



Icknield Community College

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Newsletter – 4 December 2020

Date	Event
Wc 7 December	'B' week
2-18 December	Year 11 Mock Exams
10 December	Year 9 Parents Evening
18 December	School Finishes at 1pm (Non-Uniform Day)
19 Dec–3 Jan'21	Christmas Holiday
4 January'21	Inset Day
5 January	School Resumes

Class of 2021

Congratulations to our Year 11 students for doing a brilliant job so far with their mock exams. Our invigilation team have commented on their fantastic attitude in the Sports Hall.

You will have heard, I am sure, about [this week's government announcement](#) regarding "Extra measures to support students ahead of next summer's exams". Included in these measures will be students receiving advance notice of some topic areas which will be on their exam papers, and "exam aids" – like formula sheets – to reduce the amount of information they need to memorise.

An expert group is being set up, nationally, to take this work forward and we hope to hear more detail from the group in the not too distant future. We will, of course, keep you updated with any new information we receive.

End of Term

Please can I remind all parents and carers that we finish at 1.00pm on Friday 18 December. Students will attend periods 1-3 as normal and we will finish the school day with lunch. As opposed to previous "last days" of term, the canteen will be open and serving food as normal.

Mat Hunter Headteacher

Christmas Dinner – 2020

The canteen will be serving Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 16 December. The cost of the meal will be £2.20. This includes lunch, and a Christmas biscuit.

During next week, tutors will be asking for a 'hand count' of students who would like a dinner on this day. This will enable the canteen to ensure they have enough dinners for everyone who would like one, and likewise, ensure there is not too much waste. Thank you.

Gill Ward

Virtual CareersFest

This year's CareersFest is a virtual affair! Sadly, all of our best plans to host something in school have been taken over by Covid, so we have been busy working behind the scenes to bring to you a Virtual CareersFest. Please click on the following link to find details on local Sixth Form Schools, Colleges, Apprenticeship Suppliers and T-Levels show casing a broad variety of what is available to our students once they leave ICC. Each section has a brief video with a link on how to apply for a place. <https://sway.office.com/l6xQWNBH5fvZOrAx?ref=Link&loc=mysways>

It is also attached as a PDF to the main body of the newsletter. As always, if you, or your son/daughter have any questions relating to their onward journey post ICC, then please get in touch with me: helen.richardson@icnkniel.oxon.sch.uk

Helen Richardson, Careers Coordinator

GCSEPod

I am delighted to announce the winners of the Podvember Challenge. The following twenty students will each be presented with a £5 voucher in recognition of their excellent commitment to independent learning through the GCSEPod platform. Congratulations to them, and to everyone who is using GCSEPod to tackle new topics or to consolidate and revise what they have studied in class.

Winner	Number of views and/or downloads in November
Marcus Eames	94
Isobel Pope	73
Thomas Laidlar	61
Sophy Mercer	60
Max Maude	52
Megan Green	43
Mcauley Martin	43
Rhianna Bodycombe	41
Olivia Goldstone	36
Corinna Gooderham	36
Anna Streatfield	34
Elliot Hunter	32
Amelia McAlpine	30
Saoirse Brady	28
Harry Richards	26
Lily Allenden	25
Daisy Hogger	25
Samuel Joy	25
Daniel Geggus	23
Madi Orkney	22

Robert Legg

An update from the School Council

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 11th December, the school will be taking part in National Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for Save the Children. Students are welcome to come into school wearing their favourite Christmas jumper on top of their usual school uniform (no other non-school uniform items are allowed) and will need to bring in £1 to give to their tutor as a donation.

Food Bank

One of the school councils focus for this year is on community and so, for Christmas we want to help Watlington Church raise as many food donations as possible to pass on to local food banks. If you would like to donate, please take to Mrs Gibson's office. We are able to accept non-perishable items such as tinned food, pasta, rice, cereal, tea and coffee (all with a Use By date of at least 3 months). Many thanks for your support

School Council

Crochet club: Year 9



Would you like to make your own rainbow blanket?

On Thursday lunch times, we will be running a crochet club for Year 9 students to learn how to create our own blankets. Everyone is welcome, no experience is necessary, we'll start from the beginning!

If you already know how to crochet or knit, you are welcome to bring along your own projects to work on.

We'll be meeting in Room 18 (Mr Money's English room), starting from Thursday 10th December. You can bring your lunch with you.

Jen Hicks

Congratulations to the Icknield Choir

Huge congratulations to all members of the school choir for their fantastic work at Tuesday's socially distanced recording session at St. Leonard's Church. It was a great pleasure for all the staff involved to work with such a committed and hard-working group of students. We are in the process of editing the recordings and we are looking forward to sending out two short pieces of festive music in place of our normal Christmas concert towards the end of term.

Special thanks to Alex Hunter, Sophie Koziol and Jacqui O'Reilly for their support and their wonderful singing, and to Revd Daniel Thompson for his encouragement and for allowing us the use of the church.

Robert Legg and Amy de Sybel



Maths Problem of the Week

The Maths Problem of the Week and the solution to the previous problem are attached.

Nick Owen

PE News

Please see our attached PE News document to read about the latest information, this week including:

- News about our **Winter Games**, including every single fixture
- News on **club cancellations**

Matt Mures

Googlehack Tutor Competition

"What on earth is a Googlehack?" I hear you say. Well a Googlehack is any two words (in the English Dictionary and not proper nouns) that combine to produce just one search result in Google. It is tougher than you think. Students competed to find as many Googlehacks as they could earlier this term. The winning tutor group was **9GH** and here are some of their most successful entries below. Your prize is on the way!

1. Floccinaucinihilipilification heterophonic – 125 results
2. Nikhedonia shiddiness – 59 results
3. Gwenders asylum – 75 results

And their winning result....

Agriculture teleptitude – 1 result

Fraser Prince

Attendance

Reporting Student Absence

This is just a gentle reminder of the importance to report your child's absence as early as possible (preferably by 9am) on the day of absence, or earlier if known. Absences can be reported by e-mailing absence@ickniel.d.oxon.sch.uk or by calling 01491 612691.

Medical Appointments

Although we politely ask that medical appointments are not arranged during school hours, we understand that often this is not possible due to the availability of appointments. When booking appointments, we would be grateful if you could arrange them at a time that allows your child to be present at school for our official morning registration (8.45am) and afternoon registration (12.15pm). In an ideal world, if appointments could be made after 1pm, your child would only miss lunch time and period 5, minimising time out of lessons. This will ensure your child's attendance remains as high as possible.

Should you wish to discuss your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to e-mail me at victoria.ashby@ickniel.d.oxon.sch.uk.

Vicky Ashby

Letters to Parents/Carers

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

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition Letter – Year 10
Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition Letter – Year 11
Newquay June 2021 – Year 9
Newquay July 2021 – Year 10

These letters can also be accessed on the school website:

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

Finance Office



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**CHRISTMAS
LIST**

PLEASE BUY AN **EXTRA TICKET**
OR A **LOTTERY GIFT VOUCHER**
because everyone wants to
give (or receive)
the chance to win **£25,000**

To purchase a Gift Voucher, go to:
YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/gift

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 19th December 2020. T&Cs apply, see website for details.