



Newsletter – 18 June 2021

Date	Event
Wc 21 June	'B' Week
1 July	TDP/MEN ACWY Catch Up Session (morning)
6-9 July	Y10 Newquay Trip
13 July	Sports Day
15 July	Y10 Parents' Evening
19 July	Awards Evening – 7pm
19-21 July	School Show
20 July	Year 11 Prom
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

Response to the Prime Minister's Announcement

My thanks to many of our teaching and support staff who, following the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday evening, leapt straight to action on Tuesday morning to do all they could to ensure that students still have positive experiences to look forward to at the end of the school year. Parental Surveys were completed by Tuesday lunchtime so that the Prom and Musical could be rescheduled – we were up against it to ensure that we got our bookings in before other schools but we now have a plan which we really hope comes off! Simultaneously, we are working closely with our colleagues in Newquay to ensure that the Year 10 trip can still go ahead, planning to ensure that Sports Day can still happen, and working hard to ensure that we still have our annual Awards Evening at the end of term. It is going to be a very busy final 3 days but we have our fingers crossed that we will have a really positive end to the school year.

We will be communicating all with you in due course about rules and routines for September as soon as we know more from the Department of Education. On this note, please see the entry from Dr Legg below with regard to mobile phone usage.

Mat Hunter
Headteacher

Students' mobile phone usage

Please see the attachment accompanying this newsletter, inviting comments from parents and carers on proposed changes to our rules about students' use of mobile phones in school from September 2021. Please email robert.legg@ickniel.oxon.sch.uk by Friday 25 June if you would like to contribute your thoughts. Thanks in advance.

Robert Legg

Feedback from Parents' Evening survey

Thank you for your responses to the recent survey about future Parents' Evenings. We surveyed both staff and parents and have read all of the comments that were shared. The results of the parents survey are summarised below:

- 119 parents recorded an opinion strongly supporting online appointments (a score of 8-10)
- 15 parents recorded an opinion strongly supporting in-school appointments (a score of 0-2)
- 167 parents responded with a mean score of 7.94

We recognise that, in any consultation, the outcomes will never please everyone. However, adding this clear feedback to our own evaluations, we have taken the decision that subject Parents' Evenings will take place online next academic year. We have read all of the additional feedback given and will investigate how we can act upon it to maximise the impact of parents' evenings moving forwards.

James Barringer

Year 10 Exams: Monday 21 June – Friday 2 July

Our *Year 10 Exams* commence on Monday for two weeks, following a seven week revision period designed to support students to prepare for these assessments, where each subject has been issued weekly, targeted revision guidance. This is an opportunity for our students to gain valuable experience around how to effectively prepare for a window of exams, what it is like to sit a number of exams across a couple of weeks and then finally to receive valuable feedback in order to set targets for further development moving forward. We will be using our Sports Hall as well as a number of other spaces to ensure that all of our students' needs are catered for and supported. Students have received personalised timetables that include seating locations as well as the subject and dates information that you would expect. Please do help them out by making sure that they are prepared each evening for the day to follow – checking that they have packed their bag with all of the equipment that they will need, including a drink of water (in an unlabelled bottle please) is a good idea. I attach the Student Briefing Notes that we have shared with them (via tutors and *Show My Homework*), as well as a full exam timetable.

Matt Ford

Year 9 Maths Assessment: Thursday 24 June

Our Year 9 students have been preparing, for a number of weeks, for a Maths assessment to take place on Thursday, where we will be giving them a supportive experience which enables them to show some of the knowledge that they have built this year. We are going to take advantage of our Sports Hall being set up for the Year 10 Exams and use that space, primarily, and we think that the experience that students will gain, plus the valuable feedback they will receive following the assessment will be a real positive for them. I will deliver an assembly on Tuesday morning to go through this with them, and the tone will very much be that this is about giving them a valuable and supportive experience that will really help them as they move forward towards Year 10 next year. Students will not need to bring a calculator to the assessment, but they should bring their Maths equipment such as a compass, along with their normal writing equipment like pens, pencils and a highlighter.

Matt Ford

Beauty and the Beast

As you are aware, the pandemic restrictions have not been relaxed as quickly as we had hoped, which means that we need to change the dates of our upcoming production of *Beauty and the Beast*. Please note the following changes to the schedule:

Rehearsals	Saturday 10.07.21 to Sunday 18.07.21 (all day) – excluding Tuesday 13.07.21 which is Sports Day
Performances	Monday 19.07.21 at 5pm Tuesday 20.07.21 at 4.30pm Tuesday 20.07.21 at 7.30pm (with understudies in lead roles) Wednesday 21.07.21 at 5pm Wednesday 21.07.21 at 7.30pm

We anticipate that a government announcement on Monday 12 July will clarify whether the 'unlocking' a week later will enable our performances to take place. If a further delay is signalled at that point, we will spend the remainder of the rehearsal period (13 to 18 July) filming our work so that we can stream our production for ticket holders in the week beginning 19 July.

Tickets will soon be available for purchase through the school's ParentPay portal.

Cast members who anticipate difficulties attending all the weekend rehearsal days should speak to Mr Rowe as soon as possible. We will offer as much flexibility as we can where cast members have existing commitments that cannot be rearranged.

Thank you all very much for your patience.

Adam Rowe, Amy de Sybel and Robert Legg

Relationships, Sex and Health Education ParentVoice

At Icknield Community College, Relationships, Sex and Health Education is taught as part of Citizenship lessons. We use bespoke resources, developed for our students and their needs, which ensure that statutory requirements are met. Topics are often returned to in different years, in order to consolidate and deepen students' understanding. For instance, the components of a healthy lifestyle are addressed in both Years 7 and 11 at age-appropriate levels. The course maps for the current year can be found on the school website <https://icknield.oxon.sch.uk/teaching-and-curriculum/citizenship> . These include the adaptations that we made in order to ensure that our students did not miss out on core learning, despite the Covid-19 lockdown of 2020. Our Relationships, Sex and Health Education policy, which sets out the objectives and ethos of our curriculum, can be found on the school website at <https://icknield.oxon.sch.uk/school-information/policies>

We are in the process of refining and developing our Citizenship curriculum for next year. Some topics that have been omitted over the last year will be making a return, such as work on local communities and volunteering in Year 8. New units are also being created, for instance on cults and indoctrination. In accordance with our statutory duty to consult with parents, we would welcome your thoughts and suggestions on our provision. Please email me (Jennifer.hicks@icknield.oxon.sch.uk) with your feedback by Friday 2 July.

Jen Hicks

Cineclub

Have you missed the cinema? We have! On Wednesday this week we launched our lunchtime Cineclub, where Y7 and 8 students had the opportunity to watch a film in either French or Spanish. For French, we watched 'Les Nouveaux Héros' and in Spanish, recently released, 'Soul'. Both films were well received, as was the popcorn! However, the most impressive thing for us, as a department, was how several students chose to watch a film in the language they do not study which was fantastic! Looking forward to lots more cinema style fun over the next few weeks – we'll keep you posted!

Alex Hunter

Maths Problem of the Week

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

Nick Owen

DofE

Last weekend our Year 10 Bronze award students completed their practice walk. This involved a 12-15km walk to school and then they had to demonstrate their campcraft skills by putting up and taking down their tents and cooking on the camping stoves. They did really well, successfully navigating their routes and working well as a team.

We also found out from the Duke of Edinburgh award that students at Icknield have successfully spent over 870 hours volunteering in the last year, with a social value of over £3950! This shows the dedication and commitment of our young people and a very impressive contribution to our community.

Congratulations to Connor J (Skill), Alysia T (Physical) who have completed their assessor reports. A special congratulations to Alysia T who has now completed her volunteering, physical and skill sections, and will receive a special certificate of achievement emailed to her 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



Wood Donations

We are happy to accept donations of any old hardwood furniture or hardwood offcuts to use for GCSE student 3D Design projects. (Please see some examples of student projects below)

Collection can be arranged for larger items.

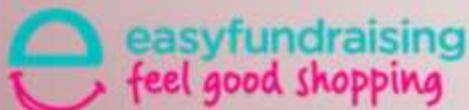
If you can help please contact warren.ward@icknield.oxon.sch.uk

Warren Ward





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