ICKNIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

March 2023

Welcome to the final Spring Term edition of our newsletter celebrating the opportunities and successes at Icknield High School.

Once again this has been an incredibly busy and positive term and it has been fantastic seeing our student body taking full advantage of what the staff offer the school community.

I would like to thank you for your support and hope you have a restful and enjoyable break.

John Noble
Headteacher

Upcoming Events in April

Easter Intervention
Year 11 by invitation

Year 8 Visual Arts options

Year 7 & Year 8 Parent Literacy Information Evening

Yr 11 Speaking Exams

Term Dates

Spring Term Ends: 31st March 23
Summer Term Start: 18th April 23
(Teacher Training Day - 17th April 23)
Bank Holiday: 1st May 23
Bank Holiday: 8th May 23
Half Term: 29th May – 2nd June 23

Summer Term Parent Evenings

26th April – Year 9
15th May – Year 7 Band A
24th May – Year 7 Band B
Details to follow

Raising the achievement of all

In preparation for the summer examination the year 11s completed their second set of mock examinations in February 2023. Special congratulation to the following students who achieved at least 5 GCSE grades at grade 7 and above. Students and staff have worked so hard and their efforts have absolutely paid off with fantastic results. Their success is well deserved and we wish them continued success in the future.

Imaan Q	Sayema R	Khushal B	Samirah U
Enya B	Tia B	Amna I	Zareen U
Iman H	Hasnat A	Amnah M	Akib M
Mariyam D	Yazmin B	Anisa R	Farhan A
Maryam J	Zaynah S	Hamid S	Mahiya M
Sana M	Aliza M	Mahir A	Maisha R
Zahra N	Atifah M	Naail L	Muhammad S
Zulaykha C	Auzair W	Tawhid H	Tanjima K
Ishaaq A	Keeyan H		

5 study habits of successful students

•Get Organized. Making a plan for what you're going to do and when you're going to do it will make sure you're always ahead of the curve - literally. Are you more productive in 90-minute blocks or half-hour spurts? Find a schedule that works for you, and stick to it.

•Divide it up. Studying isn't fun to begin with, and forcing yourself through a study marathon will only make it worse. Dividing your work into manageable chunks and rewarding yourself when you finish each chunk will make studying more fun.

•Sleep. Don't underestimate the importance of those eight hours of zzz's every night! Getting a good night's rest will sharpen your focus and improve your working memory.

•Manage your study space. Find a place that will maximize your productivity. Look for places away from the television and other distractions. Whether it's your local library or just the desk in your bedroom, set aside a study space that you'll want to spend time in.

•Find a study group. Sitting down with a group of people who are learning the same things as you is a great way to go over confusing class material or prepare for a big test. You can quiz each other, reteach material, and make sure that everyone is on the same page. After all, teaching someone else is the best way to learn.

Curriculum Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have been nominated for a curriculum award this term

Art & Design

7GAA	Mckenzie
7GAC	Amna
7GAE	Saara
8SAS	Arooj
8SAS	Farhaan
8SBA	Ming
9YAS	Dammy
9YBA	Aaliyah
9YBS	Safi
10BAS	Alesha
10BBC	Nikola
10BBR	Laila
11RBE	Mariyam
11RBS	Aarna
11RBS	Enya
11RBS	Vincent

English

7GBA	Rose
7GBC	Muskan
8SAC	Ismail
8SBA	Kashif
8SBC	Arifa
9YAC	Zohair
9YAS	Chidiebere
9YBA	Muhammad
10BAC	Sarah
10BBA	Tanvir
10BBS	Ismail
11RAR	Zahra
11RBE	Yusuf
11RBR	Luke

Business

10BAA	Hibbah
10BAE	Anisha
10BBE	Mehreen
11RAC	Amaan
11RAS	Adam
11RBR	Zeeshan

Computing

7GAA	Rebekah
7GAR	Maksymilian
7GBR	Hira
8SBA	Saraniya
8SBA	Vansh
8SBC	Aisha
9YAC	Atiyah
9YAC	Ibrahim
9YBS	Izaan

French

7GAR	Saara
7GBA	Rose
7GBE	Zakariya
8SAR	Sara
8SAS	Shako
8SBC	Arifa
9YAR	Amaan
9YAR	Aysha
9YBC	Aziza
10BAR	Muhammed
10BBE	Sumayyah
10BBS	Abiodun
11RAA	Sana
11RAS	Yusra
11RBA	Zihni

Computer Science

10BBR	Aryan
10BBR	Hashim
10BBS	Iman
11RAC	Khushal
11RBR	Eisa
11RBS	Sami

Design Technology

7GBA	Rose
7GBC	Aamir
7GBS	Faheem
8SBC	Aisha
8SBR	Moraad
8SBS	Qasim
9YAS	Eva
9YBE	Raihan
9YBS	Rayyan
10BBA	Mariam
10BBC	Junaid
10BBR	Dayyan
11RBC	Humza
11RBC	Musah
11RBS	Tawhid

Core PE

7GAA	Faaris
7GBR	Ayana
7GBR	Hira
8SAC	Zara
8SAS	Shako
8SBS	Umar
9YAA	Sky
9YBA	Faria
9YBE	Muhammad Yahya
10BAS	Snia
10BBR	Jahanzaib
10BBR	Masood

Food & Nutrition

10BAA	Oliver
10BAR	Ali
10BBE	Maria
11RAC	Zahra
11RAR	Zohra
11RAS	Ella

Curriculum Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have been nominated for a curriculum award this term

Ethics & Philosophy

7GBA	Hafsa
8SBA	Saraniya
9YAR	Rafay
10BAS	Aasim
11RBR	Tasneem

Food Technology

7GBE	Khadeeja
7GBS	Zain
8SBC	Alishba
8SBR	Ibrahim
8SBS	Inaaya
9YAC	Isha
9YBC	Risha
9YBR	Bushra

Health & Social Care

10BAA	Isha
10BAS	Aqsa
10BBS	Samiyah
11RAE	Sayema
11RAR	Mahiya
11RAR	Zahra

Geography

7GAR	Billy
7GBR	Hira
7GBR	Yunus
8SAC	Ayan
8SAR	Yashika
8SAS	Huzzair
9YAA	Amaani
9YAS	Nahiyan
9YBE	Muhammad Yahya
10BAA	Isha
10BAE	Ibrahim
10BBS	Ionut
11RAA	Keeyan
11RAS	Hamza
11RBC	Ayesha

German

7GAA	Amina
7GAC	Callum
7GAR	Jannat
8SAS	Safwan
8SBE	Fiza
8SBE	Simra
9YAA	Sky
9YBA	Tobiasz
9YBS	Qandeel
10BAC	Yunus
10BBE	Mehreen
10BBE	Taybba
11RAE	Iesa
11RAR	Fareeha
11RBA	Dorcas

Graphics

9YAA	Aneeq
9YAC	Atiyah
9YAR	Israt
10BAA	Oliver
10BAE	Romana
10BBS	Basim
11RAA	Tanjima
11RAE	Kady-Anne
11RBC	Aruj



History

7GAA	Faaris
7GAS	Olivia
7GBA	Hammad
8SAS	Safwan
8SBC	Arifa
8SBS	Muhammad
9YAC	Safa
9YAS	Haifa
9YBS	Awais
10BAA	Asfandyar
10BAR	Khadija
10BBA	Sumaiyah
11RAE	Iman
11RAR	Zareen
11RAS	Ruqayyah

Maths

7GAA	Tanveer
7GAS	Safiyyah
7GBR	Eshan
8SAR	Maira
8SBA	Hiba
8SBA	Qubais
9YAS	Shifa
9YBA	Symone
9YBE	Muhammad Yahya
10BAC	Abeerah
10BAC	Sarah
10BBC	Junaid
11RBR	Afreen
11RBR	Mahir
11RBR	Natasha

Curriculum Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have been nominated for a curriculum award this term

Science - Chemistry

7GAC	Amna
7GBA	Maisie
7GBR	Mariam
8SAE	Saalehah
8SBA	Rehan
8SBS	Inaaya
9YAC	Alisha
9YBA	Hasan
9YBA	Sian
10BBA	Maciej
10BBR	Sana
10BBS	Clara
11RAC	Inzamam
11RAR	Haniya
11RAR	Zareen

Science - Biology

7GAS	Mustafa
7GBE	Nawfal
7GBS	Zain
8SBE	Shareef
8SBR	Sarah
8SBS	Mehtab
9YAA	Samuel
9YAS	Haifa
9YBC	Risha
10BAE	Anisha
10BAC	Abeerah
10BBS	Mouhamed
11RAA	Amika
11RAA	Amnah
11RBA	Aqsa

PSHE

7GAE	Manpreet
7GAS	Zakariya
7GBS	Moazzin
8SAA	Heba
8SAC	Sara
8SAE	Alishba
9YBA	Aaliyah
9YBC	Yusuf
9YBE	Zaynab
11RAE	Iesa
11RBC	Abdul
11RBS	Somaya

Music

7GAE	Manpreet
7GBC	Amani
7GBC	Keyaan
8SAA	Denis
8SBS	Mehtab
8SBS	Zain
9YAS	Sumayah
9YBE	Muhammad Yahya
9YBE	Namanpreet
10BAS	Asharah-Elise
10BBR	Lilly
10BBR	Ridwaan
11RBA	Dorcas
11RBA	Isla-Marie
11RBE	Natasha

Sports Studies

11RBE	Inaaya
10BBE	Mohammed Sayem
10BBS	Abiodun
11RAC	Mohammed Musa
11RBR	Zainab



Science - Physics

7GBA	Rose
7GBC	Autumn
7GBS	Subhan
8SAE	Alishba
8SBA	Hiba
8SBS	Inaaya
9YAC	Hussain
9YAC	Zaina
9YBA	Haleema
10BAR	Adam
10BBA	Sumaiyah
10BBE	Saien
11RBA	Haroon
11RBC	Atifah
11RBE	Yusuf

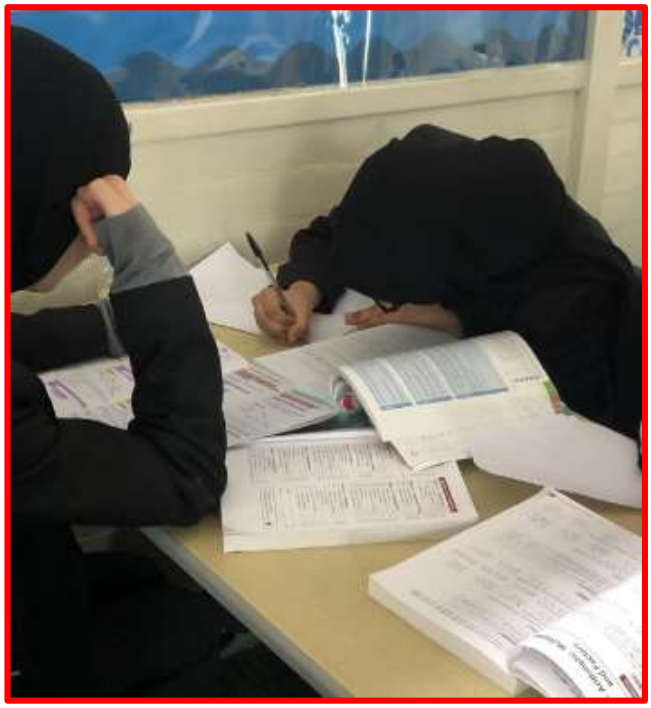
Spanish

7GAA	Faaris
7GAC	Amna
7GBS	Haarsini
8SAA	Kaif
8SAC	Arfah
8SAC	Muhammad
9YAC	Anaiya
9YAC	Zohair
9YBA	Aaliyah
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10BAC	Zakir
10BBR	Ismael
11RAA	Amika
11RAC	Lucas
11RAR	Abdulhaqq

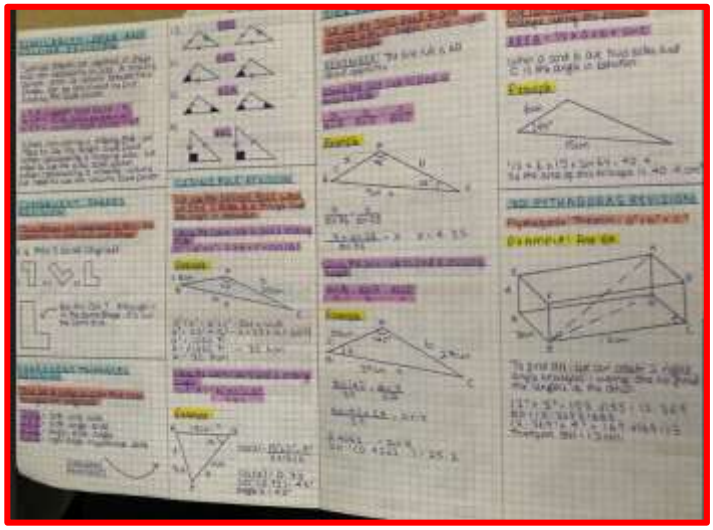
Textiles

9YAA	Anarthiha
9YAA	Raihan
9YAE	Aminah
10BAR	Khadija
10BBE	Aleeyah
10BBS	Samiyah
11RAC	Lucas
11RAR	Mohib
11RBS	Sana

Year 10 Maths Revision



Year 10s preparing for their Math's Assessment. Keep up the hard work year 10s!



Summer Term Studies

What will we be studying?

Details of the topics we will be studying in each subject can be found on our website.

Icknield High School – Home

1) Select the curriculum tab
2) Select the subject
3) Choose your year group

When are the next assessments?

Details of the assessment weeks are on the school website:

Icknield High School - Assessment and Reporting Explained

Learning Performance Study Skills Workshop

Year 11 students participated in study skills workshops on 15th March 2023. The interactive and motivational workshops showed the students how to learn, how to revise and how to prepare for exams with creative strategies such as, memory techniques. Research shows equipping students with such learning strategies can improve progress by an average of 8 months. This high impact study skills workshop, designed for KS4, empowers and motivated students to take control of their learning, by equipping them with a range of evidence-based learning and revision strategies, including:

- Memory techniques to aid recall and retention
- Understanding and condensing text/entire topics
- Association maps
- The review philosophy
- Exam preparation
- Growth mindset
- Time management and organisation skills
- Goal setting
- Stress management



We received very positive feedback from our students as they left feeling inspired by new techniques and tools that they can continue to use and apply to their own studies and revision.



Student Feedback

"After this workshop, I will revise more effectively using the revision techniques learnt".

"I have learnt how to revise smarter and make more concise notes".

"I have learnt useful methods for revision".

"I have learnt how to memorise things and how to revise effectively and efficiently".

"After this workshop I will condense my notes, colour code and use more mnemonics".

Tutor Time Intervention

For the last 24 weeks, selected pupils have been accessing interventions during tutor time. These include Bedrock, Lexia, Englishtype, Talkabout and Mathletics.



Bedrock Vocabulary teaches academic vocabulary through original fiction and non-fiction and develops literacy for reading, writing and oracy.

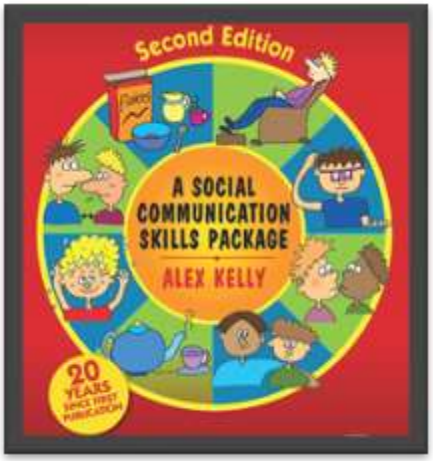
Lexia supports pupils of all ages and abilities in literacy skills development





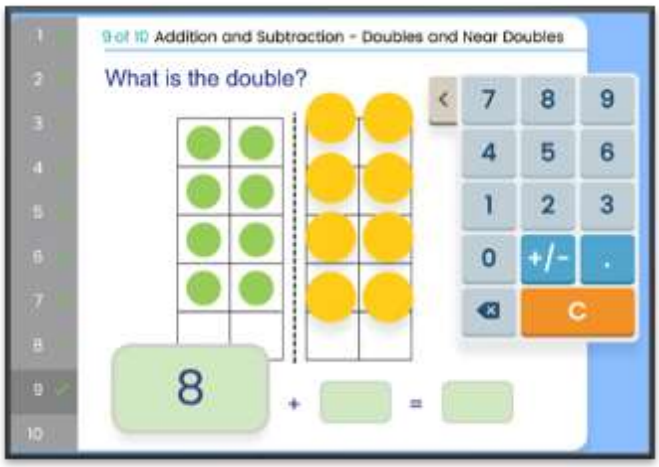
Englishtype uses unique colour coding to teach touch typing quickly. It maximises additional literacy benefits at the same time as teaching typing with carefully chosen vocabulary.

Tutor Time Intervention



Talk About is a structured programme that develops the social and communication skills of pupils. It also enhances their self-esteem and builds their resilience.

By blending intrinsic and extrinsic motivations and rewards, and using best-practice theories of gamified learning, Mathletics keeps students engaged with maths.





Pupils have been working on developing their literacy, mathematics, typing and social skills. Congratulations to all of those who have taken part.





INTEGER

STORIES INSPIRED BY NUMBER5!

The two worlds of words and numbers collided in the December **2022** youngwriters.co.uk competition. The challenge: Write a 100 word story inspired by a number.

33 KS**3** students rose to the challenge and wrote their original stories inspired by numbers. Of those **33**, **29** were selected for publication. **18** parents gave their permission and we await publication of the book a copy of which will be available in the LRC for your leisurely perusal.

To tantalise your appetite, here is a **couple**. Enjoy!

"It is 3:46pm -7/9/2367 as I now have 2 days 4 hours and 34 minutes until I die. I am writing this journal to document my last miserable moments. Heart rate 107bpm, slight sweating (although that might just be me) and numbness in the legs."

"I don't know what the time is but I'm now down to 12 hours. Heart rate 122bpm severe sweating and I can't feel anything below my ribcage, my hunger has disappeared."

"9 minutes. I don't want to die. I thought I was ready. Beth I'm truly sorry for giving up on you!" Faria K

'Time of death, 01:01,' a surgeon in dull green scrubs muttered to their colleague. The two exchanged a sorrowful glance before uncovering the figure that lay motionless under the cloth on the hospital bed. The corpse was colourless other than three thin crimson streaks across its throat. The slits were precisely carved in the flesh in an unsettling manner. I tore my eyes away from the wound and stared into the lifeless eyes that felt all too familiar...Mine. Was the patient me? No, impossible. I slammed my body against the glass, awaiting a surgeon's response. Instead, my body rose. Ruhama C

Celebrating Design & Technology

Design & Technology Engineering Event
Year 9 students took part in an aircraft engineering workshop with Leonardo & Smallpiece. Students worked in teams to build their own glider, present their creations and fly their final products.











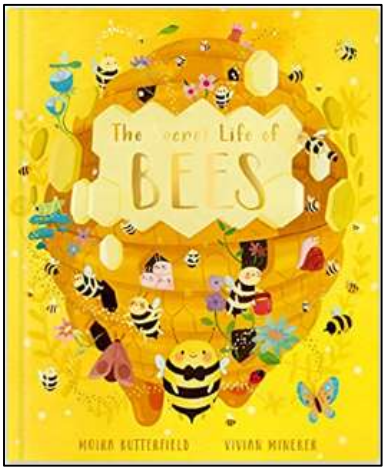


Design & Technology Club
Our exciting DT club gives Key Stage 3 students the opportunity to expand and explore a range of techniques to design and make their own products. No previous experience is needed, all are welcome to attend. Students can work with a range of materials and tools to create different projects. It enables students to identify, consider and solve problems through creative thinking, planning and design.

DT club takes place in T6, on EACH Thursday after school from 3:15 until 4:00pm.

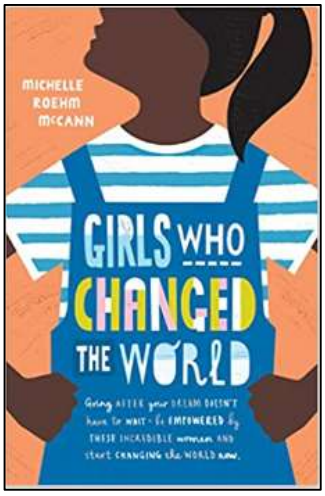
Amara (Year 7)

Celebrating Reading





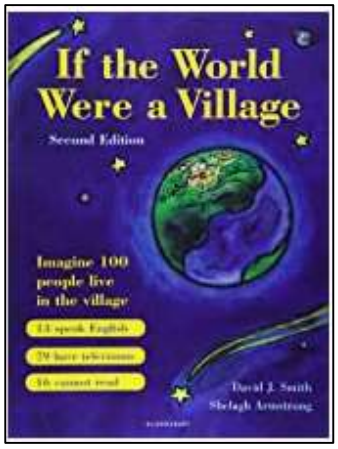


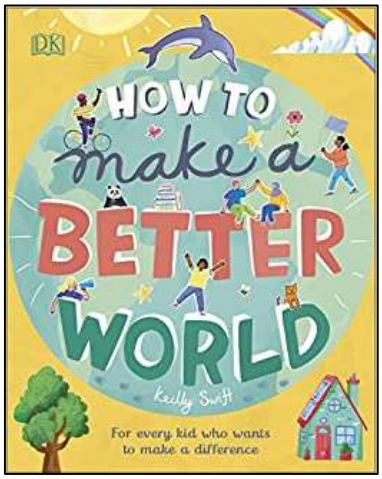


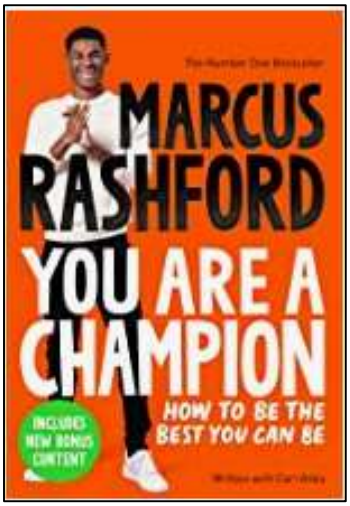
The LRC has a selection of fiction and non fiction books for students to borrow.

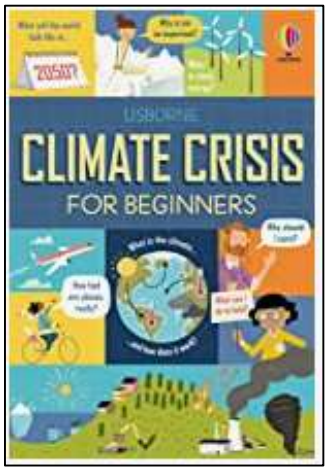
Several of these books have been recommended by the **Week Junior** and **The Day** which students currently read in tutor time.

What will you read over Easter?

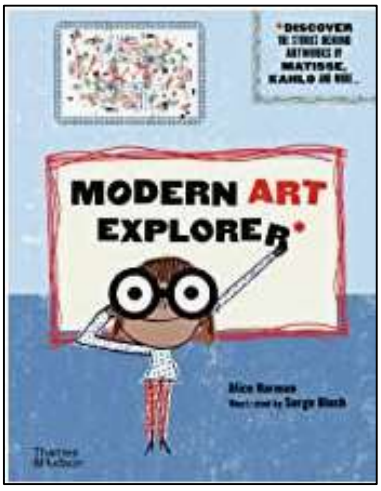












Year 7 & 8 Parent Literacy Information Event on April 24th 5pm-6pm.
Further details will be provided nearer the time.

Extra Curricular Activities



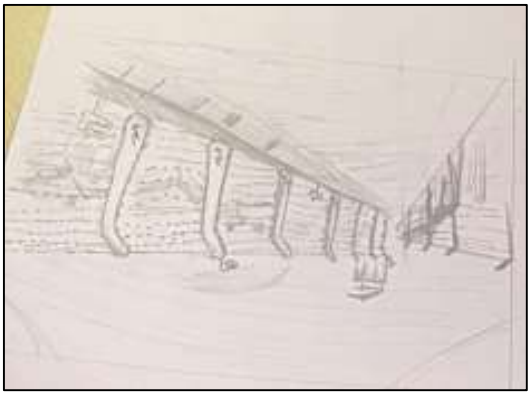


History club - Holocaust Memorial Art

Students spent 3 weeks researching and learning about the Holocaust and deciding how we wanted to remember the horrors in a way that means something to us. We decided to create art using paint, oil, pastel and canvases. See our finished work in the history corridor.







Geography Club

An opportunity for students to learn more about the planet we live on. Planet earth club looks at biomes around the world.





Charity Quiz Night





A thoroughly enjoyable event with 10 teams from both Year 7 & Year 8. Rounds included a bottle flip challenge, guess the chocolate blindfolded, family fortunes.
Students raised £185 for Red Cross, supporting those who have been affected by the earthquakes in Turkey & Syria.

MFL Competition

Creative Poetry Challenge

Create a Haiku (5-7-5) about your favourite speaking part of the world.
Spanish and German examples are shown below.
Entries should be emailed to Mrs Morey by 18th April 2023

Haiku
A Japanese verse form most often composed of three unrhymed lines of five, seven, and five syllables. A haiku often features an image, or a pair of images, meant to depict the essence of the verse.

DEUTSCHLAND, MEIN DEUTSCHLAND
OKTOBERFEST MACHT VIEL SPASS!
KAFFEE UND KUCHEN

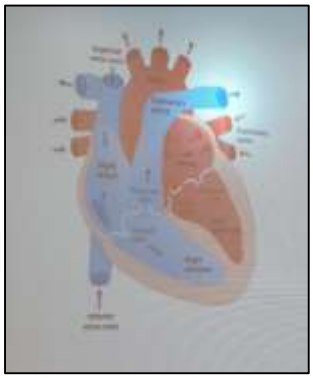




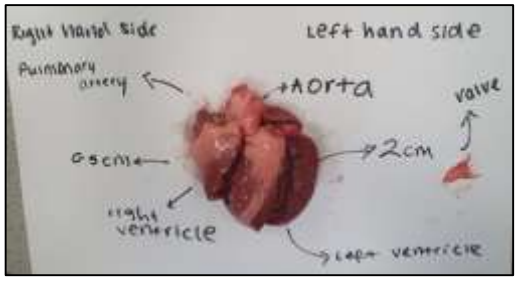
ME GUSTA CUBA!
DESCANSO EN LA PLAYA
Y BAILO SALSA

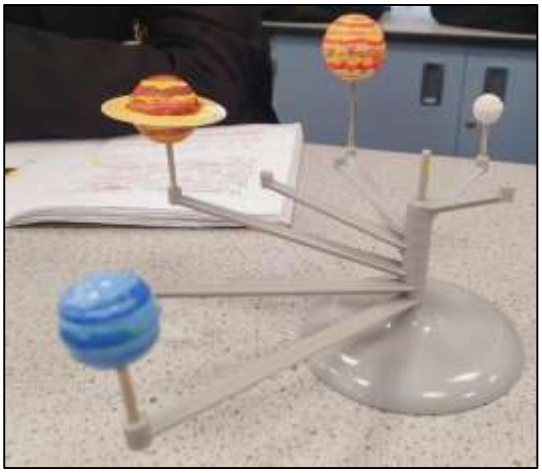
Celebrating Science

Year 11s have been studying about the heart and the circulatory system. They finished off the topic by taking part in a heart dissection. They successfully found and labelled the valve, pulmonary artery, aorta and measured the thickness of both sides of the heart.





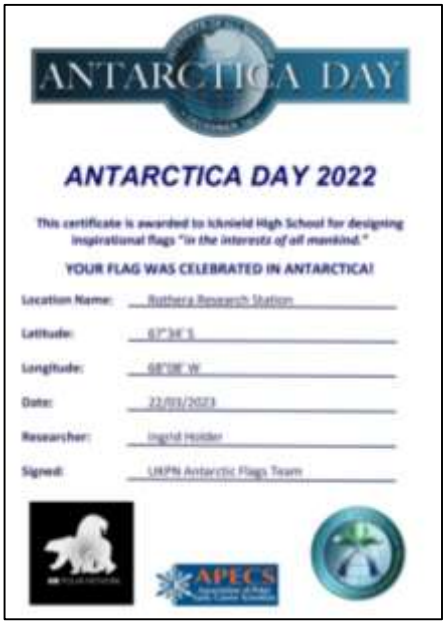




Year 8s have been studying Space and learning about the planets and solar system. They have created and painted model of the solar system!

Antarctica Challenge




ANTARCTICA DAY

ANTARCTICA DAY 2022

This certificate is awarded to Ichnield High School for designing inspirational flags "*in the interests of all mankind.*"

YOUR FLAG WAS CELEBRATED IN ANTARCTICA!

Location Name: Rothera Research Station

Latitude: 67°34' S

Longitude: 68°08' W

Date: 22/03/2023

Researcher: Ingrid Holder

Signed: UKPN Antarctic Flags Team

APECS

Congratulations to Ruhama (year 9) on her excellent Antarctica poster design. It is pictured here being held by Ingrid, a programme planner and resource manager in Antarctica.

Extra Curricular PE



Thirty year 9s aspiring to take GCSE PE took part in a visit to the University of Hertfordshire.

Students had the opportunity to take part in a conditioning session, use high tech fitness equipment and receive an hours coaching from the university basketball coach.





Boxing Success

Congratulations to Hamza BAS who is the England national junior boxing champion 2023, after competing in Wigan at the end of March.

Well done!



Sport

Congratulations to all those who represented Icknield this month!



Year 7 and 8 girls handball team qualified and competed at the county finals.



Year 10 boys football team beat Denbigh 4-3



Year 9 and 10 girls football team won against Houstone

Community Event

