ICKNIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

May 2023

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

Congratulations to those students whose achievements and contributions have been recognised in this edition and in particular to the award winners who attended our recent Presentation Evening. Many of these students are now well into the GCSE examination series and we wish them every success in these and in their next steps when they leave us.

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

John Noble
Headteacher

Term Dates

Half Term: 29th May – 2nd June 23

Term Ends: Friday 21st July

Upcoming Events in June

Year 11 GCSE Exams

Year 7-10 Assessment Weeks

Year 11 Leavers Assembly

Red Tie Presentation Evening 2023



We were delighted to share a very special evening with our award winners for 2023. The evening included more than 60 awards, 3 termly reviews led by our student voice, exquisite cuisine provided by our caterers HCL and of course an inspirational speech from our guest speaker Darren Edwards. It truly was a memorable night that encapsulated everything that is great about our fantastic school and community. Thank you to all that helped organise this wonderful evening.

Mr Forbes



Congratulations to our Subject and Special Award Winners

Haniyah R
Enya B
Safa H
Mapara C
Sana W
Sowban R
Radhiya H
Mariyam D
Hamza A
Ibrahim K
Sky D

Aaron C
Abdulhaqq Q
Hasnat A
Keeyan H
Zahra N
Imaan Q
Iman H
Mahiya M
Luke C
Haniya S
Kady Anne R
Tia B









Red Tie Presentation Evening 2023

Amad and Zulaykha have been fantastic ambassadors for the school throughout the five years that they have attended Icknield High School. They have embodied the school values of Respect and CARES in all that they have done.



Head Boy 2022-2023
Amad S

Amad has a made a wider contribution to the school through his participation in school sport, having represented the Football, Rugby, Cricket, Badminton, Basketball and Athletics teams. We are privileged to have had him as our Head Boy this year. We wish Amad all the best in his future endeavours.



Head Girl 2022-2023
Zulaykha C

Zulaykha has made a significant impact in all areas of school life through her outstanding academic achievements, contribution to the to the delivery of charity and fund raising events, and her dedication to representing school sports teams. We are privileged to have had her as our Head Girl this year. We wish Zulaykha all the best in her future endeavours.

Red Tie Presentation Evening 2023



Head of Student Voice Tia B

Tia has driven her Student Voice team to new levels of excellence this year. Her tremendous leadership coupled with empathy, imagination and commitment has allowed Student Voice to develop and thrive.

Deputy Head of Student Voice Imaan Q

Imaan's passion for the role has helped to drive the Student Voice team to achieve new levels of excellence this year. She has ably supported Student Voice to host a number of successful charity and fund raising events.



Icknield High School prides itself on it's Student Voice team. Tia and Imaan have hosted quiz nights, an Escape Room activity and the hugely popular Colour Run. Tia and Imaan will leave behind a legacy that will enable Student Voice to continue to grow and provide all pupils with an opportunity to make a positive impact on life at Icknield High School.

Red Tie Presentation Evening 2023

Congratulations to the following student for their service to Prefect System

Red Tie	Blue Tie	Yellow Tie	Silver Tie	Green Tie
Farhan A	Sami A	Haider M	Inayah H	Ishaaq A
Adeela J	Musa A	Luke C	Aaron C	Fareeha C
Aneesa N	Aliza M	Mahiya M	Jasraj S	Zahra N
Archie J	Radhiyah H	Zaynah S	Alyaan K	Kady Anne R
Keeyan H	Hamid S	Sayema R	Aarna P	Abdulhaqq Q



Congratulations to our newly elected Head Prefects 2023-2024

Oliver P (Head Boy), Iman K (Head Girl), Abdus-Sami Q (Deputy Head Boy) and Lilly C (Deputy Head Girl).



Congratulations to our newly elected Heads of Student Voice 2023-2024

Naj I and Isha H

Raising the achievement for all - GCSE Options Evening – Year 9

Year 9 into Year 10 Options is one of the most exciting times in a student's education as it gives them their first real opportunity to select some of the subjects that they will study for the next two years. It also marks the start of planning for their future; the decisions that they make now will have an impact on post 16 and career choices.

At Icknield High School our aim is to offer all students a broad, well-balanced, and relevant curriculum. All students will continue to study the examined 'core' subjects of English Language, English Literature, Mathematics and Science (double award or separate sciences). They will also study Physical Education and PSHE (including work related learning, sex education & careers education).

We strongly advocate the governments ambition for large majority of students to study the full suite of English Baccalaureate subjects to GCSE standards which include students studying English, Maths, Science, History/Geography and a Language. We are pleased to announce 60% have been selected to follow this pathway.

On Thursday 4th May, the school held its annual options evening, where staff expressed their passion for our curriculum subjects, inspired our students and answered questions about their option choices.







Junior Maths Challenge 2023

Absolutely fantastic Junior UK Maths Challenge results, with 4 of our students making it thorough to the next round of the challenge (Yaqeen R, Abrurrahman K, Vansh P and Zain A) in addition to 12 Gold certificates, 21 Silver and 22 Bronze. Congratulations to all those that participated.

*Best in school







Year 7 Gold Certificate

Yaqeen R*	**GAE**
Rayyan U	GAC
Ellie G	GAR
Mustafa R	GAS
Abrurrahman K	GBE
Ishaan P	GBE
Syed A	GBS

Year 7 Silver Certificate

Hasnain C	GAC
Wania H	GAA
Aaira M	GAA
Aadil M	GAR
Asif K	GBC
Aamir S	GBC
Umair S	GBC
Driti P	GBA
Maisie S	GBA
Aitzaz K	GBR
Kostiantyn B	GBR
Alizah S	GBS

Year 7 Bronze Certificate

Aaishah K	GAA
Justine G	GAA
Haleema A	GAR
Soumaya Z	GAE
Muskan H	GBC
Amna T	GBA
Muneeb Q	GBR
Zakariya S	GBS
Adil U	GBS

Year 8 Gold Certificate

Vansh P*	**SBA**
Hameez S	SAR
Safwan A	SAS
Zain C	SAS
Hritik N	SBR

Year 8 Silver Certificate

Abdul H	SAA
Husayn K	SAE
Saalehah J	SAE
Shako G	SAS
Ayan M	SAS
Taha S	SAS
Sophia A	SBC
Sarah F	SBR
Zain A	SBS

Year 8 Bronze Certificate

Joel H	SAC
Alishba A	SAE
Huzzair K	SAS
Asmiya N	SAS
Arshi C	SBC
Jalaxsh P	SBC
Nicholas H	SBC
Mahira A	SBA
Hiba H	SBA
Rehan I	SBA
Hidayah H	SBR
Hamza R	SBE
Talha A	SBS

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

Year 7 Maths Stars

Congratulations to the following students who have been nominated by their teacher for the KS3 Maths stars for year 7 this term.

Justine G	GAA	Adil U	GBS
Yusuf U	GAR	Ibrahim K	GBA
Safa K	GAC	Sehrish K	GBS
Nafisa S	GAR	Driti P	GBA
Nazneen A	GAS	Hira A-A	GBR
Mohammed S	GAR	Hafsa A	GBA



Motivational Speaker





We had the privilege of Darren Edwards taking time away from adventures to tell his incredible story to our students. Darren was extremely engaging and inspiring and clearly had a lasting impact with many students. We wish him luck with his plans for the South pole!

Darren Edwards is a former mountaineer and Army Reservist who sustained a life-changing injury in the summer of 2016. The near-fatal climbing accident would leave Darren permanently paralysed from the chest down. With determination, grit and positivity, Darren has overcome adversity by becoming a Disabled Adventurer, Expedition Leader and Motivational Speaker.

Languages

Goodbye and good luck to Mr Schuch and Miss Dhandal. They are returning back to University of Wuppertal to finish their teacher training. Our Languages MA club was a real success thanks to Mr Schuch and Miss Dhandal.



Visual Arts











Examples of some of the brilliant work completed by students during Visual Arts lesson.

Year 8 Design Technology





Year 8's undertake a project which encourages students to reuse/recycle plastic bottles in order to grow herbs/vegetables. The global impact of plastic bottle pollution is having a big strain on our climate and we aim to solve this ever-growing problem. Students design and manufacture the wooden unit which the bottle goes into. The wooden unit is inspired by the design strategy of biomimcry. Using nature/animals as inspiration. Students have grown a range of vegetables/herbs including tomato, chilli, courgette, parsley, mint, coriander, spinach etc

World Bee Day

At least 75% of the World's plants depend on pollination by bees.

The bee is a symbol of industry and hard work, which features on the Icknield uniform and the Luton coat of arms.

The LRC says thanks to the bees with this display to celebrate World Bee Day on May 20th



Geography

Year 10 geography students went on a field visit to Southend on Sea. They developed their fieldwork skills and investigated the impact of erosion and coastal management on the local area.






Business Studies

We are delighted to announce that our Year 10 Business students have been reading the Financial Times newspapers as part of their Business Studies curriculum. The Financial Times offers an excellent learning resource for students, with relevant news stories and analysis on global business issues that can help deepen their understanding of the world of business.

Every week, our students read a news story from the Financial Times as part of their classroom activities and discussions. This provides a real-world case study that illustrates how the business world operates in practice. Reading and discussing the Financial Times not only develops students' critical thinking and analytical skills, but it also enhances their reading comprehension, vocabulary, and overall knowledge.



We believe it is important to provide access to this publication which is also available in our school library to all students so that they can continue to refine their knowledge of the business field outside of the classroom. This allows students to take a more personal interest in the happenings in their world, empowers them to become informed global citizens, and equips them with the skills to tackle real-world business challenges. We encourage all students to take advantage of this excellent resource to further their learning outside of class time.

History



Year 10 History students had a fantastically informative yet horrifying day in London when they completed the Jack the Ripper tour and visited the Clink Prison Museum.





Languages Poetry Workshop

Year 7 Languages students attended a poetry workshop offered by Manchester Metropolitan University. They created their own poems in French and were very excited to share their ideas with fellow students across the country.







Year 8 Careers Assembly



Thank you to Armin from Willmott Dixon for delivering a brilliant virtual careers assembly to our Year 8's. Students explored some of the exciting jobs and training routes available and received valuable advice for the future.

Year 10 University of Oxford

Year 10 students were invited to visit University of Oxford's Wadham College, taking part in an exciting day of workshops, talks and tours of the University and museum.











Learning Resource Centre

Handwriting Club in the LRC

Throughout the sessions the students have been doing different exercises to practise their handwriting this has helped improve their skills.

The handwriting needs to be clear as it's so important in exams and application forms in the future

The students have really enjoyed the sessions and completing the different exercises.















Year 8 Reading Intervention

Year 8 students have been attending the Reading Intervention in tutor times in the LRC with Mrs McCabe. They have been completing Bedrock and Accelerated Reading programmes throughout the sessions along with group reading with The Day articles.

The students have worked really hard in these sessions and continue to improve their Literacy skills

Celebrating Reading

Book Fair

We hosted a Book fair on the 11th May - 16th May in the LRC it was great to see so many students involved and choosing some great books to read.







Books I've read this year

Miss D McCluskey

Teacher of Humanities



My display shows students that teachers read for pleasure too. I read a wide range of books from the LRC, utilizing one of our school's best resources. My books are not only history based but fictional too. I read to relax, reduce stress and expand my vocabulary. I have one more book to add 'When the Adults Change Everything Changes' by Paul Dix recommended by Mr Hince. From the LRC, I am currently reading 'Why I'm no Longer Talking to White People About Race,' by Reni Eddo-Lodge and 'The Boy at the Back of the Class,' by Onjali Q. Rauf. I am looking forward to filling my display by the end of the year!

Year 9 Code and Game Development



Year 9 students enjoyed visiting Microsoft experience center to learn to code and develop games.









Sportability Festival

Eight students went to Challney girls to take part in a sportability festival. The students had a great time and took part in lots of different activities including; archery, trigolf, obstacle races and parachute games.







Sport

Athletics Cup Competitions

So far this half term, year 8 - 11 students have competed in the athletics cup competitions against all secondary schools in Luton at Stockwood park. The students thoroughly enjoyed the competitions and we saw lots of success across all the year groups. Special mentions to the following students for their incredible achievements:

Sky, year 9, came 1st in the girls 300m and high jump
Wesley, year 8, came 2nd in the boys high jump
Taheem, year 9, came 2nd in boys javelin
Chas, year 9, came 3rd in the boys 300m
Precious, year 8, came 3rd in the girls 100m
Saeem, year 11, came 3rd in boys javelin
Umymah, year 11, came 3rd in girls discus

Rounders





The year 7 and 8 rounders teams both won their first rounders matches against Cardinal Newman. Congratulations!