



## Newsletter – 13 May 2022

Date	Event
13 May	“A” Week
19 May	New Parents Information Evening
27 May	End of Term (non-uniform day)
27 May – 3 June	Half Term Holiday
6 June	School Resumes

### Year 10 Work Experience

Thank you to Helen Richardson, Careers Co-ordinator, for organising and facilitating so many work experience opportunities for our Year 10 students this week. Thank you also to you, as parents and carers, for making sure that students have been able to get to the right place at the right time. We look forward to our Year 10 students returning next week and we look forward to hearing all about their experiences.

### Careers Success

A further congratulations to Helen Richardson and Charlotte Gibson, Assistant Headteacher, for ensuring that Icknield Community College scored so highly on the latest Careers and Enterprise Company (CEC) Report. Governors were delighted to hear, on Tuesday this week, that we scored 100% on all 8 benchmarks and are held up by CEC as an exemplary school for our work in this area.

### Good luck, Year 11!

We wish our Year 11 students all the very best of luck for the main exam season which starts next week. We have every confidence that all of the hard work will pay off! Good luck, all...

### Subject Content and Assessment Arrangements for 2022/23

You may have seen already that the Department for Education made an announcement this week about arrangements for next year’s exams. You can read the announcement [here](#). Essentially, our current Year 10 students will complete their GCSEs in their entirety and the adaptations that have been in place for the last two years will no longer be in place. If you have any questions about this, please do contact the relevant member of staff in school.

**Mat Hunter**  
Headteacher

### Change to timings of the school day

Please note that, due to us running external exams for our Year 11s for the next five weeks, we need to make a change to the timings of the school day (these changes do not alter the start or end of the school day). Essentially, we swap period four from before, to after lunch:

<b>Tutor</b>	8.30 - 8.50
<b>P1</b>	8.50 - 9.50
<b>P2</b>	9.50 - 10.50
<b>Break</b>	10.50 - 11.10
<b>P3</b>	11.10 - 12.20*
<b>Lunch</b>	12.20 - 1.00
<b>P4</b>	1.00 - 2.00
<b>P5</b>	2.00 - 3.00

\*Staggered lunchtimes for each year group

### **Safeguarding messages from Thames Valley Police**

Please see attached two documents from Thames Valley Police, one on the dangers of Knife Crime and staying safe and another on 'Money Mules' and the increased risk to young people of being exploited through social media channels like Snapchat and TikTok.

If you have any concerns regarding either of these topics, or any other safeguarding issues, please do let us know.

**Vicky Pickford**

### **OCMS Central Music School**

Please find attached a letter from Oxfordshire County Music Service giving information about the opportunities offered at the Central Music School in the academic year 2022-23. If your child is interested in joining one of the ensembles, please follow the instructions in the letter. Please email one of us directly ([robert.legg@icknield.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:robert.legg@icknield.oxon.sch.uk) or [amy.desybel@icknield.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:amy.desybel@icknield.oxon.sch.uk)) if you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's instrumental music-making.

**Robert Legg and Amy de Sybel**

### **Bletchley Park Year 8 Visit**

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 48 Year 8 students visited Bletchley Park. The day consisted of a guided tour from the wonderful volunteer, Harold, cryptography challenges in a classroom and interactive problem solving in the various Bletchley Park huts. Alan Turing and his team of codebreakers would have been proud of our students. Tiger Bull, 8KM, sums up the day beautifully below.

'Bletchley park was full of amazing facts when we went; for instance, did you know that women outnumbered the men there by 3:1? And that they did more than just 'look pretty' and 'make tea' as one of the lovely members of staff that showed us around told us; they also rode motorbikes and cracked German codes. When we were there, we learned about Morse code, and how it worked. They told us how in war times they had to write it all down very fast as they could not listen to it again and had to be finished cracking the code by midnight! That sounds very stressful! After we were shown how it was done, we then were given a booklet, which contained various activities and codes to help us break a code; the name of a spy (an actual spy from the war) - which we then were told was a double agent and worked for both Germany and England, and in the end, he got exiled. Throughout the tour we looked at various places where the code breakers used to work, it was very interesting! I also enjoyed when they talked about the key subjects that were needed to break codes and be used in the war, they were: History/geography, Mathematics, English, Languages (German, Japanese, Italian), engineering and science. We also went inside the mansion which contained various places code breakers would work and many papers containing important code. Overall, it was a lovely experience and the staff were very nice. Thank you for taking us to Bletchley Park!'

**The Computing Department**





### Maths Problem of the Week

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

**Nick Owen**

### DofE

Congratulations to Kat A (skill) who uploaded her 3<sup>rd</sup> assessor's report and has now completed all 3 of her sections! Congratulations to Freya D (volunteering) and Jemima O (volunteering) who have also uploaded their assessors' reports this week.

A reminder to year 10 that their final training session before their expedition is on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May after school in room 33 and 31. Any group wishing to borrow kit will need a £10 deposit. This will be returned once the kit has been returned. This deposit is for the whole group regardless of the number of items borrowed.

The expedition is on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May with Miss Scane's groups starting at the BP/McDonalds' carpark in Benson and Dr Hicks' group are starting at Chalgrove village hall. The start time will be provided at the training session.

**Katie Scane**

### PE News

In this week's PE News:

- A warning of a Club Postponement next week
- A polite request for the return of **Sports Awards** trophies
- The final reminder about **Play your way to Wimbledon**
- **Results** from the **Y9 Rounders** and **Y7 Rugby 7s**
- The **upcoming fixtures** for next week

**Matt Mures**



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# Predicted Exam

We will be offering students the chance to sit a walk-through mock exam for each of the 3 GCSE Papers. The content is highly likely to mirror topics that will feature on the real exam.

**Sessions will be held just before each maths exam on:**

- Sunday 15th May
- Sunday 5th June
- Sunday 12th June

**Foundation Tier 10.30-12.30pm or Higher Tier 1-3pm**  
**£30 per session** [mathstutorchinnor@outlook.com](mailto:mathstutorchinnor@outlook.com)

### **Dolce Vacancy**

Dolce Schools Catering are currently recruiting a server to work at Princess Risborough Primary school. This is a term time only post. Full training and uniform supplied.  
10 hrs per week, Monday to Friday.

For further information please call:

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**Tony Vale**  
**Regional Operations Director**