



# Icknield Community College

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## Newsletter: 18 November 2022

Date	Event
21 November	'A' Week
24 November	CareersFest
30 Nov – 19 Dec	Y11 Mock Exams
15 December	Y7 Parents Evening
15 December	CAMHS Webinar for Parents – supporting young people with anxiety
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

### Children in Need

A big thank you to our fantastic Senior Students in Year 11 who organised a range of fundraising events for Children in Need this week.

We enjoyed an excellent Staff v Students Netball match on Thursday lunchtime (we, as staff, particularly enjoyed it beating the students 10-1!) – thank you to all of the students and staff who were involved, and to the many students who supported the event.



On Friday, Senior Students organised a cake sale and the annual sponging of staff on the netball/tennis courts. Thank you to Billy, Rosie and Leo for also offering to get saturated too this year!

All in all, as always, great fun was had by all, lots of money was raised, and it was fantastic to see the whole school community coming together – something we do very well!

**Mat Hunter**  
Headteacher

### School Production Launch

Throughout the course of this week, we have been launching this year's school production; *Little Shop of Horrors*. All the information, including audition materials, are attached to this newsletter. Watch this space for further updates.

Adam Rowe

### Key Stage 3 Assessments – a reminder of the system for 2022-23

To remind you all, we are using a new system to assess learning in Key Stage 3 this academic year. I have re-attached to this newsletter a students' guide to this new approach. Should you have any questions, please do get in touch.

James Barringer

### 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. 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@ickniield.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:lisa.best@ickniield.oxon.sch.uk)). Closer to the event, we will distribute the link to join the webinar.

**15<sup>th</sup> December 2022 - Supporting Young people with Anxiety:** This session will cover a brief overview of the presentation of anxiety in adolescence and how to talk with young people about this. We will cover the difference between appropriate levels of anxiety and when additional help might be needed, what might keep anxiety going and provide an overview of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (an evidence-based treatment for anxiety) as well as several useful techniques which parents can use to support their child.

**23<sup>rd</sup> 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

**20<sup>th</sup> 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

### Year 11 exams

I have sent a version of the following message to Year 11 students this week, along with a copy of the exams timetable (attached). You will see that there are two exam sittings per day: an 8.50am start and then also an 11.35am start time. We do this so that students don't have to do exams in the afternoon. I will send a short video to tutors just to remind students of the rules and regulations of these exams, but some headlines ahead of that from me:

- We have planned the seating so that students will have the **same seat for every exam** that they sit in the Sports Hall. That seating plan is currently on the Exams Notice Board and will be on the wall outside the Sports Hall pre-exam. If students are doing exams in a different room, we will make sure that they know about this in advance.
- Students will be leaving their bag with their tutor before each exam.
- **No phones or watches (of any kind)** are permitted in an exams room.
- **Students are expected to bring all relevant equipment to each exam: they should not come to an exam intending to borrow pens, highlighters, calculator etc as this is not something that we factor into our planning. Students need to be aware that our invigilators may say no to any such request.**
- **Students need to go to the toilet before the exam.** Toilet breaks are permitted in emergencies only.
- Students will notice that some exams are to take place in classrooms (Languages Listening; Music; Media) because there is an element of listening / watching that is part of the exam. All exams rules are in place for these assessments, it's just that they will take place in that more appropriate location.

Please note that these are all JCQ Regulations and not school rules; we run mock exams this way so as to give students a realistic experience.

If students have any specific questions about the exams, they should speak to their teachers, as they will be able to answer those questions about exam content / exam technique etc.

**Matt Ford**

### **Social Media Round-Up**

These last two weeks have been a visual feast across our @IcknieldCC Twitter, Facebook and Instagram channels! Did you see the quartet of beautiful magazine covers made by Year 10 Media students, the machine-embroidered fruit created in Year 9 Textiles, and the luminous photo portraits inspired by Hendrik Kerstens in Art? Elsewhere, we've been inspired by the range of exciting Day of the Dead activities experienced in Year 7 Spanish lessons, Year 11 students' work on the negative effects of substance abuse, and by ICC's participation in the TT Rock Stars times tables competition. If you're not already tuned in, search for @IcknieldCC and follow our channels to stay up to date with all the latest.

**Robert Legg**

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

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

**Nick Owen**

### **Ski Trip 2024**

The next Ski trip is planned to take place during Easter Holidays of 2024. The trip will be open to the current year 8, 9 and 10s. The cost of the trip at this stage is looking like it will come in at £1190 per student. The official launch of the trip will be just after Christmas where more information will be shared.

**Jess Hillyer**

### **PE News**

In this week's PE News:

- **Results** from this week
- A **netball opportunity** for any **U13s**
- A **hockey achievement** for a Y11
- A plea for **Sports tour tops!**
- All the **fixtures for next week**
- News of **Oxfordshire Badminton County Trials**

**Matt Mures**

### **Careers News**

This week's CareersNews is overflowing with information. It's hard to pick a few pieces to highlight to you, but I'll try....

- Firstly a final reminder about CareersFest next week on **Thursday 24 November 3.00 - 5.30pm** in the school Sports Hall. ALL parents and students are welcome so please do try to join us and explore your sons/daughter's future opportunities together. ASK Apprenticeships will also be holding a brief presentation in the music room at 4.30pm. It promises to be a one-stop whistle tour on apprenticeships, how to find them, what's available, qualifications needed, how to apply and much more. If you are coming to CareersFest please do try and factor this in
- Success at Schools have shared two fantastic publications on Biology and Computer Science. Why students should study these options, careers they can lead to, further education, work experience, job roles, apprenticeships and so much more. Definitely worth a read!
- There are many events coming up including one being hosted by Kings College London, designed for students who are interested in a career as a Dentist or Doctor
- Apprenticeship opportunities a plenty....whilst it's too early for our current Y11's to start applying, if you have an elder child in your household who may be an ex-student the Apprenticeships section is definitely worth exploring. Some availabilities as close as Watlington and High Wycombe.
- If your son/daughter is interested in a career in Construction, there is a fantastic link to Go Construct website where they will find everything they will need to know

As always, any questions, please do get in touch and I very much look forward to seeing you are the CareersFest on Thursday: [helen.richardson@icknield.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:helen.richardson@icknield.oxon.sch.uk)

**Helen Richardson**

### **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**

### **Fundraising for PE**

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November, I will be selling plants, handmade macramé plant hangers and keyrings in the quad at break and lunch. The money raised will be going towards new PE equipment for Icknield. Listed below are the prices of what I am selling. Please remember to bring **cash** if you would like to purchase. If you have any questions, please email me at [19mayorf@iccstudents.co.uk](mailto:19mayorf@iccstudents.co.uk)

Macramé plant hanger (plant not included)- £15

Small spider plant - £3

Spider plant - £3.50

Small macramé keyring - £2.50

Loop macramé keyring - £5

**Faye Mayor 10JH**

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

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**Adrian Thomas**