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PRINCIPAL'S POST

Dear friends,

As I reflect on this half term, it doesn't really seem possible that I have only been part of the Icen community for six weeks. I've really enjoyed getting to know students, staff and parents, and have quickly become very fond of the school and the people in it.

When I joined the school in April, I said that my aim was to begin to create a school that was safe, purposeful, stimulating and happy. At the heart of this has to be happiness and safety – without these, nothing else can thrive. There are still challenges ahead, but I am pleased with the progress we have begun to make. Clearly, there is still much more that needs to be achieved, but I know I have a dedicated and committed team of teachers and support staff here, and I believe genuine change is beginning to emerge.

Over the next half term, we will be focusing even more strongly on ensuring the school is a professional, supportive and ambitious place. The vast majority of our students do the right thing every day, and we should acknowledge and celebrate their diligence, friendliness and commitment to learning. I will be sending out further details after half term which will set the scene for the enhancements we will be making to behaviour and learning in the remainder of the academic year.

I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the tireless efforts the teaching and support staff put in every day to give every student the best possible educational opportunities.

In closing, I would like to extend to you all a heartfelt thanks for the warm welcome you have given me. I feel very much at home here, and will continue to work as hard as I can to ensure the school is ready for the next phase of its development.

Have a wonderful half term.

Mr Keeley

Iceni Science & Gardening club

This half term Gardening Club has once again resumed. We have prepared the beds and planted a number of seeds including carrots, radishes, tomatoes, peas. This year we have also planted some bulbs so that next year we have some lovely flower beds.

Our new project is to work on getting the pond back to it's former glory but we will have to be careful that we do not disrupt the newts that we have found living there!

Next half term Science Fair is back! The judging day will be Friday the 14th July and anyone wishing to enter will need to hand in a application form to Miss Williams by June 16th.



Physical Education Summer 1 2023

Headlines

This half term has seen KS3 pupils being taught Athletics. The focus is placed on the use of the UKA Ladder of Success, where pupils select appropriate targets they try to achieve. Once an event is completed, they record their results ahead of trying to beat them in their next Athletics unit. We focus on the value of determination.

Year 10 have been completing a carousel of summer sports: Athletics, Cricket, Tennis and Rounders, which will continue in the second half term.

Year 11 have now come to their last few PE lessons. Year 11 Sports Science pupils have also completed their final assignments and can now relax (in one subject, anyway). We thank them for all their contributions to school PE and Sport and wish them all the best for the future. If any PE kit is likely to end up tucked far away in a drawer, we would welcome any donations to support spare kit supplies.

Fixture News

Cricket has been hit hard with the weather and disruption, but we have enjoyed success in Rounders and Athletics. The Year 8 and 10 Rounders team won their group stage comprehensively against Diss and Thetford, qualifying for the semi-finals after the half term. We also took a coach full of pupils from Year 7-10 to compete in the Mid-Norfolk athletics at the UEA. All pupils showed superb determination, with us finishing 7th overall. Year 10 were our stand out squad, finishing 4th, the girls peaking with 3rd in their category. We would also like to thank our Year 10 pupils who have supported Primary Golf and Netball events with Mr Silvester – they have been a real credit to the Academy.



Special Mentions

Of course the Year 8 and 10 Rounders team as pictured. Top performers from the Athletics were: J. Hurrell 100m (sub 13 seconds), F. Dumitru Javelin and Shot, E. Birt 100m, E. Muller 1500m, C. Moon 800m, C. Winborn High Jump, A. Williams 1500m, T. Wood-Handy High Jump, Year 10 Boys Relay Team.

Mr Taylor

Humanities

Our main focus in Humanities is, of course, the ongoing GCSE examinations and by the time you read this, students will have already completed their first papers in History and Geography. Thank you for everything you are doing to support the students in their endeavours. To this end, please could you continue to encourage the students to attend the after school remote revision sessions, which occur on a weekly basis as follows;

History: Wednesday 5.15-6.15

Geography: Thursday 4.30-5.30

These are planned to recur until the last examination in each subject. In addition, the following holiday 'in-person' sessions are also planned;

Tuesday 30th May: History 9am-12, Geography 12.30-3.30

Finally, before each of the remaining History papers, I intend to provide an hour-long session for the students, both the evening **before** and the **morning of** the examination, as follows;

Wednesday 7th June-American West and Elizabethan England-Tuesday Evening 5.15-6.15, Wednesday morning 8.40-10am

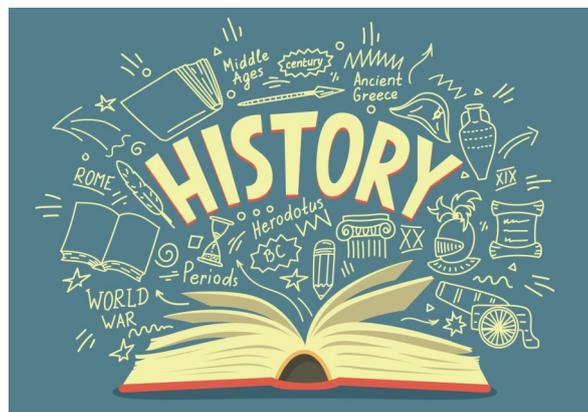
Thursday 15th June-The USA 1954-75-Wednesday evening 5.45-6.45, Thursday Morning 7.40-8.40

In addition, could I ask that all students attend the history and geography masterclasses which have been scheduled for after half term.

It is difficult to quantify the massively positive impact that these sessions have on the performance of the students but suffice to say, those who have consistently attended them in the past are the students that have excelled in the examinations and I thank you in advance for your contribution to their anticipated success this year.

We are also eagerly anticipating the forthcoming field trips organised by the department. These include Year 10 visits to the North Norfolk coast to complete GCSE Geography fieldwork, critical for the examination and the annual History trip to the World War One battlefields of Northern France and Belgium. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to enhance their knowledge of the First World War, prepare for their GCSE and experience a key aspect of our shared cultural heritage. The actual visit takes place on 6th -7th July but there will be a meeting approximately two weeks before for parents and students, which I would urge you to attend in order to gather the necessary information and how to best support those students attending.

Mr Bedford



Dive Project bake sale– raising money for Cornwall Dive centre ahead of our trip to Cornwall.

We raised £75 all together!

Thank you for all of the lovely donations – Well done everyone!



Well done to the Y8 winners of the Easter egg competition– students worked hard to get lots of raffle tickets for their great work in lessons.

Fantastic work– keep it up!



Lunch time club

This term the lunch club celebrated the King's Coronation with a lovely tea party. The students really enjoyed themselves.

It has been an amazing term with them with the help from Bradley SB, and Crea M our CEO and VCEO, who help to organise the games and parties.

We hope our students enjoy their half term and look forward to hearing all about it when they return to the academy.

The SEND Team



CCF April Training weekend with Norfolk Army Cadets

The weekend started on Friday with the cadets meeting Colour Sergeant Bush at the school to get the minibus to the training facility in Thetford, the minibus was packed with the kit needed for the weekends training, goodbyes were said and off we went.

We arrived at Thetford cadet training centre and immediately found out where we were sleeping, due to some problems with the building we were sleeping in tents. All tents put up, the other cadets arrived, briefing was given by the Sergeant Major and then all the cadets tucked themselves up in bed ready for the first day of training.

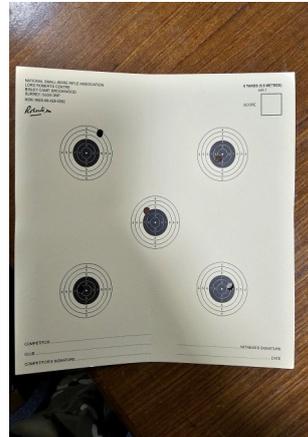
Day one, up at 06:30 hrs to get washed and dressed, breakfast at 07:00 hrs and then off to training groups, the majority of Icenis CCF were doing Skill at Arms training with Colour Sergeant Bush, learning all about the L98A2 rifle, how to be safe, how it works, how to clean it and all the other stuff in between. The senior cadets from Icenis were going out on Fieldcraft training, learning about how to survive in the field and loads of battle manoeuvres, how to camouflage yourself and firing blank rounds. Some air rifle shooting was done by those in the centre, I tell you what, looking at their targets I wouldn't want to make them mad. Loads learnt on a very busy day one.

Day two, up again at 06:30 hours, washed dressed, Breakfast at 07:00 hours, kit packed away that can be packed to go home, more training on the rifle and out in the field, the fieldcraft cadets had been busy during the evening doing tactical ambushes and seeing the effects of pyrotechnics at night (army fireworks), learning how to patrol differently at night time with night sounds and attacking the enemy using appropriate cover and the moonlight to not be seen, back at the training centre cadets were getting more to grips with the rifle and carrying out a weapon handling test which they all succeeded in by the end of the day, packing up tents and kit onto the minibus, fieldcraft training returned to the centre to clean their weapons to go back into the armoury. Food in bellies before final parade then back to Icenis school.

Upon return to school the minibus was unloaded and a final parade was done at school to be dismissed by Colour Sergeant Bush, promotions were in order for Lance Corporal White J And Lance Corporal White E to full Corporals, Congratulations to you both, lots of badges earned which will be awarded soon.

Loads accomplished over such a busy weekend but I am very proud of them all and I hope for more of this in the future, the Commanding Officer for Britannia Company Major Medler who hosted the training said that the cadets were very well behaved and a credit to the Contingent and to the school.

Colour Sergeant Bush



Year 11 Update

This term saw the start of the Year 11 examinations. I have been so very proud to watch on as our fantastic students have completely risen to the challenge. Their behaviour and conduct in the examinations themselves has been impeccable, and sets a very high standard for the year groups who come after them. They have done me proud, and are a credit to their parents and carers. Well done, everyone!

Of course, the hard work continues after half term with another two and a half weeks of exams. I know students will apply themselves just as brilliantly to them as they have to those which have already passed by. Well done, all.

This term also saw Year 11's Leavers' Assembly—a real rite of passage! A number of students were given awards to commemorate the contribution they have made to the year group (some silly, some sincere!), and we shared photographs from students' time in the academy, stretching right back to Year 7! We are looking forward to further celebrations next half term, including the much anticipated Year 11 Prom.

I wish all our Year 11 students, and their families, a happy and restful half term. I know we will see many of you in the academy during half term for revision sessions, and we look forward to seeing you then.

Miss Staniforth