



Newsletter – 11 February 2022

Date	Event
Wc 14 Feb'22	"A" Week
18 Feb	End of Term (Non-Uniform Day)
19-27 Feb	Half Term Holiday
28 Feb	School Resumes – "B" Week

Year 11 Exams

We received a communication, this week, from Dr Jo Saxton, Chief Regulator of Ofqual. I am sure that parents of Year 11 students may well wish to be familiar with the key content below:

2022 arrangements

In case you are uncertain about any of the arrangements for your students this year [more information on the 2022 changes to exams](#), [changes to non-exam assessments](#) and [guidance on contingency arrangements](#) can be found on our website. For vocational and technical qualifications awarding organisations have already been allowed to make adaptations to assessments and qualifications, where they need to, due to the pandemic. [Ofqual and the DfE set out these arrangements last summer](#). We've also created a [guidance page on our website of what is available for each subject](#) that we hope will be useful for parents.

Contingency

In line with the contingency arrangements for GCSEs, AS and A levels, teachers should take the advance information into account when deciding how to assess their students, to generate evidence to inform a TAG in the unlikely event exams are cancelled. We advocated a proportionate approach in our November 2021 guidance and reiterate that here. Contingency assessments should, ideally, help rather than hinder qualification preparation and I encourage you to trust your judgement about whether you have sufficient evidence.

For the latest information, please refer to [our rolling update](#).

Heads of Department have been looking carefully at any adaptations made to assessments and qualifications to inform their teaching for the last few weeks of GCSE courses.

Year 11 Personalised Revision Plans

The above will be sent to students and parents every Friday for the next 15 weeks in the run up to the start of the exam season. Heads of Department have made sure that the activities set out in the weekly plans are the most impactful for maximising student achievement. We hope students find them useful and encourage parents to ensure that they are being completed successfully! We recommend that this is the minimum revision students should be doing each week – many will wish to go beyond what we have curated for them.

Mat Hunter
Headteacher

OxPCF CAMHS Survey 2022

[Oxfordshire Parent Carers Forum](#) and [Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust](#) want to understand your most recent experiences of CAMHS to help inform, shape and further develop services. To fill in the survey, please click on the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/oxpcfcamhs22>

Please do share this with any of your networks!
Deadline: 1st March 2022

Many thanks for your support.

OxPCF Forum Coordinator
Oxfordshire Parent Carers Forum (OxPCF)

DofE

Congratulations to those students who have started their sections and added evidence. Congratulations to Hannah D, Isla M, Natalie F, Ceria N, Ewan G, Beau B, Ellie S, Gene G, Kat A, Phoebe S, Isabel H, Joseph R, Nikita S P, Rio L, Willow K-L, Bebe M, Ruby D, Cerys F, Poppy A, Esme C who have now added their evidence to each section. There are also several other participants who have uploaded all their section details and are now starting to upload their evidence, well done and keep going! Please do speak to Miss Scane or Dr Hicks if you are having problems with your sections.

Bronze

After school training for your Bronze expedition will start of **Tuesday 1st March at 3pm until 4:15pm in room 33**. This is the first week back after half term. The training will run every week for term 4 with a few dates in terms 5 & 6. You need to attend these sessions to go on the expedition.

Katie Scane

Maths Problem of the Week

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

Nick Owen



World Book Day

World Book Day falls the first Thursday after half term and to mark the 25th anniversary of this extraordinary campaign to share the pleasure of reading around the world, we have several activities lined up. UNESCO designates this day as an opportunity for the celebration of books and reading which is enjoyed by more than 100 countries worldwide.

Readathon returns!

We are delighted to announce that World Book Day will prompt the launch of this year's campaign for Years 7 & 8 to raise money for this remarkable charity. To date, **ICC has raised almost £4000** which is fantastic! ReadforGood.org supports children in hospital by providing books and/or storytellers and over the years, several ICC students have benefited from this. In recognition of our efforts, Scholastic will give us book vouchers worth 20% of the sum raised this year, a significant resource for our school library. You can find out more about readingforgood.org [here](https://www.readingforgood.org).

Year 7

Last year, you may remember we read the novel 'Once' on World Book Day by listening to a specially recorded version. This year, we will explore the novel in greater detail during the next Subject Focus Day which falls on Thursday 17th March. In preparation for this, **we would like all year 7s to listen to the novel being read** by an assortment of teachers including Mr Hunter! You will find the book [here](#). The link will be shared again next week to ensure that you have plenty of time to enjoy the story of Felix.

Year 8

The award-winning writer, Tom Palmer, is hosting a special assembly to mark World Book Day which will be shared in tutor time. Many of you selected his 'D-Dog Day' from the Book Trust list so this will be an enjoyable opportunity to hear what he has to say.

Years 9, 10 and 11

You may also like to listen to the podcast 'A Good Read' hosted by Harriet Gilbert. In this [episode](#), Bella Mackie and Greg James discuss their recommended reads. There are plenty more episodes to download from BBC Sounds if you need inspiration – or pop along to talk to Mrs Eales in the library. She is always brimming with good ideas. Look out next week for the link to the recommended reads from teachers: which book does Mr Dodd or Miss Scane recommend?!

Finally...

There will be a tutor Lit Quiz to win prizes and there may be bodies in the library – join in the fun at break or lunchtime on World Book Day to solve the mysteries!

Jacqui O'Reilly

Letters to Parents/Carers

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

Prom letter 2022 – Year 11

Update Belgium Trip – Year 10

These letters can also be accessed on the school website:

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

Finance Office

COMMUNITY NEWS

Small-Group Online Maths Tuition

Looking for additional support with maths? Look no further! Great quality, well-structured Zoom Maths Tuition.

- Key stage 3: to start on 3rd March. Classes held each Thursday at 7pm (new class due to demand)
- GCSE Foundation Tier: to start on 1st March. Classes held each Tuesday at 7pm (new class due to demand)
- GCSE Higher Tier: Saturday at 9.30am (1 slot available)
- GCSE Higher Tier: Saturday at 11.30am (1 slots available)

Please contact: mathstutorchinnor@outlook.com for more information and to reserve your slot. Limited spaces available. This is a personal business and has no affiliation with Icknield Community College.

Adrian Thomas