



Newsletter – 4 September 2020

| Date | Event |
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| 10 September'20 | School Photographs (for some students) |
| 14 September'20 | Year 9 TDP/Men ACWY Immunisations |
| 30 September'20 | Virtual Open Evening |
| 8 October'20 | Virtual KS4 Information Evening |
| 15 October'20 | Virtual Year 7 Information Evening |
| 23 October'20 | End of Term – Non Uniform Day |
| 26-30 October'20 | Half Term Holiday |
| 2 November'20 | Inset Day |
| 3 November'20 | School Resumes |

Welcome Back!

Thank you to all of you for attending the tutor meetings on Thursday. It was great to see so many of you back at school after such a long break. My thanks to Charlotte Gibson, Assistant Headteacher, and Matt Ford, Deputy Headteacher, for their logistical planning to make sure the event ran smoothly.

Your children did a fantastic job on Friday adjusting to our new systems. We had a minor issue with the lunch queues which we have already been able to rectify for Monday so we hope the queues will speed up again next week.

On the note of speed, please could I ask you to reinforce with your children that they need to move **swiftly** from their meeting point to their lessons. It is possible for each year group to get to their lessons in the allocated one minute. In doing so, we significantly reduce any potential lost learning time caused by the students being in “bubbles”.

Year 11 Parents

We are still waiting for some exam boards to clarify their positions regarding the decisions made by Ofqual following their consultation on the proposed changes to GCSE assessment for 2021. Individual subject areas will update you with any information as and when they receive it either via this newsletter, or by letter to you directly. Please watch this space.

Student Success

It is always great at this time of year to hear about the successes of past students. Please do get in contact with me should you wish to share any good news! In the meantime, many congratulations to the following ex-students...

| Student | Success |
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| Cameron Hawkins | 2:1 BA Hons in Business and Management |
| Will Fern | 4 A*s at A Level and a place at Cambridge university to read Natural Sciences |
| Gemma Baskerville | 2:1 BA Hons in Creative Writing and a place at Bath to study for a Masters Degree |
| Leo Baskerville | Triple distinction in L3 BTEC Diploma in Engineering along with B Grades at A level for Computer Science and Maths |

14th September - Year 10 Immunisations

On the 14th September, Year 10 students will be able to receive their Td/IP Immunisations (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Inactivated Polio) This immunisation should have been given in March when the students were still in Year 9 but had to be cancelled when the school closed due to covid. This immunisation completes the course of 5 immunisations that students will have started in infancy and gives them lifelong protection. Parents were sent consent forms for this at the end of last term that need to be completed in advance of the immunisation.

I can understand that some people may be even less comfortable than normal with this in the current climate and so I wanted to offer reassurance. The nurses in school will be sticking to NHS procedures by wearing masks and aprons, hand sanitising will take place between each student and as this is just for Year 10, obviously, all students are from the same 'bubble'. I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions, please do contact us.

Vicky Pickford

Information Evenings

Next month, we plan to carry out a series of Information Evenings covering aspects of curriculum, assessment, careers and school life. Unfortunately, due to the restrictions placed upon us by coronavirus, these presentations will need to be virtual this year. More information about them will follow in the coming weeks.

James Barringer

School Photographs – Thursday 10 September

School photographs will be taken this coming Thursday 10 September. To avoid unnecessary mixing of our bubbles, we will not be photographing students who have an existing photograph on record. Year 7 students and students who joined ICC during 2019-20 will have their pictures taken. Students will receive information on the day explaining how parents and carers can purchase copies of the photographs if they choose to do so.

Robert Legg

DofE update

A huge congratulations to our students who have continued working on their Duke of Edinburgh update over their summer holidays! We are so impressed with their dedication to completing their award. Many more students have completed their sections and uploaded their assessors' reports. Congratulations to Poppy A (volunteering, physical, skill), Lucy A (physical), Louis B (volunteering), Fabian C (physical), Alfie C (volunteering, skill), Jack D (volunteering, skill), Ollie E (volunteering), Guy G (physical), Joe G (skill), Bebe M (physical) Jay O (physical, skill), Louie S (volunteering, physical, skill), Isabelle W (skill), Ellen W (skill), Georgie W-S (volunteering, physical), Maddie M (physical), Ruby D (physical), Brandon C (volunteering), Samuel J (physical, skill), Ruby B (volunteering).

A special congratulations to the following students who have now completed their volunteering, physical and skill sections: Poppy A, Guy G, Bebe M, Jay O, Louie S, Maddie M, Ruby D. All students who complete all 3 sections will receive a special certificate emailed to them by the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

I would like to confirm some details around how students can complete their volunteering, physical and skill sections to make sure there is no confusion.

Due to lockdown, the Duke of Edinburgh Award have implemented some changes to allow students to continue to work on their sections whilst they were at home. This means current participants have some options now in completing their sections:

- 1) Complete one activity for your section just taking a break whilst lockdown meant the activity couldn't run. This means you only need one assessor's report and just need to make the dates you actually did are clear. For example, attending tennis lessons before lockdown and then starting again when able to do so.
- 2) Change your activity to a new one that you can complete during lockdown and start your section again: update your eDofE account and restart your timings. You only need one assessor's report from your new activity.

- 3) Change your activity part way through. Count a certain number of weeks before lockdown and then switch and finish your activities on a new activity. This means you need 2 different assessors' reports, one for each activity clearly showing the weeks you did at each activity. You can change back again to your original activity however you cannot change to a 3rd activity. Please make sure to change your activity on eDofE and here are some instructions to help you: <https://help.edofe.org/hc/en-gb/articles/360024234534-How-do-I-change-my-activity->

Guidance from the government continues to prevent overnight school trips. This means that we are currently unable to plan when the new expeditions will be. We will be looking to reorganise these expeditions for both Bronze and Silver participants as soon as we are able.

If you have any questions about any part of your award, please ask.

Katie Scane

Some mathematical things to think about during the summer - ANSWERS

I have attached to this Newsletter the answers to the three famous "problems" with mathematical connections (and the bonus question) that I sent out for during the summer.

Dr Nick Owen

Notice for parents of students in Y11

During lockdown you may remember me asking your son/daughter to complete a Hopes & Aspirations form for their careers appointments, some of which took place over the phone, towards the end of Y10 but the large majority of which will be taking place throughout Y11. Thank You to those who did manage to complete this form and return it to me. If your son/daughter has NOT completed this form, please could I ask that you make this a priority and return to me by no later than Friday 11 September. Without this completed form we are unable to prepare for their careers appointment. Thanks in advance. Helen Richardson – Careers Coordinator Email: helen.richardson@icknield.oxon.sch.uk

Helen Richardson

Routes 3003, 3006 and 3007

We have had confirmation from Oxfordshire County Transport that these routes will revert to their normal timetables from Monday 7 September 2020.

Thank you for your patience.

Gill Ward