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Newsletter – 1 October 2021

Date	Event
wc 4 Oct'21	"A" Week
7 Oct'21	Year 10 Information Evening
14 Oct'21	COVID and Flu Vaccinations
14 Oct'21	Year 7 Information Evening
22 Oct'21	End of Term (Non-Uniform Day)
25-29 Oct'21	Half Term Holiday
1 Nov'21	Inset Day
2 Nov'21	School Resumes

Open Evening

A huge thank you to all students involved in last night's very busy Open Evening. Whether helping out in classrooms, speaking in front of a huge audience, taking parents on tours or facilitating the smooth running of the car park, our students were great ambassadors for the school. Thank you to you all as parents, too, for the late pick up!

Outcomes of the Ofqual Consultation

After many weeks of waiting, we finally, yesterday, received Ofqual's decisions following the consultation about next summer's exams. Please read about these decisions [here](#). We will be in touch with more detail in due course in terms of what this means for us as a school. Examples of this will include which units will not now be studied in History and English Literature.

COVID Immunisations

Please see attached to this newsletter a list of Frequently Asked Questions about COVID immunisations from the NHS Immunisations Team.

Year 10 Information Evening

I know Vicky Pickford, Deputy Headteacher, has written to parents and carers of Year 10 students directly about this event, but we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible (and Year 10 students themselves should they wish to attend) at 6.00pm next Thursday.

Mat Hunter
Headteacher

School Council

Congratulations to all of the students who have been selected by their peers to represent their tutor group as part of this year's School Council. As ever, there was strong competition with a number of students putting themselves forward as candidates in each tutor group, so I would like to thank you for all the hard work that went into your presentations. I am really looking forward to working with the school council over the next year to organise key events such as Children in Need and Comic Relief, as well working together to tackle important issues that can enhance the school for all.

Charlotte Gibson

DofE Celebration and Launch evening

We would like to invite all students who have successfully completed their Bronze and Silver Awards to the DofE Celebration evening where they will receive their badges and certificates. We would also like to invite any year 10 students interested in starting their Bronze Award and any Year 11 students interested in starting their Silver Award to find out more about the Awards. This celebration and launch event will be held on Tuesday 12th October at 6pm in the Main Hall.

Katie Scane

Educational Visits

Now that restrictions around education visits have been lifted, I am pleased to be able to give you some insight into some of our residential trips for the forthcoming year (and beyond). As a school, we want to be able to offer students a variety of fun, engaging and educational trips that enhance the curriculum as well as provide opportunities to develop wider skills such as team work, leadership and independence. In order for these trips to be financially viable, we do ask for a voluntary contribution to cover costs so I hope that sharing this information at the beginning of the year will allow you to make informed decisions on which you may choose to support.

Visit	Date of Trip*	Year Group	Approximate Cost	Approximate number of places available
Duke of Edinburgh Award	April-June 2022	Year 9, 10 and 11	£100 (bronze) £280 (silver)	Bronze - 60+ Silver - 30+
Slapton Ley (Geography field trip)	April 2022	Year 10	£250	All GCSE geography students
Osmington Bay (Geography field trip)	June 2022	Year 8	£275	30 +
Newquay	June 2022	Year 9	£415	120+
Greece Sports Tour	October 2022	Current Year 8, 9 and 10	£800	70
Ski Trip	February 2024	Current Year 7 and 8	£900	60

**Full payment will be required prior to the date of the trip and where possible a monthly payment plan is arranged to allow for larger payments to be split across a number of months.*

As we move through the year, there will be additional day trip arranged, most of which will coincide with our Subject Focus Days which will be taking place on 15th November, 2nd February and 17th March. Day trips tend to cost far less than the residential ones (between £15 and £50) but we will always endeavour to give parents as much notice once an education visit has been agreed.

Charlotte Gibson

Maths Problem of the Week

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

Nick Owen

PE News

In PE News this week, read about:

- A date for our upcoming **Sports Tour Launch**
- A great start for our **Y7 Hockey** team
- The **Y7 Rugby** team getting their season off to a winning start
- The **Y9 Hockey** girls in their South Oxfordshire tournament
- A very tough opening match for the **Y10 Rugby** team
- A reminder of some **Timetable Changes** for our Y9, 10 and 11 students, starting next week

Matt Mures

CareersNews

Please find attached this week's Careers News which highlights Apprenticeship opportunities with IBM and also careers in Horseracing as well as much more. As always, should you have any questions, please do get in touch with me: helen.richardson@ickniel.d.oxon.sch.uk

Helen Richardson

Tyler Knight

I've just caught up with Tyler Knight who attended Blenheim Palace last night for the Oxfordshire Fire Cadet of the Year Award. You will be pleased to know that, whilst Tyler did not win the overall award, he was shortlisted into the final six and has been awarded a certificate for his efforts by the Chief Fire Office of Oxfordshire. He is a very proud young man this morning.

Helen Richardson

Lost Property

Wherever possible, lost property is returned to students in school, however, this is not possible if the item is not named. It is imperative therefore, for parents to name their child's clothing (especially ties), shoes and bags & bottles. Lost property found around site is held in the Finance Office for a maximum of 6 weeks, however PE kit is retained in the PE department. Please check the weekly lost property list attached.

Finance Office

Letters to Parents/Carers

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

Level 2 Sport Leaders Award 2021-22 – Year 10

These letters can also be accessed on the school website:
<http://www.ickniel.d.oxon.sch.uk/news-and-events/letters-to-parent>

Finance Office

Acer Trust Vacancy – Wood Green School

Head of Department – The Achievement Centre (Moderate Learning Difficulties Base)

Please find full details on the Vacancies page of our website:
<https://www.ickniel.d.oxon.sch.uk/contact-us/vacancies>