



Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all our parents who came into school for the Sixth Form Information Evening and our Year 10 Curriculum Evening. Year 10 are of course beginning the GCSE courses that will support their future learning; whilst Year 11 are reaching the end of these courses and contemplating the start of A levels, careers and apprenticeships.

It is sometimes hard when the pressure is on and you need to make important choices about which subjects to study at A level, to remember that learning should be enjoyable! We all study better, learn more and are more successful when we are studying subjects we love. If you are currently supporting your son whilst he makes these difficult choices may I please add one word of advice to your discussions - our most successful students are usually those who study the subjects they enjoy and want to study rather than those who study the subjects they feel that they "ought" to study! Successful A level study is not just about having a high grade in the subject at GCSE but also about having an aptitude for a subject and a desire to find out more about it.

We have lots of young men at ICHS who have allergies and medical conditions. Please can I ask that if your son suffers from a medical condition or allergy that you let us know as soon as possible if we are not already aware of his condition. As a school we are careful to ensure that this type of information is held securely and confidentially. By letting us know if your son has an allergy or medical condition we are able to ensure we cater for your son's needs and if appropriate we can provide discrete support.

It is a sad fact that young people sometimes attract unwanted attention on line. A useful app was shared with me recently. It is available on the Childline website and provides young people with safe and humorous images that they can use to reply to any online sexting requests they may receive. It gives children an easy way to "just say no". I have included the link below should you wish to share this with your son: <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/sexting/zipit-app/>

Best wishes,

Mrs Drysdale

Headteacher

IMPORTANT DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM

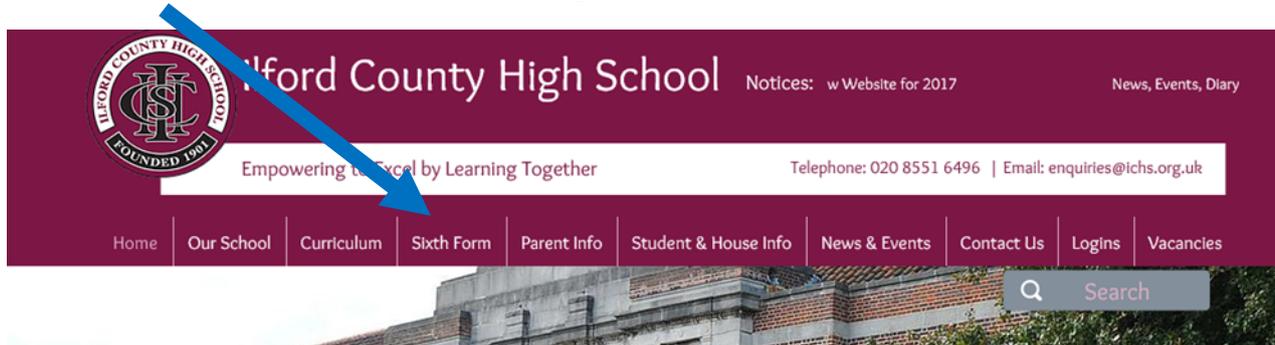
Monday 27 th November	Year 11 MFL Mock oral exams week
	Year 10 Careers Interviews
Tuesday 28 th November	Year 10 Careers Interviews
	Year 12 AS Parent Teacher Consultation (by invite)
	Year 13 Parent Teacher Consultation (4.00-7.00pm)
Thursday 30 th November	Year 13 Interview Skills Day
Monday 4 th to Friday 8 th December	PSHEE Drop Down Week
Monday 4 th December	Computer Science Olympiad
Tuesday 5 th December	ICHS Christmas Lunch: KS4 & KS5
Wednesday 6 th December	ICHS Christmas Lunch: KS3
Thursday 7 th December	Economics Enterprise Day
	Yr7 Drama Interform Day
Friday 8 th December	Year 11 Exams Briefing
	Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge
Monday 11 th to Friday 15 th December	Year 11 Practice Exams
Wednesday 13 th December	Home School Links Meeting
Monday 18 th to Tuesday 19 th December	Year 11 Practice Exams
Tuesday 19 th December	Progress Check Report 2 home to parents
Wednesday 20 th December	End of term (students)
Thursday 21 st December to 1 st January	Winter Holiday
Tuesday 2 nd January 2018	Staff Training Day (students not in school)
Wednesday 3 rd January 2018	Start of Spring term (students return to school)



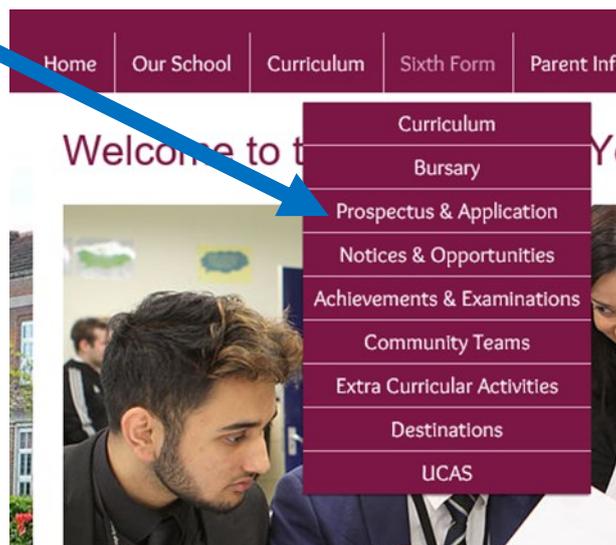
APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR SIXTH FORM

PLEASE NOTE THAT INTERNAL YEAR 11 STUDENTS **MUST** SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A PLACE IN ICHS SIXTH FORM IN SEPTEMBER 2018.

1. Go to our school website, www.ichs.org.uk
2. Select 'Sixth Form' from the tabs across the top:



3. Select 'Prospectus and Application' from the drop-down menu:



4. In the 'Application Process' paragraph, click on the link to be taken to our application form.

Guidance for filling out the form

On the ***Prospectus and Application*** section of the school website, there is a grey box entitled 'Downloads', which contains the 2018 ICHS Sixth Form entry requirements, course guidance and Sixth Form prospectus. Please read these documents carefully before applying.

THE DEADLINE IS MIDNIGHT ON TUESDAY 30TH JANUARY 2018

ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS



Dear Parents/Carers,

At ICHS we believe that excellent attendance at school is important for every student as it directly contributes to their learning, progress and outcomes. By attending school regularly and on time, it helps our students to develop a positive approach to becoming more organised, reliable and responsible for their own actions. These are all qualities which are vital later in life.

If a student is unable to attend school, parents/carers must contact the school office before 9:00 am, either by sending a text to 07860 030 493 or sending an email to enquiries@ichs.org.uk. If you receive a text message in the morning to say your child has not registered in the morning, please reply as soon as possible. A letter explaining any absence must also be provided to the school office upon the child's return. If the reason provided is acceptable, then we will authorise this absence.

At ICHS we are committed to maintaining high levels of school attendance and punctuality. We view students as being of concern if they have an attendance rate below the national average of 95%. Where we have concerns we liaise closely with our Education Welfare Officer who, in turn, works directly with our Heads of House and our parents/carers to offer support and to ensure that strategies are in place to improve attendance.

For further detail on ICHS Attendance Policy, please visit our website at www.ichs.org.uk

Mr Kelly (Assistant Headteacher)

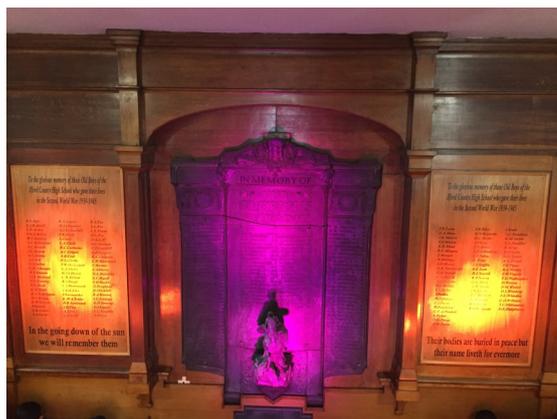
REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Monday 13th November, Year 8 students took part in our annual Remembrance Day service. As a mark of respect, each Year 8 student learnt the name of a former ICHS student who graciously fought and unfortunately lost their lives in WW1 or WW2. Each name was read out at 11:11am at the front of the school in front of the ICHS memorial plaque.

This was preceded by Finn Faria in Year 12 playing "The Last Post" which initiated a minute's silence that was observed by the whole school.

Mr Kelly would like to thank all of Year 8, for their role played in the service, Finn Faria and Mrs Grout for her help in its organisation.

Mr Kelly (Assistant Headteacher)





ICHS Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 5th December for KS4 and KS5

Wednesday 6th December for KS3

Christmas Lunch will cost the same as a meal deal with dessert. **You will need to collect a ticket from the canteen to indicate if you want a Christmas lunch from next week but pay on the day of your lunch.** The meal will include a full Christmas lunch with trimmings (vegetarian option available). For dessert, a choice of either mince pies or festive chocolate cake with chocolate sauce



On 5th December, KS3 will be able to purchase sandwiches/ baguettes or a hot meal.

On 6th December, KS4 will be able to purchase sandwiches/ baguettes or a hot meal



VISIT BY CHILDREN'S AUTHOR, ROBIN JARVIS

On Tuesday 14th November, Year 7 students, together with over a hundred pupils from three local primary schools, were treated to a very interesting visit by best-selling author Robin Jarvis. Robin wrote the series 'The Deptford Mice' and 'Whitby Witches' and was here to talk about his new series 'The Witching Legacy' and how he became an author.

He fascinated his audience by describing how he created his imaginative characters through model making. It was through his artistic creations that he started writing stories based around them.



The success of the event was evident by the long queues that formed to buy his books and get them signed. It took Robin over an hour to complete and so he was delighted by the response too.

Mrs Saffer (LRC Manager)

SCHOOL FIELD: IMPORTANT NOTICE

Dear Parents/Carers,

As of week beginning 27th November 2017, all students will be required to wear football boots if they wish to use the football field at lunch time.

The students **must** change back into school shoes before entering the school building. If the students are on the field without boots they will be asked to leave.

Any defiance will result in a sanction and multiple offences may result in the closure of the school field. The field will be out of bounds during break time.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mr Kelly (Assistant Headteacher)



ICHS CREATIVITY AWARD 2018



"To draw, you must close your eyes and sing" - Pablo Picasso



What could it be?

Music compositions...

Short stories...

Poems...

Paintings...

Sketches...

Dances...

Dramas...

What for?

Originality...

Expressivity...

Perceptivity...

Depth...

What could it achieve?

A school certificate...

30 CC points for Gold...

20 CC points for Silver...

10 CC points for Bronze...

An accolade for UCAS..?

What now?

Open to all years...

Winners announced July 2018...

See Mr Dixon for more information...

PSHEE DROPDOWN WEEK

PSHEE Drop Down Week 2

Theme: 'Being Healthy and Being Safe'

5th December 2017 - 8th December 2017



Tuesday 5th December

Year 9 will be on drop down timetable on Tuesday 5th December 2017 as part of the PSHEE Drop Down Week.

Year 9 will be focusing on First Aid and Mental health.



Wednesday 6th December

Year 10 will be on drop down timetable on Wednesday 6th December 2017 as part of the PSHEE Drop Down Week.

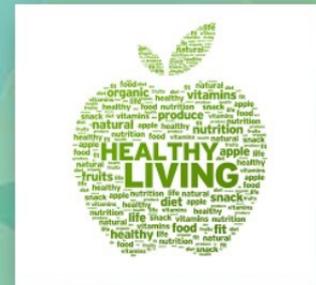
Year 10 will be focusing on Drugs and Health.



Thursday 7th December

Year 8 will be on drop down timetable on Thursday 7th December 2017 as part of the PSHEE Drop Down Week.

Year 8 will be focusing on Healthy and Active Lifestyle.



Friday 8th December

Year 7 will be on drop down timetable on Friday 8th December 2017 as part of the PSHEE Drop Down Week.

Year 7 will be focusing on Safety on the Roads.



More information will be given during form time nearer the event.

GCSE POD: YEARS 10 & 11



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- ✓ Support consolidation of knowledge
- ✓ Reduce workload by accessing pre-written questions
- ✓ Set self-marking homework tasks
- ✓ Give online student feedback
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Dr Kevin Hylands, Principal, The George Eliot School

- 19 exam mapped subjects
- Independent learning
- Flipped classroom
- Knowledge gap identification
- Community Question bank
- Set and mark homework
- Intervention
- Measurable impact

HOW TO LOGIN:

- 1) Go to www.gcsepod.com and click LOGIN
- 2) Click NEW HERE? GET STARTED!
- 3) Select Teacher and enter your email address.
- 4) Log in with your email address and the password



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MAYOR OF REDBRIDGE FESTIVE RUNS



Mayors Santa Run 2017

London Borough of
Redbridge



Mayor of Redbridge Festive Runs

Sunday 3 December 2017

2 Festive Runs from Beal High School, Woodford Bridge Road, IG4 5LP

*10am - 10km Race for adults - £10 per participant
&*

*12 noon - 2km family Santa fun run for children accompanied by an adult.
£10 entry fee per team of one child (under 16) with one adult.*

*All money raised will go to the Mayor's charities:
Haven House and St Francis Hospice.*

Sign up at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mayors-fun-run-tickets-38297578087>

Running numbers can be collected in advance from Redbridge Town Hall (Please ask at Reception) or on race day

Free Santa Hat and medal for all participants and a prize for the best festive costume

NB. Elves, Christmas Puddings, Snowmen, Reindeer and Angels are all welcome



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