ILFORD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

30th October 2017

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# Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to ICHS. I hope you all had an enjoyable half-term break and that your sons are rested and ready to begin their studies again.

We had our first PSHEE Week in October and students have been extremely positive about the experience. The theme of the week was 'Future Citizens' and Year 7 to 10 each spent a day involved in a range of activities. Year 7 were engaged in a range of problem solving activities on the school field, whilst Year 8 undertook a 'Be Money Wise' activity day organised by the MyBnk charity. Year 10 were involved in a 'War and Peace' Day whilst Year 9 undertook a day of crime prevention activities with the charity Impressionable Minds.

Please can I remind all students and parents that there is no need to bring sharp objects into school. If students are completing a craft project we will provide the resources that they need and will ensure that any craft knives or pointed scissors are used carefully and under appropriate adult supervision. If students bring scissors into school please can you ensure that they have rounded ends. Thank-you.

I have recently received letters from the local Housing Authority and our neighbours at the Barkingside Methodist Church. Both letters have complained about some of our parents using their parking facilities and not acting responsibly – there have been a number of near misses and shockingly some parents have been quite abusive to local residents. It is really important that we get on well with our neighbours and I don't want to put our current good relationships at risk. Please can I ask that all parents park carefully and considerately when they drop off and collect their sons from school. Thank-you for your help and support in this matter.

We have had a number of new and useful safeguarding resources that have been shared with us in recent weeks so I am sharing them with you so that you can, if you wish, discuss them with your son. The NSPCC has recently updated its website and it contains some excellent materials and online safety advice, their website is www.nspcc.org.uk. The BBC has developed a set of free videos that are available online called 'When I worry about things' that are aimed at students aged between 8 and 13 and have been developed using guidance from clinical psychologists to help children deal with OCD, depression, panic attacks, eating disorders and bullying. If your son is facing any of these issues I would ask that you contact your son's Head of House or Form Tutor so we can work with you to support him but you may also find these videos a useful resource.

Best wishes,

**Mrs Drysdale**

# Important Dates for Autumn Term

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| Thursday 2nd November | University Entrance Exams |
| Monday 6th to Friday 10th November | Computing Department Bebras Challenge Week |
| Tuesday 7th November | Senior Maths Challenge |
| Wednesday 8th November | Year 7 Parents morning (9.00-11.00am) |
| | Sixth Form: Medics and Dentists Social Event |
| Thursday 9th November | 6th Form Open Evening (6.00-8.00pm) |
| Wednesday 15th November | Year 10 Curriculum Evening (6.00-8.00pm) |
| Friday 17th November | Staff Training Day (students not in school) |
| Monday 20th to Friday 24th November | Geography GCSE Trip |
| Monday 27th November to Friday 1st December | Geography A Level Trip |
| Monday 27th November | Year 11 MFL Mock oral exams week |
| | Year 10 Careers Interviews |
| Tuesday 28th November | Year 10 Careers Interviews |
| | Year 12 AS Parent Teacher Consultation (by invite) |
| | Year 13 Parent Teacher Consultation (4.00-7.00pm) |
| Thursday 30th November | Year 13 Interview Skills Day |
| Monday 4th to Friday 8th December | PSHEE Drop Down Week |
| Monday 4th December | Computer Science Olympiad |
| Friday 8th December | Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge |
| Monday 11th to Friday 15th December | Year 11 Practice Exams |
| Wednesday 13th December | Home School Links Meeting |
| Tuesday 19th December | Progress Check Report 2 home to parents |
| Wednesday 20th December | End of term (students) |
| Thursday 21st December to 1st January | Winter Holiday |
| Tuesday 2nd January 2018 | Staff Training Day (students not in school) |
| Wednesday 3rd January 2018 | Start of Spring term (students return to school) |

# Extra Curricular Activities 17/18

| | Club | Time | Staff | Room |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Monday | ART GCSE/A-Level Drop in session | 3.15 - 4.15pm | Mr Stutchbury | Ar1 |
| | ART CLUB KS3 + 4 | 1.15 - 2.15pm | Mr Stutchbury | Ar1 |
| | Philosophy and Ethics Drop-in Session (HW & CW help and catch up session) | 1.15 - 1.35pm | Ms Capin | Py1 |
| | Film Club (no entry after 8.10) | 8.05 - 8.40am | Miss Philpott / Miss Shah | EN1 |
| Tuesday | Full Course GCSE Class (Years 9 and 10 only) | 7.30 - 8.30am | Ms Capin | PY1 |
| | Board Games Club (Years 7 to 11) | 1.05 - 1.55pm | Mr Emeny | Hi1 |
| | Geography in the news (KS3, KS4, KS5) | 1.10 - 1.40pm | Mrs Cindea | GY1 |
| | Film Club (no entry after 8.10am) | 8.05 - 8.40am | Miss Philpott / Miss Shah | EN1 |
| | Drama Club: week B only | 1.15 - 1.50pm | Mr Willcocks | Hall |
| Wednesday | Board Games Club (Years 7 to 11) | 1.05 - 1.55pm | Mr Emeny | Hi1 |
| | ART GCSE/A-Level Drop in session + Year 11 Art Twilight session | 3.15 - 4.15pm | Mr Stutchbury | Ar1 |
| | Philosophy and Ethics Progress Support Session (by invitation) | 3.15 - 4.15pm | Ms Capin | Py1 |
| | Geography AS/A level Support Session (AS/A Level students): week B only | 3.20 - 4.20pm | Mrs Cindea / Mr Hanch | GY1 / GY2 |
| | Film Club (no entry after 8.10) | 8.05 - 8.40am | Miss Philpott / Miss Shah | EN1 |
| | Chemistry Intervention (Year 11) | 3.15 - 4.05pm | Mrs A Ali | G14 |
| Thursday | Board Games Club (Years 7 to 11) | 1.05 - 1.55pm | Mr Emeny | Hi1 |
| | Geography GCSE Revision Time (Yrs 10 & 11 GCSE students) | 3.20 - 4.20pm | Mrs Cindea / Mr Hanch | GY1 |
| | Film Club (no entry after 8.10) | 8.05 - 8.40am | Miss Philpott / Miss Shah | EN1 |
| Friday | Tabletop Gaming Club (Years 7 to 13): week B only | 3:30 - 6:30 pm | Mr Emery | PE1 |
| | Film Club (no entry after 8.10) | 8.05 - 8.40am | Miss Philpott / Miss Shah | EN1 |

# Sixth Form Open Evening

For entry into Year 12 in September 2018

## 9th November 2017

**Doors open at 6:15pm**
**Tours of the School 6:30-7:30pm**
**Presentation to commence at 7:30pm**

Unfortunately, parking in the school grounds is not permitted.
However, you may park in nearby roads. Please be considerate of our neighbours.

**Application packs will be available at the Open Evening, and afterwards on our website, www.ichs.org.uk**

Ofsted Outstanding 2007|2008

LEADING EDGE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME

BRITISH COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD 2012–2015

# Student's Absence

Dear Parents/Carers,

To report your son's absence, you can text the school's mobile number on **07860 030 493**.

This way, you don't have to wait for the school Office to open as you'll be able to do it at any time of the day.

**Mr Streatfield (Deputy Head)**

# PE Extracurricular Timetable Oct-Dec

| | Before School 7.15-8.15 | Lunchtime 1.10-1.50 | After School 3.30-4.30 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Monday** | | Table tennis and badminton KS3 | Inter-house fixtures |
| **Tuesday** | Year 7 and 8 futsal | Basketball KS3+4<br>Year 9 swimming | Meetings |
| **Wednesday** | Year 9 and 10 futsal | Table tennis and badminton KS4<br>Rowing club KS3+4 | 1st XI fixtures<br>Inter-house fixtures |
| **Thursday** | Year 11 futsal | GCSE Club | Inter-house fixtures |
| **Friday** | | Badminton KS3 (Week A)<br>Badminton KS4 (Week B) | Reward/Staff usage |

N.B – If you are not in correct kit when attending a club you can't participate e.g. No Shin pads for Football or Futsal you CAN NOT PARTICIPATE.

KS3 – Year 7 & 8

KS4 – Year 9, 10 & 11

# PE Inter-House Schedule Oct-Dec

| Date | | Activity | Year group |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wednesday | 1/11/17 | Table tennis | 8 |
| Thursday | 2/11/17 | Table tennis | 9 |
| Monday | 6/11/17 | Table tennis | 10 |
| Wednesday | 8/11/17 | Table tennis | 11 |
| Thursday | 9/11/17 | Table tennis | 7 |
| Monday | 13/11/17 | Badminton | 7 |
| Wednesday | 15/11/17 | Badminton | 8 |
| Thursday | 16/11/17 | Badminton | 9 |
| Monday | 27/11/17 | Badminton | 10 |
| Tuesday | 28/11/17 | Badminton | 11 |
| Monday | 4/12/17 | Dodgeball | 7 |
| Wednesday | 6/12/17 | Dodgeball | 8 |
| Thursday | 7/12/17 | Dodgeball | 9 |
| Monday | 11/12/17 | Dodgeball | 10 |
| Wednesday | 14/12/17 | Dodgeball | 11 |

# New Year 7 Parents

Dear Parents/Carers,

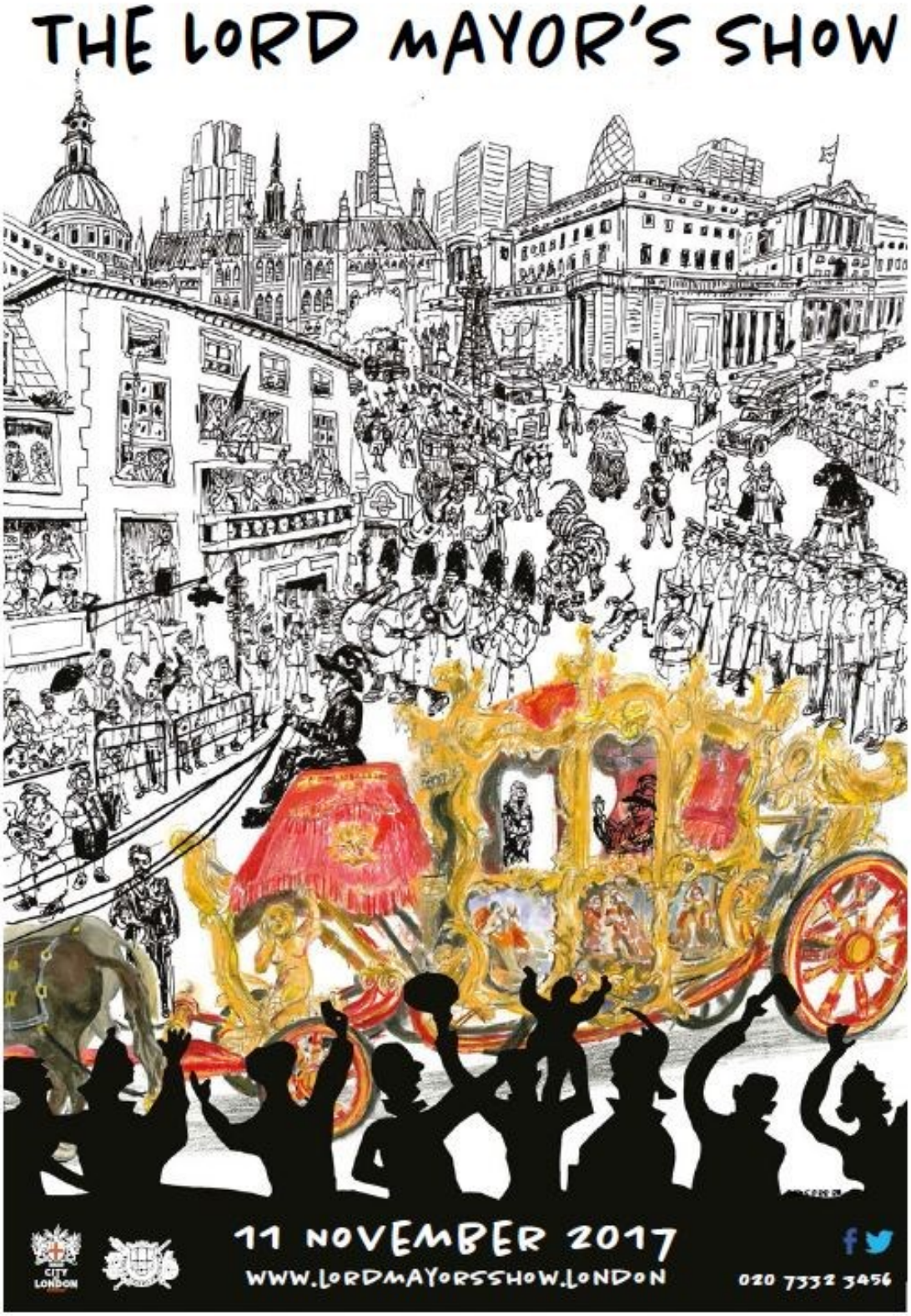
We understand that transition period from Primary School can be difficult and can cause some anxiety. All staff at ICHS are ready to help parents/carers and students to make this transition as smooth as possible.

As we move to the second half of the Autumn Term, we kindly ask you to collect your children from the Fremantle pedestrian access in order to allow vehicles through the main school gate.

Thank you,

**Mrs Branco (Office Team Lead)**

# The Lord Mayor's Show 2017

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