



## Icknield Community College

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### Newsletter: 5 May 2023

Date	Event
Wc 8 May	"A" Week
8 May	Bank Holiday – The Coronation of King Charles III
9 May	School Resumes
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

### Year 10 Work Experience

Congratulations to our Year 10 students on completing their Work Experience last week. I am so delighted to have heard so many success stories! Please see a note from Helen Richardson, Careers Manager, below:

**Y10 Work Experience – WOW! What a week!** Congratulations to Y10 for completing a fantastic week out in the 'World of Work'. It was a pleasure to spend last week visiting over 70 of our students whilst on their placements and to receive such fantastic feedback from their employers. Some have even been offered jobs! I visited Primary Schools, Sports Centres, Gyms, Restaurants and Kitchens, Architectures, Fire & Rescue Services, Specialist Schools and Charities, Kennels, Retail, Medical Centres, Furniture makers, Stately Homes, The RAF, Publishers, Interior Designers, England and League Sports Clubs, Digital Design Companies, Flying Schools, Opticians, Oxfam, Drama Studios and so many, many, more amazing places. A HUGE Thank You to all involved. Please see a few pictures of our students at work attached to this newsletter.

**Helen Richardson**

### Year 11 PE Moderation

Many congratulations to our Year 11 GCSE PE students for performing so well today for their visit from the exam board moderator. We are very proud of you all!!

**Mat Hunter**  
**Headteacher**

### Eco-Fair – Save the date!

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of June, we will be holding an Eco-Fair at Icknield. This event will bring together students and members of the local communities who are working towards a more sustainable future. The event starts at 2.00pm for students but, at 3.30pm, we will be opening up the event to parents and the general public. From 3.30pm to 5.00pm there will be talks from individuals/business owners about matters of sustainability more locally. We are still looking for one or two more individuals to come and promote themselves/their business/projects and would welcome anyone who could help to get in touch with Jack Miller ([jack.miller@icknield.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:jack.miller@icknield.oxon.sch.uk)).

Equally, if you would just like to come and help support this event/cause by your attendance, you would be warmly welcome on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June from 3.30pm. A full programme of events will be available in a few weeks.

**Jack Miller**

## **Garsington Opera Youth Company**

The Education Team at Garsington Opera has asked me to publicise some exciting opportunities that will be available with the company's youth section this summer. The two strands – 'Design' and 'Stage Management' – are both part of the company's backstage operations. These strands are open to anyone aged 13 to 21, and applicants are welcome to apply for one or both strands in a single application. Please find the PDF information sheets attached to this newsletter, with a link to the application form inside each of them. **The deadline for applications is Friday 19 May.** If you have any questions after reading the application material, feel free to email [learning@garsingtonopera.org](mailto:learning@garsingtonopera.org) for more information.

**Robert Legg**

## **Bletchley Park Visit**

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 48 Year 8 students visited Bletchley Park. During the day, students were given a guided tour of the grounds, explored the huts where the 'code-breakers' worked during World War 2 and had a classroom session on the use of codes and ciphers. Always a fascinating and fast paced day, students were able to leave with a much greater understanding and knowledge of the importance of the work completed by Alan Turing and his fellow colleagues during a critical moment in our country's history. The students were also able to improve their mathematical understanding of encryption through practical application in a range of tasks. The highlight of the day was the opportunity for all students to use a real Enigma machine.

**The Computing Department**

## **Maths Problem of the Week**

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

**Nick Owen**

## **The Oxford Maths Festival**

The [Oxford Maths Festival](#) (organised by the Oxford University Mathematics Department) is an extravaganza of all the wonderful curiosities mathematics holds. Over two days you can immerse yourself in a wide range of events, with something for everyone, no matter your age or prior mathematical experience. Details are attached.

**Nick Owen**

## **Private Lessons at ICC**

There are a number of private music instructors that come to Icknield each week to offer instruction on a wide variety of instruments. Whether you've been playing the piano for years or you are interested in starting a new instrument, we would like to encourage all students to consider taking advantage of this opportunity. Included below are the names and contact info of the current roster of teachers. If you have questions or need help getting in touch please reach out to Ms. Elgood.

Emily Pen - oboe, saxophone: [Emily.Penn@Oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Emily.Penn@Oxfordshire.gov.uk)

Tony Lyons – drums: [tonytonylyons@gmail.com](mailto:tonytonylyons@gmail.com)

Russ Payne – guitar: [goquitarmail@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:goquitarmail@yahoo.co.uk)

Elizabeth Patterson – violin and Pete Watson – piano: Please contact Michael Davies to arrange lessons at [mjmusicsservices@aol.com](mailto:mjmusicsservices@aol.com)

**Rebecca Elgood**

## **PE News**

Please read the attached document, where you will find:

- News of this year's **Play Your Way To Wimbledon** competition
- An amazing **Tumble achievement** for a Y7 student
- **Y9 & 10 Tennis results** from this week
- **Fixtures** for next week

**Matt Mures**

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**Adrian Thomas**