



## Icknield Community College

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### Newsletter: 11 November 2022

Date	Event
14 November	'B' Week
24 November	CareersFest
30 Nov – 19 Dec	Y11 Mock Exams
15 December	Y7 Parents Evening
20 December	End of Term (non-uniform day)
21 Dec – 3 Jan'23	Christmas Holiday
4 January	Inset Day
5 January	School Resumes - 'B' Week

### CareersFest – Thursday 24th November

Last week, I mentioned our CareersFest event on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Helen Richardson, our Careers Manager, would like to extend a welcome to all parents to this event, not just those from Year 10 and 11 as I mentioned last week. Please do come along!

### Remembrance Day

We were delighted to welcome Brigadier Nigel Mogg, President of the Watlington Branch of the British Legion, and Mrs Tessa Mogg, to our Remembrance Assembly for Year 7 and 8 this morning. Dr Hicks, Head of History, began the assembly with some background history about the First World War, before handing over to our Head Students, Rosie Malloy and Billy Bowerman, who recited the poem "The Fallen". Brigadier Mogg then spoke about some local history before reciting the poem "In Flanders Fields". We were very grateful, also, that Sarah Pullen, from the Watlington Band, played the Last Post.

I accompanied our six most senior students to the Watlington Memorial at 11.00am for a 2-minute silence. Following the pandemic, during which we weren't able to do this, it was really good to be back with our local community again. Please do have a look at our social media pages for some photos from these events on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram: [@IcknieldCC](#)

### Eco-council

I am delighted that we now have such a dynamic and fully functioning Eco-council! Please see the note from Dr Miller and Rosie Molloy below...

### Mat Hunter Headteacher

The Eco-Council met on Monday to discuss their first actions. It was inspiring to see so many students, from all year groups, coming together in the shared ambition of making Icknield Community College a more sustainable and eco-friendly school. While there are three broad themes that the Eco-Council will be working on are Biodiversity, Litter and Energy usage it was the latter in which was discussed on Monday. The Eco-Council have been briefed to (politely!) ask their teachers, 'do you need that ... on?' to try and change habits. This has come as a useful reminder to staff in avoiding wasted energy usage across the school day. Some senior students have also been actively labelling classrooms with reminders on wasted energy use and tips on reducing your use at home. We are sure that these small steps, over time, will have a positive impact on our environment.

**Dr Jack Miller, Assistant Headteacher and Rosie Molloy, Head Student**

## **Icknield Community College Christmas Jumper Day 2022 – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

This year we will, again, have a Christmas Jumper Day at school. This time, we are joining the rest of the country and holding ours on Save The Children's National Christmas Jumper Day – **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December**. Therefore, it is time to dig out your favourite Christmas Jumper, or even to treat yourself to a new one, ready to show off to the rest of the school on 8<sup>th</sup> December. Please note, this is not a non-uniform day. Christmas Jumpers should be worn along with and in addition to normal uniform.

If you wish, you could donate money to Save The Children as part of Christmas Jumper Day. I have set up a Just Giving page that will transfer money directly to the Save The Children charity. I have set us a challenge to raise £500 through our wearing our wonderful winter woollies. Can we get there...? The link to our Just Giving page is [here](#):

Many thanks for your support.

**James Barringer**

### **Children in Need**

The senior students have been working hard to organise a number of fundraising activities taking place across next week for Children in Need this year. This includes:

- Guess the number of sweets in the jar (all week)
- Bake sale (Friday 18<sup>th</sup>)
- Cake competition (theme is "spots")
- Sponge the teacher (Friday 18<sup>th</sup>)
- Teacher vs Students netball match (Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>)
- None school uniform day on Friday (optional Pyjama theme on Friday 18<sup>th</sup>)

Anyone wishing to take part in the cake competition will need to take their entries to Room 26 by lunchtime on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November. We are asking that any entries are then donated to the bake sale to help raise even more money for a great cause.

How can you help?

- Bring in cakes to donate to the bake sale (take to Room 26 before Friday lunchtime)
- Bring in money to take part in events and help us to raise money for this great cause.

**Senior students**

### **Thank you**

A big thank you to everyone who has donated bird and bat boxes to help improve biodiversity around school; it is greatly appreciated. We are still accepting these items along with bug hotels and bird feeders should you wish to help support us achieve our Eco School Green Flag mark.

**Eco Council**

### **Maths Problem of the Week**

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

**Nick Owen**

### **BBC Young Reporter Competition**

[BBC Young Reporter Story Search: tell us the stories that matter to you - BBC Teach](#)

What do you think the news should be about? What news stories do you have that deserve to be shared? The BBC are looking for outlines to interesting stories. For more information about what this looks like and how to submit your entry please click [the link](#). This can be an individual piece of work or a group task with your friends.

Deadline: 23<sup>rd</sup> December. if you want some help, please don't hesitate to run story outlines by Mr Prince in room 16. Good luck!

**Fraser Prince**

### **DofE**

Any year 10s wanting to sign up to DofE Bronze or year 11s wanting to sign up to Silver need to complete their enrolment forms and hand them in to the Finance Office by the deadline of **Friday 18th Nov**. Extra forms can be collected from the Finance Office or found on the DofE page of the school website.

**Katie Scane**

## Christmas Dinner

The canteen will be cooking 'Christmas Dinner' on Wednesday 14 December. The cost will be £2.50, which will also include a pudding.

In order for the canteen staff to ensure they cook enough for everyone who would like a dinner, please could students ask for a raffle ticket (they will not need to pay until they buy a dinner on the day) from the canteen staff.

**Gill Ward**

## Letters to Parents

- Introduction to Evolve – Nov 2022

These letters can also be accessed on the school website:

<http://www.icknield.oxon.sch.uk/news-and-events/letters-to-parent>

**Finance Office**

## Careers News

This week launches an inaugural '**National Green Careers Week**'. CareersNews has many links for students that may be interested to learn more and explore careers that are Environmentally Friendly, Sustainable, Climate Considerate and much more. You may be surprised to learn how many global companies are supporting this initiative. Please click on the many links within the CareersNews to learn more.

**CareersFest** will be taking place in the schools' Sports Hall on **Thursday 24 November from 3pm – 5.30pm** and is open to **ALL** students and parents across the whole school. Please come and explore Further Education options, Apprenticeships and Careers both locally and nationally. We have over 30 guests giving up their time to share opportunities with you, please do come along and support this event, we look forward to seeing you there.

Should you have any questions relating to careers, please do get in touch:

[helen.richardson@icknield.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:helen.richardson@icknield.oxon.sch.uk)

**Helen Richardson**

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