



Icknield Community College

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Newsletter: 21 April 2023

Date	Event
24 April	"A" Week
1 May	Bank Holiday
8 May	Bank Holiday – The Coronation of King Charles III
22 May	TDP/Men ACWY – Year 9 Immunisations
26 May	End of Term – Non-Uniform Day/Year 11 Leavers' Day
29 May – 2 June	Half Term Holiday
5 June	School Resumes "B" Week
7 June	TDP/Men ACWY – Year 9 Immunisations "Catch Up" session

Website Update

A few weeks ago, I alerted you to the fact that our Key Stage 3 curriculum, in its entirety, had been posted on our new website. I am pleased to report that our Key Stage 4 curriculum is also now in the "KS4 Curriculum Map" section – please see below:



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KS4 Curriculum Map

English Language	English Literature	Maths	Sci (Trip / Comb)
History	Geography	French / Spanish	3D Design
Art & Design	Computing	Dance	Drama
Food & Nutrition	Health & Social Care	Media Studies	Music
PE (GCSE)	Religious Studies	CPE	PE (Core)

Please do take a little time, if you can, to have a look at what knowledge and skills your child will be learning and developing across their GCSE (and other) subjects during Year 10 and 11.

Over the next few weeks, we will be having a weekly and singular focus on the learning in one subject area at a time as I recognise there is a lot of information here!

Mat Hunter
Headteacher

Parent Governor Post

Please see attached vacancy for a Parent Governor post for Icknield Community College.

Lisa Best

A reminder of our Mobile Phone Policy in school

In September 2021, we changed our rules regarding Mobile Phones in school. We know that most Parents and Carers are aware of this but, as a reminder, particularly for parents/carers new to the school, please see attached the communication we made at that time about the reasons for the change and the specific details of the expectations and rules in school. Thank you.

Vicky Pickford

Online Safety: OMEGLE

As we all know, it is really important to keep our children safe online. We teach students about e-safety in school and have filters set up on chromebooks and any device connected to the school wifi that blocks and alerts us to any concerning activity online. It is really important that we are all vigilant to the dangers online and that we regularly check the safety measures we have in place.

OMEGLE is a platform that allows people to talk in chatrooms with very few safety features and no reporting functions. It is therefore very dangerous and has been reportedly used by predators to target young or vulnerable people. It isn't meant to be used by anyone under the age of 18 but there is no block to prevent this from happening. This is blocked by our school system but students would potentially be able to access this platform on their own devices at home. Please see here a parent guide on this platform - <https://www.childnet.com/blog/what-is-omegle-key-things-parents-and-carers-need-to-know/>. Please do check the parental controls on your child's device(s) to ensure that this isn't something they can access.

This website is also a useful one for general internet safety with the feature to report problems online - <https://saferinternet.org.uk/>

Vicky Pickford

Website update

A recent addition to the school website has been the Military Families page which now includes a new form which can be used to inform the school of any upcoming deployments and identify ways in which we can best support students during this time. We would be very grateful if, where relevant, you could use this facility.

Charlotte Gibson

A Message from 966 (Wallingford) Sqn

966 (Wallingford) Sqn will be holding an Open Evening on Tuesday 25th April at 7.30pm and will be a chance to meet the staff and cadets, ask questions, and see what the Air Cadets has on offer!

We have a wide range of activities and opportunities on offer to cadets - including flying, gliding, shooting, sports, adventure training, fieldcraft, sailing, camps, weekend/day trips, radio/cyber training, aircraft modelling, station visits, First Aid training, leadership training, BTEC qualifications - plus much more!

In the meantime, you are welcome to visit our website at www.966atc.org, as well as our Facebook page, where you can view photos and details of activities that cadets have been participating in recently.

Recruits can join the Air Cadets, once they are aged 12yrs old and in Year 8. We normally parade on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7pm to 9.30pm, and there are activities on weekends that cadets can take part in - these are offered both at the Sqn and at Wing level.

Charlotte Gibson

Y10 Work Experience

After months of planning, I am very excited for our Y10 cohort who are embarking on their Work Experience journeys next week. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish them all a very successful week and hope that they enjoy their time within their chosen work field. May I also remind you as parents that it is your responsibility to get your child to work on time and, also, inform both the placement and us at school if your child is sick on any of the days.

You will also be aware that there is a Teachers/ Strike planned for next week on Thursday 27 April. This will not affect your child's Work Experience and all students are expected to attend their Work Experience on Thursday, unless they have been advised by myself that their plans have changed. I look forward to

welcoming the students back into school after the Bank Holiday weekend and hearing all about their week of work.

Helen Richardson, Careers Manager

Maths Problem of the Week

The Maths Problem of the Week and the solution to the previous problems are attached.

Nick Owen

PE News

Please read the attached document, where you will find:

- This term's **Extra-Curricular Timetable**
- **England Ice Hockey** selection for a Y11 student
- **Fixtures** for next week

Matt Mures

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