



Icknield Community College

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Newsletter – 25 June 2021

Date	Event
Wc 28 June	'A' Week
1 July	TDP/MEN ACWY Catch Up Session (morning)
6-9 July	Y10 Newquay Trip
13 July	Sports Day
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

School Production

Our students and staff have been working very hard on this year's school production of Beauty and the Beast. Please do support it if you can!

Icknield Community College's production of

Beauty & the Beast JR



TICKETS £9

Mon 19.07.21 5.00pm Wed 21.07.21 5.00pm

Tues 20.07.21 4.30pm Wed 21.07.21 7.30pm

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Originally Produced by
Disney Theatrical
Productions

Music by
Alan Menken

Lyrics by
Howard Ashman & Tim Rice

Book by
Linda Woolverton

Originally Directed by
Robert Jess Roth

Mat Hunter
Headteacher

Reminder of the Uniform Policy

Please see attached the school uniform policy. As we approach the summer holidays, I wanted to remind all students and parents of our uniform expectations, particularly around hair and piercings. If your child dyes their hair an unnatural colour or gets a piercing over the holiday please note that this must be corrected before September. Hair must be a natural colour in school and piercings must be replaced with clear plastic retainers so please factor this in to include any time for healing of piercings so that this is not a problem in September. Equally I am aware of a small number of students who have broken zips on skirts or outgrown some pieces of uniform, including school shoes. It goes without saying that these will also need to be remedied before September if not before. Please note that school shoes should be **completely** black (including laces) with no other colours or logos. We would like a really positive start in September where staff and students can focus on learning and not dealing with uniform issues so we would really appreciate your support on this.

Vicky Pickford

Assembly this week: Sexual Harassment

This week, students had an assembly on sexual harassment, particularly online, but we also discussed this issue in an offline context as well. Students do study sexual harassment in Citizenship but we wanted to strengthen the amount of education we provide on this topic following student feedback that some of them are still unclear on this matter. The assembly was produced by 'Childnet'. I have attached the slides in case parents or carers want to talk to their children about this at home. I also attach below a video on 'consent' that children watch as part of their citizenship curriculum.

[Tea and Consent](#)

Vicky Pickford

Virtual Work Experience

An exciting opportunity has arisen for our Year 10's to take part in a virtual work experience, in lieu of the traditional week's experience that they would have usually had this year. Students will be able to work independently through a range of different tasks and activities which focus on developing a number of important, essential skills needed for the workplace, as well as providing information on the vast range of local businesses and employers. There will also be an opportunity for students to join live webinars with local professionals for a deeper dive into a range of careers. This will all be provided by an external company, SpringPod who provide Careers support to schools, colleges, universities and employers across the country. Whilst this means that we will be assured a high quality experience for our students, it also does mean that we are restricted by when the school and the students have access to this event. This programme is running from 6th- 9th July meaning this opportunity will only be available to those students not attending the Year 10 Newquay trip. As a school, we always want to make sure that all students have equal access to a range of opportunities however in this instance, we feel that those going to Newquay will still be able to develop a number of skills such as teamwork, communication and leadership (as well as surfing and coasteering!). Those students who are remaining in school, will receive a bespoke timetable that will include a number of work experience sessions (totalling 10 hours) from 6th July. For each of the 6 modules they complete, they will be able to download a certificate that they can add to their personal file and use to enhance their CV's.

Charlotte Gibson

CareersNews

In this week's CareersNews, there are details of some of our local colleges opening their doors over the summer months to offer tours to prospective students, places need to be booked, so please register your interest. There is also an opportunity for girls in Y9 & Y10 to attend a 3 day STEM event over the summer. Places are again limited, so if this is of interest to your daughter, please register now. As always, should you have any questions, please do get in touch:

helen.richardson@icknield.oxon.sch.uk

Helen Richardson

Beauty and the Beast

I am absolutely delighted to announce that tickets for this year's show, *Beauty and the Beast*, go on sale this Monday. We are hoping to perform five shows over the course of the last three days of the school year. Please see details below. All tickets must be purchased through ParentMail +Pay and there will be no on-the-door sales so all tickets must be purchased by 4pm on the 12 July. This year, we are performing in our Drama Studio so tickets will sell out fast.

Tickets go on sale from 9am Monday 28 June to 4pm Monday 12 July

Show 1 Monday 19 July 5pm
Show 2 Tuesday 20 July 4:30pm
Show 3 Tuesday 20 July 7:30pm*
Show 4 Wednesday 21 July 5pm
Show 5 Wednesday 21 July 7:30

* Please note that our understudies will be taking on some of the roles for this performance to allow our Year 11 cast members to attend the prom.

Clearly, all of this is dependent on the relaxing of restrictions which is now planned for Monday 19 July. There will be no social distancing in place in the Drama Studio for the audience. However, audience members will be free to wear face coverings if they choose. If a further delay is signalled, 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. For performance rights reasons, we will not be able to provide a streamed or filmed version of the show if the live performances go ahead. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Looking forward to seeing you at the show.

Adam Rowe

Some Rehearsal photos...



DofE

Massive congratulations to our year 11 Silver students who braved the very inclement weather for their qualifying expedition last weekend! Please see the photos below. Each group is now submitting their presentations and any final assessors' reports and then they will have completed their Silver Awards!

Congratulations to Tom, Ruby, Sian and Johanna who did a video presentation and have now completed their award!

Anyone (Bronze or Silver) who is struggling to find an activity for their volunteering, please contact Miss Scane as Aston Rowant cricket club are looking for scorers.

Katie Scane



Sporting Success

The PE department would like to congratulate Leo Hunter for his achievements at this week's U15 Magdalen College School U15 Tennis Festival. Playing not only against students who were all a year his senior, they were also from Independent Schools in Oxfordshire, Warwickshire and Birmingham, most of whom play for their counties in various different parts of the country. To say Leo was up against tough competition is putting it mildly!

Leo, representing Oxfordshire, went undefeated in the group stages, and fought his way to the final with a perfect record: 6 games, 6 wins, 0 defeats. Unfortunately, Leo couldn't quite get over the final hurdle, but did remarkably well to challenge his opponent all of the way, a player who is currently ranked in the top 20 for Great Britain. All in all, a very successful competition for Leo, and one that we feel he can be incredibly proud of – well done!

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

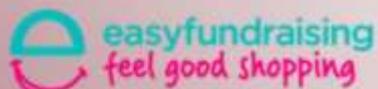
Relationships, Sex and Health Education ParentVoice Reminder

As you will have seen in last week's newsletter, we are currently in the process of refining and developing our Citizenship curriculum for next year. 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.

For more details on our current Relationships, Sex and Health Education programme at Icknield Community College, and the topics that will be included next year, please have a look at last week's newsletter.

Jen Hicks

How to support Friends of Icknield...



www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsoficknield



Support our lottery by buying a ticket (or two) and encouraging friends and family to do so too!



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Support our events 😊



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