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Date	Event
Wc 1 May	"B" Week
1 May	Bank Holiday
2 May	School Resumes
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

Curriculum Subject Focus: Maths

As per my note in last week's newsletter, we will be sharing the links to one subject area per week over so that you can develop your understanding of what your child learns at ICC. Week 1 is Maths. Please do take an opportunity to talk to your child about what they have been learning in [KS3](#) or [KS4](#). You may also want to look ahead to see what's coming next. It is always a good idea to encourage your child to consolidate their learning, not just as part of a revision programme for exams or assessments. This could be done by revisiting work in their Class Notebooks in Onenote. There are many learning platforms with low stakes quizzes which your child could access, too, to see how secure they are with their knowledge.

Start of Term September 2023

Please note that there has been a change to the start of term date for September 2023. Students will return to school on **Wednesday 6 September** and not Tuesday 5 September as previously advertised.

Mat Hunter
Headteacher

Year 11 exams

Please find attached to the newsletter/linked, three important documents relating to the exams this summer:

1. The **Exams Assembly** that I delivered to students on Monday. The penultimate slide in particular is a nice summary of the key messages from JCQ (*Joint Council for Qualifications*).
2. Details of the **revision sessions** that we will be running in school prior to every exam (breakfast / during the school day / after school). Our student feedback from previous years has told us that they found these sessions really useful, both for the tips on exam technique that they were able to discuss with teachers but also for the chance to spend some time with peers prior to the exam, supporting each other in their preparations.
3. Relating to those **exam breakfasts**, we ask students to complete the brief survey at <https://forms.office.com/e/gta5SBB7j8> Even if they are not sure if they are coming but think there is a chance, we would ask them to fill out their order, as it helps us with the purchasing of sausages! Similarly, completing the form does not oblige students to attend.

All of the above have been emailed directly to Year 11 students this week, but I thought that they may also be of use to parents.

Matt Ford

National Thank a Teacher Day

National Thank a Teacher Day 2023 is on Wednesday 21 June and is set to be a nationwide celebration of the UK's amazing school staff. Head over to the Thank a Teacher UK website and [register your interest](#) or follow [@UKThankATeacher](#) on Twitter to be kept up to date as plans unfold. There will also be access to free 2023 Activity Packs as soon as they're released, full of fun games and puzzles. Find out more at www.thankateacher.co.uk.

Mat Hunter

NCS

This week, Year 11 students have been introduced to an exciting opportunity run by the National Citizen Service. NCS organise annual residential trips, allowing students develop a range of key life skills, the opportunity to take part in new challenges, meet new people and make new friends. This year, there are three themed trips for students to choose from, allowing them to take part in activities to suit their interest. More information can be found on the attached information leaflet.

Charlotte Gibson

Work Experience

This week has seen Year 10 students out of school and participating in Work Experience, giving them a taste of the world of work. Many students have worked hard to arrange their own placement in an industry that interests them including architecture, engineering, health and beauty, retail and education to name a few. The feedback we have received from placements has been overwhelmingly positive and students seem to have really enjoyed themselves too. Well done to everyone involved.

Charlotte Gibson

Maths Problem of the Week

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

Nick Owen

DofE

A big well done to the year 10 students who took part in their Bronze practice expedition last weekend! We were very lucky with the weather and the students managed to complete their 6 hour walk and set up their camp with no rain. They showed great team work during their navigation as well as putting up a tent and cooking their dinner.

Their qualifying expedition will now be next weekend on Saturday 6th – May to Sunday 7th May. They are all meeting at Tilsley Park in Abingdon (Dunmore Road, OX14 1PU) at either 10:15 or 10:45am.

Katie Scane

Oxfordshire Teacher Training SCITT 'Get into Teaching' Information Event: Thursday 4 May 6-7pm The Swan School, Marston Ferry Road, Oxford OX2 7WP

Have you considered a career working with young people? Come and join us at our free **Get into Teaching Information Event** next week to find out more about who we are, what we offer and how to apply for our full and part-time teacher training programmes.

More details can be found on our website [HERE](#)

Please reserve your place by signing up through Eventbrite, the online ticketing and event provider, using the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/oxfordshire-teacher-training-15354828644>

Once you have reserved your place you will receive confirmation from Eventbrite, we will then follow up with you a little nearer the time with further details about the event.

We look forward to meeting you soon - The SCITT Team.

Georgia Hamilton

Icknield Community College/Acer Trust – Vacancies

Please visit our website for all current vacancies: [Staff Vacancies - Icknield Community College](#)

Gill Ward

PE News

Please read the attached document, where you will find:

- News of this year's **Play Your Way To Wimbledon** competition
- **Y7 Football results** from this week
- **Fixtures** for next week

Matt Mures

Careers News

Please find attached a free Summer School Programme for students in Y12 and Y9 who are interested in a career linked to the Property Industry and the many different jobs linked to this sector. Deadline for application is Friday 5 May.

Helen Richardson

COMMUNITY NEWS

Calling ALL NEW MATHS students.

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Adrian Thomas