengthen and develop oracy and performance skills, as well as facilitating an opportunity for Partnership Schools to come together in a practical setting. The Grand final was an impressive event with adjudicator and actor, Jake Fairbrother

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University Support

This year has seen the continuation of Oxbridge club for students to work together on challenges and big questions to help prepare for an application. Additional lectures on topics such as Astronomy and World War 2 provide students with a further layer of knowledge to support their studies. Events such as the Gap Year Advice evening, Medics, Vets, Dentists and Physios talk and Careers using Geography panel have seen students inspired to explore different avenues. We look forward to welcoming students to the upcoming Futures Fair with over 25 Universities represented.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

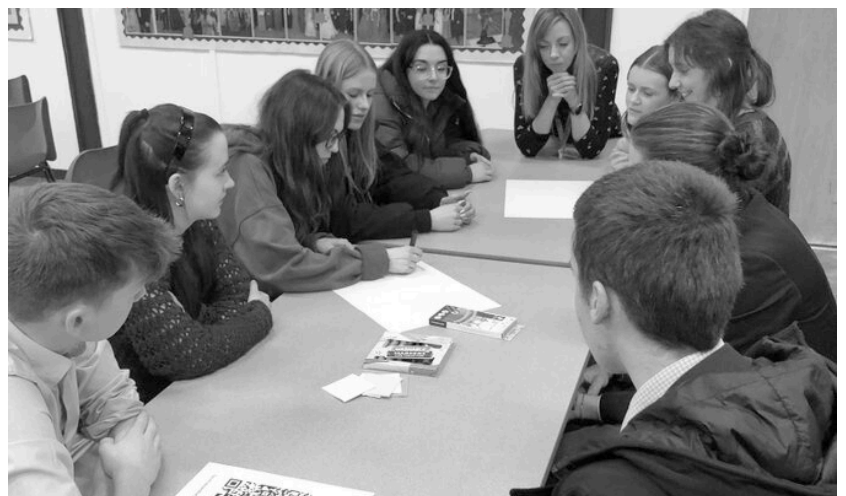
Across the partnership we endeavour to support the mental health and wellbeing of our students. Mental Health and wellbeing Coordinator, Natalie Hunt works across our schools to facilitate student support sessions, workshops, assemblies, training for staff and parent webinars. School staff work together closely to identify relevant themes and areas of support. A recent parent webinar looked at how to support your child to keep safe at parties. 1 to 1 and group support sessions are available to students who benefit from additional wellbeing support.

Upcoming Dates:

- April 18 @ 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Keeping Safe at Parties - Parent webinar
- April 23 @ 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Peer Support in the workplace
- April 23 @ 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Futures Fair
- April 30 @ 9:00 am - 1:00 pm ChallengED
- May 7 @ 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Chemistry, Cooking and Chocolate - Guest speaker event Josh Smalley
- May 14 @ 9:00 am - 3:00 pm IET Faraday Challenge
- June 11 @ 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Oxbridge Club - Y11 Session 3
- June 20 @ 9:00 am - 1:00 pm SupportED
- July 2nd @ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Model United Nations Event



Please see the website for more information



37  activities and events

3015 students involved from across six schools

 **5223** hours of student experience



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.