



Icknield Community College

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Newsletter – 6 October 2017

Date	Event
10 Oct	Year 7 Tutor Evening 4-7pm
20 Oct	End of term (non-school uniform) – normal 3pm finish

Information Evenings

Thank you to all parents and carers who were able to attend our Year 7 and Year 10 information evenings last night. We hope you found them useful. Slides from both evenings are attached to this newsletter and will be posted on our website shortly.

Open Evening Dates

During the Key Stage 4 Information Evening, Mrs Pickford shared the Open Evenings which are taking place for Year 12 students for next September across a number of different colleges and sixth forms. Please see below although do check websites of all institutions for any updates on times and dates:

Matthew Arnold: 10 October 2017 9am – 11.30am

BCA: 7 October 2017 10am – 2pm

City of Oxford College: 15 November 2017 from 4pm to 7pm

Wallingford: 11 October 2017 (from 6pm for external applicants)

Aylesbury College: 12 October 2017 3.30pm – 7pm

Henley College: 19 October 2017 and 21 November 2017 6 – 8.30pm

Lord Williams: 7 November 2017 6pm onwards and 21 November 2017 Open Morning 8.45am

Wheatley Park: 9 November 2017 from 6 to 8pm

Abingdon and Witney:

- **Abingdon - 8 November 2017 & 7 February 2018**
- **Witney – 15 November 2017 & 21 February 2018**
- **Common Leys – 18 November 2017 & 14 March 2018**

Cherwell: 11th January 2017 from 5pm – 8pm

Banbury & Bicester: 8 November 2017 from 4pm – 7pm

Reading College: 1 November 2017 from 5pm – 7.30pm

Summer School

I have had a number of requests from parents to publish the dates for our Year 6 summer school for next year. I will finalise this with Mrs Carter next week and publish the dates on our website (as well as in next week's newsletter).

Staffing News

Mr Calder left Icknield Community College this week. We wish him all the very best for the future. Mr Kelly, Head of Faculty, will now be teaching all 3D design and Resistant Materials groups.

We also said a fond farewell to Mel Standage, our Attendance Manager, today. Anna Clementson will be taking over this post on Monday.

Have a good weekend.

Mat Hunter
Headteacher

Maths

We all use maths every day. We use it to make decisions about looking after our money, planning journeys, preparing meals and choosing the best deals in supermarkets.

In order to improve retention, please encourage students to have a go at the monthly maths calendar that comes along with the newsletter each month. The answers for the October Calendar will be issued in November.

For revision of topics, please look at <https://corbettmaths.com/contents/> where a video, exam questions and textbook exercise can be found on every topic.

Hazel Carvel

School Council Elections: 16-20 October

In the final week of term, we will be holding our elections to assemble this year's School Council. All Year 7-10 students are encouraged to put themselves forward as candidates, and I attach the Powerpoint that they will be shown next week by their tutors with all of the information supporting them to do this. The School Council is the students' opportunity to make a difference to the direction of their school: it is run by the Year 11 prefect team, and each tutor group lower in the school will have two representatives. Please do have a look at the attached information and encourage interested students to put their names forward. I will share the names of this year's councillors in the week after the October holiday.

Matt Ford

Parents who transport their children to Icknield Community College

If you drive your child to Icknield Community College and would like to explore the possibility of car sharing, please email me with your name, route, email and telephone number.

This will be shared amongst any parent who is interested in car sharing. The school cannot 'police' or administer this as we do not have the resources to do so, but we are happy to provide a group email with details of any parent who wishes to share their route and contact details, so parents can liaise directly between themselves, should they so wish.

Gill Ward

The Duke of Edinburgh Award has given us new opportunities and experiences. The process leading up to the expedition gave us responsibility and made us understand that we can't rely on our parents for everything. The actual expedition brought us closer as a group and opened new friendships that we could carry on after the expedition. We enjoyed cooking as a group and eating a meal together and we were proud of what we achieved. All in all Duke of Edinburgh was an adventure that has prepared us for life and we will never forget.

Abby, Laura, Gracie, Jess, Thea, Angelina, Lola

PE News

A massive congratulations to Carrick Dunbar who has been selected to play football for Oxfordshire. Well done! Carrick will also be part of the Vale District squad again this year, along with Finlay Wotherspoon and George Cox.

The Year 9 Rugby team had their 10s tournament at the beginning of the week and were up against some tough competition. The boys started off with a hard fought 5-5 draw against Langtree, with thanks to Rory Francis for a superb try after a long, breaking run down the wing. The second game versus Chiltern Edge went less well for the boys, but the final game with Wallingford really showed a remarkable improvement. An excellent few phases of patient play and pinpoint passing saw Finlay Monk put the ball down under the posts, which was then followed by an incredible Joe Cole run where he burst through the Wallingford defence to score and his own conversion meant it was 12-5 at half time. Unfortunately, Wallingford hit back hard in the second half and some neat phases of play from James Marshall set up George Cox for one final try but in the end it was not enough as we were just edged out 24-17.

Sports Tour update – can all students who are going on the Sports Tour please come to a meeting in the drama studio on Monday lunchtime at 1.30pm.

The Year 8 Girls Hockey team attended their area tournament this week and despite not all the results going their way they still played really well and there was noticeable improvement after each game. The highlight of the tournament was a win against Gillotts School - well done to all involved. The year 7s first rugby game took place this week on Thursday. We knew this year group was going to be strong but these boys were amazing in their first game and a real credit for the school.

The boys started off strong scoring a try in the first 5 minutes. This gave the boys a big boost leading to several more tries being scored. The game finished Icknield 45-5 Langtree. Tries from Tom Cove, Lawrence Wright, Ciaran Ramsbottom, Flynn McFadyen and Tom Gill. Man of the Match was Tom Cove.

The Year 10 rugby boys got their county cup underway this week against last year's winners, Lord Williams. Toby Francis got things off to a flying start, scoring straight from the receiving kick. Lord Bills hit back and scored two tries. Unfortunately, one of those took advantage of us being down to 14 while Finley Carter was treated for a blood injury. Jake Aspinall pulled things back with a try that was then converted by Alfie Briggs, before an Alex Turnbull-Irving try was sandwiched by two from the opposition. At half time, the game was 19-24, and it could have been anyone's for the taking. The second half started similarly to the first, with Icknield scoring almost moments after the whistle; this time an Angus Nelson breakthrough run drew us level. The boys continued to battle on against a very physical opponent and some questionable refereeing calls started to play with the boys' heads. A few successive tries from our opponents finally put the game into one team's favour for the first time in the game, and, although Finley Carter managed to pull a try back, it was just one too many for us. All 15 who played can be proud of their performances, and might be left wondering 'what if' had we taken a fully fit side with several subs. It was not to be however, and our attention now turns to winning the Plate Competition.

Fixtures:	Tuesday 10 th October	Year 7 Hockey (Gillotts) Year 7 Rugby vs Wheatley Park (H) Year 10/11 Rugby vs St Birinus (A)
	Wednesday 11 th October	Year 10/11 Hockey (Langtree) Year 8 vs Year 9 Rugby
	Thursday 12 th October	Year 7 Hockey vs Wallingford (H) Year 8 Rugby vs St Birinus (A)

Please follow our twitter page (@icknield_PE) as all information will be put on their prior to fixtures, as well as news of last minute changes and other club related news.

Macmillan Coffee Morning – written by Tom Marriage, Year 11

I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff who supported me for the Macmillan Coffee Morning, by baking cakes and buying them on the day.

I am delighted to announce that the total raised was £162. A fantastic result for this worthy charity.

As part of the event, I also made a Malteser waterfall cake, which was raffled, and won by Mrs Parker.

This event also gave me the opportunity to complete one of my ASDAN challenges.

Once again, thank you so much for all the support I had. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Careers Information for Years 9, 10 and 11

See below the latest Careers opportunities available. Please do contact Mrs Pickford or Mrs Richardson if you have any interest in the following:

- Aylesbury College are holding an open Day on Thursday 12 October from 3.30 – 7pm. This is a perfect opportunity for students and their families to meet the tutors and see the wide variety of facilities and courses they have to offer. For example students will be able to see the training kitchens, the Motor Vehicle workshop, the Hair and Beauty salons as well as Plumbing workshops. For further information please register your interest at: www.aylesbury.ac.uk/open-days
- Interested in becoming a Pilot? Pilot Careers Live is an exciting careers event guaranteed to inform, inspire and advise anyone who's interested in a rewarding career in aviation. The event covers many aspects of aviation from becoming a professional pilot, aero engineering and even air traffic control. It brings together leading aviation companies, airlines, universities and career experts in one venue. Taking place on Saturday November 4 from 10am – 4.30pm at the Sofitel Hotel, Terminal 5, London Heathrow Airport. To book yourself a ticket, please visit: www.pilotcareernews.com/live
- Abingdon and Witney College have a variety of current apprenticeships available through their college. For further details please log onto: www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk/apprenticeship-vacancies/
- Sparsholt College in Hampshire are holding their Open Day on Saturday 14 October from 10am – 2pm. They specialise in Agriculture, Animal Studies, Horticulture, Equine Studies, Sports, Outdoor and Public Services amongst other courses, with a campus based in the countryside. To register your interest, please log onto: www.sparsholt.ac.uk

Helen Richardson

Year 10 Parents Evening Date Change

Year 10 Parents Evening will be on Thursday 22nd February rather than Thursday 22nd March as originally advertised at the start of the year.

Louise Gilkes

Recipe of the Week: Carbonara

Autumn is well and truly here - so I'm seeking comfort food!

As always, please tweet your efforts and let us see your gorgeous bakes as well!

Twitter: @icknielfoodies

Sophie Koziol

Finance Office

Please ensure all cheques are made payable to Acer Trust.

We have a few PE kit orders that have not been collected. If you ordered kit and have not received it, please ask your child to collect it from the Finance Office.

Infectious illnesses

If your child is diagnosed with any infectious illness (for example, chickenpox), as well as keeping them off school for the period of their illness, please inform Gill Ward, Headteacher's PA.

Letters to Parents/Carers

The following letters have been sent out this week via ParentMail:

English in Action Letter – Year 10

Food Technology Revision Guides letter – Selected students

These letters can also be accessed on the school website:

<http://www.ickniel.doxon.sch.uk/news-and-events/letters-to-parents-carers>

Greece Tour

Please could all Passports and European Health Insurance Cards be handed into the Finance Office by Tuesday 10 October, ready for travelling.

Finance Office

FRIENDS OF ICKNIELD AGM

We will be holding our Friends of Icknield AGM on Tuesday 17th October at 6pm in the school canteen. We would love to see some new faces and extend a warm welcome to all parents and carers.

We are a small friendly group of parents who support the school by providing refreshments at school events and through running fundraising events.

Refreshments will be provided. For more information please contact samrooks@hotmail.co.uk

Sam Rooks