



Our Overview newsletters 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

For a full breakdown of curriculum content for all subjects, visit our [Curriculum Maps](#) webpage.

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 Price's class: *3D Shapes and Sequences and Graphs*

Mr Poolman's, Mrs Twyford's, and Mr Whitley's classes: *Ratio & Proportion*

Mr Smytheman's class: *Quadratic related Algebra skills, 3D Shapes (Surface Area and Volume)*

TRIPLE SCIENCE:

In **Biology**, students will be studying how disease can be prevented through treatment such as vaccination, and the use of monoclonal antibodies in detecting disease.

In **Chemistry**, students will study molar calculations as well as complete 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.

CORE PE:

In Core PE lessons, all Key Stage 4 students will have continued opportunities to enjoy competitive or semi-competitive activity. We encourage students to embrace their core PE lessons and participate with good effort and spirit. Students will be able to choose an activity from a range of Core PE activities on offer.

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.

News

School Website: [Home page](#)
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Key Contacts

Head of Key Stage 4: **Mr M O'Neill**
Deputy Head of Key Stage 4: **Dr S Ouvry**
KS4 Student Wellbeing Managers:
Miss R David & Miss L Higgins
Assistant Head, Personal Development: **Mr J Clelland**

Useful Links

School Website [Careers pages](#)
School Website [Exams Office page](#)
School Website [Revision page](#)
Revision Resources [Padlet](#)
Post-16 Choices [Padlet](#)

Aspiration

INFORMATION REPORT

This term, Year 10 students will receive Information Reports. These give feedback on attainment and progress but do not contain a written comment from teachers (comments are included in term 5's Progress Checks, following the Year 10 mock exams). Information Reports 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. These reports will include the students' GCSE targets. For more detail about target setting, visit our [Reports](#) webpage.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 10 students will complete a Work Experience placement from Monday 7th to Friday 11th July. They are currently busy researching local employers for their work placement as students must find a placement themselves. We will soon have an online resource called Unifrog that will help to manage administration around Work Experience. Students and parents will be set up with an account. We plan to hold an Information Evening to let parents know how they can support this programme. We will confirm the time and date for this by email soon.

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: These upcoming open days would be useful events for students to attend to explore the options on offer:

- Wednesday 6th November, 3.30-7pm [Abingdon and Witney College Open Day](#) (Abingdon campus)
- Wednesday 13th November, 3.30-7pm [Abingdon and Witney College Open Day](#) (Witney campus)
- Wednesday 20th November, 4-7pm [Bicester Construction Skills Centre Open Evening](#)
- Wednesday 20th November, 4.30-7.30pm [City of Oxford College Open Evening](#) (City Centre site)
- Thursday 28th November, 5-7pm [JMF6 \(John Mason and Fitzharrys sixth form\) Open Evening](#) (John Mason site)

SUPER CURRICULAR CHALLENGES

Our subject leaders have put together some ideas for extra challenges and enrichment opportunities that students could undertake, to sit alongside their studies this term: see our [Super-Curricular Challenges – Term 2 list](#).

CAREERS FAIR

We are hosting a Careers Fair during the school day on Thursday 5th December. A variety of employers and training providers from our local community will set up stalls in the hall; organisations already booked to attend include universities, colleges, and the NHS. Students will have the opportunity to informally speak to employers about their business and potential job roles, apprenticeships, and pathways into employment and training.

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?

KS4 WELLBEING CHRISTMAS QUIZ

The first of three KS4 wellbeing events will be our annual Christmas Quiz, scheduled to take place on Tuesday 17th December after school, from 3.45-6.30pm. 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

Integrity

PASTORAL TEAM – CONTACT INFORMATION

The Key Stage 4 team now have a shared mailbox. If you need to contact the school regarding any pastoral or behavioural matters, please email: FHS-KS4Team@fitzharrys.school and one of the team (Mr O'Neill, Dr Ouvry, Mrs Higgins or Ms David) will respond as soon as possible.

CHILDREN IN NEED – NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY

There will be a non-school uniform day on Friday 15th 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 need to be brought to form tutors by the start of December. Further details will be shared in assemblies and via ParentMail soon. The school will deliver donations to the foodbank before the end of term.

FITZHARRYS COMMUNITY: CHRISTMAS EVENTS

We regret to announce there will be no Fitzharrys' Staff Panto this year, but there are already plans afoot for it to return in December 2025. We are looking forward to bringing the wider school community together for our annual **Carol Concert** at Trinity Church on Tuesday 10th December, 7pm. This is not a ticketed event; all are welcome to come along to join in the festivities on the night. More details will follow later this term.

FLU VACCINATIONS

Flu vaccinations are being offered to Year 7-11 students at school on Friday 13th December. An email with full details including a **letter with a link to the online registration form** was sent out on Wednesday 23rd October – please ensure this is completed ASAP if you would like your child to receive this vaccination at school.

Key Dates

Wednesday 6 th November, 3.30-7pm	Abingdon & Witney College Open Evening (Abingdon site)
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Friday 15 th November	<i>Children in Need</i> – Non-School Uniform Day
Wednesday 20 th November, 4-7pm	Bicester Construction Skills Centre Open Evening
Wednesday 20 th November, 4.30-7.30pm	City of Oxford College Open Evening (City Centre site)
Thursday 28 th November, 5-7pm	JMF6-Abingdon Open Evening (John Mason site)
Thursday 5 th December	All Years – Careers Fair
Tuesday 10 th December, 7pm start	Carol Concert – Trinity Church
Friday 13 th December	Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 17 th December (3.45-6.30pm)	KS4 Christmas Quiz
Friday 20 th December	End of Term 2 (school closes at 1.10pm)
Monday 23 rd December – Friday 3 rd January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Monday 6 th January	Start of Term 3 (Week B)

Queries

Please **contact** the school with any queries | Email: office.4127@fitzharrys.school | Phone: **01235 520698**