

# Weekly Information Bulletin

Friday 6th September 2024



## Welcome back

We hope that you and your family have had a restful summer. It was lovely to welcome back students and to meet all our students who have recently joined the Iffley Academy. We hope everyone have enjoyed their first week back to school.

All of our classes at the Iffley Academy are named after artists and this week the students have enjoyed exploring and learning about their lives and artwork. The students have been producing some wonderful artwork inspired by their class artist.

## Gallery Trust Newsletter July 2024

I am pleased to be able to share with you The Gallery Trust's Newsletter. Please click on the link: [The Gallery Trust Newsletter 2024](#) The newsletter is full of articles from across our Trust to celebrate the learning, opportunities and achievements through the year.

## Stay True to You Workshop– Parents & Carers | 25 September 2024 6:30-8:30pm

Parenting children and young adults is hard, sometimes it can be scary and overwhelming with news stories and social media influencing how safe we feel our children are and the risks they may face in today's climate.

Expert trainers from The Ben Kinsella Trust are offering FREE virtual workshops for parents, carers, extended family members and those in the wider community to help them have those tricky conversations with their children and friends about safety.

For further information and to book your place please [click here](#)

## Controlled parking zones

We just wanted to provide you with advanced notice that the County Council are most likely going to make the roads in the local area to the school, controlled parking zones.

This means that there will be allocated parking spaces with residents parking permits and operational hours.

This is just for information and if we know more we will add further information to the newsletter.

## Photographer in school - Monday 16th September 2024

For information, we have booked for the school photographer to come into school on Monday 16th September. The photographer will be taking photos of students for internal use only and for the school to use for our Star of the Week lanyards.

Please note these are not the photos that are sent home for parents to purchase, these will be taken later in the academic year. Please contact reception if you require any further information.

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Dates for your diary	
Tuesday 15th October 2024	Termly Outcome Plan Evening
Thursday 24th October 2024	End of Term
Friday 25th October 2024	INSET Day
Monday 4th November 2024	Start of Term
Friday 20th December 2024	End of Term One
Monday 6th January 2025	INSET day
Tuesday 7th January 2025	Start of Term Two
Friday 14th February 2025	End of Term
Monday 24th February 2025	Start of Term
Friday 4th April 2025	End of Term Two
Monday 21st April 2025	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 22nd April 2025	Start of Term Three
Monday 5th May 2025	Bank Holiday
Friday 23rd May 2025	End of Term
Monday 2nd June 2025	Start of Term
Friday 18th July 2025	End of Term Three

## Uniform Reminder

This is a gentle reminder regarding school uniform, details can be found on our website with a link to order from PMG.: <https://iffleyacademy.co.uk/key-information/school-uniform/>

We believe school uniform is important in promoting positive attitudes, high standards and a sense of personal pride and belonging. With the exception of our sixth form students, we encourage all students to wear school uniform. We recognise that children with SEND may need additional flexibility and we will work with individual parents to ensure that we are meeting their needs.

The Iffley Academy uniform consists of:

- (•) purple sweatshirt with grey embroidery and/or grey sweatshirt with purple embroidery
- (•) grey polo shirt with purple embroidery
- (•) black skirt *(please ensure these are of an appropriate length)*
- (•) black shorts *(please ensure these are of an appropriate length)*
- (•) black tailored trousers or jogging bottoms *(without stripes or large logos)*
- (•) black shoes or trainers

Our school uniform is designed to support the sensory needs of our students. Health and safety is our top priority, therefore students should avoid wearing jewellery in school. The exception is single pierced ears with small studs, small watch/fitness tracker.

## Term Dates

Please [click here](#) to view our term dates for 2024-2025.

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## Lunch Menu Week Commencing 9th September

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Veggie Chilli (Gf, Df, Vegan)	Chicken pie with Pastry topping	Roast Pork (Gf, Df)	Spaghetti bolognese (Gf, Df)	Southern Fried Chicken
Vegetarian		Vegetable pie with Pastry topping	Roast Quorn (Df, V)	Quorn bolognese (Df)	Southern Fried Quorn
Served With	Rice (Gf, D, V) Nachos (Df, V)	New potatoes Green beans (Gf, Df, Vegan)	Roast Potatoes & Gravy Peas & Carrots (Df, Gf, Vegan)	Garlic Baguette Slice (Df, Vegan) Sweetcorn (Df, Gf, Vegan) Spaghetti (Df, Vegan)	Chips Coleslaw (Gf, Df, Vegan)
Pudding	Apple crumble (Df, Vegan) Custard (Gf)	Chocolate Sponge  Chocolate Sauce (Gf)	Strawberry Cheesecake	Syrup Sponge  Custard (Gf)	Chocolate Brownie (Df)

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

### Lunch menu

Please [click here](#) to view our lunch menu which will run from September to December.

### Transport concerns:

We wrote to you earlier this week to clarify that we have been very disappointed by the OCC transport department, due to the lack of communication and inconsistent information shared about transport at the start of term. I know this issue has affected many of our families. We both understand and share the same frustrations. We have also been trying to contact the team since Monday to express our concerns and to gain further information.

To clarify, we do not oversee or have influence over transport but will be outlining our concerns directly to the OCC transport safeguarding team.

If you also wish to share your concerns with this team, I have enclosed their email:

[transportsafeguardingofficer@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:transportsafeguardingofficer@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

Oxfordshire SEND Room have also responded to the transport issues. Please [click here](#) to view the information they have shared.