



Newsletter – 7 May 2021

Date	Event
Wc 10 May	'A' Week
28 May	End of Term – Non-Uniform Day
28 May	Year 11 Celebration Day
7 June	School Resumes

Parent Governor Elections

Congratulations to Paula Cil who has been elected as Parent Governor following the elections which took place two weeks ago.

David Marcou Chair of Governors

Year 11 Assessments

Congratulations to our Year 11 students who are now almost half way through their “assessment window” this half term. We are really impressed with how diligently they are preparing for their assessments and how well they are conducting themselves on a daily basis. Keep up the great work, Year 11 – only 3 weeks to go!!

Year 10 Peer Tutoring

A huge thank you to all of the Year 10 students who have been supporting their peers as part of our Year 10 Peer Tutoring programme. Please see Mr Rickard’s note below for more information...

On Monday 26th April 22, Year 10 students began a 6-week period of Peer Tutoring. Now two weeks in, it is fantastic to see the students involved working diligently during their own time after school on preparing themselves for the upcoming Year 10 Mock Exams which start on Monday 21st June. Students have been focussing on their Maths, English or Science and activities include card-sorts, Mr Hegarty Maths, reading English Poetry Anthologies and Kahoots. Well done to those students involved and I’m sure, with your continued hard work, you will feel the benefits as the Year 10 exam period nears.

Adam Rickard



Staffing News

We said farewell, last week, to Catherine Davies, Geography and Spanish teacher, who has relocated. We thank her for her significant contribution to life at ICC over the past 5 years and wish her all the very best for the future.

Mat Hunter
Headteacher

Year 10 Exams – Revision Guidance

Further to my note last week introducing the Year 10 Exams season, I can confirm that the first set of personalised revision guidance has been emailed to Year 10 students on Friday 7 May. There will typically be six sessions that students will receive between now and the exams in mid-June, and it is important that they engage with the tasks contained therein, as this will support them to evenly distribute their revision and preparation work over the weeks leading up to the exams. As I said last week, this revision guidance will constitute the majority of Year 10 homework for the weeks ahead of the exams (although teachers may set additional tasks or reading where required).

Matt Ford

British Science Week

As part of British Science week, 8ES have been working on some posters for a poster competition. The theme was 'Innovation for the Future' so students have been coming up with all sorts of ideas for possible future scientific advancements! Here are a selection of some of the really excellent posters they've produced.

Emma Sackville and Katie Scane

Year 7 Science Club

In year 7 science club this week, we were investigating the colours we see when adding universal indicator to acids and alkalis! Here are some of the rainbows we have made!

Katie Scane



Maths Webinar

There is a free webinar coming up for parents entitled: **Helping Your Child Overcome Maths Anxiety & Build Mathematical Resilience**, aimed at parents of children aged 9 to 14.

Using both the latest research and her vast experience in this area, the host will explain:

1. What maths anxiety is
2. How to spot the signs
3. Practical strategies to help your child cope
4. Actionable tips on helping them build mathematical resilience

The webinar takes place on **Wednesday 12th May at 8pm**. Please follow this link https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qillACidQ7K0PwZ9Tx6tHg to book a place.

Hazel Carvel

Maths Problem of the Week

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

Nick Owen

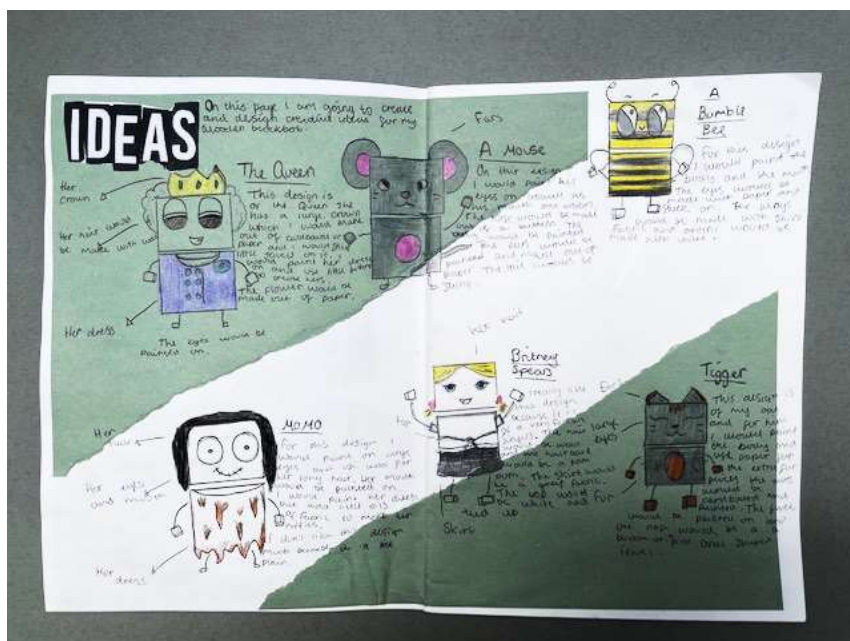
3D Design

Two students this week have blown me away with their attitude to learning and the quality of their work. Leo Burnell, in Year 11, has recently completed his contemporary jewellery piece inspired by coral reef and their environmental significance. It is an outstanding piece utilising resin, laser cutting and pewter craft. Well done Leo!



Necklace – Leo Burnell, year 11

At the other end of the school, Caitlyn Craig in year 7 presented a superb ideas page this week showcasing her thoughts for her 'Wobblehead' character. Her work demonstrated excellent presentation in her drawing and real depth in her annotation. Well done Caitlyn!



Ideas page – Caitlyn Craig, year 7.

An in other news, if you are a fan of the craft based TV shows that are out there, then make sure you tune into 'All that Glitters on BBC 2 and iPlayer <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000v4ft> . The show shines a light on contemporary jewellery design.

Barry Kelly

NCS – National Citizen Service

Our Y11 cohort have already watched an online presentation from NCS during their tutor time but we thought it would help if we made you as parents and carers aware of what is on offer to our Y11 cohort during their long summer break ahead. As a school, we have supported the NCS programme and many of our ex Y11 pupils have enjoyed the exciting and unique opportunity that NCS offer. The programme is available to teenagers from 15-17yrs of age. Those who sign up to the programme will learn new skills, make new friends, boost their employability skills, get their voice heard and achieve amazing things that they might not have thought were otherwise achievable.

Attached to this week's newsletter is a letter from NCS (Learn by Design) detailing this summer's programme. If you are interested, please do take a moment to read through this exciting opportunity and, as always, should you have any questions, please do get in touch.

Helen Richardson

CareersNews

In this weeks CareersNews you will find details on International Nurses Day which is on Wednesday 12 May. Attached to the CareersNews is a poster highlighting a variety of Apprenticeships within Nursing. Nielsons of Oxford are also advertising for 10 Business Management Apprentices who have completed their A Levels and are looking to start a Level 6 Degree Apprenticeship. The Apprenticeship will last for 3yrs and is based at their HQ in Oxford. Possible start date 6 Sept 2021. To find out more, please click on the following link: [Business Management Apprentice - Find an apprenticeship \(findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk) As always, should you have any questions, please do get in touch: helen.richardson@icknield.oxon.sch.uk

Helen Richardson

Lost Property

Each week, we attach to the Newsletter a list of all lost property we are currently holding in school. Whilst some items are reclaimed, there are numerous ones that are not. As you can appreciate, we can't hold items indefinitely, therefore, moving forward, any lost property that has been held in school for a period of six weeks from the time it was handed in, will be recycled. Please see the attached list for this week.

Lisa Best

COMMUNITY NEWS

Virtual Maths Tuition

Looking for support with Maths? Look no further! Great quality, well-structured Zoom maths tuition. We are now taking bookings for new classes commencing in June.

-Key Stage 2 each Saturday at 10.30am

-Key Stage 3 each Saturday at 9.30am

-GCSE foundation each Tuesday at 4.45pm or Saturday at 11.30am

-GCSE higher tier (fully booked)

Please contact: mathstutorchinnor@outlook.com for more information and to reserve your slot. Limited spaces available.

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Adrian Thomas