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Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter, where we proudly celebrate the many opportunities, achievements, and moments of excellence across Icknield High School. This edition highlights students who have demonstrated exceptional academic progress and outstanding attitudes to learning. Their determination, focus, and resilience continue to inspire us, and we are incredibly proud of everything they have accomplished.

This half term, we were delighted to host our annual Iftaar event, welcoming around 200 guests including staff, students, parents, governors and members of our wider community. It was a truly special evening filled with conversation, reflection and shared celebration, bringing everyone together and creating a real sense of belonging. The atmosphere was warm and welcoming, with families and colleagues connecting over food and faith. Moments like these highlight the strength of our school community, the diversity we are proud of, and the shared values that continue to bring us closer together.

Pease see the key reminders below:
The school gates close at 8.25am. Any student arriving after this time will be marked late, so please ensure your child arrives before 8.25am.
We kindly ask families to arrange medical and other appointments outside of the school day whenever possible. If an appointment during school hours is unavoidable, the school may request evidence from parents or carers. This supports our safeguarding responsibilities and helps us ensure every child is safe and well cared for.
At Icknield High School, all students are expected to wear full school uniform every day. Our uniform is an important part of our identity, helping to create a sense of belonging, promote equality and support a focused learning environment. Students should arrive smartly dressed in the correct items, including appropriate footwear, as outlined in our uniform policy.
Mobile phones must not be used anywhere on the school site. Any phone seen or used will be confiscated and returned in line with our mobile phone policy.
Thank you for your continued engagement and for working together with us to help every student thrive.

Key Dates

13th April – Staff Training Day

14th April - Students return to school

14th April - Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

16th April - Year 11 Visual Arts GCSE Exam begins

29th April - Junior Maths Challenge

4th May - Bank Holiday

5th May - Year 9 Options Fair 18:00-20:00

7th May - Year 11 GCSE Exams Begin

15th May - Rewards Breakfast week commences

22nd May - Year 11 Leavers assembly

22nd May - Last day of Summer 1 Term

Leadership

Meet Our Assistant Headteachers



Ms Qayyum-Lead on achievement and Inclusion.

I firmly believe in the principle, that “a nation is judged by how it treats its most vulnerable citizens.” It is both a privilege and a responsibility to lead in this area. I am deeply passionate about ensuring every young person regardless of background or barrier has the opportunity to succeed and contribute positively to society.

I have led on SEND provision across the school, with a particular focus on improving outcomes for these learners. My work has centred on embedding high-quality, inclusive provision across the curriculum, ensuring reasonable adjustments are consistently implemented, and equipping both teaching and support staff with the skills and confidence to meet diverse learning needs. Carefully designed targeted support has accelerated progress and removed barriers to achievement. Our SEND provision was recognised in our most recent Ofsted report as *“strong practice worthy of sharing with other schools”* - a legacy of collaborative effort that has now transitioned into the capable hands of Deputy Headteacher Mr Mason.

I continue to lead on disadvantaged students’ achievement, driven by a clear vision of “*raising the achievement for all”* and ensuring that disadvantaged students achieve exceptionally well. This work is rooted in a relentless focus on high-quality teaching and learning, underpinned by effective classroom strategies that raise attainment. Alongside this, I have implemented targeted initiatives to improve outcomes, providing tailored support and meaningful opportunities for success. I work closely with Pupil Premium coordinators in Maths and English to ensure a sharp, subject-specific focus on closing attainment gaps where it matters most. Through rigorous data analysis, strategic intervention, and a culture of inclusion, I have worked to close attainment gaps and promote equity. The most rewarding aspect of this work has been seeing students grow in confidence and achievement. Our success has been recognised at a national level, with commendation from the Secretary of State for Education for the outstanding outcomes achieved by disadvantaged pupils at Icknield High School.

I also oversee the school’s careers programme, ensuring a strong focus on inclusion so that every student can access opportunities, guidance, and support. The programme is aligned with the Gatsby Benchmarks, and we work closely with employers to provide meaningful encounters and real-world experiences.

By developing pathways that recognise and celebrate diverse strengths and experiences, we aim to build confidence, raise aspirations, and empower students to achieve their goals. As a result, students are informed, ambitious, and prepared for their next steps. You’ll be hearing more from me soon as we roll out an exciting new phase of our careers programme! With work experience becoming mandatory from next year, Year 10 students will have the opportunity to gain real-world experience, develop valuable skills, and build meaningful connections with employers. This is a fantastic chance to inspire ambition, build confidence, and open doors to future pathways—launching very soon!

I lead the school’s social media presence, using it as a platform to celebrate student success, showcase achievements, and highlight the wide range of opportunities available across the school. Through regular updates, we aim to strengthen engagement with our wider community, keeping parents, carers, and stakeholders informed and connected to school life. Please follow us at **@icknieldhigh** to stay up to date and be part of our journey.

As a line manager, I oversee Computer Science, which consistently performs within the top 2% nationally—a subject that equips students with the skills to shape the future and thrive in a rapidly evolving world. The school was also one of the first ten in the country to be awarded the NCCE Computing Quality Mark by BCS, the Chartered Institute for Computing. I also line manage Business, one of our most popular subjects with sustained high outcomes, and have recently taken on line management of Modern Foreign Languages. I look forward to supporting continued growth and excellence across all departments.

My leadership is underpinned by high expectations, strong moral purpose, and an unwavering commitment to equity, opportunity, and *“raising the achievement of all”.*

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Leadership

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Ms Latif-Lead on Year 6 Primary to Secondary Transition and Staff Appraisals.

As Assistant Headteacher, my role is driven by our core commitment to R*aising the Achievement of All*. This principle underpins every aspect of my leadership, ensuring that pupils and staff alike are supported to excel within a culture of high expectations, strong relationships, and continuous improvement.

I hold strategic responsibility for the transition from Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 3, working closely with primary schools, families, and internal teams to ensure that every pupil enters Year 7 feeling prepared, supported, and ready to succeed. This includes overseeing information sharing, coordinating transition activities, and ensuring that pastoral and academic needs are identified early and addressed effectively.

I lead the staff appraisal process, ensuring that professional development is purposeful, rigorous, and aligned with whole-school priorities. Through this work, I support colleagues in refining their practice and contributing to a culture of high-quality teaching. I also oversee Curriculum Awards, recognising excellence and promoting an ambitious, inclusive curriculum that supports strong outcomes for all learners.

In my role as Senior Link, I provide strategic oversight and support to a number of areas across the school, ensuring that each contributes effectively to our whole-school vision of raising the achievement of all.

This includes working closely with Year 7 and with the departments of History, Geography, Design Technology, Food Technology, Health & Social Care, and Music. Through regular collaboration, monitoring, and guidance, I support these teams in maintaining high standards, driving curriculum development, and delivering consistently strong outcomes for pupils.

As Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, I contribute to the leadership of safeguarding across the school, ensuring that systems, practice, and culture consistently prioritise pupil safety and wellbeing. This includes responding to concerns, supporting families, and working with external agencies to ensure that pupils receive timely and appropriate support.

Alongside my leadership duties, I continue to teach English. Remaining active in the classroom allows me to stay closely connected to the learning experience of our pupils and ensures that my leadership is grounded in the realities of day-to-day teaching and learning.

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Celebration

Curriculum Awards – Spring Term

This Spring Term, we are delighted to celebrate the hard work, commitment, and achievements of our students across all subjects. Teachers have nominated students who consistently demonstrate outstanding effort, resilience, progress, and a positive attitude to learning. These Curriculum Awards recognise students who not only strive for academic excellence but also embody our school values in every lesson. Across the term, students from Years 7 to 11 have been acknowledged for their exceptional performance in a wide range of subjects

We are incredibly proud of all award recipients and
the dedication they have shown. A huge well done to every student who received a Curriculum Award this term you are fantastic role models for your peers, and we look forward to seeing your continued success throughout the year.

Amina	Y10	10GAA	Art & Design
Oliwia	Y10	10GBE	Art & Design
Gurleen	Y10	10GAE	Art & Design
Ameen	Y11	11SAC	Art & Design
Imogen	Y11	11SAI	Art & Design
Liyana	Y11	11SAA	Art & Design
Zumar	Y7	7YAR	Art & Design
Anayah	Y7	7YBA	Art & Design
Ayaan	Y7	7YBA	Art & Design
Muid	Y8	8BAA	Art & Design
Ruby	Y8	8BBR	Art & Design
Laiba	Y8	8BAA	Art & Design
Farhan	Y9	9RBE	Art & Design
David	Y9	9RBS	Art & Design
Sakina	Y9	9RBC	Art & Design
Autumn	Y10	10GBC	Business
Zara	Y10	10GAE	Business
Aishatu	Y10	10GAE	Business
Abdur-Rahman	Y11	11SBC	Business
Qasim	Y11	11SBA	Business
Hameez	Y11	11SBA	Business
Aitzaz	Y10	10GBA	Computer Science
Michelle	Y10	10GBA	Computer Science
Justine	Y10	10GAA	Computer Science
Aishah	Y11	11SAR	Computer Science
Vansh	Y11	11SAR	Computer Science
Sarah	Y11	11SAR	Computer Science
Dara	Y7	7YBC	Computing
Jack	Y7	7YAS	Computing
Deen	Y7	7YAS	Computing
Alessio	Y8	8BAC	Computing
Adeel	Y8	8BAS	Computing
Hilam	Y8	8BBC	Computing
Imaan	Y9	9RAC	Computing
Sarah	Y9	9RBC	Computing
Aiden	Y9	9RBR	Computing
Abdurrahman	Y10	10GBE	Core PE

Syed	Y10	10GBS	French
Amna	Y10	10GBR	French
Safwan	Y10	10GBE	French
Hussain	Y11	11SBC	French
Yasmin	Y11	11SAC	French
Hafeeza	Y11	11SBA	French
Sumaya	Y7	7YBR	French
Joshua	Y7	7YAE	French
Juwayriah	Y7	7YAE	French
Afeefah	Y8	8BBR	French
Rabia	Y8	8BBC	French
Dahir	Y8	8BBC	French
Tia-Marie	Y9	9RAC	French
Aliza	Y9	9RBC	French
Ateeq	Y9	9RBA	French
Dawud	Y10	10GBR	GCSE PE
Mansourah	Y10	10GBA	GCSE PE
Sumaiyah	Y11	11SAE	GCSE PE
Mahad	Y11	11SAE	GCSE PE
Tanveer	Y10	10GAA	Geography
Saara	Y10	10GAE	Geography
Kostiantyn	Y10	10GBR	Geography
Riyadh	Y11	11SAR	Geography
Saalehah	Y11	11SAS	Geography
Nicholas	Y11	11SBC	Geography
Deen	Y7	7YAS	Geography
Haajar	Y7	7YBR	Geography
Rayana	Y7	7YAC	Geography
Mustafa	Y8	8BBC	Geography
Maliha	Y8	8BAS	Geography
Ahmed	Y8	8BAR	Geography
Adyan	Y9	9RAS	Geography
Morayooluwa	Y9	9RBE	Geography
Amaan	Y9	9RAC	Geography
Abdurrahman	Y10	10GBE	German
Gurleen	Y10	10GAE	German
Jannat	Y10	10GAR	German
Tahseenah	Y11	11SBR	German
Abdul	Y11	11SAS	German
Simra	Y11	11SAR	German
Adil	Y10	10GBS	Graphics
Ishaan	Y10	10GBE	Graphics
Zara	Y10	10GAE	Graphics
Ismail	Y11	11SAC	Graphics
Zahrah	Y11	11SBR	Graphics
Huriyyah	Y11	11SBR	Graphics
Annalise	Y9	9RBC	Graphics
Ayyan	Y9	9RAC	Graphics
Sara	Y9	9RAR	Graphics

Sobana	Y10	10GAR	Core PE
Caitlyn	Y10	10GBR	Core PE
Madiha	Y7	7YAC	Core PE
Kyran	Y7	7YBS	Core PE
Zahraa	Y7	7YBC	Core PE
Sajjal	Y8	8BBE	Core PE
Khaysha	Y8	8BBC	Core PE
Zayan	Y8	8BAC	Core PE
Ameera	Y9	9RBS	Core PE
Jamal	Y9	9RAC	Core PE
Aliza	Y9	9RBC	Core PE
Muneeb	Y10	10GBR	Design Technology
Hajra	Y10	10GAE	Design Technology
Zain	Y10	10GBS	Design Technology
Ibrahim	Y11	11SBR	Design Technology
Ming	Y11	11SBR	Design Technology
Hussain	Y11	11SBC	Design Technology
Ayaan	Y7	7YBE	Design Technology
Freya	Y7	7YAA	Design Technology
Sumayyah	Y7	7YAA	Design Technology
Ayaan	Y8	8BBE	Design Technology
Risha	Y8	8BAE	Design Technology
Aston	Y8	8BAA	Design Technology
Alex	Y9	9RAR	Design Technology
Eiliya	Y9	9RAS	Design Technology
Aiden	Y9	9RBR	Design Technology
Abdurrahman	Y10	10GBE	English
Oliwia	Y10	10GBE	English
Gurneet	Y10	10GAE	English
Rina	Y11	11SAC	English
Heba	Y11	11SAC	English
Rehan	Y11	11SAR	English
Jami	Y7	7YBE	English
Kye	Y7	7YBS	English
Ubaydah	Y7	7YBS	English
Khadija	Y8	8BBR	English
Mustafa	Y8	8BBC	English
Aminah	Y8	8BBA	English
Dania	Y9	9RAA	English
Chimdiomimi	Y9	9RBC	English
Kyenaat	Y9	9RAR	English
Mariam	Y10	10GBR	Ethics & Philosophy
Hasnain	Y10	10GBA	Ethics & Philosophy
Manahil	Y11	11SAE	Ethics & Philosophy
Erika	Y7	7YAE	Ethics & Philosophy
Jahnavi	Y8	8BAR	Ethics & Philosophy
Tamara	Y9	9RAR	Ethics & Philosophy
Moazzin	Y10	10GBS	Film
Ayan	Y10	10GAC	Film
Laiba	Y10	10GAC	Film
Assad	Y11	11SAR	Film
Zain	Y11	11SAS	Film
Muhammad	Y11	11SAS	Film
Safa	Y9	9RAC	Film
Taha	Y9	9RAR	Film
Zain	Y9	9RBC	Film
Aisha	Y7	7YBE	Food & Nutrition
Millie	Y7	7YAS	Food & Nutrition
Ehsanullah	Y7	7YBR	Food & Nutrition
Isla	Y8	8BAA	Food & Nutrition
Yusuf	Y8	8BBC	Food & Nutrition
Tahmid	Y8	8BAR	Food & Nutrition
Aisha	Y9	9RAC	Food & Nutrition
Mariem	Y9	9RBR	Food & Nutrition
Qais	Y9	9RAR	Food & Nutrition

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Syed	Y10	10GBS	French
Amna	Y10	10GBR	French
Safwan	Y10	10GBE	French
Hussain	Y11	11SBC	French
Yasmin	Y11	11SAC	French
Hafeeza	Y11	11SBA	French
Sumaya	Y7	7YBR	French
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Tia-Marie	Y9	9RAC	French
Aliza	Y9	9RBC	French
Ateeq	Y9	9RBA	French
Dawud	Y10	10GBR	GCSE PE
Mansourah	Y10	10GBA	GCSE PE
Sumaiyah	Y11	11SAE	GCSE PE
Mahad	Y11	11SAE	GCSE PE
Tanveer	Y10	10GAA	Geography
Saara	Y10	10GAE	Geography
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Riyadh	Y11	11SAR	Geography
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Annalise	Y9	9RBC	Graphics
Ayyan	Y9	9RAC	Graphics
Sara	Y9	9RAR	Graphics
Rebekah	Y10	10GAA	Health & Social Care
Ellie	Y10	10GAR	Health & Social Care
Soumaya	Y10	10GAE	Health & Social Care
Hanna	Y11	11SBS	Health & Social Care
Liyana	Y11	11SAA	Health & Social Care
Aisha	Y11	11SBA	Health & Social Care
Apesha	Y10	10GAA	History
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Deen	Y7	7YAS	History
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Hafsa	Y7	7YBE	History
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Yusuf	Y8	8BAC	History
Imogen	Y9	9RBA	History
Hashim	Y9	9RBS	History
Ahmad	Y9	9RBR	History
Muhammad	Y10	10GBR	Maths
Mustafa	Y10	10GAS	Maths
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Muskan	Y10	10GAS	Textiles
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Danyal	Y9	9RAR	Textiles
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Umar	Y9	9RBA	PSHE
Gurneet	Y10	10GAE	Science
Haarsini	Y10	10GBS	Science
Aaishah	Y10	10GBA	Science

Celebration

PE Department News: Sporting Success Across the School

This term has been an exciting and successful one for our PE department, with a series of impressive achievements across a range of sports. Our Year 9 and 10 girls' handball teams have shown outstanding skill and determination, securing their place in the County Handball Finals, which will take place on in Bedford. Their hard work throughout the season paid off, as they went on to win four out of their five matches, scoring an incredible 11 goals along the way. Meanwhile, the Year 10 boys' football team celebrated a fantastic 2–1 victory over Chiltern Academy, making their second win out of four and demonstrating great teamwork and resilience on the pitch.

Not to be outdone, the staff football team continues its impressive unbeaten run. They have now won all five league matches, including a strong 5–2 victory over Challney Boys, showcasing both skill and school spirit. To round off an action-packed term, the PE department organised an unforgettable school trip to the London Stadium, where 46 students had the opportunity to watch West Ham vs. Manchester United. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience, making it a memorable highlight of the term. The PE department continues to inspire engagement, teamwork, and excellence across the school. We look forward to more exciting updates as the year continues.

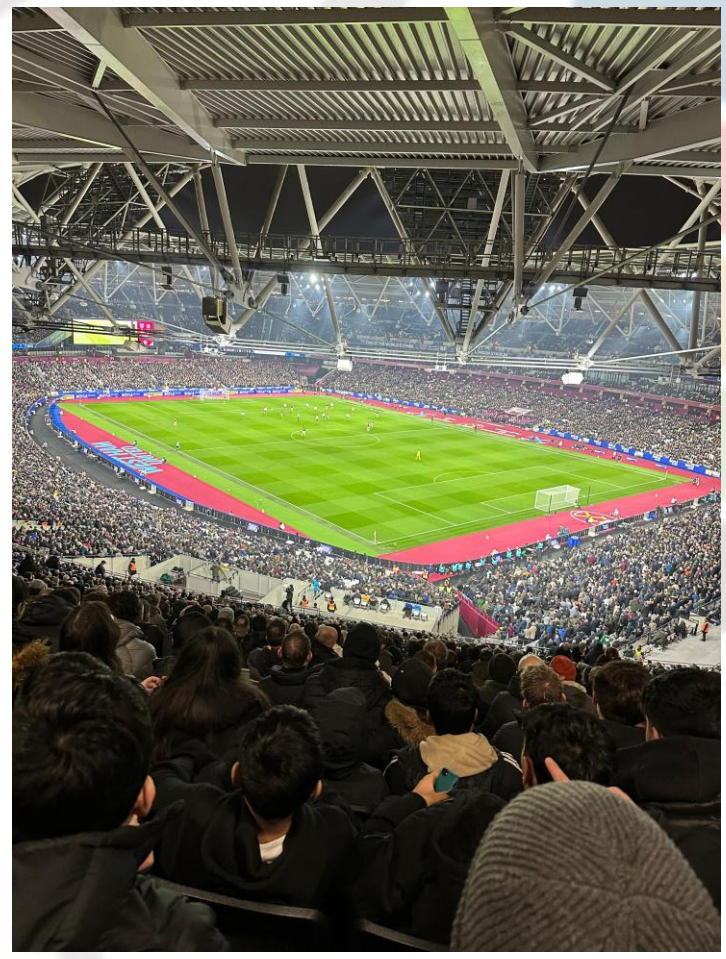














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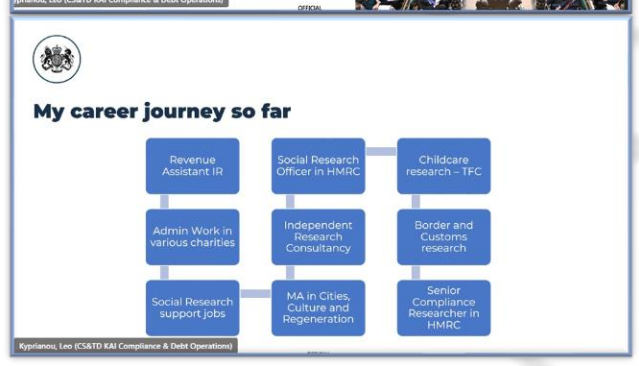
Aspiration

National Careers Week at Icknield

It's National Careers Week! Students are encouraged to make full use of the tutor-time activities and the resources shared on Edulink to explore future possibilities, discover different industries, and reflect on their goals..To celebrate National Careers Week, our Year 8s had a virtual assembly exploring careers with the civil service. The speaker shared what a career in social research involves & his personal experiences. Students also learnt about apprenticeship pathways into this field.





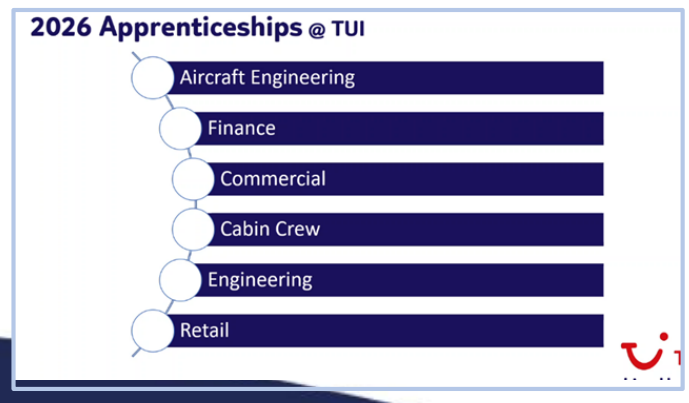


Year 9 Apprenticeship Assembly with TUI

Our Red Tie students had the opportunity to meet with TUI, one of the world's leading travel companies for a virtual assembly. Led by a degree apprentice, he showcased apprenticeship opportunities across the organisation, from engineering to cabin crew, highlighting the breadth of roles available to suit a variety of interests and spoke about the many benefits of choosing this route. He also gave advice to students thinking of applying for an apprenticeship in the future, encouraging them to think beyond grades as employability skills and qualities are also essential for success.







EasyJet Apprenticeship Discovery Day

Our DT students had the opportunity to visit easyJet's apprenticeship discovery event, where they took part in a series of talks and workshops. Students were able to engage with a variety of employers i.e. Resource Group, an aircraft engineering company and Cambridge Sparks, a data science and AI company to learn about the exciting work they do and the types of apprenticeships they offer. They also took part in activities to understand their learning style and the importance of listening, team work and how to communicate and collaborate effectively with others; importance skills needed as an apprentice.

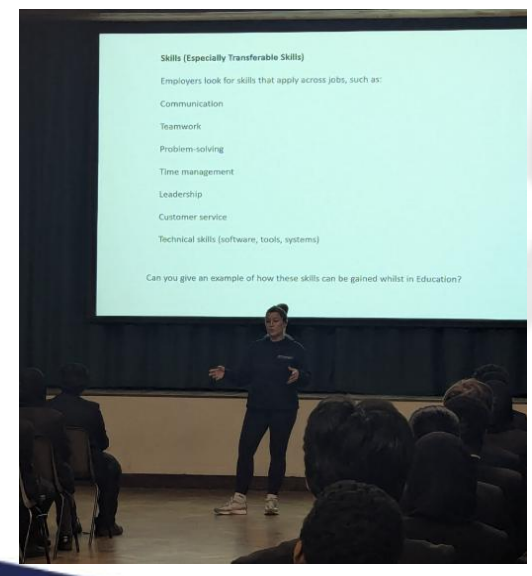


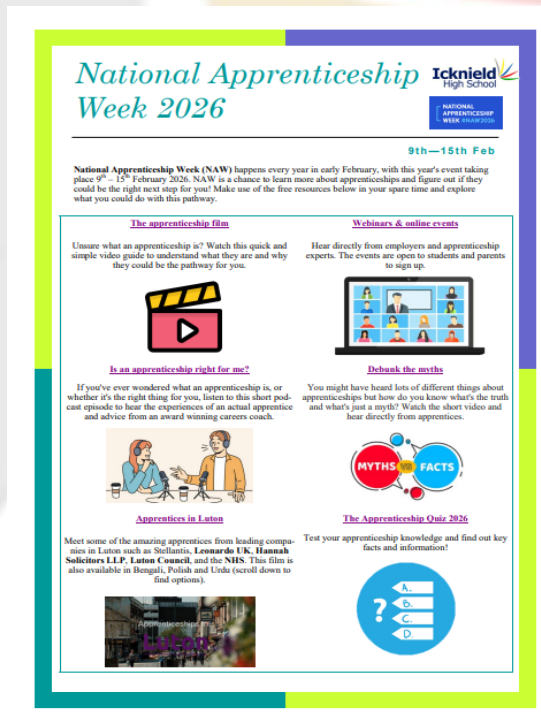


Year 10 Apprenticeship & Work Experience Assembly with Active Luton

Active Luton also delivered a motivational assembly, encouraging students to make use of their time at school and take opportunities to develop employability skills and qualities that can help them stand out amongst the crowd. The speaker not only gave an insight into the roles and the work happening at Active Luton but also delved into important skills employers will expect young people to have when they enter the labour market; encouraging students to complete work experience and consider apprenticeships as an option to help them grow and develop professionally.







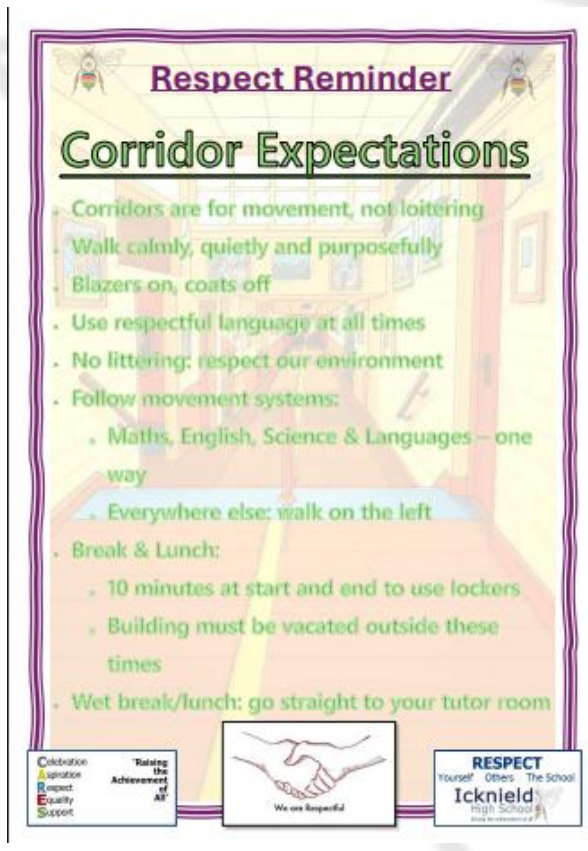
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Respect

Respect Reminders from Mr Chopra

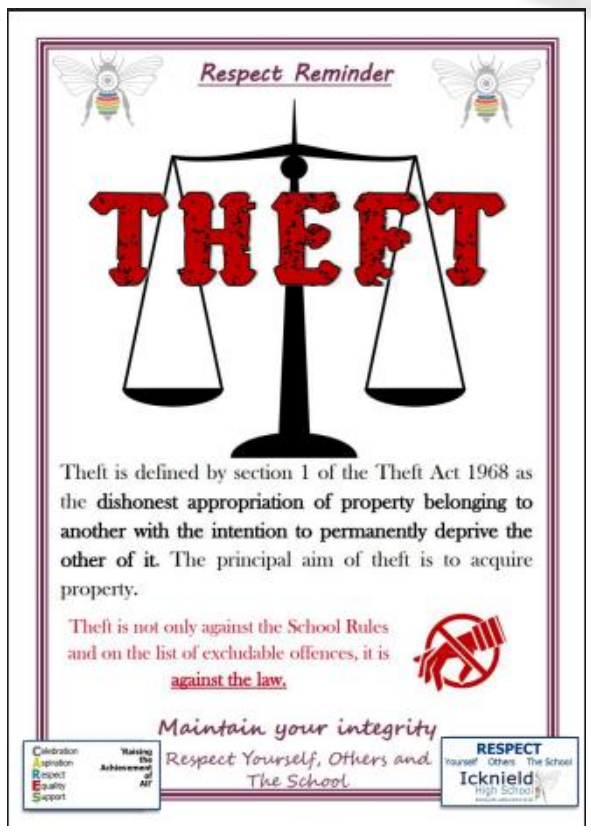
We continue with Mr Chopra, our Assistant Headteacher, respect reminders to ensure a successful and supportive school community. We encourage parents to take a moment to discuss these reminders with their children, reinforcing the importance of respect both in and out of school. By working together, we can ensure that respect continues to guide everything we do at Icknield High













Equality

The Big Iftar: A Night of Community, Reflection, and Giving

our school was proud to host The Big Iftar, a heart-warming event that brought together students, families, staff, and members of the wider community. The evening provided a wonderful opportunity to learn about the significance of Ramadan, share a meal, and celebrate the values of compassion, unity, and generosity.

Thanks to the kindness and contributions of everyone who attended, we successfully raised funds and collected essential food items for Luton Foodbank. A highlight of the evening was the series of thoughtful and inspiring speeches delivered by our student leaders. Our Head Boy and Head Girl spoke with maturity and passion about the importance of empathy, community service, and understanding the spirit of Ramadan. Their words resonated deeply with everyone present and reflected the values we strive to nurture in our students. At the time of breaking fast, guests shared a delicious meal together an experience that beautifully captured the spirit of togetherness at the heart of the Big Iftar. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all staff, students, families, and volunteers who helped organise and support this memorable event. Your efforts made the evening not only meaningful but truly uplifting for everyone involved. Its not too late to the food bank please use the QR code to make your contributions









Supporting Our Community: Standing Together with Luton Foodbank

At our school, we believe in supporting our local community and helping those who may be going through difficult times. One organisation doing incredible work locally is Luton Foodbank, which provides emergency food and essential supplies to individuals and families in crisis.

Luton Foodbank works with local agencies to support people who are struggling to afford basic necessities. Through the generosity of the community, they are able to provide food parcels and practical support to those who need it most.

If you would like to support this important work, donating is simple. You can make a contribution by scanning the QR code included in this newsletter. Your donation will help Luton Foodbank continue to provide vital assistance to people across our community.

It is also important to remember that support is available for anyone who may need it. If you or someone you know is finding things difficult and could benefit from help from Luton Foodbank, please know that there is no shame in asking for support. The service is there to help local people through challenging times.

Every donation, no matter how small, makes a meaningful difference. Together, as a school community, we can help ensure that fewer families in our area go without the essentials.





World Book Day Celebrations in the LRC

There was a real buzz of excitement in the LRC on Thursday 6th March as students and staff came together to celebrate World Book Day. The space was transformed into a hive of activity, filled with creativity, curiosity and a shared love of reading.

To mark the occasion, the LRC team organised a wonderful range of activities for students of all ages. These included The Golden Ticket Treasure Hunt, a Design a Book Cover competition, and Blind Date with a Book, a special activity aimed at our older year groups.

Each event was designed to make reading fun, interactive and accessible, encouraging students to explore new stories and genres.

A huge thank you goes to our fantastic Year 9 student helpers: Saniyah, Aisha, Aalia, Muniba, Dua, Zara, Amara and Tanzeela, whose support and enthusiasm helped the day run smoothly.

As part of the celebrations, the winners of the Golden Ticket Treasure Hunt were selected through a prize draw by LRC staff.

Congratulations to:

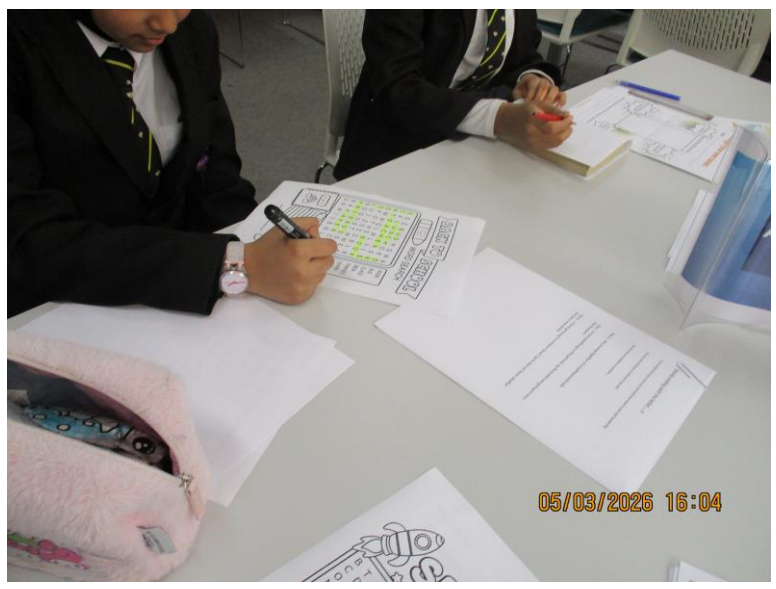
Treasure Hunt Winners
Year 7:Ayaan, Zayd, Zaynah and DeenYear
Year 9:Amara

We also had some wonderfully creative entries from Year 7 students in the Design a Book Cover activity.

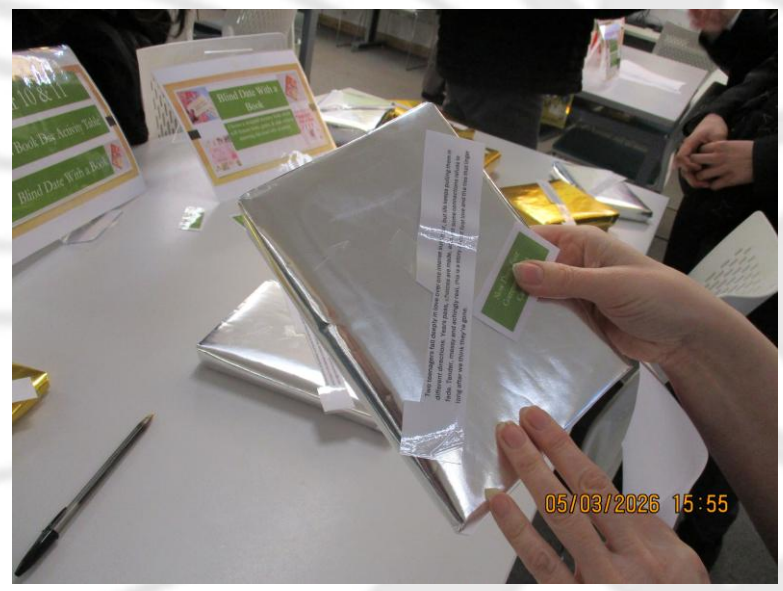
Well done to the students who received a prize for their imaginative designs: Zunariah, Aathika, Zaynah and Ayaan.

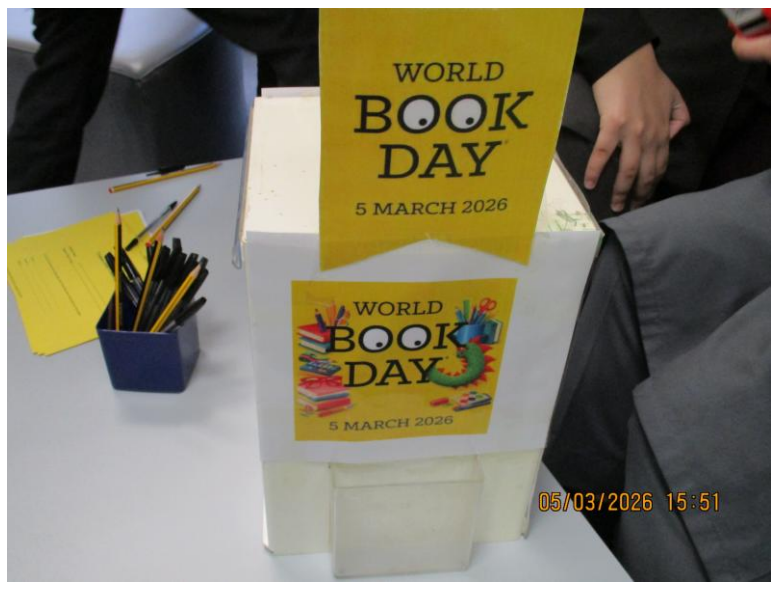
In addition, Asmiya, a Year 11 student, impressed the LRC team with an insightful 6-word novel and an inspiring quote as part of the Key Stage 4 activities.

A big well done to all the students who took part in the day's events. Your creativity, enthusiasm and love of reading truly made World Book Day a memorable celebration for everyone.













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ECO POSTER CHALLENGE

The challenge is for students to get creative and design posters that share positive messages about looking after our planet and keeping our community clean and Eco-friendly.

What to include:

- add pictures and drawings.
- Use big and bold text.
- Include clear messages about how we can reduce litter in our community.

For example:

1. **"Show You Care, Don't Leave Litter Anywhere!"**
2. **"One small action keeps our Earth in motion pick it, bin it, that's the right notion."**

Submit your posters by: 20 April

Submit your entry to A9 or the art base room

The winning poster will be on display outside Icknield and around the community, including local parks and shops.

🏆 **The winning entry will receive a £10 Amazon voucher and chocolate!**
All participants get a keychain!

For any questions, please email:
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Mr Chapman: KCHAPMAN@icknield.beds.sch.uk

If you're struggling, we can help...

luton foodbank

For non-perishable food parcels
info@lutonfoodbank.org.uk
01582 725838

NOAH

For hot food and advice for the homeless 01582 728416

level trust

For school uniforms, shoes and coats
admin@leveltrust.org
07480 753905

DISCOVER ISLAM

For food and advice
01582 452356

age Concern LUTON

For food parcels, home safety, advice and companionship for the elderly
admin@ageconcernluton.org.uk
01582 572030

FBL
FARLEY BIG LOCAL
BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE

For grants, food vouchers and utility support for Farley Hill residents of all ages
farleybiglocal@ageconcernluton.org.uk

THE COURTNEY FOUNDATION

For clothes, shoes, towels and bedding
info@thecourtneyfoundation.org
07311 063676

our minds matter

For advice on mental wellbeing
info@ourmindsmatter.org.uk
www.ourmindsmatter.org.uk

Luton Learning Link

For digital poverty
admin@lutonlearninglink.org
01234 511 511

Total Wellbeing Luton

For support with physical and emotional health 0300 555 4152
www.totalwellbeingluton.org

NOT MY CHILD

A PARENT'S GUIDE TO:

* EXPLOITATION
* KNIFE CRIME
* COUNTY LINES

CALLING ALL PARENTS & CARERS!

JOIN US FOR AN EVENT AIMED AT RAISING AWARENESS AND EQUIPPING YOU WITH THE KNOWLEDGE TO PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN FROM EXPLOITATION, KNIFE CRIME, & COUNTY LINES.



WHY ATTEND?

- **HEAR REAL STORIES:** Hear lived experiences from parents whose children have sadly fallen victim to such crimes
- **RECOGNISE THE SIGNS:** Learn how to spot the early warning signs that your child is being exploited
- **EXPERT ADVICE:** Get practical advice on what to do if you have concerns about your child's safety
- **SUPPORT NETWORKS:** Connect with organisations that can offer further support and guidance

ANY YOUNG PERSON CAN BE A VICTIM OF THESE CRIMES. IT'S CRUCIAL THAT PARENTS AND CARERS HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO IDENTIFY THE SIGNS AND KNOW WHERE TO TURN FOR HELP.

6:00PM - 9:15PM
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