



## Icknield Community College

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### Newsletter: 9 December 2022

| Date              | Event  |
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| 12 December       | 'B' Week   |
| 30 Nov – 19 Dec   | Y11 Mock Exams   |
| 15 December       | Y7 Parents' Evening  |
| 15 December       | CAMHS Webinar for Parents – supporting young people with anxiety |
| 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  |

### Year 11 Mock Exams

Congratulations to the many Year 11 students who have been revising so hard for their mock exams, and who have done a great job over the past 8 days in the Sports Hall (and other rooms) completing their papers. Only 5 days to go now before they are over! We hope that all of the hard work has paid off. Well done to you all...

### Acer Trust Job Vacancies

Do you want to make a difference to young people and their families? We are advertising for the non-teaching posts of Deputy DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead) and Exams Officer. For full details, plus details of other vacancies across Acer Trust, please visit our website: [Icknield Community College - Vacancies](#)

### Netball/Tennis Courts

Thank you so much to those of you who have been able to make a donation to our Netball/Tennis court fund. If you are able to make a donation, however small, please do so by clicking on the link below: <https://evolve.edufocus.co.uk/shop?IcknieldCommunityCollege>

The courts have been resurfaced this week and we are really pleased with the transformation! Next week, they will be painted with a temporary substance before a full paint job will take place in warmer Spring!

### Year 11 Parents' Evening

We had originally planned for the next Year 11 Parents' Evening to take place on Thursday 19 January. It will now be taking place on Thursday 26 January. More information will follow after the Christmas break when you will be asked to book your appointments online.

**Mat Hunter**  
Headteacher

### Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone who joined in or contributed to our Christmas Jumper Day Appeal for Save The Children. As of Thursday evening, we have raised £343 for the charity. There is still time to contribute, by clicking here.

**James Barringer**

## **Y11 Mock Interviews**

Our Y11 cohort traditionally have the opportunity to experience an interview in January where we invite professionals in from many different avenues, both locally and nationally, to conduct Mock Interviews with our students. The event is taking place in school on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023. It starts at 8.30am and promises to be finished by 11.30am. Each interviewer will have 4-5 students to interview. Each interview lasts for 10 minutes with a 5 minutes feedback session and 5 minutes report write up on how the student performed. You will receive a copy of their CV's in advance of their interviews. Our students are invited to dress in business dress, to make the experience more real for them. It is a highly valuable experience for them all, for many the first interview they will have experienced before they go on for their Sixth Form, College or Apprenticeship interviews, as their time at Icknield comes to a close. We would welcome more volunteers, so if this is something you feel you can support us with, please do let me know. Thanks in advance.

Helen Richardson – Careers Manager [helen.richardson@icknield.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:helen.richardson@icknield.oxon.sch.uk)

**Helen Richardson**

## **Coming up this year: CAMHS Webinars for Parents**

The CAMHS In-Reach service are delivering 3 parent webinars across this year to offer support to parents. Please see dates below. The webinars will be delivered from 7-8pm. If you would be interested in attending one of these webinars, please email Lisa Best ([lisa.best@icknield.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:lisa.best@icknield.oxon.sch.uk)). Closer to the event, we will distribute the link to join the webinar.

**15<sup>th</sup> December 2022 - Supporting Young people with Anxiety:** This session will cover a brief overview of the presentation of anxiety in adolescence and how to talk with young people about this. We will cover the difference between appropriate levels of anxiety and when additional help might be needed, what might keep anxiety going and provide an overview of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (an evidence-based treatment for anxiety) as well as several useful techniques which parents can use to support their child.

**23<sup>rd</sup> of February 2023 - Supporting Young people with low mood and depression:** This session will cover a brief overview of what depression is, how it presents in young people and what keeps it going? An introduction into behavioural activation techniques and how to support your teenager

**20<sup>th</sup> April 2023 - Supporting Young people who self-harm:** This session will be a chance for parents to gain a greater understanding around self-harm, how to have conversations with young people and strategies for practical support.

**Vicky Pickford**

## **Social Media Round-Up**

With only one full week of term left, we're starting a race to the finish across our Twitter, Instagram and Facebook channels. Please take a moment to check out Watlington Primary School students' delicious cooking, the festive knitwear on display at this year's Christmas jumper fundraiser, and our Year 8 students learning about electromagnets in Science. Then, if you've still got the energy for it, have a look at our KS3 Winter Games in PE. Lastly, please read the advert we've posted for a really important new safeguarding position here at school. And if you know someone who'd fit the bill, please share the details. As ever, I encourage you to follow @IcknieldCC and share whenever you can.

**Robert Legg**

## **Maths Problem of the Week**

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

**Nick Owen**

## **DofE**

Over the last two weeks our new Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver participants have been setting up their accounts and completing their eDofE section information.

A big well done to Jem B, Benjamin C, Tilly C, Isabella G-H, Jess H, Cassidy H, Olive O, Greta Q, Olly R and Matthew Y who have all uploaded at least one of their section details for approval. A special congratulations to Freya C, Naomi E, Freya F, Nicholas F, Alex I, Annabelle K, James L, Sway M, Alice M, Jennifer S, Zac S, Matilda T and Kate V who have already managed to upload all 3 section details!

Students need to upload their section details as well as photo evidence that they have started each of their sections by Jan 31<sup>st</sup>. After school training for the Bronze expeditions will start on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

**Katie Scane**

## Christmas Candy Canes

Next week, 10JH are going to be selling and delivering Christmas candy canes around school to raise money for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation and the Oxford Hospitals Charity.

Please bring your money in to treat your friends to a candy cane this Christmas, and help us raise money for these causes!

10JH

## PE News

In this week's PE News:

- The current standings for the **KS3 Winter Games** (including all of the remaining fixtures)
- The single **result** from this week
- A plea for our new **Tennis and Netball Courts!**

Matt Mures

## Applications to Sixth Form School

Please see below the closing dates for applications into our feeder Sixth Form schools.

Helen Richardson

| <b>School</b>  | <b>Details</b>   | <b>Deadline to apply for entry</b> |
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| <u>Wallingford School</u><br><u>Wallingford School</u>   | Wallingford School offer a broad selection of A-Levels options together with a select few BTEC courses. Entry requirements are different for each subject chosen so best to check per subject base.  | Tuesday 31 January 23              |
| <u>Wheatley Park School</u><br><u>Wheatley Park School - Wheatley Park School</u>  | Wheatley Park School offers a mixture of A-Levels and BTEC courses. Entry requirements is to complete 8GCSE's (or equivalent) achieving a minimum of Grade 4 in five subjects including English & Maths  | Monday 23 January 23               |
| Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe, Boys<br><u>Royal Grammar School - Home</u><br><u>(rgshw.com)</u>                                     | A wide range of A-Level options. Entry requirements are a minimum of 49 points from the best 8 GCSE's including a minimum Grade 5 in English Language and Maths (Grade 9 = 9 points, Grade 8 = 8 points and so on). See individual subject choices for subject entry levels                          | Tuesday 28 February 23             |
| <u>Lord Williams School, Thame</u><br><u>Sixth Form   Lord Williams's</u><br><u>School</u>   | Lord Williams School offer a broad selection of A-Levels options together with a select few BTEC courses. Entry requirements are different for each subject chosen so best to check per subject base.  | Monday 20 February 23              |
| John Hampden Grammar School, High Wycombe, Boys<br><u>Welcome to John Hampden</u><br><u>Grammar School</u><br><u>(jhgs.bucks.sch.uk)</u> | A wide range of A-Level options. Entry requirements to study 3 A-Levels is 48pts from best 8 GCSE's incl Grade 5 in English and Maths. Entry requirements to study 4 A-Levels is 64pts from best 8 GCSE's incl Grade 5 in English and Maths. See individual subject choices for subject entry levels | Thursday 30 March 23               |

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| <p>Sir William Borlase's, Marlow<br/> <u>Home - Sir William Borlase's Grammar School (swbgs.com)</u></p>                           | <p>Sir William Borlase's offer a wide range of A-Level subjects and a L3 BTEC in Theatre Production Arts. Entry requirements across all GCSE subjects is an average of 6.4 with a minimum of a Grade 5 in English and Maths. Most subjects require a Grade 7 in GCSE to continue at A-Level. Students are required to write a letter to accompany their application of no more than 300 words.</p> | <p>Wednesday 1 February 23</p>                   |
| <p>Aylesbury Grammar School, Boys<br/> <u>Homepage   Aylesbury Grammar School (ags.bucks.sch.uk)</u></p>                           | <p>A wide range of A-Level options. Entry requirements are a minimum of 44 points from the best 8 GCSE's including a minimum Grade 5 in English Language and Maths (Grade 9 = 9 points, Grade 8 = 8 points and so on). See individual subject choices for subject entry levels.</p>  | <p>Friday 13 January 23</p>                      |
| <p>Wycombe High School, Girls<br/> <u>Welcome to Wycombe High School for Girls, Buckinghamshire (whs.bucks.sch.uk)</u></p>         | <p>A wide range of A-Level options. Entry requirements are a minimum of 48+ points from the best 8 GCSE's including a minimum Grade 5 in English Language and Maths (Grade 9 = 9 points, Grade 8 = 8 points and so on). See individual subject choices for subject entry levels</p>  | <p>Friday 27 January 23</p>                      |
| <p>Aylesbury High School, Girls<br/> <u>Aylesbury High School   Prepare, Challenge &amp; Inspire (ahs.bucks.sch.uk)</u></p>        | <p>A wide range of A-Level options. Entry requirements are a minimum of 44 points from the best 8 GCSE's including a minimum Grade 5 in English Language and Maths (Grade 9 = 9 points, Grade 8 = 8 points and so on). See individual subject choices for subject entry levels</p>   | <p>Monday 9 January 23</p>                       |
| <p>Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School, Aylesbury (co-ed)<br/> <u>Vision, Mission &amp; Values - Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School</u></p> | <p>A wide range of A-Level options. Entry requirements to study 3 A-Levels is 48pts from best 8 GCSE's incl Grade 5 in English and Maths. Entry requirements to study 4 A-Levels is 56+pts from best 8 GCSE's incl Grade 5 in English and Maths. See individual subject choices for subject entry levels</p>   | <p>Monday 6 February 23</p>                      |
| <p><b><u>College</u></b></p>   | <p><b><u>Details</u></b></p>   | <p><b><u>Deadline to apply for entry</u></b></p> |
| <p>Abingdon &amp; Witney College</p>   | <p>This college offers a variety of vocational courses from Level 1 to Level 4. Register to attend this event: For further</p>   | <p>Open Ended</p>                                |

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| BCA, Berkshire College of Agriculture   | BCA are an agriculture college based on the outskirts of Maidenhead. They offer a wide range of Animal and Land Based courses as well as Early Years, Motor Vehicle Maintenance and much more.  | Open Ended |
| Sparsholt College, Hampshire  | Sparsholt is an agricultural college offering a broad choice of Countryside learning.   | Open ended |
| City of Oxford College, Active Learning   | City of Oxford College offer a broad range of courses and programmes from Beauty to Business, Construction to Media as well as a range of A-Levels, T-Levels and Apprenticeships<br>Register to attend this event:  | Open Ended |
| The Henley College  | The Henley College offer a broad range of A-Level choices including a few not so widely available courses such as Law and Criminology. They also offer a host of Level 2 and 3 Diploma courses from Travel & Tourism to Film, TV and Radio production and Applied Science to Engineering and much more. | Open Ended |
| Bucks College Group, which includes Aylesbury, High Wycombe and Amersham Colleges<br><a href="http://www.buckscolleqegroup.ac.uk">www.buckscolleqegroup.ac.uk</a> | Bucks College Group offer a variety of Level 1 – Level 3 BTEC and Vocational Courses across all three campuses  | Open Ended |

### 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.

Please note, on 14 December, there will be no other 'hot' meal provided other than Christmas Dinner. Paninis and sandwiches will be available.

**Gill Ward**

### Friends of Icknield' Need You!

We are a friendly, sociable and supportive group, most of whom have children attending Icknield Community College, and our primary aim is to help raise funds to benefit students in a wide variety of ways (supporting school trips, purchasing additional equipment/ resources etc). In order to do this, we set up and run second hand uniform sales (aided and abetted by Mr Ford!), serve refreshments at school productions and functions and generally step in wherever needed.

Although the committee are a keen and dedicated group, due to work and family commitments, none of us currently have the availability to act as Chair and take 'Friends of Icknield' forward. Therefore, we are looking for an enthusiastic individual (or two – it's good to share!) who can help us organise our future fundraising.

If you feel that you could help the current team out with organisation and delegation and would like to know more about the role then please do get in touch with us via the Finance Office – you will be warmly

welcomed! Equally, if you would like to join the committee, please do let us know – the more, the merrier!

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

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**Adrian Thomas**

**Does your school have budding lionesses waiting for their chance to shine?** If so, Chinnor Youth Football Club (CYFC) is looking for new players to join its thriving girls section.

### **Who is CYFC?**

CYFC is a chartered standard community football club, based at Whitesfield in Chinnor, aiming to provide access to football for all girls aged 5 to 14, and for all abilities. We are also to start other age groups up if we can get the interest from our 15s and 16s.

Established in early 2021, the girls' section already has over 100 girls training and playing football each week and we want to provide more girls the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful game. Whether they just wish to participate in fun weekly training sessions or they also wish to play in the weekend match teams, CYFC would love for them to come along and give it a try.

With the fabulous success of the England Lioness winning Euro 2022, and the wonderful development of girls and womens football in recent years, CYFC wants to give all girls the opportunity to unlock their inner Lioness, and possibly find a future England star in the process.

### **Why play football?**

As well as the obvious physical and mental health benefits from playing an active sport, playing football also supports the girls with developing valuable life skills, such as:

1. ownership and decision-making;
2. teamwork;
3. respect for others;
4. motivation;
5. resolving conflict.
6. Social Skills

On top of that, the girls have the chance to build and forge new friendships with girls from other schools.

Please see our flyer attached.

**Donna Shields**

**On behalf of Chinnor Youth Football Club – Girls' Section**