



# The Oxford School

## SECONDARY NEWSLETTER



### **OCTOBER** EDITION **2024**

Welcome to the second edition of the official Secondary newsletter at Oxford School.

**A Month of Learning Adventures!**

The Secondary School Newsletter provides updates on student activities and initiatives. It also serves as a platform to celebrate the achievements and progress of both students and staff within the Secondary School.

**We value your feedback!**



# Message from the **Head of Secondary**

**Dear Parents,**

Hold onto your hats—October has been a whirlwind of excitement at Oxford School! We kicked things off with our adventurous trip to Najah 2024, the biggest higher education fair in Dubai. Our Year 11, 12, and 13 students transformed into future scholars, mingling with representatives from over 100 universities. If enthusiasm were a currency, we'd be rich!

Adding to the excitement, we also celebrated our Leadership Ceremony this month. It was inspiring to see our students step into their roles as leaders, showcasing their talents and commitment to our school community. These young leaders are ready to make waves!

But wait, there's more! Our budding Einsteins also dove into hands-on workshops focused on artificial intelligence. Who knew that robots could inspire such excitement? Our students left with not just knowledge, but also the confidence to tackle the tech world head-on!

As we wrap up this action-packed month, we want to thank you for your unwavering support. Here's to more adventures ahead—because at Oxford, learning is always an exciting journey!

Educationally Yours,

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# THE TEAM 2024-2025

## Oxford School Students Shine at New Generation World Majlis Program Dubai

We are thrilled to announce that our students have advanced to the second round of the prestigious New Generation World Majlis program, organised by Expo Education. Competing against 60 students from across Dubai, Suhail Nadir Al Tamimi Year 12 selected for the next round. He showcased exceptional talent and made us proud. This achievement is a testament to their dedication and our commitment to fostering excellence. Well done, team!



## Leams Interschool Advertisement and Marketing Competition. A Proud Achievement!

On 24th September, eight talented students from Year 12 and Year 9 represented The Oxford School at the Leams Interschool Advertisement and Marketing Competition hosted by Apple International School. With remarkable creativity and vision, the team presented an innovative AI-powered app designed to revolutionise healthcare. Their app allows patients to connect virtually with doctors, enabling swift diagnoses and seamless progress monitoring, bridging the gap between clinics, hospitals, and patients through advanced technology.

This forward-thinking proposal captured the attention of the judges, earning our team a well-deserved 2nd position in the Senior category. We are incredibly proud of their achievement and their brilliant ideas that highlight the potential of technology in shaping the future of healthcare. Well done to all involved!



# 4th Interschool Oxford School Islamic Festival 2024-2025

## A Memorable Success.

On 10th October 2024, The Oxford School proudly hosted the 4th Interschool Islamic Festival, with participation from LEAMS schools. The event began with an inspiring lecture by Imam Ayaz Iftehar, reminding students of their roles as believers and learners. Competitions included a Qiraat recitation, an Islamic Exhibition, and an Islamic Quiz, with students showcasing their knowledge and skills. The event was judged by Ms Mona Khaled and Ms Asma, and honoured by LEAMS Director Ms. Hajera Laher. The festival not only boosted participants' confidence but also deepened their understanding of Islamic teachings.



OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

## Annual Islamic Debate 2024–2025: The Dual Nature of Social Media

On October 3rd, 2024, The Oxford School's Islamic Department hosted an insightful debate on the topic "The Dual Nature of Social Media: Blessing or Curse." Year 12 and 13 students engaged in a lively discussion, presenting both sides of the argument with strong Islamic references.

The proposition team highlighted the global connectivity and sharing of Islamic teachings through social media, while the opposition raised concerns about its negative impact on mental health and privacy, emphasising how it can contradict Islamic values.

The debate fostered critical thinking and public speaking skills, with participants impressing the judges and audience alike. Winners received medals and certificates, and the event successfully encouraged thoughtful reflection on a contemporary issue through an Islamic perspective.



## Participation in MASE by GMU

The 18th Annual Inter-school Medical, Science, Arts and Humanities Exhibition (MASE) is a significant event hosted by Gulf Medical University (GMU) in Ajman, UAE. This exhibition serves as a platform for students from various schools to showcase their innovative projects and creative talents in fields such as medicine, science, arts, and humanities.

This year, students from year 11, including Manish Dhakal, Pravindu Shenul, and Suleiman Saqib, participated by developing an impressive nurse aide robotics project. This robot is designed to assist patients by delivering medication at specified times. A notable feature of the robot is its colour detection sensor, which identifies the necessary medication based on colour, ensuring that patients receive the correct treatment.

Celebrating the achievements of our budding scientists!



## Leadership Ceremony A Proud and Graceful Occasion

On the 15th of October, we gathered to celebrate one of the most anticipated events of the school year – our Leadership Ceremony. This graceful occasion marked the moment when our newly appointed student leaders officially took on their roles and responsibilities. The atmosphere was filled with pride and hope as the students stepped forward to take the leadership oath, pledging to uphold the values of our school and serve their peers with integrity and commitment. Our new student leaders have shown exceptional promise, and we are confident they will rise to the occasion, serving as role models and ambassadors of our core values.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the students who were entrusted with leadership roles. We look forward to seeing them lead with passion, vision, and dedication to making positive contributions to our school and beyond.

We wish them all the success in their journey as leaders!

## Love for Arabic Language

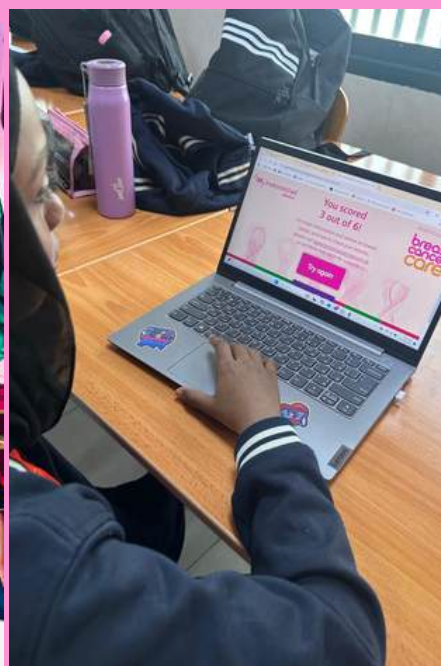
We are delighted to share the success of our recent Arabic Writing Competition! Our students showcased their creativity and language skills through impressive writing skills.

A heartfelt thank you to our enthusiastic Arabic team for their dedication and effort in making this competition a memorable experience for all!



## **Pink Day Celebration: Raising Cancer Awareness**

The Oxford School marked Pink Day in solidarity with cancer awareness on 22nd October. Students from Years 7, 8, and 9 attended an insightful lecture by a doctor from NMC Hospital, raising awareness about cancer prevention and early detection. In addition, students designed thoughtful posters during their art classes, participated in a meaningful assembly, and engaged in a bake sale. To show their support, they wore pink bands, uniting as a school community for this important cause. It was a day filled with learning, creativity, and compassion





## Career Pathway Induction Programme

On 30th September 2024, The Oxford School hosted a Career Pathway Induction Programme for Year 9, 10, and 11 parents' community. The event provided insights into selecting suitable career paths, subject selection guidelines, and strategies for effective profile building. Attendees also received information on foundation courses and had the opportunity to meet alumni who shared valuable experiences. The programme was highly successful, with positive feedback from parents, offering a great platform for making informed career decisions.



## Science Projects

Our students have been exploring scientific concepts through hands-on projects, enhancing their understanding of real-world applications. One group studied the application of thermal expansion in iconic structures like the Eiffel Tower, observing how its height changes due to temperature variations. Another project focused on specialised cells, where students learned about cells such as red blood cells, neurons, and muscle cells, highlighting their roles in the human body. Our students delved into Satellite research, investigating cellular growth and communication, crucial for understanding diseases and regenerative medicine. These projects foster critical thinking and a practical understanding of complex scientific principles.





## **IDP Career Fair at Apple International School**

Year 13 students from The Oxford School attended the IDP Career Fair at Apple International School on 1st October 2024. The event, featuring over 30 top universities from the UK, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and Ireland, provided an invaluable platform for students to explore higher education opportunities. It allowed our students to engage directly with university representatives, gain insights into various programs, and get their questions answered about future academic prospects. Such events continue to enrich our students' college and career readiness.

## **Najah 2024:**

### **Empowering Future Leaders**

**On October 7, 2024**, Year 11, 12, and 13 students from Oxford School attended Najah 2024, the largest higher education fair in Dubai, held at the Dubai World Trade Centre. Organised in partnership with the UAE Ministry of Education, this event featured over 100 renowned universities, allowing our students to explore local and international higher education opportunities. In addition to university interactions, students participated in hands-on workshops focused on artificial intelligence, enhancing their skills and understanding of emerging technologies.

Najah 2024 was a valuable experience, equipping our students with the insights needed for informed decisions about their educational and career paths. Here are some highlights from the event!



# Board Exam Online Support Hub

The Oxford School is proud to offer the Board Exam Online Support Hub for secondary students, providing 24/7 access to expert guidance, study materials, and interactive sessions. This initiative is designed to support students as they prepare for their board exams with personalised advice and resources, including live webinars, Q&A sessions, and comprehensive exam materials. Sign up today to make the most of this valuable opportunity to boost your exam performance!



ATTENTION PLEASE



## BOARD EXAM ONLINE SUPPORT HUB

**WHO CAN JOIN?  
ALL STUDENTS PREPARING FOR BOARD EXAMS**

**Ace your Board Exams!  
Struggling with Board Exam Prep?  
We've Got You Covered!**



**Online Support:** Get help anytime from our expert teachers and mentors.

**Comprehensive Resources:** Access study materials, past papers, and exam guides.

**Interactive Sessions:** Join live webinars, Q&A sessions, and online study groups in MSTeams.

**Personalized Guidance:** Receive tailored advice to boost your performance.



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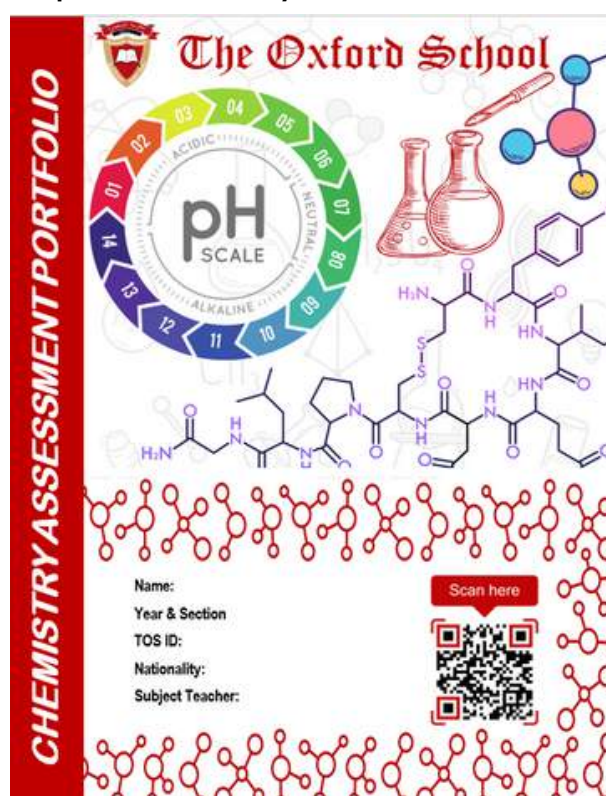
## Boosting Success: Focused Support Classes for Board Exam Excellence

We are excited to share that our support classes for board exams are underway, providing students with targeted guidance to strengthen their understanding and boost confidence in key subjects. These classes are designed to address individual needs, allowing students to focus on challenging areas, improve their exam strategies, and enhance overall performance. With dedicated support from our teaching team, we're committed to helping every student reach their full potential and achieve success on their board exams. Let's make this a productive and rewarding journey together!



## Tracking Progress: Student Portfolios for Board Exam Success

We are pleased to introduce student portfolios for our board exam classes, a valuable tool to track progress across all subjects. These portfolios will serve as a personalised log, documenting each student's journey from their starting point through ongoing assessments and practice papers. By maintaining a comprehensive record of their work, students can easily reflect on their growth, identify areas for improvement, and stay motivated as they move closer to their goals. This initiative will also allow teachers and parents to follow each student's progress, ensuring tailored support every step of the way.



# Reminder!

## Bell Timings

**BE PUNCTUAL / BE ON TIME!**

**Year 7 to 13 Monday to Thursday**

**7:30am to 2:20pm**

**Friday**

**7:30 am to 11:45am**

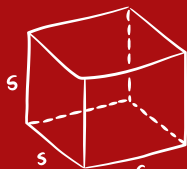


## EVENTS

October 2024

**26**

Thursday



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**MATHS TALK**



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**UAE FLAG DAY**



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**13**

Wednesday



**SCIENCE FAIR**

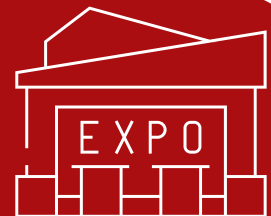


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**15**

Friday



**MATH EXPO**



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**27** Wednesday  
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**End of Term Exams**