



Newsletter – 3 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

Looking ahead this term

We are already one week down and we only have six weeks and two days to go until the end of term. Christmas will be here before we know it! Knowing how busy this term always is, I thought it would be helpful, at the beginning of term, to look ahead to some key events:

We will be marking Remembrance Day next week with an assembly for all Year 7 and 8 students along with members of our local community. Mr Ford will also be attending the Remembrance Day event in Watlington on Sunday morning along with representative Senior Year 11 students.

We have two Parents' Evenings coming up. Appointment sheets have already been sent out for Year 11 Parents' Evening which will take place a week on Thursday. Please do encourage your children to make appointments with all of their teachers. Year 9 Parents' Evening is next on 30 November with Year 7, 8 and 10 taking place in 2018. Should you wish to look ahead to these, our calendar is available on our website:

<http://www.icknield.oxon.sch.uk/student-information/school-calendar>

We encourage all parents/carers of Year 9-11 students to join us for our Further and Higher Education Fair on Friday 24 November. This is deliberately organised from 2-4pm so that parents can visit the stands/stalls in our canteen area after the end of the school day. It provides you with an ideal opportunity to ask questions about sixth forms, colleges, universities and apprenticeships.

We have a huge number of music events coming up that Ms De Sybel will be organising. We have a GCSE Music Showcase Evening, we will be taking part in the Watlington Christmas Fair on 2 December, we have the Winter Concert on 12 December, a Carol Service for Year 7 and 8 (in the day in the penultimate week of term – date to be decided) and the Senior Citizens Party on Monday 18th December.

Our Year 11 students will be revising hard this half term for their mock exams which take place from Monday 4 – Friday 15 December. Please do note that we finish this year at 1.00pm on Tuesday 19 December (and not on a Friday as we would normally do).

I wish your child all the best for a very successful half term.

Mat Hunter

School Council Election Results

Congratulations to our new School Council, elected by their peers in the final week of last term to join our Senior Prefect Team on the council. These students persuaded their colleagues that they were best suited to represent them and their wishes in our School Council meetings, and have been successful in their nominations. The full list of councillors is attached to the newsletter, and the dates of the termly meetings will be advertised on the School Council Notice Board in the main school corridor.

Matt Ford

Locker allocation

Next week, we will be giving students who have a locker but have found that they are not using it as much as they may have planned, the opportunity to return their key to the Finance Office and receive a full refund of their £10. We will then reallocate those empty lockers as per the waiting list that we hold at the Finance Office.

Matt Ford

PE News

The Year 7 Rugby team took part in their annual 10's tournament on Thursday and went into it full of confidence. The first game against Langtree was a close one, winning 10-5 thanks to a second try late in the game. Wallingford were up next and the game got off to a slow start, but the second half livened up and we went on to score 2 tries and pinned Wallingford into their own half. Wheatley Park were last up and, bearing in mind we needed a win to secure the tournament, the game didn't get off to the best of starts as we conceded early on. However, the boys managed to score two tries to take the lead, but were then pegged back again during the second half. With the end of the game looming, the boys gave it one last push and the ball was played out wide to Ciaran Ramsbottom to score the winning try. Man of the tournament and captain of the team - Tom Cove. Top try scorer - Dom Evans. Congratulations to the whole team who are now South Oxfordshire Champions!

On Friday it was the annual Triathlon at Chiltern Edge and we went along full of confidence in all of our teams. The Year 9 and 10 girls put in amazing effort, finishing 3rd and 4th respectively. Last year we were victorious in the Year 8/9 boys competition and we retained the trophy once again thanks to Carrick Dunbar, Rory Francis and Drew Hogger! The Year 10 boys also had great success, with our two teams finishing 1st and 2nd and over a staggering 90 seconds ahead of the next school! Well done to the winning team of Jake Aspinall, Toby Francis and Alex Turnbull-Irving.

After 2 gruelling rugby trials, Felix Harris has been selected as part of the County Development Squad and is now training with Wasps. Considering Felix has only been playing for Wallingford RFC for just over a year now. This is a fantastic achievement and rewards him for his excellent effort and commitment to the game. Well done Felix!

Congratulations should also go to Elliot Hunter who has been selected for the third season running for the Oxfordshire County Tennis Squad. He will now be playing in the U14's squad. Best of luck with that, Elliot!

The PE department would like to say another thank you to the 65 pupils who made the Greece Sports Tour such a fantastic trip. Every single one of them was a credit to the school and can be proud of their behaviour and achievements whilst out there. The support that they all gave one another was incredible, and even saw the making of the Icknield Barmy Army! The tour also gave us a chance to fully launch our Icknield PE Instagram account; this is something we will continue to use (alongside twitter) for any fixtures and results.

Next Wednesday, our Year 11 Girls Football team are playing at home in their second round tie against Henry Box in the County Cup. This is a big game for the girls and it would be great to have as many people there to cheer them on. Best of luck, girls!

England Rugby Grand Draw - There is an opportunity to win some fantastic prizes and raise money for the school to spend on new PE equipment. Tickets are available from the Icknield Finance Office and cost just £1 each and Prizes range from £10,000 to a signed 6 Nations Rugby Shirts. For every £1 raised, 90p goes to the school. It would be great if we could have your support in this.

Fixtures: Wednesday 8th November Year 11 Girls Football vs Henry Box (H)

Please follow our twitter and Instagram pages (@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.

Matt Mures

Year 11 Provisional GCSE Exam Timetable 2018

We now have the Provisional GCSE Exam Timetable for 2018. This has now been updated in the Year 11 Revision Booklet on the School Website and attached as a separate document under KS4 Revision.

Vicky Pickford

Camps International

We are going to get involved with Camps International this year. This is an organisation that runs expeditions and project work for young people all over the world. Our current Year 9 and 10 students, who will be eligible for this project, will have the opportunity to take part in an expedition to Borneo, known as the pearl of South East Asia, where they will do a mixture of project work with local communities and take part in challenging but fun activities like scuba diving.

Each expedition takes up to 20 students, but there is no minimum number as Camps International will link schools together. The planned expedition would be for 4 week in the summer of 2019 and before then the students are expected to engage in two years of fundraising activities, as they are expected to raise their own money for the trip. There is also the opportunity for them to gain UCAS points if they wish to as part of the experience.

We will be having a student assembly on **Tuesday 14 November** followed by a parent presentation on **Wednesday 22 November** at 6.30pm, with students making a final sign up decision by Thursday 30 November.

If you want to find out more about Camps International then please check out their website <http://campsinternational.com> or if you want to see more about Borneo then follow this link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L7L1ydQ-7WA>

We hope many of our current Year 9 and 10 students will want to get involved in such an exciting and life changing experience.

Sara Grierson

Bronze DofE

We are looking forward to launching this year's Bronze DofE with an Information Evening for Year 9 students and their parents. The Information Evening will be at 6pm on Tuesday 28th November in the canteen. I apologise that it means there will be two events during this week as it is the same week as parents' evening.

Louise Gilkes

Silver DofE

This year we are hoping to run the Silver Award as well as the Bronze level. Any Year 10 or 11 students who are interested in completing their DofE Silver Award please come for a quick meeting in room 33 at 1:30 on Tuesday.

Katherine Scane

Provisional GCSE Timetable 2018

The above is now available to view on our website under the exams section. Once the GCSE Summer timetable is finally confirmed by the exam boards we will advise parents and students accordingly.

Helen Rints

Heyford Meadow Conservation Work Party

I was delighted to see that our wonderful team of Y9 volunteers received recognition with this article in the Oxford Mail:

http://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/15609515.Saw_fully_helpful_teenagers_hack_at_trees_to_help_with_conservation/

Daniel Moden

Careers – Dates for your Diary!

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 – see details below:

Careers Fest 2018 – open session, 6th February, 4-7pm

Is your son or daughter looking for ideas and inspiration for what to do when they leave school? Would you like to know more about opportunities available locally? Careers Fest 2018 is open to parents, carers and guardians for the first time this year!

The ninth annual Careers Fest, run by Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (OxLEP), is taking place at MINI Plant Oxford on 6th and 7th February. There will be an open session on 6th February from 4-7pm, giving parents, carers and guardians - as well as students - the opportunity to attend. You'll have the chance to talk with around 50 employers and training organisations representing career choices from an array of industries to get the low down on job roles and career pathways.

Each exhibitor will also be offering a practical activity relating to the type of roles they offer - a fantastic opportunity for students to get a feel for what a job entails whilst picking up some new skills and plenty of inspiration along the way.

To book your place/s on the open session, please visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/careers-fest-2018-attendee-booking-form-registration-38837338525>. Click on 'Register' and scroll down to choose your time slot. If you have any questions, please contact Clare McLening on 07769 742295 or clare.mclening@oxfordshirelep.com.

Sixth Form Open Evening – Lord Williams School

Lord Williams School, Thame are hosting an a Sixth Form Open Evening on Tuesday 7 November for all students new to the school, from 6.00pm onwards. For further information please call 01844 210510

Helen Richardson

Finance Office

Sale

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

Please ensure all cheques are made payable to Acer Trust.

Trip Instalments

Please see below the next instalment for the following trip:

Snowdon - £65 due 6 November 2017

Letters to Parents/Carers

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

Newquay Trip Letter – Year 9

Year 11 Parents' Evening Letter – Year 11

These letters can also be accessed on the school website:

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

Finance Office

Community News

Friends of Icknield 50:50 Club

Congratulations to **Nikki Lyon**, winner of the October draw.

The Friends of Icknield 50:50 Club is a simple way to raise funds to support the school. It's a monthly draw with prize money divided equally between the school and a lucky monthly winner.

You can join for as little as **£1** per month. An annual 50:50 Club subscription of £12 gains entry to 12 monthly draws. You may subscribe for as many numbers as you like. Amounts won depend on the number of subscriptions.

You can join at any time, with your subscription lasting for the following 12 monthly draws. Contact foi5050@btinternet.com for an entry form.

Easyfundraising.org.uk

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop, finding gifts, to your annual holiday – you could be raising a free donation for **Friends of Icknield, Watlington?**

There are nearly 3,000 retailers including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's, who will donate a percentage of the amount you spend to **Friends of Icknield** to say thank you for shopping with them.

It's really simple, and doesn't cost you anything. All you have to do is:

1. Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsoficknield/>
2. Sign up for free
3. Get shopping – your donations will be collected by easyfundraising and automatically sent to **Friends of Icknield**. It couldn't be easier!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Friends of Icknield will be really grateful for your donations. To date, shopping via this site has raised over **£1,950** in donations for **Friends of Icknield**.

Thank you for your support.

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Friends of Icknield

Staff Required

Mercy in Action are recruiting for new staff at our lovely boutique charity shop in Watlington.

Assistant Manager - 2 days a week (plus holiday cover as required)

Supervisor - 2 days a week to include 4 hours on a Sunday (plus holiday cover as required)

For more information regarding these paid vacancies, please speak to Sam at the shop or email training.shops@mercyinaction.org.uk for a job description and application form.

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