



Icknield Community College

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Newsletter – 10 November 2017

Date	Event
10 November	Remembrance Assembly (Year 7 and 8)
16 November	Year 11 Parents' Evening – 4pm-7pm
24 November	Further and Higher Education Fair
30 November	Kids Lit Quiz – Years 7 and 8
30 November	Year 9 Parents' Evening
12 December	Winter Concert – 7pm
18 December	Senior Citizens' Party – 4pm – 5.30pm
19 December	End of term (non-school uniform – please bring your £1 donation on Monday 18 December) - School finishes at 1pm
4 January 2018	Term 3 commences – 'A' Week

Remembrance Assembly

Year 7 and 8 students, along with our Year 11 Prefect Team, participated in a remembrance assembly this morning. The act of remembrance was led by Daniel Thompson, Rector at Watlington Church, and we were also fortunate enough to be joined by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Royal British Legion, Watlington Branch. My thanks also go to Orla Fernie, Head Girl, and Alfie Ford, Deputy Head Boy who spoke in the act of remembrance, and to Ms De Sybel and our amazing school choir (pictured below) who gave two very moving performances.



Please see the entry below from two students from our school choir.

Mat Hunter

School Choir

We are delighted to say we are a part of the ICC choir, this is a privilege for us all. As a group, we meet on a Monday lunchtime to rehearse and perfect our songs. Today, for our remembrance assembly, we sang 'while the tanks roll by', along with 'Where have all the flowers gone?'. This was well received by our audience. We are also working on other material to be performed at a later date including the Christmas concert. We are also in a Chamber Choir made up of dedicated choir members.

All this work could not have been possible without the help of our music teacher Ms De Sybel. Her exciting ideas and enthusiasm drives us to be the best performers we can be. She has given us many opportunities and has made a huge impact on the creative arts faculty.

Abby and Laura – Year 10

Quotation Bank texts: useful revision for Key Stage Four students in English

Mrs Wilson found these excellent revision books for some of the *GCSE Literature* course texts. They each take 25 of the most important quotations from the text and provide detailed material for each quotation, covering interpretations, literary techniques and detailed analysis. Also included is a sample answer, detailed essay plans, revision activities and a comprehensive glossary of relevant literary terminology. As we are providing the *York Notes Revision Guides* free of charge through the library, it might be that students choose to invest in these texts additionally, and they are certainly well suited to be used as revision texts for a course which will reward students who can learn short, selected quotes from each literature text.

Here are the links (there is no version yet for *Great Expectations*, but I would expect that there is a fairly good chance that one will follow soon):

An Inspector Calls: https://www.amazon.co.uk/Quotation-Bank-Inspector-Calls/dp/0995608628/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1509739592&sr=1-1&keywords=the+quotation+bank

Romeo and Juliet: https://www.amazon.co.uk/Quotation-Bank-Romeo-Juliet/dp/099560861X/ref=pd_sim_14_3?encoding=UTF8&psc=1&refRID=X5FVHJW2TWNTMBTKEEVY

Macbeth: https://www.amazon.co.uk/Quotation-Bank-Macbeth-Esse-Publishing/dp/0995608601/ref=pd_sim_14_2?encoding=UTF8&psc=1&refRID=EGPFSRJ3YZ6C5GF00J6M

Jekyll and Hyde: https://www.amazon.co.uk/Quotation-Bank-Dr-Jekyll-Hyde/dp/0995608644/ref=pd_sim_14_1?encoding=UTF8&psc=1&refRID=7NAZAEKT1C24K99R0QPT

Matt Ford

Maths

On Tuesday 7th November, some of Year 11 took part in the Senior Maths Challenge which is open to Years 11,12 and 13 and is organised by the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust. Along with the newsletter is a copy of the paper, but here are the first three questions to get your brains working.

- One of the following numbers is prime. Which is it?
A $2017 - 2$ B $2017 - 1$ C 2017 D $2017 + 1$ E $2017 + 2$
- Last year, an earthworm from Wigan named Dave wriggled into the record books as the largest found in the UK. Dave was 40 cm long and had a mass of 26 g. What was Dave's mass per unit length?
A 0.6 g/cm B 0.65 g/cm C 0.75 g/cm D 1.6 g/cm E 1.75 g/cm
- The five integers 2, 5, 6, 9, 14 are arranged into a different order. In the new arrangement, the sum of the first three integers is equal to the sum of the last three integers. What is the middle number in the new arrangement?
A 2 B 5 C 6 D 9 E 14

You will also find along with the newsletter the answers to the October Monthly Maths Calendar and new questions for November.

Hazel Carvel

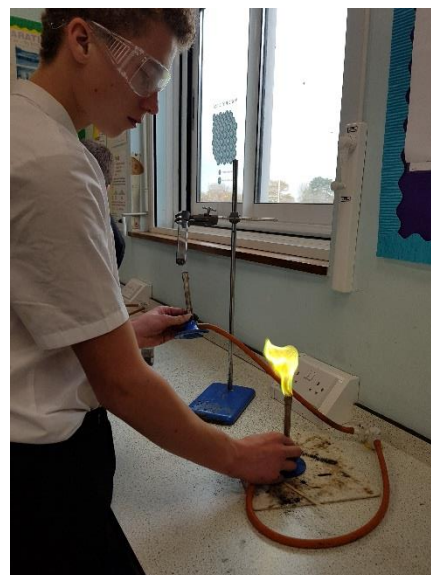
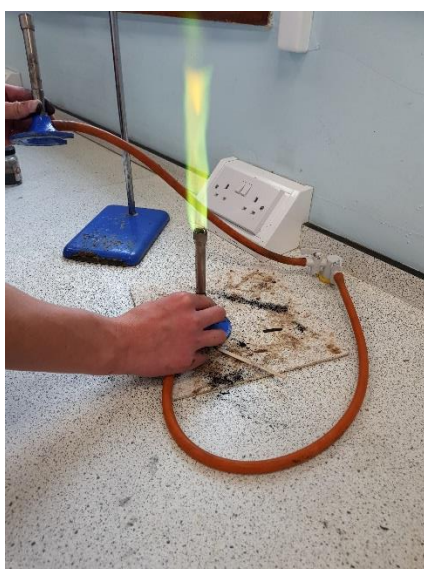
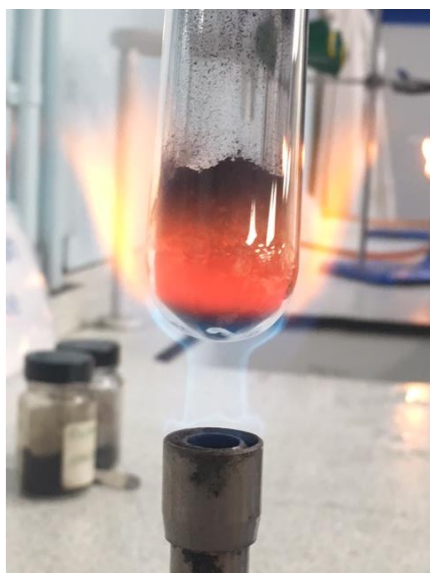
Year 11 Attainment Reports

All Year 11 students have been given an attainment report today (on Friday) with an accompanying letter that explains all of the information on the report. Should you have any questions, please do get in touch with your child's tutor (if it relates to your child's attainment) or me (if it relates to the reporting system).

James Barringer

Year 10 Science

This week Mrs Gilkes' Year 10 Group were very excited to have extracted copper from copper oxide and took some photos of their experiments. Below is a photo taken by Elizabeth Tattersall and two more taken by Ross Coates.



Louise Gilkes

PE News

On Wednesday afternoon, the U16 Girls Football team had the next fixture in their County Cup campaign; this one was a home tie against Henry Box. The anticipation for this game had been huge and was widely talked about, so much so that a big turnout of staff and students came out to support the girls. Icknield got off to a great start with Abi Tilbury testing the opposition goalkeeper early on and this set the theme for most of the first half. The girls dominated possession and kept pressing; Sophie Attfield a real driving force in midfield spurring the team on but somehow half time came with the score still tied at 0-0.

The second half saw Henry Box upping their game and threatening more, however, Skye Malin and Hannah Millard were in incredible form to deal with anything that came their way. Midway through the half, Abi held the ball up and scooped an amazing ball over the top of two defenders for Becky Roberts to run onto and slot the ball into the bottom right hand corner – cue wild celebrations both on the pitch and off it! Henry Box hit back though and after 5 minutes of increased pressure they finally found a way past the very impressive Natalie McCowan in goal. With the game looming towards penalties, a long ball forward again found Becky through on goal and she unleashed a brilliant shot which fizzed past the goalkeeper into the top right hand corner – cue even more wild celebrations! The last few minutes were tense moments and both the players and supporters on the side were wishing for the final whistle. The defence stayed strong and the final whistle was eventually met with pure excitement and relief! The girls were absolutely incredible and can certainly look forward to the next round knowing they have every chance of progressing through again. Well done to every single player, and thank you to all the support that showed up!

Fixtures:	Tuesday 14 th November	Year 7 Girls Hockey vs Langtree (A)
	Wednesday 15 th November	Year 10 Rugby vs Wallingford (A)

Please follow our twitter and Instagram pages (@ickniel_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.

Matt Mures

Ickniel Further & Higher Education Fair – 24th November @ ICC 2pm – 4pm.

Further to my note in last week's bulletin (see below) The Ickniel Further and Higher Education Fair is a great opportunity for students to speak to representatives from Further Education about the courses on offer, course content, requirements for admission, other opportunities at that establishment etc. We will have representatives from 23 different establishments – Colleges, Sixth-forms, Apprenticeship providers, Universities as well as a few Businesses that offer various recruitment schemes.

For Year 9 students this could be really useful in looking forward post-Ickniel and ensuring that the right subjects are chosen in the Guided Choices process in January to enable students to be successful in their chosen direction.

For Year 10 and 11 students this is an opportunity to start planning which establishments and courses to apply for and ensuring that the application is strong by getting that research and insider knowledge. Many students will not have any idea what they want to do post-Ickniel and this is a chance to browse prospectuses and look at the range of courses, routes and opportunities on offer.

The Further and Higher Education Fair will be held on the 24th November from 2-4pm in the Main Hall. This is a CLD and so we will be allowing Year 11 and Year 10 students to go to the fair in school time between 2-3pm. Year 10 students are on a trip to Reading University that day but will be returning in time to attend. Year 9 students may get a chance to pop in at the end of the day when they arrive back from their DofE training but I would encourage Year 9 students to attend after-school from 3-4pm if they can arrange a lift home or to attend with their parents if parents are able to join them that afternoon. All parents of Year 9, 10 and 11 students are welcome to meet students from 3pm and browse the stands with their children. Please do discuss this opportunity at home and think about questions students might need to ask to make the most of this event.

Henley College Taster Day – 16th November @ Henley College. This is a trip for Year 11 students only leaving by coach from ICC. Letters have been sent out and we are awaiting returns. This is not a compulsory trip. Students not attending the Henley College Taster Day will come into school as normal.

Icknield Further & Higher Education Fair – 24th November @ ICC 2pm – 4pm. Parents are invited to join students from 3pm onwards. This is aimed primarily at students in Year 10 and 11 but may be useful for parents/students in Year 9 who will be making their Guided Choices later in the year!

CareersFest – 6th February 2018 @ MINIPlant Oxford. This is a big Careers Fair that we will take all Year 11 students to on the morning of the 6th Feb. However, there is an open session available for students to attend with parents should parents of Year 10 students want take their children after-school.

Vicky Pickford

Year 11 GCSE mocks and Year 10 RE mock

When booking non urgent medical appointments please could you avoid the mock exam period (4th- 18th December).

These mocks form an important part of the students preparation for their summer GCSE examinations and their full and prompt attendance should be encouraged wherever possible.

Exam certificates

Former Year 11 students who sat their GCSE exams last summer have been advised that their certificates are ready for collection. Please do remind them to collect them from reception. If they are not able to collect them in person and a younger sibling or another family member wishes to collect them, they will require the students' written permission to collect their certificates. Coursework can also be collected by pre –arrangement with the relevant department.

For any queries regarding the forthcoming mocks, summer GCSEs or certificate collection, please contact me in the exams office (helen.rints@icknield.oxon.sch.uk) and I will be happy to assist.

Helen Rints

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:

- Great Marlow School invite all students considering their post 16 education to their Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 16 November from 5-7pm. The event will provide an opportunity for students in Year 10 and 11 to speak directly with A-Levels teachers about their courses, discover new subjects that are available and think about their academic future.
- The AWE Skills Academy are holding an event called 'Taste of Apprenticeships' on Tuesday 21st November from 12pm to 7pm at Aldermaston Recreational Society in Reading. This event is to showcase all trades the AWE Apprentice Academy and wider site has to offer to prospective apprentices. Some of the trades attending are: Electrical, Mechanical, Lab Techs, Health Physics, Finance and Quality Inspection. To find out further information and for the full list of trades, please contact Rebecca Robertson, Skills Academy on 01189 824495

- Ruskin College, Oxford is an independent college, providing vocational degrees, apprenticeships and access programmes with a social purpose that transforms the lives of individuals. They specialise in providing educational opportunities for young adults with few or no qualifications with an aim to change the lives of those who need a second chance in education. Ruskin College welcomes students who not only want to develop themselves but also want to put something back into society. If you would like further information on Ruskin College in Oxford, please log onto: www.ruskin.ac.uk or email: enquiries@ruskin.ac.uk Tel: 01865 759600
- City of Oxford College are having an Open Evening on Wednesday 15 November from 4-7pm. An A-Level information session for parents will take place at 5.45 and 6.45pm. To register for a place, please log onto: www.cityofoxford.ac.uk and follow the link
- Lord Williams School, Thame are hosting tours of their Sixth Form for all external students on Monday 13 November and Tuesday 21 November, starting at 8.45am. To book yourself a place, please log onto www.schoolbookings.net and use the code 4xjeh to enter. Should you experience difficulties in booking, please call: 01844 210510. The deadline to apply for a Sixth Form place at Lord Williams School is Friday 23 February 2018
- Buckinghamshire College Group, which includes, Aylesbury College, Amersham College and High Wycombe College are hosting open evenings as follows: Amersham Campus – Wednesday 15 November 6-8pm, Wycombe Campus – Tuesday 21 November 6-8pm and Aylesbury Campus Wednesday 22 November 3.30-7pm. To register a place on any of these dates, log onto: www.buckscollegigroup.ac.uk and follow the link to Open Days
- BCA College, Burchett's Green, Maidenhead are having an Open Day on Saturday 25 November. You will have the opportunity to visit their stunning 400 acre estate and see what a fantastic array of course they have to offer from Agriculture, Floristry, Health & Social Care, Motor Vehicle to Performing Arts courses, amongst many others. To register a place on this Open Day, please log onto: www.bca.ac.uk and follow the link to 'Open Event'
- ICC Careers Library – Please remind your son/daughter to visit the careers library at school where Helen Richardson will gladly guide them with some options.

Helen Richardson

Kids Lit Quiz 2017

Last Wednesday, Year 7 and 8 students who had enjoyed the inter tutor group book quiz competition came to the Library at lunchtime to do a pre-test, for a place on the school team.

The school is entering a team to take part in the regional heat of the Kids Lit Quiz and schools from all over Oxfordshire and Berkshire will compete answering a wide range of book related questions with the winners going on to the National Final in December.

The highest scoring students showed they read widely and can recall a range of children's and teenage literature. Representing Icknield Community College at the Quiz on 30th November are: Neil McCarthy (8MM), Robert Winton (8MW), Maddie Jennings (8HF) and Lily Allenden (7JH). The team will be practising at lunchtimes in preparation for the regional heat. They all love reading and there will be an opportunity to meet authors and get books signed at the event.

The Library Team

Children In Need 2017: Friday 17 November

Our Year 11 Prefect Team have planned a number of fun events for *Children In Need 2017*: I attach a poster advertising the events, which will be taking place during lunchtime in the school tennis courts.

Matt Ford

Library News

We have yet another stunning display to visit in the library thanks to the limitless creativity of Mrs Eales. To commemorate Remembrance Sunday, students can choose from a selection of thought-provoking fiction and non-fiction texts based on the theme of war and remembrance. Our ever-changing displays are a really great way for us to rotate our book stock and show students the huge variety of different reading opportunities that we offer. This latest display is a fine example of this; here's a picture to whet the appetite:



Matt Ford

'Attendance Matters'

As you may be aware, our whole school attendance target is a minimum of 95% for all students. Please continue to support and encourage 100% attendance for students during term 2.

- Book holidays during the many school holidays (holidays during term time are rarely authorised and may lead to a fine)
- Make medical appointments out of school hours whenever possible, or after 2pm to minimise lost learning time
- Minor ailments should not be a reason for absence – particularly those that would not prevent you from going to work
- If your child makes a recovery after a few hours at home bring them in
- Discuss the importance of good attendance and punctuality
- If there are any issues, medical or other, affecting attendance discuss with your child's tutor in the first instance

A child with less than 90% attendance is considered to be a Persistent Absentee and may be taken up by the County Attendance Team.

Letters will be sent to parents/carers when there are concerns about absence so please do get in touch with the school if you have any concerns as working together we can resolve any issues more efficiently.

Anna Clementson

Illness during the school day

If your child becomes ill during the school day, they must come to see the Reception staff in the first instance to be monitored. If your child needs to be collected, a member of the Reception staff will call you. Students should not call home directly to be collected without first being seen by a member of staff.

Reception

Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner this year will be on Tuesday, 12 December. The cost of Christmas dinner is £2.50, which will include a drink. Although payment for the dinner will be via the normal keyfob, please could any student wishing to have Christmas dinner take a raffle ticket from the ladies on the tills during the next couple of weeks. This will give the canteen staff an idea of how many to cater for on the day.

Gill Ward

Senior Citizens' Christmas Party

Every year Icknield Community College hosts a Christmas party. The party will be held on 18th December this year, 4.00pm to 5.30pm and is an excellent opportunity for the school to show how much we value the more senior members of our local community.

Any guest unable to travel on the transport provided, who has a friend or family member to bring them along, would also be most welcome to enjoy the festivities too.

If anyone in the local community has not received an invitation and would like to attend the party, please call the school to be added to the database and for an invitation to be extended to them.

Donations of bottles of wine, toiletries, chocolates, mince pies (or any item you think suitable to be used as a 'raffle' prize), would be gratefully received. Please send in to the Finance Office.

Gill Ward

Finance Office

Sale

Half price offer on boys shirts and girls blouses, pack of 2 for £4. Orders can be placed online at Scopay or by cash or cheque from the Finance Office.

Please ensure all cheques are made payable to Acer Trust.

Letters to Parents/Carers

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

CLD University Day Letter – Year 10
Watlington Christmas Fair – Selected Students
Parents' Evening letter – Year 9
Heyford Meadow Letter – Selected Students

These letters can also be accessed on the school website:

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

Community News

Friends of Icknield

FOI will be running a stall at the Christmas Fair in Watlington on Saturday 2nd December 2017. We plan to run a chocolate tombola, this has been very popular over previous years. We are asking for donations of chocolate for our stall. There will be a box on reception for all your donations. All money raised will go to the school.

Many thanks for your support.

Fiona McCarthy, Friends of Icknield