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Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great sadness that I share the news that Mr Short, who taught History at ICHS for over 30 years, has died suddenly. Mr Short started teaching at ICHS in 1982 and retired in the summer of 2014. Many of you will remember Mr Short, not only as an excellent historian and teacher but as a kind and considerate man who worked hard to support both students and colleagues.

In order to allow members of staff to attend Mr Short's funeral, school will close early on Monday 12th June 2017. Final arrangements for the funeral are being made but we expect the school to close at 1.00pm. There are a number of examinations taking place on Monday 12th June and these will continue in the normal way. If your son is sitting one of these examinations please do not worry, there will be staff on site to supervise and the examinations will take place in exactly the same way as usual. I apologise for any inconvenience that this early closure will cause.

Our new caterers Alliance in Partnership have launched an App for mobile phones. The Catering App is a great way to view the menu, special offers, meal deals and loyalty card offers. If you would like to download the Catering App it is available for download via the Apple Store or by scanning the QR Code below. The App is available to students before and after school and at the weekends, it is not assessable during school hours.

Work on our new build is forging ahead. The building itself is now complete and work on the IT networks has been commissioned. We are on track for a September opening and are looking forward to moving into our new facilities!

I hope you all have a happy and peaceful half-term break.

Best wishes

Mrs Drysdale

Headteacher



GOVERNORS' BRIEFING

With the general Election looming I thought you might find it useful to have a summary of the main points affecting secondary schools from the manifestos of the three main parties. Clearly when exercising your vote there are many other issues to consider but for many of us education is one of the key areas.

CONSERVATIVES

- Increase schools budget by £4 billion by 2022.
- Protect Pupil Premium.
- Improve schools accountability at KS3.
- Lift the ban on new grammar schools and build at least 100 new free schools.
- Expect 90 per cent of pupils to have been entered for EBacc combination of GCSEs by 2025.
- Consider how OFSTED can give parents more information on what their children are being taught.



LABOUR

- Introduce a fairer funding formula and invest in new school buildings.
- Transition to a qualified graduate led workforce and address the teacher recruitment and retention crisis by ending the teachers pay cap.
- Invest in measures to reduce the attainment gap between children from different backgrounds.
- Ensure all schools are democratically accountable.
- Create a National Education Service for England.
- Encourage interaction between education and industry.



Liberal

- Introduce a fairer national funding system and protect per pupil funding in real terms.
- Protect Pupil Premium.
- End the teachers pay cap.
- Introduce an educational standards authority to monitor a slimmed down national curriculum.
- Protect the availability of arts and creative subjects in the curriculum.
- All teachers have QTS or working towards QTS by 2019.



All the parties have many other items relating to education in their manifestos particularly in relation to primary schools and we will not know the results of the response to the second phase of the governments consultation on the national funding formulas until after the election so that may change whoever wins.

On a more personal note thanks to all of you who have attended the meetings about the schools financial position and for your ideas which are extremely helpful.

Best wishes

Mr Pedro

Chair of Governors



IMPORTANT DATES FOR SUMMER TERM

Thursday 25 th May	PC4 Home to Parents
Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June	Half Term (Students not in school)
Monday 5 th June	Students return to school
	Year 13 Off Site Study begins
Monday 5 th to Friday 9 th June	Mentoring Fortnight
Tuesday 6 th and Wednesday 7 th June	Year 7 Dover Castle Trip
Monday 12 th to Friday 16 th June	Mentoring Fortnight
Monday 12 th to Thursday 15 th June	Year 10 MFL Speaking
Wednesday 14 th June	Year 7 Dover Castle Trip
Monday 19 th June	Start of UCAS References
Tuesday 20 th to Wednesday 21 st June	Art Exhibition
Thursday 22 nd June	J5 Open Evening
	Higher Education Day
Friday 23 rd June	Year 10 Practice Exams Briefing
Monday 26 th June	EID (tbc)
	Year 7 CC Project: London
Monday 26 th to Thursday 29 th June	Year 10 Practice Exams
Wednesday 28 th June	New Year 12s Parents Evening
Thursday 29 th June	Year 11 Return Book Day
	Year 12 Taster Day
Friday 30 th June	Year 13 Book Return Day
	House Day / London Trip
	Last day of Public Exams
Monday 3 rd to Wednesday 5 th July	Year 9 End of Year Exams
Monday 3 rd to Friday 14 th July	Year 11 Work Experience
Wednesday 5 th July	Year 12 Ecology Trip
	New Year 7s Parents Evening
Thursday 6 th July	New Year 7s Induction Day
Friday 7 th July	Year 8 Speeches Final
	Sixth Form Careers Day
Monday 10 th to Friday 14 th July	Year 10 Economics CCW Week
Tuesday 11 th July	Year 12 Sports Day
Friday 14 th July	Last day for UCAS References
	Years 7-10 Sports Day
Monday 17 th July	Years 7-10 Sports Day (Reserve)
	Work Experience Debrief Day
Friday 21 st July	Last Day of Summer Term
Thursday 17 th August	A Level Results Day
Thursday 24 th August	GCSE Results Day

11+ EXAM

Ilford County High School is one of the two selective state schools in the London Borough of Redbridge. Entry is made through a voluntary selection test, which is administered by Redbridge Local Education Authority and taken in the September of Year 6. The schools' catchment area includes the whole of Redbridge and selected areas of adjacent boroughs.

11 Plus registration for Ilford County High School starting September 2018 is open from 1st May 2017 and will close at 5.00pm on 30th June 2017. The 11+ exam will take place on Saturday 16th September. Application to be made through your Local Education Authority.

For more information, please check the following page:
<https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/redbridge-11-plus/>



Redbridge 11 Plus

PROSPECTIVE YEAR 7 OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 22nd JUNE 2017

6.00pm to 8.00pm

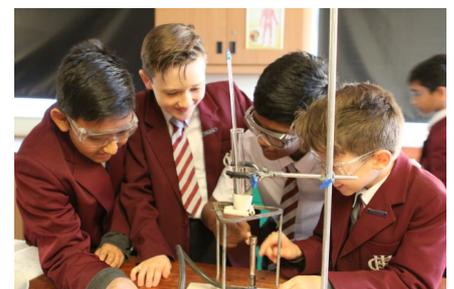
The Headteacher will speak at: 6.00pm, 6.45pm, 7.30pm and 8.00pm

GRAMMAR SCHOOL ENTRY 2018

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OPEN EVENING FOR PUPILS CURRENTLY IN YEAR 5 AND THEIR PARENTS



OPEN EVENING HELPERS

On Thursday 22nd June 2017, our school is holding the annual Open Evening for parents of children in Year 5 who are considering their choice of secondary school.

The letters inviting our Year 7, Year 12 and Year 10 Peer Mentors students as helpers on this day have been sent home.

I would be grateful if you would allow your son to help us on our Open Evening and help us with showcasing our school. Please see the details in the letter regarding the time and where your son will be registered on that day. All our helpers will be free to leave at 8.00pm and can then be collected from outside the Fremantle Road gate.

Please complete the permission slip at the bottom of the letter sent and ask your son to return it to the School Office as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Foucher (Deputy Headteacher)



ACADEMIC MENTORING FORTNIGHT

Dear Parents/Carers,

The last Academic Mentoring fortnight of this school year is nearly upon us. It will start Monday 5th June after half term for 2 weeks. Please note:

- ↪ No timing changes to Lessons 1 – 4 and lunchtime.
- ↪ 2.00pm: Start of Lesson 5.
- ↪ 3.00pm: School ends for all pupils except those who have Academic Mentoring Interviews and those who have an assembly. The assembly rota will continue as per usual.

If boys do not turn up for their Academic Mentoring interviews, the form tutors will follow this up with Heads of House/ Sixth form team.

Form Tutors have booked appointments with their tutees during registration and have asked them to write these directly in their planners.

Mrs Foucher (Deputy Headteacher)



COMMUNITY AWARENESS



To all parents/carers, a gentle reminder regarding parking onsite and around the school:

- ☞ No stopping on the school grounds, in front of the school gates or on the roundabout.
- ☞ Please be mindful when parking in residents only areas, so you don't get a ticket or block other people's cars.
- ☞ Parking is available in local roads like Mossford Lane or Longwood Gardens.

SAFEGUARDING: SOCIAL MEDIA

Dear Parents/Carers,

We all know how easy it is nowadays to share information on the social media channels available to us and how we all use them as a way of sharing news and keeping in touch with family and friends. However, we must always be mindful and respect others, especially when sharing information and pictures where other children are involved.

When doing a basic search on Facebook using Ilford County High School as the search criteria, we get many results where we can see pictures of children identified as ICCHS pupils accessible to the public, or ICCHS group pictures, including teachers, that have been posted by proud parents/carers.

Even though we understand the joy of sharing news and successes with family and friends, we must ask you to be mindful and ask that you do not post, on any social media outlet, information or photos with children other than your own or with other adults who have not specifically given their consent.

As a gentle reminder, please ensure you set your online profiles to/as private in order to prevent public access, and not post sensitive information (e.g. your child's name and school). Please be aware that even private profiles can be accessed by experienced IT professionals.

If you have any queries or need help to address any specific safeguarding issues, please do let me know.

Thank you,

Mr Streatfield (Safeguarding Lead)



YEAR 7 DOVER CASTLE TRIP

The History Department is looking forward to taking students from Year 7 on a day trip to Dover Castle after the Half Term Holiday.

The date for the trip will depend on your son's form:

- 7E1 and 7E2 will visit Dover on Tuesday 6th June 2017
- 7H1 and 7H2 will visit Dover on Wednesday 7th June 2017
- 7F1 and 7F2 will visit Dover on Wednesday 14th June 2017

If you have not already sent us your consent slip or completed payment via ParentPay, there is still time.

You can access ParentPay via the following link: <https://www.parentpay.com/>

Copies of the letter, which includes information about the clothing and equipment which your son will need, can be found on the school's website: <http://www.ichs.org.uk/trips-residentials>

Mr Pearson (Head of History and Politics)



PE EXTRACURRICULAR TIMETABLE: JUN & JUL

	Before school (7.15 - 8.30)	Lunchtime (1.15 – 1.50)	After school (3.30 – 4.30)
Monday	Cricket nets: Years 8 & 9	Basketball: KS3 & KS4	Cricket fixtures (check inter-house comp sheet)
Tuesday	Futsal: Year 8 & 9	GCSE Practical	Cricket fixtures (check inter-house comp sheet)
Wednesday	Futsal: Years 10 & 11	GCSE Theory Intervention (PE1) Cricket training: Years 7 & 8	Cricket fixtures (check inter-house comp) Athletics training: Years 9 & 10
Thursday	Cricket nets: Year 7	Cricket training: Year 10	Cricket fixtures Athletics training: Years 7 & 8
Friday	Cricket training: Year 9	Badminton, table tennis and short tennis	Reward hour Staff usage



YEAR 13S LEAVERS

On 18th May we said an official goodbye to our Year 13 students with a final Year 13 assembly where students and staff shared their memories of their time at ICBS. The highlight of the event was a balloon release. We all wish the Year 13s the best of luck in their forthcoming exams and we look forward to seeing them again in school on A Level results day, Thursday 17th August 2017.

Mrs Begum (Head of Sixth Form)



YEAR 13S LEAVERS

SIXTH FORM TEAM AWARDS

Mrs Begum's
choice:
KUBILAY
ERKUL



Ms Wood's
choice:
ZAIN
VOHRA



Mrs
McDonach's
choice:
SHAMREZ ALI
SYED



YEAR13S CHOICES

Best Teacher
MR PEARSON



Firm but Fair Teacher
MS VON ABENDORFF



Most Helpful Staff Member
MRS McDONACH



GCSE POD

Dear Parents/Carers,

GCSE Pod has now been launched with Year 10. This is an important tool for your son, as it's good for revision over this half term and will help your child to prepare for the end of year exams.

Kind regards,

Mrs Foucher (Deputy Head)



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PHILOSOPHER OF THE MONTH - JUNE



BLAISE PASCAL

Blaise Pascal, (born June 19, 1623, Clermont-Ferrand, France—died August 19, 1662, Paris) was a French mathematician, physicist, religious philosopher, and master of prose.

He laid the foundation for the modern theory of probabilities, formulated what came to be known as Pascal's principle of pressure, and propagated a religious doctrine that taught the experience of God through the heart rather than through reason. The establishment of his principle of intuitionism had an impact on such later philosophers as Jean-Jacques Rousseau and Henri Bergson and also on the Existentialists.

Ms Capin (Head of Philosophy and Ethics)

"We view things not only from different sides, but with different eyes; we have no wish to find them alike."

"Kind words do not cost much. Yet they accomplish much."

"In faith there is enough light for those who want to believe and enough shadows to blind those who don't."

"Since we cannot know all that there is to be known about anything, we ought to know a little about everything."

Blaise Pascal



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