



Icknield Community College

Headteacher: Mr M Hunter, BA (Hons), MSc, NPQH
Love Lane, Watlington, Oxfordshire, OX49 5RB



23 May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

At Icknield Community College, we are always looking for ways to extend the learning for our students as well as to provide more opportunities for independence. That's why, as part of our school improvement programme, we have just launched CENTURY – a ground-breaking online learning platform. Students in years 7-9 were introduced to this software last week through an assembly and, subsequently, through some activities in English, Maths and Science. The purpose of this letter is simply to provide you with more information about CENTURY in case they have already spoken to you about it.

What is CENTURY?

CENTURY is an online learning tool for students. It combines artificial intelligence with the latest research in learning science and neuroscience.

The platform identifies every student's strengths, gaps in knowledge and misconceptions in English, Maths and Science. Students can log in and complete work that has been suggested for them by the advanced recommendation engine, or work which has been set by teachers. Crucially, it allows students to take control of their own learning and for teachers to get real-time data on progress, enabling them to quickly identify which students need support or additional challenge.

What does this mean for my child's learning?

CENTURY will complement existing teaching methods. Teachers have the freedom to decide how they incorporate CENTURY into classroom and home learning. For the remainder of this year, we are evaluating how we can use the technology most effectively through a series of pilot approaches. In 2022/23, we expect that this will become a more embedded part of our curriculum offer in English, Maths and Science with the resources being used as part of their diet of lesson work as well as being a highly valuable source of independent study.

Accessing CENTURY

Students are able to access CENTURY at anytime and anywhere. It is available to them in school and also at home. All they need to do is visit the CENTURY website and enter their unique login details. Their login details will have been given to them by their teacher.

The platform can be accessed from tablets and laptops on up-to-date versions of most common browsers. The best browsers are Chrome on PCs and Android devices and Safari on iPads. It is not currently optimised for use on mobile phones.

What does this mean for my child's personal data?

CENTURY is fully compliant with all relevant data protection legislation, including GDPR and has processes in place to ensure data is secure. Personal information, such as names and dates of birth are authorised to be shared by the school according to the data sharing agreement signed by all parents.

How do I find out more?

If you have any questions about CENTURY, please feel free to get in touch with me or, alternatively, you can visit CENTURY's website www.century.tech or email CENTURY at support@century.tech

Yours faithfully

Miss H Carvel

Miss H Carvel
Head of Maths & ICC Century Lead