



Icknield Community College

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Newsletter – 20 May 2022

Date	Event
23 May	“B” Week
27 May	End of Term (non-uniform day)
30 May – 3 June	Half Term Holiday
6 June	School Resumes

Year 11 Exams

Congratulations to our Year 11 students who have made an excellent start to their exams this week (please see the entry from our Exams Officer below). It's been great to see so many students attending the early morning revision breakfasts too. My thanks to the teaching staff who are in even earlier than usual to make these happen.

Area Athletics

Congratulations to all students who competed in the area athletics on Thursday at Tilsley Park in Abingdon. We were represented by students in Years 8, 9 and 10 and, as well as some impressive performances, there were some successes too. Please do take a look at the PE News attachment for more detail.

School Uniform

In the light of new government guidance this academic year on the affordability of school uniform, we are currently, like many schools, reviewing our uniform policy. We hope to be able to make some helpful changes that will allow parents to purchase certain uniform items more cheaply from summer 2023. We are aware that financial pressures are increasing for many families in our community. Rob Legg will be providing more information about this in next week's newsletter.

Year 10 Work Experience

I was very pleased to read so many glowing reports about Year 10 work experience students. Please do take a look at Helen Richardson's attachment to see some of our students in actions and read some employer feedback.

Mat Hunter
Headteacher

Year 11 Exams

We have now finished the first full week of Year 11 exams and I would like to say well done to all of Year 11 for their positive attitude during this past week. The invigilators have reported that their behaviour and punctuality has been excellent. Keep it up and good luck for the rest of your exams!

Val Coates, Exams Officer

CareersNews

Please find this weeks CareersNews attached to the newsletter. There are several local Apprenticeship opportunities for our Y11 students who still may be undecided and looking for a local apprenticeship opportunity. Click onto CareersNews to learn more. If there are any Y11 students who are still unsure of their placement in September and would like to receive some guidance, please do ask them to make an appointment with myself.

Helen Richardson

Attendance

Attending face to face education is hugely important for children and young people's health and their future. As we learn to live safely with coronavirus (COVID-19), the imperative remains to reduce disruption to children and young people's education. Attached please find some 'Advice & Guidance' published by the UK Health Security Agency which we hope as parents / carers you will find useful. We ask that you also exercise common sense as you will know your children better than anyone.

Heidi Nugent



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

Y10 River Fieldwork, Chalgrove Brook and River Thames

This week, all Y10 GCSE Geographers visited local rivers to complete fieldwork taking measurements of the channel and bedload. This fieldwork gives students the opportunity to collect primary data to test theories of how rivers change downstream and simply give students the experience of standing in rivers! While there was some initial reluctance from some to put on waders – they're not the most flattering look – eventually, most students got stuck in and collected good data. With this, we can complete follow-up analysis in the classroom and make conclusions about how well our local rivers follow textbook theory.

Dan Moden



Maths Problem of the Week

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

Nick Owen

PE News

In this week's PE News:

- Information about a **Rowing** opportunity
- **Results** from the **Y10 Rounders** and **South Oxfordshire Athletics**
- The **upcoming fixtures** for next week

Matt Mures

COMMUNITY NEWS

Maths Tutor Direct Predicted Exam

Making maths fun!

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

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:

Tony Vale - 07903 127457

Martin Perrett - 07384 510606

Tony Vale
Regional Operations Director

Cleaning Contractor Vacancy

Hayward Services, our cleaning contractor, is looking for staff to join our team at Icknield Community College. Please see the advert attached to this Newsletter.

Lindsey Davies