



## Newsletter – 18 February 2022

Date	Event
28 Feb	School Resumes – “B” Week
17 March	Subject Focus Day
23-25 March	School Show
31 March	Year 7 Parents Evening
7 April	End of Term (non-uniform day)
8-24 April	School holiday
25 April	School Resume – “B” Week

### Today

Thank you to everyone for accommodating Storm Eunice today! That really wasn't what we needed at the end of another challenging half term! Thank you, in particular, to all the teaching staff for replanning their lessons at short notice so that they were deliverable via Teams by 11.10am!

### Friday 8 April – Bank Holiday

Just a quick reminder that we will be taking our bank holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Friday 8 April. I imagine there might be some family calendar planning over the half term break so I thought it might be timely to mention this again.

### Laser Pens

We had an incident, last week, where one student shined a laser pen in another student's eye. Unfortunately, this has caused damage to the other student's eye which could even be permanent. Please could I ask you to reiterate with your children that laser pens are never allowed in school and, if they are ever using them outside of school, that they must never shine them in the eyes of anyone else. This incident, sadly, is concrete proof that laser pens can be very dangerous.

### Year 11 Advanced Exam Content

Please can I remind parents of Year 11 students that we will continue to advise them about any information from Ofqual and the exam boards about advanced exam content. Matt Ford, Deputy Headteacher, also emailed a message to all Year 11 students from Dr Jo Saxton, Chief Regulator for Ofqual, last week. If you have any questions about this, your child should be able to answer them. If not, please do contact the relevant subject teacher or Head of Department in school.

Please also see another important message for Year 11 parents below from Adam Rickard, Progress Manager for Year 10/11.

### Year 11 Revision Guidance

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February, our year 11 students will start receiving their weekly set of tasks in the build up to the summer GCSE exams. For our Year 11 students, there will be 14 weeks' worth of activities that have been put together by their classroom teachers. All the tasks are designed to help support students with their own revision, reducing the inevitable stress and challenge of deciding what topics to revise and how to revise within each subject area. It is worth noting that those students who have engaged with the process in the past, combining the revision guidance with their own revision timetable have benefited enormously. Please do encourage your son/daughter to open each weekly email, download the attachment and use it throughout the week to revise from.

**Adam Rickard**

I wish you all a very enjoyable and restful half term.

**Mat Hunter**  
Headteacher

## Year 11 – Summer timetable

All students in Year 11 were given individual candidate timetables for the summer exams to bring home this week. Please read the letter that was sent with it and advise as soon as possible if there are any queries. Please also note that the awarding bodies have designated Wednesday 29th June 2022 as a 'contingency day' for examinations. **Candidates must remain available until Wednesday 29th June 2022** should an awarding body need to invoke its contingency plan.

**Val Coates**

## Vaccinations for students

One of the most effective ways to protect society from the spread of coronavirus is for as many people as possible to be vaccinated against the virus. In school, as you know, we have offered opportunities for students to get double vaccinated. For many reasons, such as catching coronavirus during a 90-day window, many of our students were unable to receive one or both doses of the vaccination. However, outside of school, there are many further opportunities to get your child vaccinated, particularly over the half term holiday. The NHS have provided the information of the nearest vaccination centres to our school that will be open for vaccinations across the half term week. These are:

Oxford Kassam Stadium	OX4 4XP
Wycombe Town Hall	HP11 1BG
Marlow Longridge Activity Centre	SL7 1RE
Newdays Pharmacy - Twyford	RG10 9EH
Broad Street Mall Vaccination Centre	RG1 7QE
Guttman Centre (Mandeville Stadium)	HP21 9PP
Newdays Pharmacy - Coley Park	RG1 6DJ
Bucks New University (Pharmacy2u)	HP21 7QG
Burnham Health Centre	SL1 7DE
Boots - Newbury	RG14 1DJ

Please do consider taking up these opportunities if your child is yet to receive two doses of the vaccination.

**James Barringer**

## Year 9 Guided Choices

Thank you to parents of Year 9 students for supporting your children with their subject choices for next year. We have also been speaking with many of you across the past few weeks, and I hope that you have found it useful to be able to contact subject leaders directly to ask them any queries you might have about individual subject offerings.

From me, just a couple of reminders: the first being that you can access the *Guided Choices Video* at <https://youtu.be/GqYrTW3rjcw> and the *Guided Choices Booklet* (which contains all of the subject details and leader contact email addresses at <https://www.icknield.oxon.sch.uk/student-information/guided-choices>). This is also the place where you will find our *Guided Choices Application Form*, a document that will show you the different blocks of subjects and also contains a link to a simple online form where you can tell us what your child's choices are.

You still have some time to chew over those decisions, as we ask for your choices to have been made by our deadline of the end of *Friday 4 March* please. Our team will then be able to start the job of constructing next year's timetable; we will be able to then confirm students' choices to them later in the academic year.

As ever, please contact me with any queries about the process. For those subject specific questions, please find subject leader contact details in the *Guided Choices Booklet* (they are found at the end of each subject's information page).

**Matt Ford**

### **Chalgrove Brook Film**

Last week, the live premiere of the Chalgrove Brook film took place in the school hall, attracting nearly 200 guests.

This week, at 8pm on Friday, the online premiere takes place and can be joined through this link:

<https://thechalgrovebrookfilm.eventbrite.co.uk>

I thoroughly recommend watching this community-produced film which tells the story of the past, present and fragile future of the Chalgrove Brook. Should you not be able to join the premiere, it will later be permanently available at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5rA2CWFxAG0>

Don't miss it!

**Daniel Moden**

### **DofE**

Congratulations to those students who have started their sections and added evidence. Congratulations to Holly G, Maisie T, Lara W and Georgie W-S 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 on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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**



### **Readathon begins after half term!**

In case you missed it, listen [here](#) to an appeal for Read for Good that was broadcast last Sunday. Bookmarks and reading records will be distributed during our first week back, in part to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of World Book Day. Many thanks for your continuing support for this charity.

**Jacqui O'Reilly**

### **CareersNews – Work Experience for Y10 Students May 2022**

Thank you to the very large majority of parents and students who have managed to secure themselves a Y10 Work Experience placement. Please can I ask, if you have not yet secured a Work Experience placement please ensure this actioned over half term with the deadline being Monday 28 February.

**Helen Richardson**

### **Letters to Parents/Carers**

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

SFD: Y11 Geography Fieldtrip Oxford – 17 Mar 2022

SFD: Y10 Geography Fieldtrip Bicester – 17 Mar 2022

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](mailto: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**