



Icknield Community College

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Newsletter – 14 May 2021

Date	Event
Wc 14 May	'B' Week
28 May	End of Term – Non-Uniform Day
28 May	Year 11 Celebration Day
7 June	School Resumes

Lettings

Due to lockdown restrictions being lifted as of 17th May, we are pleased to announce that the lettings of the school facilities are now being managed in school by the Finance Office. We can offer a wide range of facilities for hire to the local community, including the Main Hall, Sports Hall and, from September, a new purpose-built Dance studio. Please contact lettings@icknield.oxon.sch.uk for information.

Face Coverings

As you will have no doubt heard in the Prime Ministerial announcement this week, students no longer need to wear face coverings in school as from Monday. They will need to wear them on the bus and we would strongly encourage them to keep a face mask in their bag for any unforeseen circumstances. Your children are still welcome to wear face masks in lessons should they wish to. Members of staff do not need to wear face masks in classrooms, nor in outside communal areas, but do need to continue to do so in indoor areas such as corridors, as per government guidance.

Year 11 Leaving Day

A reminder to all parents of Year 11 students that their last day of school will be on Friday 28th May. All Year 11 students will have an English Literature Assessment period 1 which will be, much to their relief I am sure, their very final assessment. After break, there will be a Leavers' Assembly and then lots of celebratory activities on the school field which will conclude at 3.00pm.

Whilst this is the last day for our Year 11 students, please could I reiterate my previous request that Year 11 students are available until Friday June 18th in case we need to speak to them about anything related to their Teacher Assessed Grades. Thank you.

Mat Hunter
Headteacher

Parents' Evenings 2021/22 – Consultation

As we move towards a time when we can consider hosting parents' evenings in school again, we are evaluating whether we should do so or, instead, whether we should continue to carry out parents' evening appointments remotely. To inform our decision further, we would like to capture parents' views on this matter. Please respond to [this brief online survey](#).

James Barringer

Testing kits for students – Wednesday 19th May

On Wednesday 19th May, tutors will issue students with their latest box of testing kits. Please remember, students should be tested twice each week. Details of how to log the results can be found [here](#).

James Barringer

1:1 Device Scheme

Thank you very much to everyone who's signed up for a Chromebook under our new 1:1 device scheme. We've had a really impressive response, with very nearly everyone in Years 7 to 10 already enrolled. If you haven't yet responded, please feel free to get in contact with me to discuss how we can support you to participate in the scheme.

Robert Legg

Year 8 Science

8FP have been learning about how sound is formed and how it travels to our ears. They then created some homemade instruments to demonstrate their understanding and I think you would all agree (from looking at the photo) they did an excellent job! A special shout out goes to: Jack Collier for his Harmonicordian which utilises a bike pump, tubes and a series of valves to allow people with respiratory problems to play the harmonica; Hudson Dalton for an excellently tuned Glockenspiel/xylophone and his excellent performance; and Sway Martin for an extra funky and tuneful bass guitar.



Oliver Craven-Todd

Year 8 Athletics

We always love hearing about our students in their sporting activities outside of school, so we were delighted to hear this week of a new 1500m PB for Ivy Uhart in last weekend's Aldershot Open Meeting. Ivy was running for Wycombe Phoenix Harriers AC in the U15 girls race, and ran in a time of 5:37.4, a superb run! We have seen Ivy push herself in athletics club after school on a Tuesday, and the fact that she has continuously shaved several seconds off her time to get to this new PB is a great achievement - well done Ivy!

Matt Mures

Maths Problem of the Week

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

Nick Owen

Careers News

- Amazing Apprenticeships have launched their May Information Pack. This month's issue focuses on supporting your child with their mental health, helping your child to stay resilient, 'If at first you don't succeed, try, try again'. As always, there is a focus on apprenticeships, as well as the new T-Levels that will be starting from September and some myth-busters on Traineeships. Please click on the link to read this month's issue: [May issue](#)
- Local Thame based company Farols, have a current apprenticeship vacancy for an 'Ag & Turf' Technician. To learn more about this opportunity and details on how to apply, please click on the following link: [Apprenticeships | Farol](#)

Helen Richardson

COMMUNITY NEWS

Online 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 Tier each Tuesday at 4.45pm or Saturday at 11.30am (2 slots available)
- GCSE higher Tier (2 slots available)

Summer maths tutorials will be held each Wednesday over the holidays. Please reach out if you would be interested in tutoring 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.

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Adrian Thomas