



Newsletter – 19 November 2021

Date	Event
22 Nov'21	"A" Week
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

Today, with Mat Hunter having tested positive for coronavirus, I am writing the first section of this Newsletter in his place. Mat appears to have gone to great lengths to avoid having wet sponges thrown at him as part of the students' campaign to raise money for Children in Need! Thank you to those students who organised a range of events today for the charity.

Remembrance Day

Last week, we carried out a number of acts of remembrance to mark Armistice Day and to demonstrate our respect and gratitude to those who have given their lives to allow us the freedoms we enjoy. Thank you to Lawrence Wright and Llyana De Ocera for representing the school at Watlington's Remembrance Service.



On Monday, students enjoyed the first Subject Focus Day of the year, experiencing opportunities for extended learning in one subject for the day. It was so pleasing to witness many students going on off-site visits again to Oxford, London and Wycombe. Please see the entries elsewhere in the Newsletter sharing some of the learning challenges our students faced.

This week has seen a sharp increase in the number of positive test results for coronavirus in school again, with cases in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and among members of staff. It is imperative that all members of the community take steps to try to minimise the spread of the virus. This should include:

- Practising good hand hygiene
- Wearing a face covering on all school transport
- Wearing a face covering when in indoor communal spaces such as corridors (unfortunately, we are still seeing many students without face coverings)
- Testing at least twice weekly using LFD tests

Thanks you for your support with these measures.

James Barringer, Deputy Headteacher

Children in Need

Our Senior Students have done a fantastic job at organising events to raise funds for Children in Need this week. If you would like to donate, please follow the link to our Just Giving page. www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ickniel21

Charlotte Gibson

Year 10 History Belgium Trip



A reminder that the History Department are really excited to be offering Year 10 History students the opportunity to go on a day visit to Belgium on Tuesday 17th May 2022.

This visit links to the GCSE Historic Environment Unit on how medicine developed on the Western Front. It will involve a visit to a reconstructed First World War trench, a guided tour of a museum, and the opportunity to handle historical objects and to experience the work of a stretcher bearer. Students will reflect on the First World War at the Menin Gate and at a Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery. They will also be able to explore the historic city of Ypres.



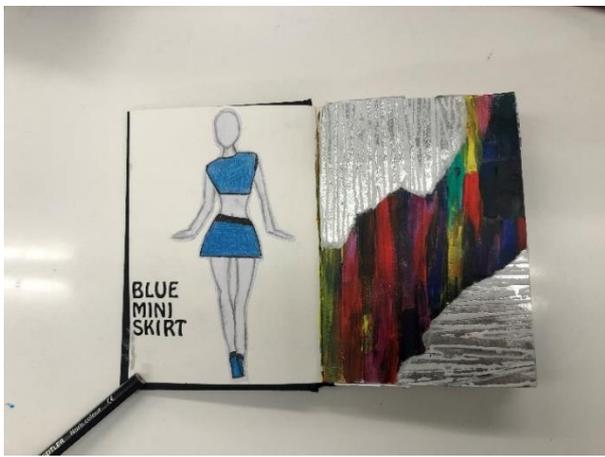
The cost of this visit will be £90. Full details have been sent out to Year 10 History students via ParentMail.

Jen Hicks

Olive Oakley

It was wonderful to see Olive's fashion sketch book recently. We were delighted that our textile lessons have inspired Olive on her Journey to becoming a fashion designer in the future. Her inspiration, dedication and talent are beautiful.

Ishanie Sunthareswaran (Mrs Sun)



Maths Problem of the Week

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

Nick Owen

Chess Club

The Chess Club is proving very popular, with both students and staff. The Club is now meeting on Monday, Wednesday and Friday lunchtime. All are welcome, no matter what ability – you will always be able to have a game with someone of a similar standard.

Nick Owen



Congratulations to Jess (Y8) for winning the Empowered Poetry Competition!



For this competition, our students had to write a piece of poetry which details the struggles and achievements of people who need empowering. Here is her winning poem, which we personally think is pretty empowering indeed:

Weak, boring, annoying
Some of the many things women have been called.
But today, we will stand up against injustice
We will stand up for ourselves
And prove that we are not weak
Or damsels in distress who need saving.
We will stand up for what's right
We are women and we are powerful.

We've been called things in the past
Whenever we go out,
Slurs and cat-calling,
Many are scared and locked in their homes
But we will stand for them
We will be victorious.

Hannah Murray

Year 7 SFD – Engineering day

As part of Subject Focus Day, Year 7 had a very successful time in science, building the slowest rollercoasters and the strongest bridges. Their corrugated cardboard rollercoasters needed to allow a tennis ball to travel, without stopping, over the longest time possible. This often involved dips and ramps with some groups creating obstacles for their tennis ball as well! 7JC reigned victorious with the longest rollercoaster with a time of over 5.5 seconds!

The second activity of the day involved buying supplies to build the strongest bridge they could. Students had tokens to choose their supplies such as art straws, paper, Sellotape and scissors. Once all their bridges were built, we then load tested the bridges by adding 100g masses until the bridge could hold no more or the masses fell. 7CT lead the way with the strongest bridge! They had several bridges able to support over 2.3kg, with 1 bridge that could support 3kg!



Katie Scane

SFD 1 Year 10 3D Design

On Monday's Subject Focus Day, Year 10 3D Design students had great fun exploring innovative 3D modelling techniques. They had previously researched the work of Lighting design company Studio Mirei Nebula lamp as well as the sculpture of renowned artist Dame Barbara Hepworth. The intention of the day was to explore techniques and methods of creating abstract 3-dimensional shapes based on natural forms, that might lead to potential ideas for their own lighting designs. In addition to working with wire and plaster, students also had chance to explore some fabric manipulation techniques with Mrs Sun too!

The day was a great success! Here are a few photos of their work.





Barry Kelly

PE Fixtures for next week

Date	Team	Opponents/Competition	Venue	Estimated Pick Up (From ICC)
Tuesday 23 rd November	U14 Badminton	South Oxfordshire Tournament	Home	5.45pm
Wednesday 24 th November	Y8 Mixed Hockey	Friendly Wallingford	Away	5.15pm
Thursday 25 th November	U16 Badminton	South Oxfordshire Tournament	Home	5.45pm
	Y7 Girls Football	South Oxfordshire League	Lord Bills	6.00pm

Matt Mures

ICC CareersFest

All KS4 Students (Y10 & Y11) will have the opportunity to attend the ICC CareersFest on Wednesday 24 November during the school day. Sadly, due to Covid restrictions, we have not been able to open this event to Parents/Carers or to the whole school. Instead, we have decided to focus on those students who will be making their transition from ICC over the next 18 months. Other careers events will be taking place later in the academic year for all year groups.

Helen Richardson

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 6th Jan 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