



## Icknield Community College

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Date	Event
17 April	School Resumes "B" 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

### Congratulations Year 11 Netball Team!

Congratulations to the Year 11 netball team who played in their last ever netball fixture last week. There was some high quality netball on display from both teams but Icknield were victorious, 27-20, against a strong Didcot Girls' School team. This final result was particularly significant - the girls have won all of their matches since the end of Year 8! This is clearly an incredible achievement and one of which the team should be really proud! We are certainly proud of you and you have been a credit to ICC over the years. I know Miss Prior has considered it a real pleasure to work with a group of such committed and talented students.

### Enrichment Activities

My thanks to all staff and parents for enabling our students to take part in so many enrichment activities during their time at ICC. There are so many to mention but a particular thank you this week to Dan Moden and colleagues for the Year 10 Geography Residential at Slapton Ley and to Cloé Thomas and many colleagues in the MfL, Science and PE (and others!) teams for welcoming and accommodating 95 French students and teachers on Tuesday. It was great to see our students speaking French with their Year 9 counterparts, as well as carrying out sports activities with them after school. Please see reports later in the newsletter on both of these experiences.

### Staffing News

We said a fond farewell this week to our student teachers who have been working with us since September. We also said goodbye to Fraser Prince who has gone on to exciting new adventures this Easter. We also wished Natalie Butler all the best as she went on maternity leave.

Sam Walkley is now unlikely to be back in school before at least 6 May. As mentioned beforehand, please send any SEN related enquiries to the ICC SEN email.

Wishing you all the very best for a very enjoyable Easter Break.

**Mat Hunter**  
Headteacher

### Easter Revision Sessions – Year 11

A final reminder that Easter revision sessions will be taking place for Year 11 students over the Easter holidays. Sessions will run on 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> April from 10.00-15.00. Students will need to remain at school for the day (unless signed out by a parent/carer) and will need to bring a packed lunch and fully charged Chromebook.

**Charlotte Gibson**

### Social Media Round-Up

If you've been following @IcknieldCC this last couple of weeks you'll have seen a flurry of activity relating to our fantastic production of *Little Shop of Horrors*. You've set new records for 'likes' and 'shares', and we're creeping closer to our target of 2,000 followers across Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. In other news, we've been celebrating Year 9 student Aaron Ridgeley's 'Talent for Writing' award and our Year 7 students' participation in the South Oxfordshire Indoor Athletics Competition. Visitors to our social media channels have also seen Year 9 linguists welcoming their pen friends from France, Year 10 geographers exploring the physical and human landscapes of Devon, Year 8 historians debating the return of the Koh-i-Noor diamond to India, and Year 8 dancers using action cards to build their choreography skills. The excitement continues after Easter, so make sure that you're following one of our @IcknieldCC accounts.

**Robert Legg**

### Year 7 Assessments after the Easter Holidays

As Year 7 students are aware, in the week after the Easter holiday, they will be completing the second of the two sets of Year 7 assessments in English, Maths, Science, Geography, History and MFL. They have been revising and preparing for these assessments in lessons and with homeworks in recent weeks. For your information as parents, the assessments will take place on the following days on the first week of the half term.

	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Lesson 5
Monday	Geography (XN, RE) History (BK)				Geography (HF, EB) History (JD)
Tuesday	Y-band Maths		X-band Maths		Geography (BK) History (XN, RE)
Wednesday	French English (HM, HF, JBx)		Geography (JD) History (HF)		
Thursday		History (EB)			Spanish English (FP, NB, JBy)
Friday			Science (incl. 7BK/Cp)		

**James Barringer**

### Friends from St Florent-le-Vieil

This week, after much planning and anticipation, we welcomed friends from St Florent-le-Vieil who have been exchanging letters with our French students in Y9.

It was wonderful to see our students working together in Science, creating joint presentations and conversing in both French and English to get to know one another. There was a fantastic atmosphere throughout the day, especially during the Giant Cluedo when groups worked collaboratively to solve the murder!

The fun, however, didn't stop there! After school, our students participated in football and table tennis tournaments and many of our visitors enjoyed supporting our netball teams who were competing against other schools - enlightening for our French friends who are not familiar with this sport!

We finished off by congregating in the hall to say 'Au revoir!' and have a Sing-song which was a lovely ending to the day.

**Cloé Thomas**

## Y10 Slapton Trip

This last weekend, Saturday to Tuesday, fifty-six Year 10 Geographers made the annual visit to Slapton Ley in Devon.

We seem to always get fairly lucky with the weather and, aside from a wet and blustery final session on the beach, we mostly stayed dry and warm for the duration of the trip. On arrival on Saturday, students were challenged to set up their own investigation in the centre grounds and students came up with an interesting range of questions. Tree studies featured prominently with other investigations into litter around the site and bird populations.

The two main fieldwork days, Sunday and Monday, involved travelling up to Dartmoor to study the River Lemon and its downstream changes and urban fieldwork in Plymouth to compare two regeneration schemes in contrasting parts of the city. With recent rainy weather, the river levels were higher than usual but this didn't deter our students from getting stuck in and measuring a range of variables within the river channel.

Despite some students getting a soaking, spirits were not dampened. We were blessed with spells of warm sunshine as we walked around Plymouth and students practised a range of human geography fieldwork techniques. In preference to another classroom session, we stopped at Slapton Sands on our return to skim stones, build rock towers and take in the sea views.

All in all, it was a very successful trip and we thoroughly enjoyed the company of the students and the sociable spirit in which they approached the trip. My thanks go to Sue Wilkins, Taylor Samuel-Beechey and Shannon Lenehan who supported the trip so wonderfully well. We'll be back in 2024!

**Daniel Moden**



## Vacancies

Please see attached the latest job vacancies within the Acer Trust schools.

**Lisa Best**

## Maths Problem of the Week

The Maths Problems of the Week and the solution to last week's problems are attached.

**Nick Owen**

## PE News

Please read the attached document, where you will find:

- **Watlington Town FC** are hosting an **Easter Sunday Football** event
- Next term's **Extra-Curricular Timetable**
- **KS3 PE Lesson Activities** for next term
- **Results** from this week

**Matt Mures**

## Letters to Parents

Trinity Laban – 05 Jul 2023 – Selected Year 9 & 10

Romeo & Juliet – 06 Jul 2023 – Year 9

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**Adrian Thomas**