



Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new school year!

I am sure your sons will have shared some of the news of the exciting developments that took place over the summer holidays. Our new building is now open and students are enjoying the facilities – lessons and experiments are taking place in the new classrooms and laboratories, our Grab & Go kiosk is reducing queues in the school canteen and the Sixth Form are happily installed in the new Sixth Form Study Room and Coffee Shop. The roof over the swimming pool, LRC and parts of the Sports Hall has been replaced so we are now in a position to keep the rain on the outside in another part of the school!

We are in the final stages of the refurbishment of the old Biology laboratories, and will be opening two new classrooms and two purpose built computer suites towards the end of this half-term. We have also been working hard to replace the very old IT equipment that was in use across the site and to improve the background computer networks to ensure our new machines run quickly and efficiently. I would like to thank the ICHS staff and contractors who gave up their summer to ensure all this work could be completed ready for the start of the Autumn Term. I must also extend my thanks to the London Borough of Redbridge for their financial help with these essential developments, without their support these developments would not have been possible.

The times of the school day have been altered slightly since last year. Please can I ask all students to be on site at 8.35am ready for lessons to begin at 8.45am. Lessons end at 3.15pm with students being dismissed between 3.15 and 3.25pm. The LRC is open until 4pm, Monday to Thursday should students wish to study at the end of the school day. The LRC closes at 3.30pm on a Friday.

Over the summer holidays many of our students received their results for GCSE and A Level examinations. We appreciate how much hard work students, parents and teachers put in to preparing for the examinations and how important they are. I had the opportunity to congratulate students on each Results Day however I would like to take this opportunity to formally congratulate our students, to wish them well in Sixth Form, University or the work place and to thank staff and parents for their support in preparing students for the examinations.

This summer saw Year 11 students take the new GCSEs in English and Maths alongside the legacy GCSEs in their other subjects, over 99% achieved 5A*-C grades including English and Maths at Grade 4 or above, the government benchmark for this year. 96% of students achieved 5A*-C grades including English and Maths at the higher level of Grade 5 or above. 87% of students achieved the English Baccalaureate, up from 75% the year before, so an excellent set of results. A Level students sat the new examinations in the majority of their subjects, results were also positive with 40% of grades at A*A grade and over 77% at A*-C grade.

I began my letter with the news that we have been able to significantly improve the learning environment of the students here at ICHS over the summer holidays. This work would not have been possible without the additional funding we have received from LBR for capital works and the kind donations made by parents to our Development Fund.

I have spoken previously about the funding crisis facing schools and how grammar schools like ours are particularly badly affected by these cuts. Our school has had little money invested in it over a period of years and we are working hard to improve the learning environment for the boys that attend Ilford County, we are making significant progress but we need your help if this progress is to be sustained. In the next few days you will receive two letters, one asks for your help in providing textbooks for your son and the other asks that you help us to continue to improve the learning environment by making contributions to the School Development Fund. No one likes asking for money but without your help and support we will be unable to provide the quality of resources students currently enjoy and we will struggle to further improve the learning environment.

Best wishes,

Mrs Drysdale

Headteacher

GOVERNORS' BRIEFING

Let me first of all say welcome to our year 7 students and parents and welcome back to the rest of you .I hope you had an enjoyable and restful vacation.

Whilst you have been away we have been making substantial improvements to the school facilities and as you look around you will see the new IT equipment, some laboratories in the old building converted into new classrooms, reduced vegetation around the perimeter and of course the new building. However there is much more we still need to do to improve the infrastructure at the school and if we wish to do this and to continue to provide the boys with a first class education we need some help and you will receive with this newsletter (or shortly after) a letter from myself and the Head setting out details of how you can do so.

I am also pleased to report that we have filled all our teacher vacancies which reflects great credit on the school and the leadership team as many schools have had great difficulty in doing so particularly in the London area. We are at present short of some staff in the administrative support functions so please be patient if sometimes there is a delay in getting back to you and if you know anyone that might be interested in working at the school in an administrative role (particularly if they have previous school experience) please let us know.

I look forward to meeting many of you during the year at parents evenings and other events and wish you all a happy and successful year.

Best wishes

Mr Pedro

Chair of Governors



IMPORTANT DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM

Tuesday 26 th September to Monday 2 nd October	Year 7 CAT/PIE Tests
Wednesday 27 th September	Economics Inspiration Day
Thursday 28 th September	Yr 13 Careers Interviews
Tuesday 3 rd October	Year 12 Safe Drive Stay Alive Trip
Wednesday 4 th October	Year 12 Curriculum Year (6.00-8.00pm)
Wednesday 18 th October	Economics Enterprise Day
Thursday 19 th October	Progress Check Report 1 home to parents
Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October	Half Term holiday
Monday 30 th October	Students come back to school
Thursday 2 nd November	University Entrance Exams
Monday 6 th to Friday 10 th November	Computing Department Bebras Challenge Week
Tuesday 7 th November	Senior Maths Challenge
Wednesday 8 th November	Year 7 Parents morning (9.00-11.00am)
	Medics and Dentists Social Event
Thursday 9 th November	6 th Form Open Evening (6.00-8.00pm)
Wednesday 15 th November	Year 10 Curriculum Evening (6.00-8.00pm)
Friday 17th November	Staff Training Day (students not in school)
Monday 27 th November	Year 11 MFL Mock oral exams week
Tuesday 28 th November	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 December	Computer Science Olympiad
Friday 8 th December	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
Tuesday 19 th December	Progress Check Report 2 home to parents
Wednesday 20 th 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 3 rd January 2018	Start of Spring term (students)

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)



NEW YEAR 7 PARENTS

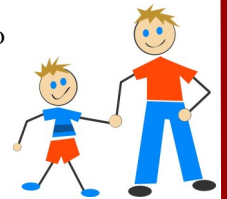
Dear Parents/Carers,

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

We kindly ask you to collect your children from the Fremantle pedestrian access in order to allow vehicles through the main gate.

Thank you,

Mrs Branco (Office Team Lead)



WELCOME TO NEW TEACHING STAFF

Ms Sarah Gidlow	English Department
Mr Anthony Hanch	Humanities Department (Geography)
Ms Sarah Henessy	MLF Department
Miss Kalsoom Iqbal	Head of Maths Department
Miss Yasmin Ismail	Technology Department (Food Tech)
Ms Maya Madahar	Computing Department
Mr Wasim Nawab	Humanities Department (Economics)
Miss Farah Naz	Science Department (Biology)
Mr Jamshed Rumjaun	Science Department (Physics)
Miss Diksha Sadasivam	Maths Department
Miss Tej Shah	English Department
Mr Paul Willcocks	English Department (Drama, Music)

SUBJECT CHANGES FOR YEARS 9, 10 & 12

It has been a busy start to term with a larger than usual number of requests to change subjects (particularly in Year 12). As a school we try to facilitate changes wherever possible but this is dependent on group sizes and the blocking structure in place. Students often forget that a change may mean switches to a number of their other classes if the new subject is not in the same options block. On occasions changes are not possible as groups are full or subject choices clash. If a group is full, students wishing to change into that class will be put onto a waiting list which is active until the deadline passes.

Please be aware that the **FINAL DEADLINES** for changes are:

- Year 9: Friday 29th September
- Year 10: Friday 29th September
- Year 12: Friday 22nd September

Change requests after these dates will not be considered.



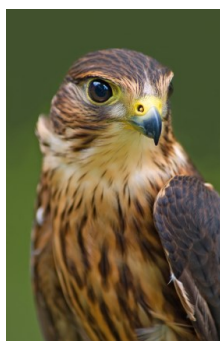
NEW SCHOOL DAY AND TIMES

ATTENTION

<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>	<u>Year 7 - 11</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>	<u>Year 12 - 13</u>
08:35	08:45	Arrival	08:35	08:45	Arrival
08:45	09:45	Period 1	08:45	09:45	Period 1
09:45	10:45	Period 2	09:45	10:45	Period 2
10:45	11:05	Break	10:45	11:05	Break
11:05	12:05	Period 3	11:05	12:05	Period 3
12:05	13:05	Period 4	12:05	13:05	Period 4
13:05	13:55	Lunch	13:05	13:25	Pastoral
13:55	14:15	Pastoral	13:25	14:15	Lunch
14:15	15:15	Period 5	14:15	15:15	Period 5
15:15	15:25	Dismissal	15:15	15:25	Dismissal

HOUSE TUTORS FOR 2017-18

EAGLE HOUSE	Head of House: Mr V Murdock	
7E1	Miss Naz	F10
7E2	Mr Rumjaun	S06
8E1	Mr Taylor	IT1
8E2	Ms Muszynska-Ereur & Miss Ismail	EN3
9E	Mrs Bansal	F02
10E	Mrs Cindea & Mr Carter	GY1
11E	Mr Nawab	EB2



FALCON HOUSE	Head of House: Mr J Smith	
7F1	Mr Ibrahim	G03
7F2	Ms Capin	PY1
8F1	Miss Akesse	NC1
8F2	Ms Famibelle	NC2
9F	Miss Iqbal	MA4
10F	Mr Bassan	ML3
11F	Mr Willcocks	EN1

HAWK HOUSE	Head of House: Miss K Thompson	
7H1	Miss Sadasivam	MA3
7H2	Mrs Freeman & Miss Shah	EN4
8H1	Mr Wills	MA6
8H2	Mr Emeny & Ms Madahar	HI1
9H	Mrs Ali	G14
10H	Mrs Wardrope	F05
11H	Mr Ababio	ML1



OSPREY HOUSE	Head of House: Miss C Warnock	
9O	Mrs Jeshram	MA2
10O	Miss Philpott	EN2
11O	Mrs T Patel	MA5

12E1	Mrs Tyler	F04
12E2	Ms Von Abendorff	F06
12F1	Dr Appiah-Kusi	F01
12F2	Mr Stutchbury	AR1
12H1	Mr Emery	S02
12H2	Mr Lambert	HI2
13E1	Mrs Hitchcock & Mr Quarshie	MA1
13E2	Mr Oldham & Mr Pearson	GT1
13F1	Mrs Malah & Mrs K Patel	EB1
13F2	Mr Neilson & Mr Stockill	PE1
13H1	Mr Hamid & Dr Subbiah	S01
13H2	Mr Hanch	GY2

PE EXTRACURRICULAR TIMETABLE: SEP - OCT

	Before school (7.15 - 8.15)	Lunchtime (1.10 – 1.50)	After school (3.30 – 4.30)
Monday	Year 8 football training	Table tennis and badminton KS3	Year 7 football training Year 9 football training
Tuesday	Year 7 and 8 futsal	Basketball KS3+4 Year 9 swimming	Meetings
Wednesday	Year 9 and 10 futsal	Table tennis and badminton KS4 Rowing club KS3+4	1 st XI fixtures Year 11 football training
Thursday	Year 11 futsal	GCSE Club	Year 10 football training
Friday		Badminton KS3 (Week A) 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't play.

KS3 – Year 7 & 8

KS4 – Year 9, 10 & 11



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