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Newsletter – 16 September 2022

Date	Event
19 September	Bank Holiday
20 September	'A' Week - School Resumes
22 September	Open Evening
6 October	Year 10 Information Evening – Online Event
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

Absence Requests

You will have seen a letter from me earlier in the week about absence requests. Please could I strengthen this further by reminding you that absences will only be authorised **in exceptional circumstances**. This does not cover holidays in term time. Thank you.

Bank Holiday

As you will know already, school will be closed on Monday for the Bank Holiday and Her Majesty's State funeral. We look forward to welcoming our students back to school on Tuesday.

Mat Hunter
Headteacher

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Our staff run a variety of different extra-curricular clubs for students across the school, some during lunch times and others after school, and while many have already started, we will shortly formally share with you our clubs offering, via a piece of software that we use called *Evolve*. In order for you to see what clubs are running and when, please therefore look out for an email from *Evolve* that will take you to the full timetable for our clubs.

We update our clubs offering three times a year to recognise the seasonal nature of some clubs, and *Evolve* will always reflect our current offering of clubs. One thing I will mention is that our clubs all run on a 'drop-in' system and no signing up in advance is required; I say this because *Evolve* will offer you that opportunity to sign students up in advance – you absolutely *can* do this, but please be aware that you *don't* have to.

Matt Ford

Chromebooks

We're really pleased that our Year 7 students have had a very successful first week of learning with their new Chromebook devices. Students who were admitted to Icknield late in the cycle – or whose Chromebook orders, for whatever reason, were unsuccessful – have been temporarily lent a device to use while we organise a new portal for purchasing their own computers. The current information from our provider, Freedom Technology, is that this second portal – the *final* chance to buy a device for the current academic year – will open at the end of next week, and will close on 10 October, with devices delivered after half-term. I will send information about how to sign up to the relevant people as soon as I have it.

Robert Legg

Oboe Lessons

We are very fortunate to have a new visiting music teacher joining us. Emily Penn is an oboe specialist and is keen to start a new group of beginner oboists here at Icknield. If your child is interested in starting to learn to play [this beautiful instrument](#), please email Rebecca Elgood, Head of Music (rebecca.elgood@icknield.oxon.sch.uk) or me (robert.legg@icknield.oxon.sch.uk) by Friday 23 September.

Robert Legg

Year 11 Revision Timetable

This year's revision timetable is attached to this week's newsletter. As ever, we run an extensive revision club programme for our students in Year 11 and this year continues to be the same. I encourage all Year 11 students to have access to the timetable and think about what revision clubs they can attend, starting next week.

Adam Rickard

Maths Problem of the Week

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

Nick Owen

Well done Year 7s

Year 7s have been very impressive so far. They are settling in well, finding their way around the school and working hard in lessons. Teachers will start to set homework via Satchel One as all students should now be able to log in. Please remember to label all belongings so that, if misplaced, they can find their way back to their owner. If you have any queries, please use the email address on the school website to contact your child's tutor.

Mrs Carter, Year 7 Progress Manager

Careers News

Dear Parents and Carers of Y11 students. Please see below a timetable of Open Events for a selection of local Sixth Forms and Colleges that may be of interest to your son/daughter for their further studies post Y11 at ICC. Please bear in mind that this list is not an exhaustive but is reflective of where our previous students have gone on to study. Please note that some of these events are asking for you to register for a place, so I would recommend registering yourselves sooner rather than later, to avoid disappointment. There are still some timings tbc. As soon as I know more, I will, of course, share updates with you.

As always, should you have any questions, please do get in touch: helen.richardson@icknield.oxon.sch.uk

Helen Richardson



<u>School</u>	<u>Event Date/Time</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Deadline to apply for entry</u>
Wallingford School Wallingford School	Wednesday 12 October 22 – 6.30 - 8.30pm	Wallingford School offer a broad selection of A-Levels options together with a select few BTEC courses. Entry requirements are different for each subject chosen so best to check per subject base.	tbc
Wheatley Park School Wheatley Park School - Wheatley Park School	Thursday 3 November 22 6.00 – 8.00pm	Wheatley Park School offers a mixture of A-Levels and BTEC courses. Entry requirements is to complete 8GCSE's (or equivalent) achieving a minimum of Grade 4 in	Monday 23 January 23

		five subjects including English & Maths	
Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe, Boys Royal Grammar School - Home (rqshw.com)	tbc	A wide range of A-Level options. Entry requirements are a minimum of 49 points from the best 8 GCSE's including a minimum Grade 5 in English Language and Maths (Grade 9 = 9 points, Grade 8 = 8 points and so on). See individual subject choices for subject entry levels	tbc
Lord Williams School, Thame Sixth Form Lord Williams's School	Tuesday 8 November 22 Timings tbc	Lord Williams School offer a broad selection of A-Levels options together with a select few BTEC courses. Entry requirements are different for each subject chosen so best to check per subject base.	Monday 20 February 23
John Hampden Grammar School, High Wycombe, Boys Welcome to John Hampden Grammar School (jhgs.bucks.sch.uk)	Wednesday 9 November 22 6.00 – 8.30pm (no parking on site, park at Waitrose over the road)	A wide range of A-Level options. Entry requirements to study 3 A-Levels is 48pts from best 8 GCSE's incl Grade 5 in English and Maths. Entry requirements to study 4 A-Levels is 64pts from best 8 GCSE's incl Grade 5 in English and Maths. See individual subject choices for subject entry levels	tbc
Sir William Borlase's, Marlow Home - Sir William Borlase's Grammar School (swbqs.com)	Wednesday 9 November 22 Timings tbc	Sir William Borlase's offer a wide range of A-Level subjects and a L3 BTEC in Theatre Production Arts. Entry requirements across all GCSE subjects is an average of 6.4 with a minimum of a Grade 5 in English and Maths. Most subjects require a Grade 7 in GCSE to continue at A-Level. Students are required to write a letter to accompany their application of no more than 300 words.	Wednesday 1 February 23
Aylesbury Grammar School, Boys Homepage Aylesbury Grammar School (ags.bucks.sch.uk)	Thursday 24 November 22 7.00 - 8.30pm	A wide range of A-Level options. Entry requirements are a minimum of 44 points from the best 8 GCSE's including a minimum	tbc

		Grade 5 in English Language and Maths (Grade 9 = 9 points, Grade 8 = 8 points and so on). See individual subject choices for subject entry levels.	
Wycombe High School, Girls Welcome to Wycombe High School for Girls, Buckinghamshire (whs.bucks.sch.uk)	Tuesday 18 October 22 5.00 – 7.00pm	A wide range of A-Level options. Entry requirements are a minimum of 48+ points from the best 8 GCSE's including a minimum Grade 5 in English Language and Maths (Grade 9 = 9 points, Grade 8 = 8 points and so on). See individual subject choices for subject entry levels	tbc
Aylesbury High School, Girls Aylesbury High School Prepare, Challenge & Inspire (ahs.bucks.sch.uk)	Wednesday 23 November 22 5.30 – 8.00pm	A wide range of A-Level options. Entry requirements are a minimum of 44 points from the best 8 GCSE's including a minimum Grade 5 in English Language and Maths (Grade 9 = 9 points, Grade 8 = 8 points and so on). See individual subject choices for subject entry levels	tbc
Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School, Aylesbury (co-ed) Vision, Mission & Values - Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School	tbc	A wide range of A-Level options. Entry requirements to study 3 A-Levels is 48pts from best 8 GCSE's incl Grade 5 in English and Maths. Entry requirements to study 4 A-Levels is 56+pts from best 8 GCSE's incl Grade 5 in English and Maths. See individual subject choices for subject entry levels	tbc
Cranford House Independent School for Girls and Boys www.cranfordhouse.net	Tuesday 4 October 22 6.00 – 8.00pm	A wide range of A-Level options. Entry requirements to study 3 A-Levels is a minimum of five GCSE's Grade 5+ including English and Maths, with Grade 6 in chosen A Level subjects. There are also scholarship opportunities available registration form to the event here.	tbc
<u>College</u>	<u>Event Date/Time</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Deadline to apply for entry</u>

Abingdon & Witney College	Abingdon – Wednesday 21 Sep 22 Witney – Wednesday 21 Sept 22 Both events run from 3.30 – 7.00pm	This college offers a variety of vocational courses from Level 1 to Level 4. Register to attend this event: For further information email: enquiries@abingdon-witney.ac.uk or call 01235 216400	Open Ended
BCA, Berkshire College of Agriculture	Saturday 1 October 22 10.00am – 2.00pm	BCA are an agriculture college based on the outskirts of Maidenhead. They offer a wide range of Animal and Land Based courses as well as Early Years, Motor Vehicle Maintenance and much more. Register to attend this event: October College Open Day Tickets, BCA, Maidenhead TryBooking United Kingdom	Open Ended
Sparsholt College, Hampshire	Saturday 8 October 22 10am-2pm Saturday 12 November 22 10am -2.00pm	Sparsholt is an agricultural college offering a broad choice of Countryside learning. Register to attend this event: Experience Sparsholt - Sparsholt College Hampshire	Open ended
City of Oxford College, Active Learning	City Centre Open Event: Saturday 8 October 9.30am – 12.30pm Technology Campus Open Event: Saturday 15 October 9.30am – 12.30pm	City of Oxford College offer a broad range of courses and programmes from Beauty to Business, Construction to Media as well as a range of A-Levels, T-Levels and Apprenticeships Register to attend this event: City Centre Campus Open Event - City of Oxford College (activatelearning.ac.uk) Technology Campus Open Event - City of Oxford College (activatelearning.ac.uk)	Open Ended
The Henley College	Tuesday 18 Oct 22 5.30 – 8.00pm	The Henley College offer a broad range of A-Level choices including a few not so widely available courses such as Law and Criminology. They also offer a host of Level 2 and 3 Diploma courses from Travel & Tourism to Film, TV and Radio	Open Ended

		production and Applied Science to Engineering and much more. Register to attend this event: The Henley College October Information Evening Tickets, Tue 18 Oct 2022 at 17:30 Eventbrite	
Bucks College Group, which includes Aylesbury, High Wycombe and Amersham Colleges www.buckscollegigroup.ac.uk	tbc	Bucks College Group offer a variety of Level 1 – Level 3 BTEC and Vocational Courses across all three campuses	Open Ended

Letters to Parents

The following letters have been sent out this week via ParentMail:

Belgium details – 13 Oct 2022 – Year 11
Holiday Absence letter – Sept 2022

These letters can also be accessed on the school website:

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

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