



Icknield Community College

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Newsletter: 14 October 2022

Date	Event
17 October	'A' Week
20 October	Year 7 Information Evening
21 October	End of Term (non-uniform day)
24-28 October	Half Term Holiday
31 October	Inset Day
1 November	School Resumes - 'B' Week

Attitude to Learning Grades

Dr Legg wrote about our new Attitude to Learning system in the newsletter 3 weeks ago. Our teaching staff will be issuing Attitude to Learning judgements at the end of the first week back after half term and these will be sent to you the following week.

Please do take a few minutes to reflect with your child on where they would judge themselves for their Attitude to Learning for each of their subjects. I have reattached Dr Legg's paper to help you to do this.

Perhaps more importantly, please ask your child what they might be able to do to improve their attitude to learning. They have two more weeks before judgements are made so all still to play for!

Year 11 Personalised Revision Plans

I wrote to all parents of Year 11 students yesterday explaining how important it is for them to complete the weekly revision plans which are being emailed to them. Please do check your inbox if you missed this one. It is one of the most important letters that I will be writing this year!

Mat Hunter
Headteacher

Year 7 Information Evening

This is a reminder that all parents and carers of Year 7 students are warmly invited to attend an information evening at school next Thursday 20 October at 6pm. The evening will be an opportunity for parents and carers to learn more about life at Icknield and how students can be supported at home. The presentation will take place in the main hall and we anticipate that it will last just under an hour. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Marian Carter and Robert Legg

Social Media Round-Up

This week, followers of @IcknieldCC on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook were treated to the alchemical exploits of Science Club, blackout verses written by our students for #NationalPoetryDay, and posts celebrating the fantastic attendance figures recorded by our KS4 cohorts. If you follow us you'll also have seen views from our Year 11 historians' educational visit to Belgium and enjoyed the wonderful creations of our Year 7 dancers inspired by the superheroes of Marvel. Don't forget to retweet and like our posts so that more people get to see glimpses of @IcknieldCC life.

Robert Legg

New email address for SEND correspondence

As an ever growing service, and in order to effectively support the needs of our students with SEND, we have introduced a centralised email address for all parents and professionals to use if you have any correspondence relating to SEND. The new email address is: SEN@ickniel.d.oxon.sch.uk Once an email has been received, we will then distribute it to the most appropriate member of staff to deal with. Please bear with us as we get used to using this new system over the next few weeks. Please note that we will always endeavour to answer any query within 48 hours in line with our communication policy, however, the emails will not be checked outside of working hours (before 8.30am and after 3pm Monday to Friday, during weekends and school holidays). Please also be aware that there may be times, during high demand, that responses may take a little longer.

Sam Walkley

SWIFT course for parents of children with Autistic Spectrum Conditions (ASC)

Following the success of the SWIFT programme last year, we are wanting to offer this opportunity again, this academic year, for any parents of children with Autistic Spectrum Conditions. It is an opportunity to discuss and learn about ASC, relating it to your own situation, both at home and our experiences with your children in school, to see if any strategies can be found through our discussions. It is also an opportunity to know that you are not alone in the difficulties that you and your children may be facing at school or at home. The course will run over four consecutive weeks, beginning on Friday 4 November at 9.30am, lasting approximately 90 minutes, and will be online using Teams. The course will be run by Caroline Gale, from the Communication and Interaction Team in Oxfordshire and myself. We are hoping that a face to face SWIFT course will run in the spring term and dates will be published in December for this course. If you are interested in attending the November online SWIFT course please email SEN@ickniel.d.oxon.sch.uk by the end of this term, Friday 21 October. If you are wanting to express interest for the face to face SWIFT course that will be held at some point in February/March, again please email stating that it is the face to face SWIFT course that you are interested in attending. We will then be in touch with further details and meeting invites. We look forward to working with you and if you have any questions about the course, please email the above email address.

Sam Walkley

Wanted – donations of gardening equipment

As part of a new initiative we have started to create a school garden in the school grounds. This is a new venture and we would ideally like to ask if anybody would be able to donate the following to make our garden a successful and an engaging alternative space for our young people at Ickniel Community College. The items that we would welcome are listed below, however, as always, we would welcome anything that you are willing to donate no matter how small.

- Truggs with handles
- Shovels and Forks with sound handles
- Bulbs of any sort
- Vegetable seed, cuttings or plants that will take this time of year
- Plastic cold frame for starting seeds in May
- Small plastic grow house
- Boot scraper
- Hard broom
- Large planters for displays outside classrooms.
- Small shed

Please get in touch with Catherine Gallacher/Martina Stone (catherine.gallacher@ickniel.d.oxon.sch.uk) if you can donate in any way and we will be in touch. Many thanks for your ongoing support with our new ventures and experiences at Ickniel Community College and please look out for our progress on our ICC social media in the future.

Sam Walkley

Maths Problem of the Week

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

Nick Owen

PE News

In this week's PE News:

- An **Equestrian** opportunity
- **Results** from last week
- All the **fixtures** for next week

Matt Mures

Careers News

Attached to this week's Newsletter is a copy of our Careers News, over-flowing with information for students of all ages. Please can I draw to your attention a link to the Work Experience Parental Agreement form for students in Y10. This needs completing by Friday 14 October. If this form is not completed, it will not be possible for your son/daughter to take part in Work Experience. There is also a full list of Sixth Form and College Open Days happening over the coming weeks. These are valuable opportunities for you and your child to visit a Further Education setting and learn more about courses on offer and find the right setting for your child. I would encourage all Y11 parents to try and visit as many settings as applicable to your son/daughter.

Helen Richardson

Date for your diary.

I would like to invite **ALL** parents/carers to join us at this years' **CareersFest** taking place in the school's Sports Hall on **Thursday 24th November from 3-5.30pm**. It is an opportunity for you to come into school and talk to heads of Sixth Forms from surrounding Sixth Form Schools, recruitment teams from various Further Education Colleges, meet representative from The Army, RAF, Royal Navy, NHS, Fire & Rescue Teams and others to chat about apprenticeship opportunities within our front line services, as well as meet various employers from local, national and global businesses all who are looking to recruit the next generation. Further details will follow, but please put the date in your diary. Any questions, please do get in touch: helen.richardson@ickniel.doxon.sch.uk

Helen Richardson

Breakfast Menu at Breaktime

The school canteen will be offering a breakfast menu at breaktime in the canteen from Monday. There will be bacon, sausages, hash browns, beans, & eggs; students can choose how many items they have (3 items £1.25, 4 items £1.80 etc). There will also be bacon and sausage rolls at £1.45, cereals and waffles £1.30 available. Parents are advised to check their SchoolGrid account and increase the daily spend limit if this is appropriate. If the daily limit is reached, the staff will not be able to accept the sale, even if there is sufficient credit on the account.

Lindsey Davies

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Diagrams on chalkboard: A cube with side length s and volume $V = s^3$; A circle with radius r and circumference $C = 2\pi r$; The equation $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} = 1$; A grid with symbols \circ , \triangle , \square , and $+$.