



ICENI ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Post

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been a truly successful and transformational year at Icen Academy. It has been a year full of progress, pride, and purpose – and I want to thank you for your continued support as we continue our journey of improvement together.

This year, we have seen a significant and positive shift in our school culture.

Students are wearing their uniforms with pride, coming to school ready to learn, and embodying the values we hold dear: Aim High, Work Hard, and Be Kind. Visitors to the school frequently comment on the calm, focused atmosphere in lessons and the respectful, enthusiastic attitude of our students. These improvements were further recognised during our Ofsted inspection in December, when the school was graded as Good in three out of four areas – a testament to the commitment and dedication of our whole school community.

Our focus on teaching and learning has been unwavering. The introduction of Learning Episodes has helped to drive consistency and high expectations in every classroom. Looking ahead to next year, we are excited to build on this strong foundation through the implementation of our Pedagogical Principles, which will support our teachers in delivering even more engaging and effective lessons.

There have been many highlights to celebrate this year. Our Christmas Concert was a joyful showcase of talent and community spirit, enjoyed by students and staff, alike. The whole-school Sports Day was another standout event, bringing every student and staff member together in a day of fun, competition, and unity – truly demonstrating the strength of our school spirit.

We were also incredibly proud of our school production, where the students' hard work, commitment, and dedication culminated in a fantastic dramatic performance. The professionalism and passion shown by the cast and crew were outstanding, and the response from the audience reflected just how special the experience was for everyone involved.

Our Awards Evenings and Celebration Assemblies gave us a chance to reflect on individual and collective successes across the year. From academic excellence and sporting achievements to acts of kindness and leadership, it was inspiring to see so many students recognised for the ways in which they contribute to our vibrant school community.



As always, I want to thank you – our parents and carers – for the crucial role you play. Your ongoing encouragement and partnership have been vital to our continued success, and we are truly grateful.

As the year draws to a close, we also say goodbye to some members of staff who will be leaving us. We thank them sincerely for their efforts, commitment, and the positive impact they've made over the years. We wish them every success and happiness in their next chapters.

We finish this academic year in a strong position and full of momentum. When we return in September, we do so with renewed ambition and determination to continue improving and delivering the very best for every student.

Wishing you and your family a restful, safe, and happy summer holiday.

Mr Rushton



The cast of 'Living with Lady Macbeth', this year's production.



Chair of Governors Post

It barely feels like two minutes since the new school year started, and here we are at the end, but maybe that's me showing my age?!

It's been an incredibly busy year for the school pupils and staff, and I have thoroughly enjoyed witnessing the change and improvements over the last year. Ofsted visited the school in December and delivered feedback that was positive and confirmed that all the hard work and effort had been worth it: it confirmed Iceni as a 'Good' school.

Year 11's will now have one eye on the 21st August, and I wish them all the best, and hope they get the results they deserve. Year 10s have been undertaking their mocks, and I know there is already a huge amount of work going in to preparing them for the challenges ahead of them in Year 11.

The LGB and I have been in school at almost all of the events this year, and the feedback we get from parents/ carers and students is invaluable. At the Year 7 transition evening, I chatted to lots of parents/ carers who attended, and it was great to hear such positive feedback about Iceni, with those who have chosen to send their children to the school doing so because the school felt 'good and genuine' as they walked around.

There is still work to be done, and to remain a good school, nothing can stand still. The drive and focus on teaching and learning to improve outcomes sits squarely with those who deliver the lessons to the children, and Ofsted made that clear. I am confident there are great plans afoot for the new year.

So many of the activities running this year would not have happened two years ago. Work experience, careers fairs, non uniform days... all of these are now possible due to the hard work that has been put in, and more importantly for the students they way they have played their part in making the academy a better place. Society can be very quick to knock young people, but as I walk around the academy, my overwhelming feeling is one of pride at being involved with the academy and the students in it. They are polite when spoken to, and genuinely want the school to be the best it can be.

All those at the academy should be proud of where it is. Everyone deserves a great summer break, and to then return in September reinvigorated, and ready to face the challenges ahead.

Enjoy your holidays, and I look forward to the next exciting chapter in Iceni's journey.

Simon Conner



Year Team Updates

Year 7

Year 7 – A Year to Remember

As we reach the end of what has been an incredible year, I want to take a moment to reflect on just how proud I am of each and every one of our Year 7 students. From the moment they stepped through the gates of Iceni in September, full of curiosity and nerves, they have grown into confident, capable, and compassionate members of our school community.

This year has been filled with learning, laughter, and lots of firsts – from making new friends and adjusting to new routines, to taking on challenges in the classroom, on the sports field, and beyond. Through it all, Year 7 have shown resilience, kindness, and a genuine enthusiasm for everything they do. I stand by what I said earlier in the year: these students are the guiding lights of Iceni. They have set an example with their positive attitudes, their willingness to help others, and their eagerness to get involved. Whether it's been in lessons, school events, or simply through the way they support one another day to day, they have shown what it truly means to be part of the Iceni family.

As they move into Year 8, I have every confidence that they will continue to shine – not just as individuals, but as a united year group. They are well on their way to becoming the role models and leaders of the future, and I couldn't be more excited to see what's next for them.

Well done, Year 7 – you have made us all incredibly proud. Keep being your brilliant selves.

Mrs Thompson



Year 8

Year 8: Going from Strength to Strength!

What a truly wonderful term - and an exceptional year - it has been for Year 8! I can honestly say it's been a joy to hear from so many students who have represented our school with such pride and enthusiasm. Whether it was the excitement of our Lego Land trip in early July, the kindness shown during Year 6 Transition Days, the curiosity and engagement at the Careers & Science Fair on the 14th, or the creativity and courage displayed in our drama production of Lady Macbeth - our students have shone brightly.

And let's not forget the energy and spirit at the Sports Awards assembly last week! The students are certainly ending the year on a high, with standout performances in both the drama production and Sports Day. One Year 8 pupil even broke a high jump record that had stood for an incredible 36 years - an astounding achievement!

Beyond these memorable moments, it's been especially rewarding to see some Year 8 pupils stepping up to apply for Student Leadership roles. These opportunities are more than just titles—they're stepping stones to developing confidence, communication, teamwork, and resilience. I truly believe these experiences will be transformative, and I'm excited to see how our students continue to grow. I hope that from this notable beginning, more are inspired to grab hold of this wonderful responsibility and opportunity!

At the heart of everything we do is our commitment to the pupils. It's been a genuine privilege to walk alongside them on their journey to becoming the very best versions of themselves. I hope each and every student can look back on this year with pride and a sense of accomplishment.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the unwavering support of the Year 8 team. A heartfelt thank you to our incredible form tutors - Ms Standley, Ms Power, Mrs Crook, Mr Rice, Ms Boulter, and Mr Halliday - who have been there every single day, guiding and supporting our young people with care and dedication.

A special mention must go to Ms Standley, who will be leaving us at the end of term. Like Nanny McPhee, she has known just when she was needed—and she will be deeply missed by students and staff alike as she embarks on her next adventure.

I'd also like to extend my sincere thanks to Mrs Conner, our Year Team SSO, who has been a fantastic addition since joining us full-time in January. Her commitment to getting to know and support every student has made a real difference.

As we head into the summer break, I wish all our students and families a restful, joyful, and well-earned holiday. I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, refreshed and ready for the next exciting chapter.

Warmest wishes,

Mr McAllister



Year 9

I write to you with a few weeks of term remaining, not quite believing the year is coming to a close. It has been a term of opportunity for Year 9 and I am so proud of how many of them have taken these, and as such, made a positive contribution to our ever improving Academy.

I will start by mentioning two revamped initiatives that were introduced to pupils this term – Student Leadership and the Duke of Edinburgh Award (DoFE). Taking part in a DofE journey gives pupils the skills, confidence, and something to discuss about when pupils apply for college, university or a job. Beyond their academic achievements, employers and further education want to see evidence of “soft skills” that pupils have developed, such as communication, commitment, leadership and teamwork. The DofE Award is a fantastic way to demonstrate and evidence these skills in practice.



Student Leadership is another way of developing and showcasing these soft skills. This role also gives pupils power to formally have their voice in making decisions that shape the Academy. I was delighted to learn that for both initiatives, Year 9 had the most applicants. I wish all of those who applied for Student Leadership roles the very best in their applications.

Speaking of opportunities, it has also been excellent to see so many pupils out on various fixtures and trips. I have heard wonderful things about the trip to Iceland and the sun was certainly shining for the Duxford trip. Thank you to the Humanities department for all of their work to make these trips happen. Sport wise, pupils have been involved in rounders, cricket and athletics, as well as some leadership roles for Primary School events. In the remaining weeks the PE department will celebrate this with the Sports Success Assembly and a select group have been invited to the returning Sports Presentation Evening. A personal highlight of mine is of course Sports Day which is also coming around quickly. Year 9 filled all available event slots: good luck to those competing! And one final good luck to those Year 9 pupils who are part of the school production.



Talking of success, we have the final Success Assembly of the year to look forward too, with subject, attendance and value awards to be won. Pupils have continued to compete for weekly VIP passes and I am delighted to say at the time of writing this, 36 different pupils have appeared in the weekly top 5 positive points to earn one of these passes this term.

The final reflection of the term is the end of the options process. If your son or daughter was disappointed with an option they received, you should have already been in contact with Miss Staniforth to see if any change is possible. I hope the pupils are looking forward to focusing their studies of their preferred interests.

As the year comes to a close, I just wanted to say thank you to a number of people. Firstly, to all the pupils who have engaged with the changes to improve the Academy. You are the ones making the Academy a better place to be. Thank you to parents who have supported us. Of course, thank you to my team of dedicated form tutors, Mr Radday, Mr Rodriguez, Mr Leinster, Mr Spurgeon, Ms Trichet, Mrs Francis-Pugh and Mr Tozer. And one last big thank you to Miss Valentyna for all the work she continues to do to support the Year Group. Unfortunately, it is with some sadness that I am writing to you, as Head of Year, for the final time. Working in a pastoral capacity requires a great deal of last minute flexibility, and with a young family myself, I am no longer in a position to provide the flexibility needed. I am however, really pleased to say I will be taking a lead role in revamping both the Whole School Rewards system and relaunching a new House System from September, so I hope to be sharing positive news with you in that capacity.

I will of course be liaising closely with those supporting your children next year.

Mr Taylor



Year 10

Celebrating a Fantastic Term and Looking Ahead!

What a fantastic term it has been for our Year 10 students! This term especially has been incredibly busy but the maturity, resilience, and commitment the students have shown has laid a solid foundation for the start of Year 11. As we come to the end of a very busy and enriching term, I just want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible achievements of our Year 10 students and to share just how proud I am of them all.

This term has been packed full of activity. From the Year 10 mock exams at the end of June—where the students showed real maturity and focus—to Work Experience, Geography field trips, Sports Day and everything in between, the students have handled it all with such a great attitude. You've shown me that you're more than ready to face the challenges ahead.

One of the real highlights for me this term was our trip to the College of West Anglia. Year 10 students engaged fully in hands-on taster sessions in subjects such as Beauty Therapy, Carpentry, Plumbing, A-Levels, and Catering and Hospitality, to name just a few. The college staff were full of praise for how positive and involved they were. It made me so proud to hear how well they represented our school. They were impressed by their enthusiasm, curiosity, and behaviour throughout the day. It was wonderful to see so many of them exploring future opportunities and genuinely enjoying the experience.

I would also like to praise the way the Year 10 students approached their mock exams at the end of June. They conducted themselves with great maturity and took the process seriously, showing how ready they are to take on the challenges of next year. I genuinely believe that, with the progress made this year and if the Year 10 students put the effort in, they could achieve good results for their GCSEs next year.

And then came Work Experience—and what a fantastic week it was! The feedback we have had from employers has been amazing. So many of them said how professional, polite, and hardworking our students were. I hope you're proud of yourselves too—you really made the most of the opportunity and left a brilliant impression. Many have commented on the professionalism, enthusiasm, and dedication our students demonstrated during their time in the workplace. Some of the feedback has been truly outstanding, with remarks such as 'We would employ them now' and expressions of how proud they have been to see what our students have achieved during their time in the workplace.



Following on from the recent Year 10 mock exams and now this hugely positive experience in the world of work, I could not be prouder of my Year 10 students. They represented the school beautifully, and we couldn't be more pleased.

I would also like to extend my thanks to the whole Year 10 tutor team: Miss Coates; Mrs Jacobsz; Mrs Bradley and Mrs Isbell; Mrs White and Mr Tozer; Mrs Cross and Mr Brodie; and Mr Spurgeon, our Year 10 Student Support Officer, all of whom have worked incredibly hard to support the students this year. I am very grateful to have worked with such wonderful people.

As we close this academic year, I want to leave the students with a final message: you have shown what you are capable of in lots of areas, and you've set the bar high. In September, we need to return with the same determination, high aspirations, and team spirit to make Year 11 even better. You've already proven you can rise to the challenge!

Finally, I'd like to wish you a restful and enjoyable summer break — you've absolutely earned it. Take this time to relax and recharge — ready to come back in September with fresh focus and determination as you head into Year 11 and prepare to ace your GCSE exams! Year 11 is a big year, but I know you're more than capable of facing it head-on!

Well done, Year 10. I'm so proud of you all.

Ms Agoudjil



SEND News

Wow! What a busy term this has been for staff and students.

We have been completing interventions and SEND screening on lots of students across this term. This has been fantastic because we have been able to show students just how much progress they have made in the interventions that they have been part of. It also shows that hard work pays off and has lead to students increasing in confidence about approaching their learning across the curriculum. Thank you to the team for their expert delivery and the students for their commitment to their personal development.

Year 6 Additional Transition

We welcomed 22 students from across the primary schools for three days of additional transition. During this time they took part in a range of subjects including Zones of Regulation, PE and made some fantastic things in Technology to name a few. This gave students a chance to meet key staff, get to know the site and experience some of the subjects before the main transition where the rest of the year group joined them. Feedback from students was very positive and we hope that this has lead to students feeling excited about joining in September.

A huge thank you to Mrs Cowlshaw for taking the lead on these days, with the support of Miss Homes and Miss Beadle. Another big thank you also goes to the Year 10 and 11 students who supported these days.

Goodbyes

At the end of this term, we say goodbye to two integral members of our team. Miss Wright and Mrs Breheny, who have both worked at Iceni for nearly 20 years. Their unwavering support for all students at Iceni Academy, alongside their passion for working with students with SEND has lead to thousands of students gaining confidence in their learning and improving in areas that without their expertise they may not have done.

I know I speak for the rest of the team when I say how sad we all are that they will not be working with us and our students next year.

I want to also say a personal thank you to both of them for their support over the last eight years in my role as SENCO. Their knowledge and experience have helped shape what we are able to offer our students and I am truly grateful for all of their hard work and the commitment they have shown to their own learning in order to offer our students the best deal we can. Whilst it is bitter sweet, I want to wish them all the luck in the world for their new ventures.

To all of our families, I would like to wish you all a restful, happy and safe summer holidays.

Miss Turner
Assistant Principal - SENCO



Department Updates

English

It's been a vibrant and thought-provoking term across the English Department, with students delving into a wide range of literature and sharpening their analytical and creative skills.

Year 7 began the term by exploring the rich world of poetry, learning how to interpret language and structure in powerful and imaginative ways. They have now moved on to *The Fire-Eaters* by David Almond, immersing themselves in its mysterious atmosphere and complex characters.

Year 8 have been grappling with the powerful themes of race, identity, and injustice in Malorie Blackman's *Noughts and Crosses*. Thoughtful discussions and passionate responses have filled the classroom as pupils reflect on the novel's relevance today.

Year 9 started the term studying George Orwell's *1984*, engaging with its dystopian vision and political undertones. They are now preparing to deliver their own Spoken Language presentations – an exciting opportunity to share their views and voices with confidence and creativity.

As ever, it's been a pleasure to see our students thinking critically, speaking passionately, and developing as readers and writers.

Maths

UK Maths Challenge – Junior and Intermediate

Some of our top mathematicians from across all year groups recently took part in the Junior and Intermediate UK Mathematics Challenges. Congratulations to all students who participated, and a special well done to those who earned Bronze, Silver, or Gold certificates for their outstanding performance.

A particular commendation goes to Jack S., Stanley K., and Lucas H., who each achieved a Gold certificate and progressed to the prestigious Kangaroo round. Furthermore, both Jack S. and Lucas H. went on to earn a Bronze award in this additional challenge—an excellent achievement!

We are incredibly proud of all our students for their hard work and dedication.



PE

What an unbelievably busy end to the year in PE.....and its not over yet!

We said goodbye to the Yr 11s earlier this month. They have been an absolute delight and we have enjoyed being part of their journey since those strange Covid lockdown years! This year group really did enter into the spirit of KS4 PE and made the most of their core lessons, away from the stresses and strains of coursework and revision at this time of year. Our Yr 11 Sports Science pupils worked hard right up to their exam and we can't wait to see them get the grades they deserve in august. We wish you all well, thanks for your efforts and commitment to core PE, exam PE, and extra-curricular activities...it's been a real pleasure!

Pupils in years 7-10 have been enjoying all that summer term PE brings, warm lessons and lots of cricket, tennis and rounders! It is always lovely to enjoy sport with the children at this time of year after what always seems a long build up to those sunny days. We have seen some great performances across the board from pupils, well done to all. Our Year 10 Cambridge National pupils continue to work well in their lessons. They have now completed their performance and leadership unit, with some brilliant sessions being led to complete their assessments. Pupils were organised and confident in the way they approached their sessions and it was a real treat for Mr Taylor and I to observe such wonderful sessions. A special mention must go to Roman R. His session was incredible: a real PE teacher in the making! Well done, Roman!



The U15 girls' rounders team

We have some more brilliant news following on from our U16 girls football league win! Our U15 girls rounders squad were recently crowned champions of the South Norfolk rounders league! A huge congratulations to the girls, who batted and fielded superbly in a tight final against Dereham Northgate. They eventually came out on the right side of a 16-15 victory! It was such a fantastic game to umpire, well done girls. Thanks to Miss Turner who came over to support the girls and bought them ice lollies to celebrate a marvellous win: they were much appreciated on a hot day!



Our affiliation with fellow ATT academy, The Nicholas Hamond Academy (TNHA), Swaffham, continues to provide an excellent opportunity for our pupils to be involved in extra-curricular sport. Pupils from Icen and TNHA competed in numerous fixture across the term in athletics, tennis, cricket and rounders, with some superb performances across the year groups. Well done to all pupils who have been involved, there has quite literally been hundreds of you! A huge thank you to Mr Spurgeon, Mrs Isbell and Mr Coath for their hard work in organising squads for these events. I am pleased to report that these fixtures will continue next year!



Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 Sports Awards Evening nominees and winners

Thursday 3rd July saw the relaunch of our Sports Awards Evening. It was a wonderful night of celebration, paying tribute to all our brilliant pupils who had gone the extra mile in PE this year. Pupils from each year group were nominated across the categories of Outstanding Breakthrough Performance and Sports Personality of the Year. PE staff paid tribute to each of our nominees and gave details on exactly why they were worthy nominees. A runner up and winner of each category was then announced with trophies and certificates received by pupils. Congratulations to all our nominees and winners, it was a real pleasure spending the evening with you, celebrating you! Who will claim the titles next year?



I have been lucky to visit some of our feeder primary schools this half term to introduce a PE-based transition programme new for this year. It has been lovely to meet the Year 5 and 6 pupils at these schools, as well as the staff, and get an opportunity to teach these year groups in their own PE environments. We look forward to welcoming them to Iceni in the new academic year, with a view to reestablishing the cluster sports programme.

At the time of writing, we still have two major PE events to go! Mrs Isbell has done a sterling job at organising this year's Sports Awards assembly, where we will welcome close to 300 students to receive awards for school sport participation. This is over half of the entire academy involved in extra-curricular PE and sport: a monumental achievement by all! Congratulations to all pupils who will receive an award, we hope you have enjoyed your sporting year and that you will join us again next year.

The PE year will culminate in Sports Day 2025. Pupils will have enjoyed a full day of sporting activities in our biggest event yet! Activities include the much-anticipated return of a traditional programme of athletics events, extra events, an Olympic quiz and an opportunity to relive some of the greatest moments of sporting history! Which community will be victorious...?!

And with that, comes the end of an extremely busy year in PE. We would like to thank all pupils who dedicate time and effort to PE and school sport. We hope you have enjoyed your year in PE! Thank you to all parents and families who have supported your children in being able to come to school in washed kit, leave school late with a lift and everything in between! We appreciate your continued support immensely. I would also like to extend our thanks to Mr Coath, our trainee PE teacher, who leaves us next week having successfully completed his teacher training with us. He has been a superb addition to the department this year and any school will be lucky to gain him! Good luck and thank you, Mr Coath!

A final thanks must go to the PE team, whose unrelenting dedication and support make PE what it is at Iceni. Their efforts continue to ensure that we offer an uncompromising standard of teaching and an incredible number of opportunities for our children to take part in physical activity.

A gentle reminder that all piercings, including retainers must be removed for PE lessons. If you wish to get a piercing, please try to arrange this as early as possible in the holidays, so that jewellery can be removed in September.

I wish you all a restful summer. Get outside and be active when you can, and enjoy the benefits this will bring you, both physically and mentally.

See you next year!

Rebecca Bradley, Specialist Leader of PE.



Sports Day Photos



Department Updates



Year 7

This term Year 7 have been extending their knowledge and practical ability within the workshop creating wooden narrowboat pencil holders. Within this practical project we have explored sawing, chiseling, drilling and different wooden joints.



Year 8

This term we have been exploring and expanding our knowledge in textiles by designing and creating our own creative creatures, inspired by the works of Donna Wilson.



Year 9

This term Year 9 have been starting their own mini-GCSE projects with the brief to design and make a new type of analogue clock. They have had the freedom to use any style and material of their choosing.



Year 10

Year 10 have finished off their first of 3 GCSE DESIGN PROJECTS. Within this one they had to design and make a birdbox inspired by famous architectural design. Within this they have explored CAD drawing, research, design development, model making and the creation of their final design. Here are some of their final products.



Year 7 Tech Club

This term, Year 7 tech club have been working on side tables. They have been extending their knowledge on sawing, sanding, and different types of wooden joints to make a high quality final piece to take home.



Year 8 Tech Club

This term, Year 8 tech club have been working in teams to design and make four benches which they are going to donate to a local pub, two primary schools and a local camping park.



Careers & Science Fair

Iceni Careers and Science Fair inspires future pathways

On Monday 14th July, Iceni Secondary Academy was buzzing with excitement as students from Years 7 to 10 took part in our Careers and Science Fair, a brilliant day filled with curiosity, inspiration and exploration into the world of work.

Every student had the opportunity to speak directly with professionals from a wide range of organisations, learning about what their jobs involve and the different pathways needed to get there. It was fantastic to see so many enthusiastic conversations taking place, with students asking insightful questions and genuinely engaging with our visitors.

We were thrilled to welcome representatives from a host of amazing organisations including NHS West Suffolk Hospital, the prison service, the Army, Royal Navy and Royal Air Force, and Center Parcs. Alongside them were representatives from local sixth forms and colleges such as Mildenhall, the College of West Anglia and the Technical College Norfolk, as well as apprenticeship providers – all ready to share advice and guidance about future opportunities.

To help students get the most out of the day, everyone was given a special 'careers card'. This included a set of questions to ask our guests, encouraging students to dig deeper into what the different careers involved. For every person they spoke to, they received a sticker on their card. Those who collected ten stickers were entered into a prize draw to win a voucher of their choice. Huge congratulations to Olivia B in Year 7, who was our lucky winner!

Our guests were full of praise for the way Iceni students approached the day. Many commented on the thoughtful and challenging questions being asked, and how impressed they were by the level of interest and maturity shown throughout the event.

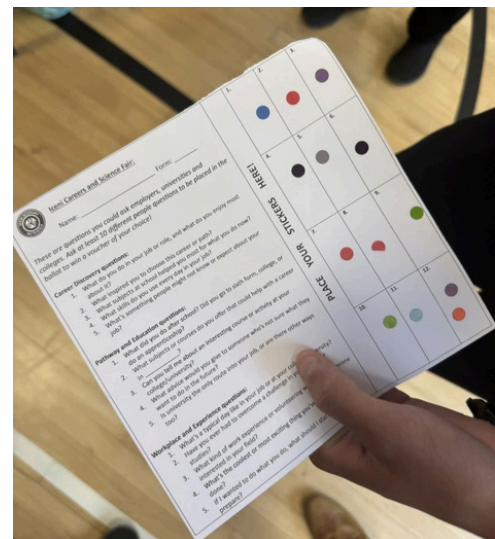


As well as careers exploration, students also had the chance to present their science fair projects to staff and visitors. We saw some fantastic work on display, from identifying different types of rocks, to a deep-dive into the science behind tornadoes. The judges were thoroughly impressed by all the entries, but the top prize went to Charlie T and Theodore R for their outstanding presentation on energy. Well done to all involved!

This fair comes hot on the heels of our successful Year 10 work experience programme, and alongside the recent launch of our Unifrog careers platform, we're incredibly proud to be building a careers programme that truly supports our students in exploring and choosing their future paths.

It was a fantastic day of learning, exploration and excitement. We can't wait to build on this success in the year ahead. Thank you to all our visitors, staff, and of course, our brilliant students for making it such a memorable day!

Mr Pryke



Outcomes Update

As we approach the end of another successful academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the incredible achievements of our students. First, a heartfelt farewell to our Year 11 students. It has been a privilege to watch you grow and develop throughout your time with us. Your hard work, resilience, and determination during your exams have been truly inspiring. We are proud of each and every one of you, and we wish you the very best in the exciting journeys that lie ahead—whether that's continuing in sixth form, college, apprenticeships, or other training and employment opportunities. We're looking forward to seeing students on 21st August at 9.00am to collect their GCSE and Level 2 results.

I would also like to congratulate our Year 10 students on their excellent effort and commitment during the recent mock examinations. These results indicate where we are now, and give us an indicator of how we can support the year group next year: they give us an excellent springboard for the work we will do together in Year 11. I am genuinely excited to work closely with you all as we prepare for your final GCSE exams and secure the best possible outcomes together.

Finally, I want to wish all our students and families a wonderful summer break. Take time to rest, recharge, and enjoy time with loved ones. We look forward to welcoming you back in September, refreshed and ready for another successful year of aiming high, working hard, and being kind.

Miss Staniforth
Vice Principal



Pupil Premium Eligibility

As you may know, the Government makes additional funding available for schools through the Pupil Premium Grant. Your child would be eligible for additional educational funding if they meet one of the criteria below:

- Entitled to Free School Meals (or has been entitled anytime in the past 6 years)
- Children whose parents are in receipt of a child pension from the Ministry of Defence, or one of their parents is serving in the armed forces (or has been in the previous 6 years).
- Looked-after (in care of an English local authority)
- Children who have ceased to be looked after by a local authority (due to adoption, special guardianship orders or residence orders)

Most students in receipt of the pupil premium top-up funding qualify through their entitlement to free school meals (FSM). To register your child for free school meals, you must be in receipt of child benefit and one of the following:

- Universal Credit – additionally, your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit

To check your eligibility or to apply, please visit:
<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

The Pupil Premium increases the pupil funding per head quite significantly. It is spent by the academy to support the pastoral well-being and academic progress of students who are in receipt of it. You can find out more about our academy's Pupil Premium strategy by visiting our website: [Pupil Premium & Catch Up - Iceni Academy - Secondary](#)

If you have any questions about pupil premium funding or entitlement, please do not hesitate to contact me at stuart.pryke@attrust.org.uk.



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