



Icknield Community College

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Newsletter: 10 March 2023

Date	Event
Wc 13 March	"A" Week
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

Website: What does my child learn?

We have been working hard on updating the curriculum section of our website to show you exactly what your child learns at ICC. The KS3 section of our updated curriculum is now complete. Please do take a look at it [here](#).

KS3 Curriculum Map

Year 7

English	Maths	Science	French / Spanish	PE
History	Geography	Art & Design	Creative Arts	3D Design
Dance	Drama	Music	Computing	CPE

Year 8

English	Maths	Science	French / Spanish	PE
History	Geography	Art & Design	Creative Arts	3D Design
Dance	Drama	Music	Computing	CPE

Year 9

English	Maths	Science	French / Spanish	PE
History	Geography	Art & Design	Creative Arts	3D Design
Dance	Drama	Music	Computing	CPE

Please click on the links so that you can see what your child learns in each subject in each year from Year 7 to 9. You will be able to see both the knowledge and skills they should be acquiring and developing in each unit they study across the three years, as well as how they are assessed.

KS4 information will be shared before Easter and, after the Easter break, we will be shining a light on each subject area in the newsletter and through our social media channels each week.

We hope you find this really useful in terms of being able to talk to your child about what they learn.

Uniform

As per Dr Legg's note below, governors have now approved our new uniform policy for September in the light of changes that need to be made as a result of recent legislation. We recognise that parents who are considering buying new uniform for after the Easter holiday may well want to capitalise early on the new "freedoms" this policy affords. We are bringing this forward early in the light of the pressures caused by the cost of living crisis.

Mat Hunter
Headteacher

Production update

I am delighted to announce that tickets will go on sale at **9am** on **Monday 13 March** priced at £9 each. Please bear in mind that there will be two performances per day with some roles being performed by different students. Please see below for more information on this. All our cast members will take part in each show and will be part of the ensemble when not fulfilling their other roles. Both versions are shaping up to be quite different from one another so you may wish to come and see it more than once.

If you would like to purchase tickets to the show, please log onto myEVOLVE via www.myevolve.online or via the myEVOLVE app.

Click [Shop], click [Events shop now], click Little Shop of Horrors. Choose date and time, choose quantity and click [Add to Basket]. Make payment by clicking on your basket.

	Wednesday 5pm, Thursday 8pm, Friday 5pm	Wednesday 8pm, Thursday 5pm, Friday 8pm
Seymour	Billy Bowerman	Jake Claydon
Audrey	Izzy Hector	Ashley Reyes
Mr. Mushnik	Jordan C-S	August Richards
Orin	Amy Lewis-Costello	Danny Leys Richardson
Crystal	Rosie Molloy	Jenny Stringer
Ronnette	Samantha De Ocera	Tilly Carter
Chiffon	Evelyn Adamson	Mollie Horsley
Aretha	Isobel Shaw	Kate Vincent
Mary-Jane	Imogen Wallace	Sophie Grace
Customer	Deacon McHugh	Leo Woolfson
DJ	Matty Driver	Seb Skilleter

Adam Rowe

Year 9 Guided Choices

Many thanks to our Year 9 students and their parents for ensuring that the Guided Choices process was completed on time. This enables us to start work behind the scenes on our timetable for the next academic year, starting in September. We will communicate with Year 9 students later in the spring to confirm their subjects for 2023-2025.

Matt Ford

CAMHS Webinar for Parents

The CAMHS In-Reach service have delivered 2 webinars so far across this year to offer support to parents. The date for the third and final webinar in the series is below. The webinar will be delivered from 7-8pm. If you would be interested in attending, please email Lisa Best (lisa.best@icknield.oxon.sch.uk). Closer to the event, we will distribute the link to join the webinar.

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

International Women's Day

On Wednesday, the school celebrated International Women's Day led by the senior students who delivered a thought-provoking assembly and ran a number of activities highlighting a wide range of inspirational women and their achievements. It was great to see so many students supporting the day, celebrating women and learning about the importance of equity.

Charlotte Gibson

Uniform Specification

Please see the attached uniform specification, which has now been approved by governors. Examples of acceptable non-branded uniform items such as skirts, shorts and trousers will be available soon at our school website.

Vicky Pickford and Robert Legg

A note from our Senior Students

Comic Relief is taking place on Friday 17th March and we have lots going on to raise money for this great cause. Across the week, students can take part in activities such as guess the sweets in the jar, face painting, as well as “make your own red nose” competition. Students can make their red nose out of wood, paper, cake, flowers....the more creative the better but they must be able to wear it! Judging for this competition will take place on Thursday 16th March. Friday 17th March will be non-school uniform day and we would love for students to show their support for this day by wearing red. The whole school will also take part in a giant obstacle course on Friday so students might want to ensure that they wear sensible footwear too! All donations will be gratefully received.

Charlotte Gibson

Social Media Round-Up

It's been an another extremely varied week across our social media accounts. On Monday we saw Milly's beautiful jewellery project inspired by the iridescent colours of a hummingbird's feathers. Tuesday's post showed Year 8 Geographers learning about coastal features. On Wednesday we celebrated International Women's Day and on Thursday we put World Maths Day in the spotlight. Friday's post showed Year 11 students creating chemical clocks in Science. Keep up with all our activities by following @IcknieldCC on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

Robert Legg

10X Challenge

We have an incredible 29 teams taking part in the 10X Challenge! Their businesses include quiz nights, gardening, car washes and dog walking, as well as stalls selling a wide array of items such as cards, jewellery, plants, coasters and sweets. They've been designing logos, developing a budget plan, and working out logistics over these last two weeks. Please do look out for and support their businesses over the next two weeks!

Jen Hicks

Art News

We are really excited to have been invited to take part this year in creating collaborative large, mixed media faces to decorate the Town Hall to celebrate the Watlington Art Week event taking place between the 6th – 14th May <https://www.artweeks.org/festival> Many local Artists who will be exhibiting throughout Art Week have already created a range of really exciting faces and the students work will be part of the art community display on the Town Hall.

Art Week Art Club will run on Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtimes starting on 8th March in Room 42 where students from all year groups can come together to work either on their own piece or create with friends.

Jessica Parker

Maths Problem of the Week

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

Nick Owen

DofE

Well done to Jacob C (Volunteering, Skill), Matteus R (Volunteering, Skill), Deacon M (Volunteering) Thomas M (Skill), who have uploaded evidence for their sections.

Congratulations to Annabelle K (Volunteering), Matteus R (Volunteering), Ewan R (Volunteering) who has submitted their first assessor's report! Well done!

Katie Scane

PE News

Please read the attached document, where you will find:

- News of a **Post-16 opportunity with Oxford United**
- A reminder about **Red Nose Day**
- **Results** from this week
- All of the **fixtures for next week**

Matt Mures

Comic Relief Week

Friday 17th March is comic relief day and we will be doing numerous things across the week to try and raise as much money as possible.

- The Year 11 Sports council team are walking/running 1194 miles over 3 weeks (this is the distance to every League 1 Football Club) - Please sponsor them if you can.
- We are going to be running Football and Netball tournaments every lunchtime – Get your £1 in to enter. Please see Mr Dodd in the PE Office.
- You can get sponsored for doing something yourself (Sponsorship form from the PE office).

On Friday itself, we will have a couple of events going on. It will be a non-uniform day so please bring your £1s in and wear something sporty and red! During P5 on Friday we will also be setting up an obstacle mile for every student to participate in. This will run for the majority of the lesson and students will be trying to run the course as many times as possible. Obstacles include: dodgeball alley (trying to avoid the dodgeballs being thrown/rolled at them), army crawl under ropes, rugby tackle pad run and many more.

Joe Dodd

Careers News

This week has been **National Careers Week** and we shared an assembly to the students about believing in yourself and overcoming your fears. I have continued to share two fantastic magazines with this week's CareersNews which focus on different careers available and also life after school. I'd also like to draw your attention to the OxLEP careers fair twilight event taking place on **Wednesday 22 March from 3.30- 6.30pm at the Kassam Conference Centre**. To book your place, please follow the link within this week's CareersNews.

Finally, any students interested in a career with the NHS, and who will be 16yrs of age by 3 April 23, can apply to join a nursing and healthcare programme which is supported by the Oxfordshire Royal College of Nursing. It will highlight careers in Nursing, becoming a Paramedic, a Pharmacist, working in Healthcare Science, Medicine and much more. The dates for the placement will be flexible around students' GCSEs. To find out more, please look at the poster attached to the newsletter entitled: Royal College of Nursing. This really is a gold opportunity for anyone who has a genuine interest.

Helen Richardson

SchoolGrid - Lunch Fobs

Please remind your child they need to bring their lunch fobs in each day to use the canteen facilities. If they do forget their fobs, the canteen staff are not allowed to 'put food through' for them. They will need to be issued with another fob (this will deactivate their existing fob) – and this will be charged at 70p.

Gill Ward

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Adrian Thomas

Easter Maths Exam Preparation

Easter holidays are an important opportunity for your child to prepare for GCSE exams. Give your child the skills they need to approach exams with confidence.

We are offering three 1-hour exam practice sessions based on predictions for the 2023 Summer Exams. Dates of course:

Monday 3rd April

Thursday 6th April &

Thursday 13th April

From 10-11am for Foundation Tier & From 12-1pm for Higher Tier

Within the Easter camp, students will receive the 3 predicted exam papers in advance of the session. Papers are expected to be completed prior to the live sessions for maximum learning, they will be sent at least 48 hours before the first session.

Students will receive a traffic light feedback form to inform them of personalised revision areas and also the recorded link to use for recapping/ last minute exam practice. The content is highly likely to mirror topics that may feature in the real exam.

The cost per session is £20 OR £55 for all 3 (early bird price).

To book on select the appropriate tier via the following link:

<https://mathstutordirect.class4kids.co.uk/camps>

Lastly the GCSE Foundation Tier booster sessions will start next Saturday 4th March, there is only 2 students booked on currently if you wish to join, (flyer attached).

<https://mathstutordirect.class4kids.co.uk/info/71>

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Adrian Thomas

Acer Trust – Vacancy

Chalgrove Primary School has a vacancy for a SENDCo. Please find full details on the vacancy page of our website: [Staff Vacancies - Icknield Community College](#)

Gill Ward