



## Icknield Community College

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### Newsletter: 4 November 2022

Date	Event
7 November	'A' Week
10 November	Y7 Tutor Evening
24 November	CareersFest
30 Nov – 19 Dec	Y11 Mock Exams
15 December	Y7 Parents' Evening
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

### Sports Tour to Greece

A huge thank you to the PE team and other members of staff who gave up their time over the half term holiday to take Year 9-11 students to Greece for the Sports Tour. Please see PE news (attached) for more information.

### CareersFest – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November

Please see the entry below from Helen Richardson, our Careers Manager, below about our CareersFest event which will be taking place after school on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Parents and carers of Year 10 and 11 students will be welcome to this event.

### Year 7 Assessment Week

Congratulations to all of our Year 7 students for completing their first assessment week. I have received very positive feedback from staff this week about how seriously students have taken their assessments and how well they have completed them. This is, clearly, great to hear!

### Parent Governor Elections

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor coming up this month. **Please see a letter attached from David Marcou, Chair of Governors and myself.** This also includes a nomination form.

All parents can nominate someone for election and can vote in the election. You can also volunteer yourself to stand for election.

For more information about being a Governor here at Icknield Community College please get in touch with our current Chair of the Governing Body, David Marcou, by contacting our Clerk, Judith Geddes ([jgeddes@acertrust.org.uk](mailto:jgeddes@acertrust.org.uk)).

All nominations should be emailed to the Governing Body Clerk ([jgeddes@acertrust.org.uk](mailto:jgeddes@acertrust.org.uk)) by **4pm on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022**, using the nomination form below. Please think about taking on the role, or suggesting someone who would be interested.

We would like to increase the diversity of our Governing Body to better reflect the school and local communities which it serves and make the governing body as effective as it can be.

**Mat Hunter**  
Headteacher

## Maths Problem of the Week

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

**Nick Owen**

## 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**

## PE News

In this week's PE News:

- Pictures from our **Sports Tour to Greece**
- A plea for **PE equipment!**
- **Results** from last week
- All the **fixtures** for next week

**Matt Mures**

## CareersNews

**CareersFest** – I am thrilled to be sharing more details about our forthcoming CareersFest taking place here in school on **Thursday 24 November 3-5.30pm**. Please do put the date in your diary and come along and join us.

**Y10** – if your child has managed to find themselves a Work Experience placement, please do remember to get them to bring in the signed and completed Employer/Student Agreement form. They can either bring it to me directly or hand it into the Finance office.

In this weeks CareersNews there are details of some exciting and interesting apprenticeship opportunities with the **NHS, MI5 and MI6** as well as many others. Information on becoming a Physiotherapist or an Osteopath and details on all of our local feeder Sixth Form and Colleges open days. Please take a moment to read through and should you have any questions, please do get in touch: [helen.richardson@icknield.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:helen.richardson@icknield.oxon.sch.uk)

**Helen Richardson**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust

At the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust (BBOWT), we're developing ideas for a new visitor attraction for families in our three counties. For now, we're calling it *Wilder Spaces*; it will have nature at its heart and inspire people to take positive action for nature and wildlife.

We're really keen to hear from local families (and school staff members too) to get feedback on our ideas, learn what would be important to you in a visitor experience and what might put you off coming. We've engaged a consultant (Karen Brodie from Counterculture Partnership) who will run three online consultation sessions in the first half of November. Sessions will last an hour, and no preparation is needed. All your feedback will be anonymous, so we can get your honest thoughts and opinions.

We can't pay you for your time, but we'd love to offer all those who participate in our online consultation session a year's free membership to BBOWT as a thank you for your time.

There are three sessions to choose from. Please book for your preferred time using one of the three links below.

[Thursday 10 November, 2pm – 3pm](#)

[Friday 11 November, 10am – 11am](#)

[Tuesday 15 November, 6:30pm – 7:30pm](#)

Kate Savell  
Learning Support Officer (West)  
Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust  
*Working hrs 8:30am-3:30pm Wed & Fri*  
01235 862024  
The Lodge, 1 Armstrong Road, Littlemore, Oxford, OX4 4XT



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**Adrian Thomas**

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