

Weekly Information Bulletin

Friday 1st December 2023



Ignite Sports

This week, former students Josh and Shayne returned to school to lead an assembly to tell us all about their successful apprenticeships with Ignite Sports. Shayne is currently working on a Level 2 in Sports Coaching.

Josh is working on a Level 3 TA qualification.

This year Josh won The Oxfordshire Apprentice of the Year Award 2023. He has since progressed on to receive a Highly Commended Award at the National Apprenticeship Awards.

We are really proud of both boys' achievements and for them taking the time to come and tell other pupils about their success.

To find out more about the apprenticeship awards, click the link below:

<https://oxlepskills.co.uk/employers/apprenticeships/apprenticeship-awards/>

To find out more about Ignite Sports, click the link below:

<https://www.ignitesportuk.com/>



Christmas at Iffley Academy

We have been busy planning Christmas at Iffley Academy and students will shortly be bringing home a booklet detailing the plan for our Christmas week. We hope all students enjoy the nice things we have planned and the opportunity to celebrate their hard work this term.



Christmas Cards

From Monday 4th December we will have our Iffley Christmas post box in reception. If students would like to send Christmas cards to students & staff at Iffley Academy they can place them in the Christmas post box. Our student council members will deliver them to classes. Please make sure you put the student or staff name and class group on the envelope.

Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 7th December

This year Iffley Academy will be taking part in the Save the Children Christmas Jumper day on Thursday 7th December. Pupils are encouraged to come into school wearing a Christmas jumper with their normal skirt or trousers.

If your child would like to take part we are asking for a £1 donation which will go to this worthy cause.

Christmas Lunch - Tuesday 19th December

On Tuesday 19th December we will be having our school Christmas lunch. If you would like your child to have Christmas dinner on this day please [Click here](#) to notify us of their choices.

Christmas Lunch will be provided free of charge.

We will be unable to offer any other lunch options on this day.

6th Form will be enjoying their Christmas lunch off site and details of this event have been sent to parents & carers separately.

Please complete the form even if your child will be bringing in a packed lunch on this day.

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End of Term Celebration Assembly - Wednesday 20th December

We are inviting parents and carers into school on Wednesday 20th December for our end of term assembly to celebrate students' achievements for this term. We will be holding two assemblies:

- 9.30 - Assembly for Calder, Warhol, Lowry, Haring, Monet, Dali, Thorpe, Miro & Aardman.
- 11.15 - Assembly for Kirby, Kusama, Hirst, Banksy, Kahlo, Brodskaya and Tula.

Parents & Carers are able to take their child home after the assembly if they wish.

Earlier Finish Time - Wednesday 20th December

Our last day of term is Wednesday 20th December and we will be finishing at the earlier time of 1.00pm. We look forward to welcoming students back after the Christmas holidays on Tuesday 9th January.

Kusama class

This term, Kusama has been working hard to improve literacy, numeracy and skills for life. We have produced brilliant Blue Cross writing, improved our division, baked delicious cakes and enjoyed weekly shopping trips to the Cowley Centre. We have also been creative by studying either Photography or Construction. An excellent term!



Oxford Brookes Science Bazaar Beyond - Saturday 3rd February 2024

The Oxford Brookes Science Bazaar Beyond is an annual festival exploring science in the widest possible sense - it is truly beyond science. You can get stuck in with hands-on activities, join workshops, watch demonstrations, listen to talks, and meet specialists. Our theme this year is "curiosity" so be prepared to explore, discover and get curious!

This FREE event is fun for all the family and most suitable for 5-16 years.

If you prefer to explore the event in a more relaxed setting with fewer visitors book a ticket to attend the Relaxed Autism Friendly Early Opening, which runs from 9:30am to 11:30am.

Please [click here](#) for further information.

Parent Governor Recruitment

We are currently recruiting parent Governors for Iffley Academy Local Advisory Board.

Please [Click here](#) to view our information pack and [Click here](#) for answers to frequently asked questions. If you are interested in applying please [Click here](#) for the application form.

If you have any queries or would like further information about the role of parent governor then please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Annual Flu Vaccination for Year 7-11 - 06.12.23 - Reminder

The immunisation team are coming into school to offer the flu vaccine for all students in years **7-11**. Please read the attached letter and complete the consent form, even if you are refusing the vaccination.

1. Click the link <https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

2. Enter the Unique School Code OX139312

3. Complete the form (one per child). Please complete even if you are REFUSING the vaccination

Please [Click here](#) for further information. If you have any queries, please contact reception.

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SOFEA Post 16 Options Evening

On Wednesday 17th January SOFEA are holding an open evening where you can find out more information about SOFEA's post 16 options for school leavers in the Didcot area. The open evening is running from 17.15-19.00.

Please [Click here](#) for further information.



Lunch Menu Week Commencing 4th December

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Vegan Sausage hotpot with sliced potatoes topping (Gf,Df, Vegan)	Sweet & Sour Chicken (Df)	Roast Beef (Gf, Df)	Mild Chicken curry (Gf)	Breaded Cod
Vegetarian		Sweet & Sour Quorn (Df,Vegan)	Roast Quorn (Df,Vegan)	Mild vegetable curry (Gf)	Breaded Quorn
Served With	Peas (GF,Df, Vegan)	Noodles (Df,Vegan) Carrots (Gf,Df, Vegan)	Roast Potatoes & Yorkshire Pudding Gravy Peas & Sweetcorn (Df, Gf, Vegan)	Rice (Gf, Df, Vegan) Naan bread (Df,Vegan)	Chips Baked beans (Df, Gf, Vegan)
Pudding	Gingerbread Biscuit	Lemon Sponge Lemon Sauce (GF,Df, Vegan)	Banoffee pie	Sponge cake with sprinkles	Chocolate Tiffin

There is a daily alternative of: Jacket Potato topped with either beans, cheese or tuna. Baguette/Sandwich filled with either cheese, ham or tuna.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 20th December 2023	End of term celebration assembly
Wednesday 20th December 2023	End of Term One - Finish time of 1.00pm
Monday 8th January 2024	INSET day
Tuesday 9th January 2024	Start of Term Two
Tuesday 23rd January 2024	Termly Outcome Plan Evening
Friday 9th February 2024	End of Term
Monday 19th February 2024	Start of Term
Thursday 28th March 2024	End of Term Two
Friday 29th March 2024	Bank Holiday
Monday 15th April 2024	Start of Term Three
Tuesday 16th April 2024	Termly Outcome Plan Evening
Monday 6th May 2024	Bank Holiday
Saturday 11th May 2024	Family Fun Day - 12-3
Friday 24th May 2024	End of Term
Monday 3rd June 2024	Start of Term
Tuesday 16th July 2024	Meet the New Teacher Event
Monday 22nd July 2024	End of Term Three