



Newsletter – 11 June 2021

Date	Event
Wc 14 June	'A' Week
12 June	Uniform Sale – 9.30-11.30am – ICC Canteen
30 June – 2 July	School Show
1 July	TDP/MEN ACWY Catch Up Session (morning)
6-9 July	Y10 Newquay Trip
15 July	Y10 Parents Evening
19 July	Awards Evening – 7pm
20 July	Sports Day
21 July	End of Term – Non-School Uniform – School finishes at 1pm
22 July – 31 Aug	Summer Holiday
1-3 Sept	Inset Days
6 Sept	School Resumes

Duke of Edinburgh

It was great to see our students back in action with the Duke of Edinburgh scheme this week – perfect weather for it too! My thanks, as always, to Katie Scane, our DofE Coordinator for enabling so many students to gain so much enjoyment from this initiative.

Friends of Icknield “Pre-loved” Uniform Sale

My thanks to the fabulous Friends of Icknield for organising this event which will take place on Saturday morning. Please see the poster at the end of this newsletter for more details.

Mat Hunter
Headteacher

Contingency Plans in the case of a further coronavirus outbreak at school

Whilst we are all hopeful that the UK is moving away from coronavirus restrictions, please can I make sure everyone is aware that, should we see significant rises in cases locally, we might require the re-introduction of student face coverings in school or on-site LFD testing. If either of these changes were to be required, I would write to all parents via Parentmail.

James Barringer

Coronavirus testing kits

Next week, students will bring home their latest box of coronavirus testing kits. They no longer need to bring home a separate leaflet as well. Please do continue to support them to test twice weekly in order to keep everyone in the community as safe as possible. Details for how to report the test results can be found [here](#).

James Barringer

Year 10 Exams: Monday 21 June – Friday 2 July

The Year 10 Exams will be with us in the week after next, and students have now received the last of their guided revision documents, personalised to them. In the final week before the exams season commences, please do be encouraging your child to be going back through that revision guidance in order for them to be fully prepared for their assessments. Mr Rickard has also reiterated some of the key messages of the exams assembly that we ran in term five, as we do run these exams in as close a way to the actual GCSE exams as is possible. With that in mind, students will now have also received their exams timetables so they know where they have to be and on what days across the fortnight.

Matt Ford

1:1 device scheme update

I'm very pleased to report that the first stage of our 1:1 device scheme has concluded successfully, with the proportion of students now signed up to receive their own devices very closely approaching 100% across the current Years 6 to 9. A clear majority of Year 10 students is signed up too. We recognise that the financial commitment involved is a significant one for many families, and would like to thank all those who has been able to support their children's education in this way.

We expect the first consignment of Chromebooks – those destined for current Year 10 students – to arrive on schedule later this month. I will be writing to that cohort directly in due course to explain how the devices will be distributed, and how they will be used during the remainder of the school year. We are currently expecting a second consignment – the devices for students currently in Years 6 to 9 – to arrive as scheduled at the start of the new academic term.

Thanks again for your support and for sharing our enthusiasm for this exciting project.

Robert Legg

Great Big Dance Off Competition

Before half term, students choreographed and filmed group dance routines. These were sent to me, as part of the first round of the Great Big Dance Off competition. Three were selected and sent to the next stage of the competition, where they will be judged alongside entries from other schools across the country.

Congratulations to:

- Olive Oakley, Annabelle King, Nola Hamlin, and Greta Quinn
- Rose and Ivy Uhart
- Bebe Martin, Sway Martin, Poppy Gleed and Kim Baker.

I will update you on your progress in the competition when I have heard back from the judges!

Taylor Samuel-Beechey



Readathon 2021

Congratulations to those of you who are already busy collecting sponsorship money for Readathon! If your child is in **Year 7 or 8**, please do support them to raise as much money as they can - you are encouraging them to read for pleasure and supporting the library as the charity will match the amount raised!

The Readathon will continue to run till Monday 21st June. Here is the [link](#) to sponsor a student online; you may prefer to send in cash in which case this should be handed to Mrs Eales, our school librarian. Any amount, however small, will be greatly appreciated.

Good luck and Happy Reading!

Jacqui O'Reilly

#EduArtsFest Celebrate the vital role of the arts in schools and colleges!

As normality slowly returns, our students are beginning to re-engage with live performance and access to the arts in many forms. The Festival of School and College Arts has set out 'to provide a badly needed antidote to the misery and disruption caused by the Covid pandemic over the past year and showcase learning and creativity across the country'. This virtual festival took place on Friday 28th May. To support this venture, some intrepid year 7s and 9s stepped up to the mark and were recorded either reciting poetry or reading their speeches written for this term's 'Taking a Stand' module in English.

The recordings are available to view on the ICC Awareness Instagram account #EduArtsFest. Please do view – I am sure you will 'like'! Many thanks to Jule B-K, Elliot S, Josh B, Adam G, Corinna G, Erin M, Marie B, Evie T and Alexa G who not only learned their poems but were brave enough to be recorded! Liv C, Evelyn A and Issy S also recorded their thoughtful, considered speeches, crafted in English. Congratulations to all of them: learning and creativity continues to flourish in Icknield.

Jacqui O'Reilly

Maths Problem of the Week

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

Nick Owen

DofE

Excitingly, we have finally been able to run our first Duke of Edinburgh expeditions of the season! First, we welcomed back 12 of last year's year 11 students to complete their Silver awards. They showed real dedication and commitment as well as having to brave the very rainy weather we had on their second day. Congratulations to these students who have now completed their full Silver award!

This week also saw our year 11 students starting their Silver expeditions. Our students completed their practice expedition by walking in the Chiltern hills, supported by our AAP, School of Outdoors. Please see a few photos from the two expeditions below

Next up is our year 10 Bronze students who will be out on Saturday for their practice walk! Fingers crossed for some nice walking weather!

Congratulations to Annabelle L (Skill), Sam J (Volunteering), Thomas L (Skill), Anna W (Physical), Jemma C (Volunteering, Physical), Florence (Volunteering), Katie L (Volunteering), Tillie M-B (Skill), Florence W (Physical) who have completed their assessor reports.

A special congratulations to Sam J, Katie L and Tillie M-B who have now completed their volunteering, physical and skill sections, and will receive a special certificate of achievement emailed to them by the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

It is our hope that we will be able to run the DofE Bronze award for current year 9 in the autumn term, government guidance allowing. In the meantime, please do start thinking about what activities you might want to do for your volunteering, physical and skill sections.

Katie Scane





Newquay

With the school running two Newquay trips in the space of a couple of months, I would like to remind all attendees of the dates of each trip.

Current Y10 Students: Tuesday 6th – Friday 9th July. An information video and pack was ParentMailed out on Friday 28th May, if there is anyone who did not receive this, then please do let me know.

Current Y9 Students: Friday 17th – Monday 20th September. More information about this trip will follow in mid-July.

Should parents have any questions about either trip, please do email me:

matt.mures@icknield.oxon.sch.uk

Matt Mures

CareersNews

This weeks' CareersNews highlights new open events at the Bucks College Group and Sparsholt as well as new Apprenticeship opportunities and Summer Work for students. As always, should you have any questions, please do get in touch: helen.richardson@icknield.oxon.sch.uk

Helen Richardson

COMMUNITY NEWS

Small group virtual weekly maths Tuition

Looking for additional support with Maths? Look no further! Great quality, well-structured zoom maths tuition. We are now taking bookings for new classes commencing in June/July 2021.

Registering new students for our Maths Tuition sessions this Summer-

-Key Stage 2 each Saturday at 10.30am

-Key Stage 3 each Saturday at 9.30am

-GCSE foundation (both classes fully booked)

-GCSE higher tier (new class added due to demand) Saturday at 12:30pm

Summer maths tutorials will be held each Wednesday over the Summer holidays, please also reach out if you would be interested in the 5 week course over the Summer period to keep your child's brain in gear! 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



Friends of Icknield



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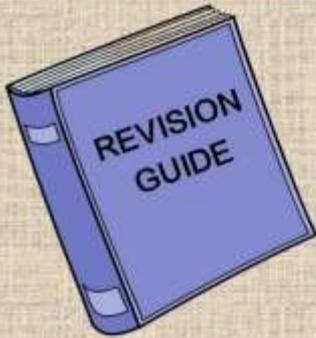
REVISION GUIDE SALE

Saturday 12th June 2021

9.30am-11.30am

ICC Canteen

(or outside if weather permits)



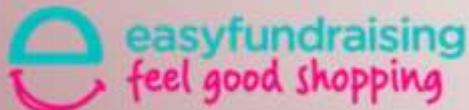
Please note strict Covid-19 restrictions will be in place requiring social distancing, hand sanitising on arrival and departure and no more than 2 customers in the sale area at a time. Thank you.

Donations...

Uniform and revision guide donations gratefully received, please drop off at ICC Reception on 27th May, 28th May or 7th June

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