



Newsletter – 12 November 2021

Date	Event
15 Nov'21	"B" Week
15 Nov'21	Subject Focus Day – Non-School Uniform Day
1 -17 Dec'21	Year 11 Exams
9 Dec'21	Year 9 Parents' Evening
17 Dec'21	End of Term (Non-School Uniform Day)
20 Dec'21 – 3 Jan'22	Christmas Holiday
4 Jan'22	Inset Day
5 Jan'22	School Resumes "A" Week

Impressive Students!

Whilst I walk around the school site at least one hour a day each day and have the privilege, always, to see some really impressive student learning taking place, it was a pleasure to do this on Thursday with two fellow Headteachers in Mrs Gillion, Headteacher of Chalgrove Primary School, and Jonathan Gale, Acting Headteacher of Watlington Primary School.

They were incredibly impressed to see many of their past students learning in all sorts of different environments, and were particularly struck by how our students are using their Chromebooks so effectively and independently already. They certainly noticed how their ex-students had matured since being in Primary School! I will be looking forward to similar visits from all of the other Primary School Headteachers in the Primary School Partnership in due course.

Mat Hunter
Headteacher

Positive cases of Coronavirus in school

Since half term, we have seen a significant fall in positive cases of coronavirus in school, with just a handful of students testing positive. It is important that we remain vigilant in our management of the environment:

- The Local Authority still insist that students wear face coverings on school transport.
- We still would like all students to wear face coverings when in an indoor communal area (**we would like your support in encouraging all students to remember to bring a face covering to school**)
- We urge everyone to continue to test twice-weekly using an LFD test

Thank you for your ongoing support.

James Barringer

Year 11 Exams

The attached timetable for the Year 11 Exams (commencing Wednesday 1 December, although some French and Spanish papers will be completed in lessons prior to this date) has been emailed to all Year 11 students.

Matt Ford

Summer 2022 Exams

Please refer to our website for the updated Summer 2022 exams timetable. Please note that the awarding bodies have designated Wednesday 29th June 2022 as a 'contingency day' for examinations. Candidates must remain available until Wednesday 29th June 2022 should an awarding body need to invoke its contingency plan.

Val Coates, Exams Officer

Subject Focus Day

Just a reminder that Monday is our first Subject Focus Day and, as a result, is also a non-school uniform day for all.

Charlotte Gibson

Matilda

Over the course of this week I have been introducing this year's show, *Matilda*, to the students. A separate ParentMail has been sent out with all the information along with the materials needed for the audition. If your child would like to take part, please complete the consent form attached to the covering letter of the audition pack.

Adam Rowe

Children in Need

Next Friday 19th November will be a non-school uniform day to raise money for Children in Need. We have lots of exciting things planned for Friday lunchtime like throw the sponge at the teacher, guess the sweets in the jar and penalty shoot-out, so bring some spare £1 coins to the tennis courts to take part in the fun! You can also donate online via our Just Giving page:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ickniel21 .

Look out for posters around school and our Instagram (@icc.awareness) for more information - we can't wait to raise money for charity in an exciting way.

Senior Student Team

El Día de los Muertos

Last week, our Spanish students learned about El Día de los Muertos (the Day of the Dead) in Mexico. As part of their cultural discovery we challenged them to have a go at making El Pan de Muerto (Mexican Bread of the Dead) and we were delighted that some of them went off to experiment with their baking and brought some back to share with their peers. And, I have to say: they were delicious!!! ¡Estupendo!

Steph Loomes



School Partnership

The MFL department is delighted to announce that we have established a partnership with a school in France (Collège Jean Giono, Le Beausset) and one in Spain (St Gervasi School, Mollet del Valles, near Barcelona). Our Year 7s will be starting a project in lessons which their French and Spanish peers will also be embarking upon. We do hope that this will lead to an exchange taking place in a couple of years. Watch this space for news of what is to come!

Steph Loomes

Maths Problem of the Week

The Maths Problem of the Week and the solution to last week's problem are attached.

Nick Owen

PE News

In this week's PE News, read about:

- Some excellent performances in the **South Oxfordshire Biathlon and Cross Country** competitions
- A close affair for the **Year 8 Hockey** team
- The **U16 Girls Football** team in their latest County Cup tie
- A **Year 7's** commitment to a **charity fun run**

Matt Mures

COMMUNITY NEWS

Small Group Online Weekly Maths Tuition

Looking for additional support with Maths? Look no further! Great quality, well-structured Zoom maths tuition.

- Key stage 2: Enrolling for a new class starting on Tuesday 4th Jan at 6pm
- Key stage 3: Thursday at 6pm (3 slots available)
- GCSE Higher Tier: Saturday at 9.30am (1 slot available)
- GCSE Higher Tier: Saturday at 11.30am (2 slots available)
- GCSE Foundation Tier is now fully booked, enrolling for a new class starting Thursday 6thJan each week at 7pm

Please contact: mathstutorchinnor@outlook.com for more information and to reserve your slot. Limited spaces available.

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Adrian Thomas