



Newsletter – 29 January 2021

Date	Event
wc 25 January 2021	'A' week
2 February 2021	HPV Immunisation Catch Up
11 February 2021	Year 10 Parents' Evening (online)

Prime Minister's Announcement

You will have heard, I am sure, this week, the Prime Minister's announcement that schools will not be returning fully after February Half Term as had been originally hoped, but rather from March 8th at the earliest. Clearly this date may well be reviewed in the future too.

In the meantime, we will continue to provide a full programme of online lessons to all students in all year groups. Our teaching staff met collectively this week to share ideas about how to teach in this new virtual world we find ourselves in. My thanks to all of them for their creativity, preparedness to learn new skills and tricks (!), and their resilience. I hope you will agree, they really are an amazing bunch!

In the meantime, also, my thanks to all of you as parents and carers for your ongoing support. I hope that our full programme of lessons means that the demands on you for "homeschooling" are significantly less than they were during the first lockdown. Congratulations to your children also, the vast majority of whom are continuing, four weeks in, to do an amazing job.

I hope you all have a restful weekend.

Mat Hunter
Headteacher

Reminder: Year 9 and Catch-up HPV Vaccinations Tuesday 2nd February P1 and P2

A reminder that the Year 9 HPV vaccinations and the catch-up session for any Year 8 and 10 students is booked in for Tuesday 2nd February P1 and P2 in school. You should have received letters already confirming your appointment times. If you think you should have and haven't then please check your junk mail before contacting us as we have had a few cases where the letter has not gone to the main inbox.

Vicky Pickford

Testing for coronavirus on Monday

The Government is currently asking secondary schools to test their students on two occasions, the tests taking place within five days of each other. Consequently, we will carry out the second and final set of student tests in school on Monday for those students who are in and have consented to the test. For anyone that is yet to offer their consent, and would like to do so, please complete this [form](#). Presently, the Government's position is that we should offer these lateral flow tests to all students when they return to school after lockdown. Whilst we know this won't happen until at least 8th March, please do complete the consent form linked above to enable your child to be tested when the time comes. It is very pleasing to report that there were no positive results in the round of testing that was completed in school on Wednesday 27th January.

James Barringer

Maths

Please find attached to the newsletter some helpful tips for students if they ever think they have run out of work to do; there is always extra Maths that they can be doing.

REMEMBER: The best way to revise maths is to 'do maths'!!

Hazel Carvel

Maths Problem of the Week

The Maths Problem of the Week is attached.

Last week's problem, Buffon's Needle Problem, is one of my favourite mathematics problem as it raises the question: why is there a connection between the number of times a needle crosses the edges of the planks on a wooden floor and the number pi.

The website Numberphile has a good explanation of why this is so – the link is here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=sJVivjuMfWA

Numberphile has many videos explaining the solutions to some quite simply sounding (but mathematical complex) problems.

Nick Owen

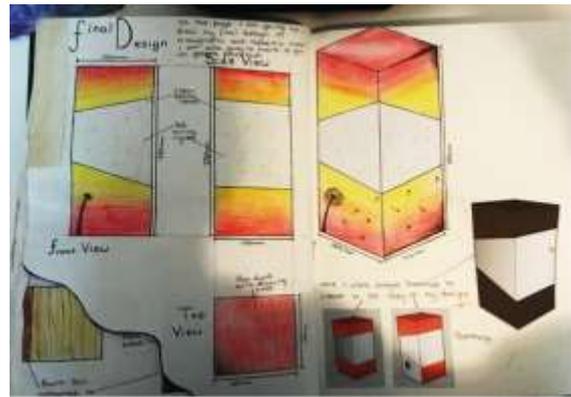
3D Design:

I would like to share and celebrate each week a few pieces of student work in 3D design that I have been extremely impressed with. The quality of the work handed in during lockdown is fabulous. Hopefully this will bring a little light and lift for you all over the weekend.

Well done to..



Callum Johnson year10



Esme Crook year10



Maisie Kellet year 10



Leo Burnell Year 11

In addition to celebrating the work above, I would like to ask parents of GCSE 3D Design students to support me in ensuring their child submits a photo of their most recent double page every Friday to Satchel One (Previously 'Show My Homework'). It is very easy to do if you download the app on your phone. Having regular hand in of work enables me to provide effective feedback to students to help improve their work and guide them to next steps.

Barry Kelly

Art & Design GCSE Year 11 Subject Focus Day: Collage Artist's Workshop

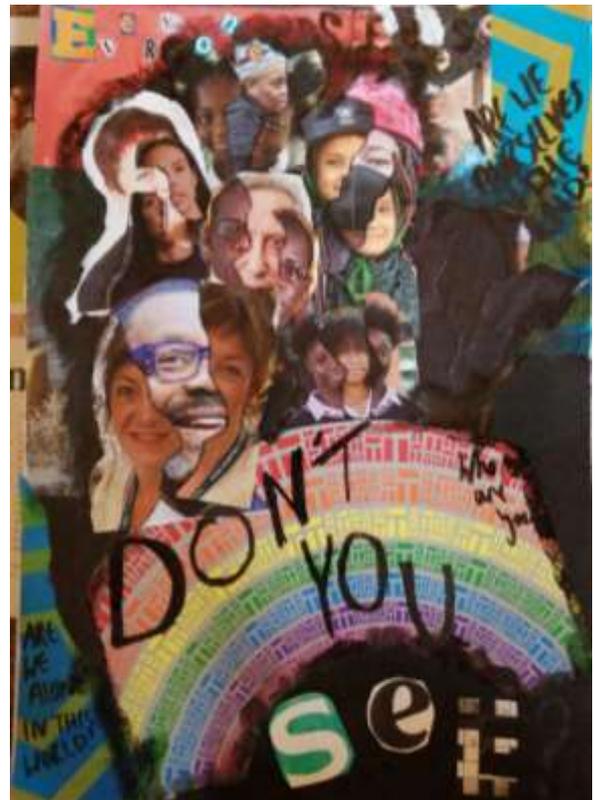
Well this was a first for the Art Department; a virtual practical workshop! Year 11 have been working so hard on their course work portfolios at home through our live Teams lessons but Subject Focus Day presented a wonderful opportunity to spend a concentrated amount of time stretching and exploring their independent themes and ideas even further. The first half of the day was a fabulous online workshop delivered by the young artist Rose Parker whose practice has, like all of us, had to adapt during lockdown. As a painter unable to access her studio she has been working on 'painting with paper' in the form of intricate paper cuts and detailed collages. Producing work live online she talked the students through her thinking and ideas was really exciting and we are extremely grateful for the one to one feedback that she then took the time to give each student as their work developed over the course of the morning.

Here are some examples of the student's fabulous work on their own ideas about 'Being Human'

Jessica Parker



"I really enjoyed the workshop. Rose was very good at demonstrating the techniques you needed to create the art. I loved being able to link her style of art into my own theme and creating something I was really proud of. I found it very useful that she looked at some of our art and told us what was good and what to improve. Overall, I really enjoyed the experience and thought it was very beneficial for our coursework." Ethan Bines



ICC Careers on our website.

We have given our Careers section on the ICC website an overhaul. Please can I encourage you to use the website which hosts an abundance of Careers information from Apprenticeship opportunities, College and Sixth Form options, including the all-important deadlines, a Virtual CareersFest and much more. Please log onto www.ickniel.doxon.sch.uk. You will find Careers under Student Information, then Careers Education.

Unifrog

Please may I remind all students that Unifrog is a fantastic tool to explore your Career opportunities. Students may find the following particularly useful as it offers an insight into career options when considering certain subject options. Head to the Home Page, scroll down and click on 'Student Side', then click on 'Careers Library' where you can input your chosen information to get some informative results. Enjoy!

Helen Richardson, Careers Coordinator

Virtual Choir Project

The Ickniel Choir is currently working virtually towards video performances of *The Rhythm of Life* by Dorothy Fields and Cy Coleman, and *Colors of the Wind* by Alan Menken and Stephen Schwartz. If you would like to take part in either piece – from the comfort of your own home! – please send an email requesting the materials to robert.legg@ickniel.doxon.sch.uk. All students can take part, and contributions from parents and from friends of the school would be most welcome.

Robert Legg and Amy de Sybel

Year 7 Accelerated Reader Update

I have been thrilled to see so many students still making the effort with their reading since returning to school in January even though the access to our school library is obviously limited.

With some excellent reading happening in Year 7, I wanted to take the opportunity to say a specific 'Well done!' to the following students who have been superb with their Accelerated Reader quizzing over the past 4 weeks.

- Jule Bretfeld-Kienast
- Marie Bolton
- Alex Read
- Leo Woolfson
- Jessica Purchase
- Evie Thompson
- Alexia Tolfts
- Scarlet Farrell
- Olivia Matthews
- Joshua Brown

I'm also pleased to announce that since September, Year 7 students have read an amazing 30,533,217 words and they have passed over 600 quizzes. Congratulations!

As a reminder, students do have access to our virtual E-Library using the SORA app where they have access to over 1000 books and audiobooks ready for them to borrow. If students have issues with accessing SORA, please ask them to speak to their English teacher who can provide log in information.

Chris McGinnity

Letters to Parents/Carers

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

Year 10 Parents' Evening Group A – 11 February 2021

Year 10 Parents' Evening Group B – 11 February 2021

These letters can also be accessed on the school website:

<http://www.ickniel.doxon.sch.uk/news-and-events/letters-to-parent>

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Virtual weekly Maths Tuition - GCSE Foundation / Higher Tier

Great quality, well-structured zoom maths tuition specifically aimed at GCSE students on the run up to their internal assessments.

Last remaining slots:

1 x Foundation 45 minutes class each Saturday

1 x Foundation 1 hour class each Tuesday at 4.45pm

1 x Higher tier 1 hour class each Thursday at 4.45pm

Please contact: mathstutorchinnor@outlook.com for more information and to reserve a slot.

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Adrian Thomas