



Newsletter – 27 May 2022

Date	Event
6 June	School Resumes ('A' Week)
6-24 June	Year 11 GCSE Exams
20 June – 6 July	Year 10 Exams
24 June	Year 11 Prom
1 July	Y8/Y9 HPV Immunisation Catch Up Y9/Y10 TdP/IPV/MenACWY Immunisation Catch Up
4 July	Sports Awards Evening 7-8pm
18 July	Awards Evening 7-8pm
21 July	End of Term (non-uniform day)
22 July – 5 Sept	Summer Holiday
6 September	School Resumes ('A' Week)

Year 10 Buddying Programme

It was a pleasure to spend the day at the Watlington Pavilion training our Year 10 Senior Students for the Buddying Programme they will deliver to Year 6 students after half term. Our Year 10 students threw themselves into all the activities, and were incredibly mature and sensible when considering the advice and guidance they will be giving to Year 6 students about some of the more sensitive elements of the transition process. Please see one group of our buddies rehearsing a piece of drama educating Year 6s on what to bring and what not to bring to school in their bag each day...



Lord Williams Sixth Form

Please see attached a letter from LWS about a Sixth Form Conference in August.

The Sixth Form Conference is an opportunity for all students who applied for a place (regardless of whether they eventually take that place or not) to experience two days at LWS Sixth Form, a form of transition period, giving students the chance to experience the school, how it works, taste the options they have chosen and generally get a feel for the school. It should be a great opportunity and will help those who have still not quite made a decision about which post-16 provider they wish to attend in September.

Mat Hunter
Headteacher

Teaching Staff Update

We would like to thank Kevin Money for the support he has provided for our students in English and Media Studies. Kevin is moving on to take up a new English teaching position at Aureus School in Didcot and will not be returning after the half term holiday. His English and Media Studies classes will be taught by other members of staff on their return in June. We wish Kevin every success in his future endeavours.

Mat Hunter

Proposed Changes to Uniform from September 2023

Further to Mat Hunter's note in last week's newsletter, please see the proposals for small changes to our uniform policy, which we hope to implement from September 2023. We look forward to hearing from you by Friday 10 June.

Vicky Pickford and Robert Legg

A reminder of my message earlier in the year on uniform.

Please can you support us in this by ensuring that your child has the right uniform when they leave for school and be reiterating our expectations. Smart uniform is a proxy for good behaviour and pride in learning and it is really important to us. If there are any issues then please contact your child's tutor as they will be in contact with you if there are any concerns.

Coats: *Coats will no longer be allowed to be worn in lessons. If there are any students who are particularly prone to being cold then white thermals under shirts and black v-neck school jumpers under blazers are still acceptable.*

Hooded jumpers/Non-school jumpers: *Hooded jumpers or non-school jumpers have never been acceptable. Can you please ensure, as per the uniform policy, that, if it is a cooler day, your child has a coat and that they do not bring in a hooded or non-school jumper. These will be confiscated and put behind reception.*

Ties: *We have an increasing number of students losing ties or not coming into school with their ties. Ties can be purchase on site in the finance office if they have been lost. Please ensure your child has a tie. If they lose it, then they need to purchase it through the finance office, either with cash or you can do this in advance via parentpay for them.*

Skirts: *Skirts should be logoed and worn to the correct length. Please can you ensure that if there is a problem with a skirt that you write a note for your child whilst you are ordering a replacement or repairing it. Stretchy black skirts are not acceptable and students that persistently wear these with no note may be sent home to change after contact with parents. Please also support us in ensuring that skirts are the intended length and aren't rolled up.*

Shoes: *Shoes should be completely black with no logos or other colours visible. If there is a problem with shoes then your child needs a note whilst a solution is being sought.*

Jewellery: *A single pair of studs and a watch are acceptable. Excessive jewellery is not allowed, particularly due to health and safety in some practical lessons. Nose piercings should be replaced with plastic retainers which can be given at reception. As per my summer notes in the newsletter, please help us by getting any piercings at the start of the summer holiday so that the healing period can take place out of school time.*

Thanks for your continued support.

Vicky Pickford

Year 11 uniform donations will be gratefully received!

As our Year 11s move into the final phase of their time with us, can I put out a request that you drop any uniform that they no longer need in to us so that we can recycle it, either internally or through our used uniform sale on Saturday 11 June. Clearly, Year 11 students still need their uniform until the very end of the exams period, but I would just like to put out the message that we will happily accept donations of any uniform that still has some life in it, whenever you are able to pass it on to us. You can drop any such donations in to the Finance Office or via Tutors and it will reach me.

Matt Ford

Pride Month 2022

June is Pride Month: a "[month dedicated to celebrating LGBTQ+ communities all around the world.](#)" Through their representatives on the School Council, students have made a number of excellent suggestions about how Pride Month could be marked this year. As a school, we will be supporting these initiatives by giving students the option to wear a Pride wristband throughout the month of June. These will be available after half-term and more details about how to get one will be provided in a note in the student bulletin.

Robert Legg

Therapy Dog in School

Exciting news!!

Hobbes, a Golden Labrador puppy will be joining our school as a Therapy Dog in September 2022. He will be working under the supervision of Jane Bellars our Student Welfare Manager & School Counsellor. As part of his training, Hobbes will be introduced very gradually to the school and will be brought in periodically over the course of the summer term so you may see him out and about with Mrs Bellars. He will work with a selective number of students with prior parental knowledge. Having a working Therapy Dog in our school is very exciting and will have a positive impact on mental health and wellbeing.

Jane Bellars

Wildlife trust: 30 days wild for June 2022

30 Days Wild is The Wildlife Trusts' annual challenge where they ask everyone to do one wild thing a day throughout the month of June.

Top random acts of wildness 2021

The Wildlife Trusts asked a 1,000 people who took part in 30 Days Wild in 2020 about their favourite random acts of wildness. The top 10 most popular activities were:

1. Listening to birdsong came top – 88%
2. Exercising outdoors – 81%
3. Eating or drinking outdoors – 79%
4. Identifying wildflowers – 77%
5. Planting wildflower seeds – 71%
6. Going on a bug hunt – 59%
7. Hugging or admiring a tree – 58%
8. Making a wildlife home (birdbox, bee hotel) – 49%
9. Going barefoot on the grass or earth – 49%
10. Sketching, drawing or painting nature – 47%

The 30 day challenge this year sets off with the 'big wild breakfast' aka eating your breakfast outside and seeing how many different animals you can see/hear in 30minutes.

If you like to sign up and get your own resources either digitally or via the post you can sign up here: [30 Days Wild 2022: Sign up | The Wildlife Trusts](#)

The Geography Team

Maths Problem of the Week

The Maths Problem of the Week and the solution to last week's problem are attached. Thanks to Mrs Speare for providing the solution.

Nick Owen

CareersNews

This weeks' CareersNews has a focus on Apprenticeships and local apprenticeship opportunities. I have been contacted by several local employers who are offering some fantastic opportunities for Y11 school leavers. If you have any questions about apprenticeships, then please do get in touch. Please also note that there are several final Open Events taking place at local colleges, if you have signed up to join a college or are still unsure then these Open Events are aimed at you. You will get the chance to explore the campus and meet some of the tutors, please take the time to attend if possible.

Helen Richardson

DofE

Congratulations to Natalie F (volunteering) and Georgie W-S (physical & volunteering) who have uploaded their 3rd assessors' reports and have now completed all 3 of their sections!

Congratulations to Henry W (volunteering), Liv C (physical & skill), Jack D (skill & physical), Taya A (physical & volunteering), Ellie S (skill), Olly R (volunteering), and Issy S (skill) who have submitted assessors' reports over the last two weeks! Please do add your assessors' reports as you finish your sections. Please ask if you need any help in adding your assessors' reports.

Well done to our Bronze students who completed their practice expedition on Saturday! They demonstrated their skills in navigation, team work and campcraft. The students completed a 6 hour walk and then put up their tents and cooked a meal. Each group did so well and worked well as a team to complete all their tasks. Please find some photos of them in action.

Katie Scane



PE News

In this week's PE News:

- The results from our **Play your way to Wimbledon** competition
- Information about our **Extra-Curricular Clubs**
- How we got on in the **U15 Cricket 6s**
- The **upcoming fixtures** for the first week back after half term

Matt Mures

Letters to Parents/Carers

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

Century Letter – Years 7-9

HPV Catch-up Vaccination – 01 Jul 22 – Years 8 & 9

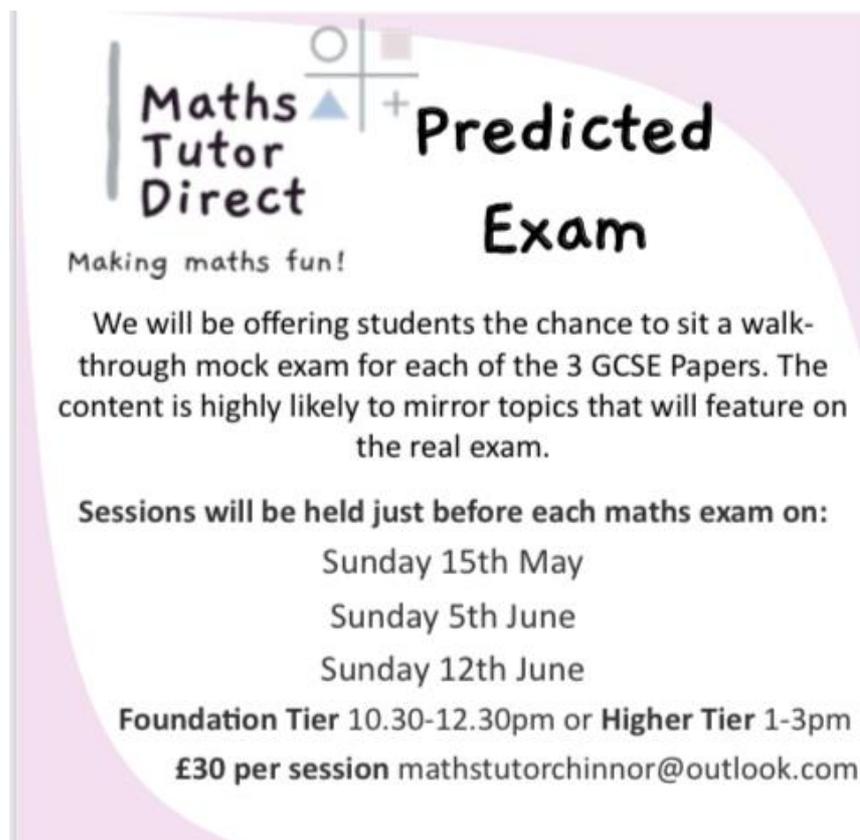
TDP Catch-up Vaccination – 01 Jul 22 – Years 9 & 10

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



The poster features the Maths Tutor Direct logo with a grid of mathematical symbols (circle, square, triangle, plus) and the text 'Predicted Exam'. Below the logo is the slogan 'Making maths fun!' and a paragraph explaining the mock exam. It lists three dates: Sunday 15th May, Sunday 5th June, and Sunday 12th June. It also specifies the times for Foundation Tier (10.30-12.30pm) and Higher Tier (1-3pm) and provides the cost (£30 per session) and contact email (mathstutorchinnor@outlook.com).

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

Kidmore End Cricket Club runs Junior cricket for girls and boys aged 8-15.

GIRLS CRICKET runs on Tuesday evenings at 6pm for 8-15 year olds. Sessions suit all levels of players - beginners of any age VERY welcome - and teams participate in local leagues.

BOYS CRICKET runs on Friday evenings at 6pm for 8-13 year olds. Sessions are split into age groups, and also suit all levels of players. Teams participate in local leagues.

Kidmore End is a friendly club, with lovely grounds in Gallowstree Common (RG4 9BU) with a bar and food available. New players are welcome in all sections. For more details contact keccjuniors@gmail.com or visit www.kidmoreendcc.co.uk