



Newsletter – 6 May 2022

Date	Event
9 May	“B” Week
19 May	New Parents Information Evening
27 May	End of Term (non-uniform day)
27 May – 3 June	Half Term Holiday
6 June	School Resumes

Student Leadership Team 2022/23

As per Charlotte Gibson’s note below, many congratulations to the following students who have been successfully appointed to the Student Leadership Team for next year.

Head Students	Rosie Malloy William Bowerman
Deputy Head Students	Evelyn Adamson Natalie Furmston Mark Wallace Leo Hunter
Senior Prefects	Billy Midgley Samantha De Ocera Emma Gibbard Isabelle Dawson Holly Geggus Nikita Santana Pereira Zach Nethersole Alex Ingram Isobel Shaw Georgina Trendall Joseph Ramskill Millie Dawson
Prefects	Kat Austin Grace Bodycombe Rose Uhart Ana Cokanasiga Matthew Berrell Ruby Welsh Liv Carter Jemima O’Brien Isabel Holmes Isabel Hector Hannah Arnold Imogen Wallace Ella Fleury Oliver Winton Phoebe Stratford Oscar Gore-Smith
Sports Captains	Billy Midgley Nathan Beechey Emma Gibbard Matthew Berrell Ruby Welsh Holly Geggus Thomas Tolfts Leo Hunter Ella Fleury Kaiya Hawkins Yannick Ros Charlie Basden Eleanor Stokes

Mat Hunter
Headteacher

Student Leadership Team 2022-23

Over the past few weeks, Year 10 students have had to opportunity to apply for a range of different roles that will make up next years student leadership team. After the first round of shortlisting written applications, Mr Hunter, David Marcou (Chair of Governors) and I invited a number of students to interview for the positions of Head and Deputy Head students on Tuesday. We were impressed with the thoughtfulness of students answers and the confidence demonstrated by many. Selecting the final team is always difficult and this year was no exception. I would like to congratulate all students who have been appointed; I look forward to working with them all in the near future.

I would also like to thank those students who spent the time applying but were unsuccessful. I have been in contact with these students, offering the opportunity to receive feedback if they so wish.

Charlotte Gibson

Exam season: pre-exam revision sessions

I attach details of the sessions that we have planned for Year 11 students throughout the exams season. You will see that they take the form of:

- Pre-exam breakfasts (held in the canteen from 7.30 on the day of all morning exams)
- Sessions that happen during the school day (they replace students' timetabled lessons for that particular time slot)
- After school sessions (these replace the revision sessions that have run throughout the year so far)

Matt Ford

Year 11 Yearbook

This week, myself and six wonderful Year 11 helpers completed this year's Year 11 Yearbook. It is available to purchase for all Year 11s for £19.40 . The link to purchase the Yearbook can be found at this address: www.boomedsales.com/product/ickniel-dc/139

Yearbooks need to be purchased by Monday 23rd May.

Adam Rickard

Great Big Dance Off competition

On Tuesday, a group of students travelled to Oxford to perform on stage at the New Theatre Oxford for the Great Big Dance Off competition.

The students who attend Dance Club have been working hard for months, choreographing dances, teaching each other steps and counts, and planning for the day. Some students only picked up the dance one week before the performance, showing fantastic focus and dedication.

As always, I was so impressed with the students on the day. They laughed and smiled, comforted each other when the nerves got too much, supported other schools during their performances, washed out temporary hair colour in a tiny sink in the dressing room, and even found unique places to stretch (see impressive image!).

The competition was fierce, and our students (a mix of Y7-Y11) were up against A-Level Dance students. Our students, unfortunately, didn't get through to the next round of the competition, however they should be incredibly proud with their performance and hard work in the run-up to the day.

Well done, dancers!

We'll be back next year, so any students who would like to join, please speak to me!

Taylor Samuel-Beechey





Maths Problem of the Week

The Maths Problem of the Week and the solution to last week's previous problem are attached.

Nick Owen

PE News

In this week's PE News:

- News of a fantastic **Ice Hockey** achievement for a **Year 10 student**
- A reminder about our new **Play your way to Wimbledon** tennis competition
- **Results** from the **Y8 Netball** and **Year 9/10 Tennis fixtures**
- The **upcoming fixtures** for next week

Matt Mures

CareersNews

In this week's CareesNews, there is another amazing Level 3 Apprenticeship opportunity for a student who is interested in gaining a Level 3 Business Administration Apprenticeship. The successful candidate will work at the Nuffield Department of Women's & Reproductive Health in Oxford and will be required to attend the Abingdon & Witney College for 10 days of professional training (1 day per week, over 10 weeks). In total the course will take 2yrs to complete. Salary £20,047. For further information look in this weeks' CareesNews. Thames Valley Police are also hosting an information evening for students who are interested in becoming Police Officers. For further information click on the link in the CareesNews.

Helen Richardson

Y10 Work Experience

We wish Y10 a very successful Work Experience week next week and look forward to hearing all about their adventures on their return to school. May I just remind all parents that should your child's placement be cancelled for any reason then students are expected in school. If your child is unwell next week, please ring the placement and report them ill, after which we ask that you call school and inform us too. I will not be in school next week as I will be visiting students at their placements. If you need to contact me, please do so via email: helen.richardson@ickniel.oxon.sch.uk Should you have an urgent matter that needs discussing next week, please call the school's main switchboard on 01491 612691

Helen Richardson

The Charlie Waller Trust

Since their creation in 1997, The Charlie Waller Trust have become one of the UK's most respected mental health charities. The trust was founded by the family of Charlie Waller who took his own life in 1997 whilst suffering from depression.

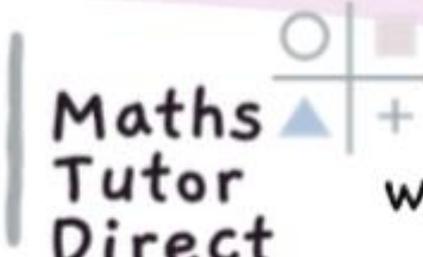
They help young people to understand their own mental health, to equip them to support themselves and those around them, and to empower them to talk more openly about the subject. Much of their work takes place in partnership with those with responsibility for young people - families, schools, colleges, universities, and employers.

You may find the live webinars particularly useful (approximately 90 minutes long). They are all presented by their mental health trainers, speakers and guest speakers who come from a wide range of professions, including education, psychology, social work, youth work, public health, psychotherapy and nursing. Topics include 'The Teen Brain', 'Sleep' and 'Perfectionism'.

The webinars explore strategies for maintaining positive mental health, paying attention to our own wellbeing and supporting those around us.

Heidi Nugent
Attendance Officer

COMMUNITY NEWS



Maths Tutor Direct
Making maths fun!

Walk-Through Mock Exam Prep
2 hour course

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.

Students will work through the exam question by question in test conditions, before the tutor talks them through a model answer. After the session they will also receive a list of topics they should brush up on before the real exam and receive optional guidance to help them through their last few days of preparation.

Sessions will be held just before each maths exam on:
Sunday 15th May & Sunday 5th June & Sunday 12th June,
at the following times:
Foundation Tier 10.30-12.30pm or Higher Tier 1-3pm
£30 per session
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