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Newsletter: 10 February 2023

Date	Event
20 February	School Resumes - 'B' Week
23 February	Year 8 Parents'/Carers' Evening
20 March	Year 8 & 9 HPV Immunisation catch-up session
30 March	Year 10 Parents'/Carers' Evening
31 March	End of Term
3-16 April	Easter Holiday
17 April	School Resumes "B" Week

Happy Half Term Holiday

As last week, I will keep my entry purposefully short this week. I hope that you all have an enjoyable half term break with your children. We look forward to seeing them back again after the holiday. The spring and summer terms are always full of promise!

Mat Hunter
Headteacher

Social Media Round-Up

This week's social media output began with some beautifully presented dishes from our Year 11 Food Preparation and Nutrition students. You may also have seen Year 7 students hard at work in Computing, where they were learning about #SaferInternetDay2023, and Year 8 geographers concentrating on their sustainable housing plans for the OX14 area. Thursday's post celebrated the 140 amazing @IcknieldCC students who took part in the UK Maths Challenge this year. Finally, on Friday, we saw members of warm-hearted 8AG through the lens of an infrared camera and congratulated a range of students from various year groups on their excellent AtL scores. Don't miss out – follow us on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook!

Robert Legg

Uniform Specification

This is a reminder that, following last year's consultation, our amended uniform code will be in force from September 2023, with new items available to purchase from May. The changes we have made reduce uniform costs for parents and carers and respond to updated national guidance. The final version of the specification will be circulated again after half term. Following comments from students, parents and carers – and looking ahead to what we hope will be warmer months! – we have agreed to bring forward a key change from the new specification. From Term 5, black tailored shorts, worn not more than 15cm above the middle of the knee, may be worn instead of trousers or skirts.

Vicky Pickford and Robert Legg

Used uniform

A quick reminder from me that if you are replenishing your uniform stocks this holiday due to students having outgrown their current clothes, we will gratefully receive your second-hand ICC uniform. It's the best form of recycling, and will be used in a variety of situations, always being appreciated by its recipients. Students can hand items directly to me or pass them to the Finance Office.

Matt Ford

Coming up this year: CAMHS Webinars for Parents

The CAMHS In-Reach service are delivering 3 parent webinars across this year to offer support to parents. Please see dates below for the remaining 2 webinars. The webinars will be delivered from 7-8pm. If you would be interested in attending one of these webinars, please email Lisa Best (lisa.best@icknield.oxon.sch.uk). Closer to the event, we will distribute the link to join the webinar.

23rd of February 2023 - Supporting young people with low mood and depression: This session will cover a brief overview of what depression is, how it presents in young people and what keeps it going. An introduction into behavioural activation techniques and how to support your teenager

20th April 2023 - Supporting Young people who self-harm: This session will be a chance for parents to gain a greater understanding around self-harm, how to have conversations with young people and strategies for practical support.

Vicky Pickford

Maths Problem of the Week

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

Nick Owen

DofE

A reminder that all students were supposed to submit their section details as well as photo evidence that they have started each of their sections by **Jan 31st**. Any student who has not done so should upload these as soon as possible.

After school training for the Bronze expeditions will start after school on **Tuesday 21st February at 3-4pm**. Silver expedition training will take place on Thursday 13th April. The expedition information evening will be on Tuesday 28th March at 6pm in the hall

Any student who has reached the end of their 3 month section should ask their adult assessor to write a short report and upload this evidence to their account. Assessor's reports can be added using the report card from your welcome pack or via www.dofe.org/assessor

Well done to Zac P (Volunteering), Enrico G (Physical, Skill), Lukas H (Volunteering, Physical) who have submitted some of their section information.

A special well done to Toby W, Ivy U, Freddie O, Ted P, Laura V, Archie D who have now submitted all of their section information.

Congratulations to Lukas H (Volunteering), Matilda T (Skill), Thomas M (Volunteering, Physical), Bethan R (Volunteering, Skill), Isabel S (Volunteering, Physical), Charley J (Skill) who have started submitting their evidence for their sections!

A special congratulations to Tom W, Casper C, Jack A who have submitted evidence for all 3 of their sections!

Katie Scane

Lunch fobs

Please ask students to make sure they bring their lunch fobs in each day. The canteen are unable to 'put through' food without the fob, as the fob will bring up the student details and record the sale.

Please note, if a student leaves their fob at home, a new fob must be issued for the student to obtain food, and there will be a cost per fob of 70p.

Gill Ward

PE News

Please read the attached document, where you will find:

- **Clubs** for next term
- **Results** from this week
- All of the **fixtures for first week back**

Matt Mures

Careers News

This week's CareersNews rounds up National Apprenticeship Week with a host of opportunities for our students. If you have registered and joined any of the webinars this week, I hope you found them interesting. We were lucky enough to have some apprentices come into school and deliver presentations in assembly this week. They were all young and current apprentices themselves. Both I, the staff and most importantly the students were very impressed with their deliverance and the pride and passion they all spoke with. A truly fantastic opportunity for our students to hear directly from the horse's mouth!

- **Y11** – Another reminder that deadlines for Sixth Form applications are looming, if not past. Please ensure you are discussing options post ICC with your child.
- **Y10** – There are still a few stragglers that have not handed in their Work Experience forms. Any students without a placement **MUST** come and see me on our return to school after half term. A reminder that this is not an optional week, but a compulsory week of our students learning. Please do all you can to support your child in finding a placement over the half term. It is their responsibility to find their own placement.

Any questions, please do get in touch: helen.richardson@ickniel.d.oxon.sch.uk

Helen Richardson

COMMUNITY NEWS

February Half Term Maths Courses

Over the February Half Term, Maths Tutor Direct are offering online maths Exam Preparation workshops. There are three 1-hour exam practice sessions based on predictions for the 2023 Summer Exams.

The content is highly likely to mirror topics that may feature in the real exam.

The classes are online, via Zoom and will take place on:

Monday 13th February @ 10:00am
Wednesday 15th February @ 10:00am
Friday 17th February @ 10:00am
Mr Johnson is teaching Foundation Tier
& Mr Thomas is teaching Higher Tier sessions.

The cost per session is £20 per session or £55 for all 3.

Within the February Exam Practice all students will receive the predicted exam paper, 2 days in advance of the session, a traffic light feedback form to inform them of personalised revision areas and also the recorded link to use for their future exam practice. If you are interested, please book before Friday 10th February, spaces are limited.

To book on today follow this link and select 'camps' at the bottom of the page, selecting the appropriate week/tier. <https://mathstutordirect.class4kids.co.uk/>

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Adrian Thomas

Wallingford Rowing Club – Learn to Row

Our Learn To Row courses are for those children who will be starting Years 9 and 10 this September, and they will be held during the school summer holidays.

A small number of bursary places are available to children in receipt of free school meals.

Full details of the course and applications for places can be made via the link in the poster attached. Applications for places close on 31st March 2023.

Wallingford Rowing Club

Uncover Engineering

St Hugh's College and the Department of Engineering Sciences, University of Oxford

We're looking for Year 10 students who are creative, inventive and curious about the world around them.

Does that sound like you or know someone who fits this profile?

If you've got an interest in solving problems with an innovative style, our Uncover Engineering free residential programmes this April will help you explore this further. Staying at an Oxford College, Uncover Engineering is designed to give Year 10 students a taste of engineering at Oxford.

There are 2 Uncover courses running in 2023: for Black Students, 29 March - 1 April; and for Female and Non-Binary Students, 2-5 April.

Find out more and apply at: www.eng.ox.ac.uk/uncover

Deadline for applications: 16:00, Monday 13 February 2023

International Day of Women and Girls in Science @ History of Science Museum

Saturday 11 February

2-4pm

Join the museum for an afternoon in celebrating women and girls in science. Meet women working in science research at the University of Oxford and RAL Space, see the collection up close and hear talks about women who have led the way in scientific discovery.

<https://hsm.ox.ac.uk/event/international-day-of-women-and-girls-in-science>