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## PRINCIPAL'S POST

As we come to the end of what has been a very challenging year, how good it has been to see students engaging in the Curriculum Enhancement Week. Trips to the coast with the Humanities faculty, as well as a trip to the forest with PE have been very well received, with comments from the public on how well-behaved our students are. Alongside these, students have been exploring Science and Technology, solving puzzles in Maths and writing a children's book in English. We hope that they have all enjoyed this time reconnecting with the Icen community.

You will be pleased to hear that when we return in September, students will no longer be expected to wear their PE kit into the academy, but will be able to use the changing rooms. We will also no longer be required to teach students in 'bubbles', but will continue to reinforce good hygiene, ventilation and social distancing when possible. Please note that the uniform expectations will be insisted upon in September. There has been increasing challenge throughout this half term in respect of this, but now we must insist that students have the correct uniform. If you are in any doubt about expectations, please refer to the uniform guide on the website, or the Home/Academy agreement that was signed when your child started with us.

I wish you all a safe, happy and relaxing summer break.

Yours sincerely,  
Lesley Hogg  
Principal



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COMMUNITY BUILDING



METHWOLD YOUTH CENTRE

### **Methwold Youth Centre- 'The Hive'**

We are looking to recruit a part-time (20 hrs pw) leader for the Youth Centre which operates 3 afternoons/evenings a week from its own designated space at Icen Academy. The Hive, which offers indoor and outdoor sports, games and social activities to young people from 9 to 18, is supported by an enthusiastic team of volunteers.

We are hoping to have the post filled by the start of the school autumn term and therefore wish to appoint the new leader as soon as we can.

Although the Youth Centre is now well-established, having run successfully for the last 3 years, the new leader will have flexibility to further develop its activities to meet the needs and wishes of the users.

Pay for the role will be between £9.50 and £12.00 per hour depending on the experience of the candidate. There is also a contributory pension scheme available.

If you are interested and would like further information, please contact the trustees on 07787 503545 or [thehiveyouthcentre@gmail.com](mailto:thehiveyouthcentre@gmail.com).

# CCF

It has been a tough year for the Icen Academy CCF. At the beginning of the year we had new recruits from Year 9 join us for what was hopefully going to be a great year. Unfortunately due to COVID restrictions and going back into lock down the Cadets were unable to complete this year's syllabus. However they were able to learn some basic drill (marching), first aid, fieldcraft and navigation.



During fieldcraft lessons students practised camouflage and concealment. This required them to cover their faces in camo paint, and then hide in the woods at the back of the field and take it in turns to try and find each other from a distance. This taught them how important concealment is in the Army. Another fieldcraft highlight for our Cadets was cooking in the field. This allowed them to experience Army ration packs and understand what a meal for those in combat might be like. To their amazement, the meals were actually pretty tasty.

Particular favorites included sausages and beans, pasta in a tomato sauce with basil, and sticky toffee pudding.

The first aid course has proven very valuable this year. With life-saving first aid having to be administered during a Euro 2020 match, students were able to see that having the training to put someone into the recovery position or conduct CPR could save a person's life.

Usually, the year would end in an annual CCF summer camp in Beckingham, but unfortunately this was cancelled due to COVID. Obviously this was very disappointing for the Cadets as this would have allowed them to put into practice the field craft, drill and navigation skills they had learnt during the year. They would have also had the opportunity to learn about and experience other aspects of Army life and interact with ex-service men and women.

Fortunately we were able to organise an activity weekend so that the Cadets were able to use some of their new skills as well as experience some of the things soldiers do out in the field. Cadets were taught how to judge distances, how to use hand signals to move and organise a platoon without making a sound, how to react to effective enemy fire, duties of a sentry, harbour occupation and routine and much more. A highlight of the weekend was the Close Quarter Battle (CQB) lane, where targets would pop up at random whilst students walked down the CQB lane. This required students to use a lot of the skills they had learnt over the weekend to ensure that the targets were hit as quickly as possible without randomly firing or accidentally hitting their comrades.

The Cadets were enthusiastic and keen to learn from the training team made up of ex-service people. Our students showed great teamwork, and would help each other out to make sure that "no soldier was left behind". When spilt into sections, a couple of the Cadets stepped into the Section Commander role which enabled them to display some great leadership qualities.

The weekend was a success and the Cadets cannot wait to return to training next year. The Year 10s (moving into Year 11) will be able to become Advanced Cadets which will allow them to teach the new Cadets some basic skills. We look forward to welcoming everyone back next year and introducing the new Year 9 Cadets to Army life.



# NEWS FROM OUR YEAR GROUPS

## Year 7

I cannot believe it has been a year since meeting Year 7 students and families on Teams. What a year it has been! It has been a delight to see them flourish both in school and whilst learning from home. Year 7 have achieved a massive 31,439 positive points which sees them finish the school year in 1st place with the most positive points. In addition, Year 7 have demonstrated resilience through their great attendance. Congratulations!

Last week, Year 7 enjoyed participating in activities week for the first time. They played games and solved puzzles on maths day, created a children's book on English day, participated in axe throwing on the PE trip, had a terrific time in Hunstanton at the beach with Humanities, walked over custard on science day and took part in TechMaster keeping Humpty Dumpty safe. Every student I have spoken to has raved about the incredible week they had and their favourite moments. Thank you to all staff for providing Year 7 with a week to remember.

Unfortunately, my time as a Head of Year is coming to an end and this week marks my final moments leading this cohort through their remaining time at Iceni Academy. I will be passing the baton on to a fellow maths teacher, Mr Brown, for him to guide the wonderful group through their upcoming years and I will be facing new challenges as the Deputy Director of Maths at Iceni. I look forward to continuing to teach maths to the students of this cohort and will be here to support the students through their transition of Head of Year. I have every faith that Mr Brown will continue to set high expectations and encourage students to aspire to be the best that they can be. Thank you to the families of Year 7 for supporting tutors, teachers, support staff and myself. We couldn't have given Year 7 the best first year at secondary school without your help.

Have a wonderful summer and see you in September :)  
Miss Colson

## Year 8

As we come to the end of an academic year that will go down in history, we can only be proud of Y8. Many have used their time this year to read more widely, explore new hobbies and interests and support others. From Finley Edwards' brilliant fundraising efforts to simply being there for a friend who was feeling anxious, Y8 have grown both academically and as exceptional people through this crisis. The commitment to learning during our periods of lockdown means that Y8 are well prepared for the exciting challenges of Y9 and the remainder of their school career.

We have achieved a massive 28,270 positive points this year, with Eleanor B earning 386, and Flynn F 364 respectively. Each point reflects hard work, a good result and a choice well made. We look forward to rewarding Y8's full variety of accomplishments during our final Success Assembly.

Highlights of 2020/21 include our well-deserved win in the Bridge Challenge, and thoroughly winning efforts with our Masterchef menus. This week, Y8 have been enjoying Enrichment Week, which included both trips out and fun projects in school. In English, we have been researching and creating children's books, and 8 were definitely the overall champions at this (of course).



Wishing all of our Y8 students – and their families – a wonderful summer of fun.

Miss Hodges

## Year 9

What a Year! Year 9 finished up with a very busy period of tests in preparation for starting GCSE work and options. During this time you have all been excellent, especially with the heat so thank you for your hard work throughout Year 9.

It is a time of change. I would like to thank Miss Barker and Mrs Doughty for their care and work as they move on from being form tutors for the year group. They will be missed!

I would also like to welcome Mr Bedford into the Year 10 form tutor role for next year. I am really excited for the experience he is going to bring to the group.

The last few weeks we have seen a CCF camp, a Duke of Edinburgh trip and Activities week. Throughout I have either witnessed or been informed of some exceptional team work, manners and show of personal growth. We also had a slightly different sports day and Mr Taylor and the PE team commented on how exceptional you all were.



I cannot express how proud I have been throughout the year. It is a transitional year in many senses, and that was very difficult to manage in the current climate. You showed resilience which I believe will set you up excellently for the final few years of school.

Have an amazing break, you deserve it.  
Mr Falder

## Year 10

As this year draws to a close, firstly Year 10 would like to thank all those staff and parents/carers who helped make the periods of remote teaching this year as smooth and successful as possible. We now look forward to a restful and enjoyable summer holiday before returning in September as Year 11 - their final year at Iceni Academy!

Following a formal application and interview process, our 2021-2022 Prefect Team are nearly in place.

I, and other members of staff closely linked to Student Government, absolutely cannot wait to work with these students - we have lots of plans we hope to put in place for the prefect role (COVID permitting); and look forward to listening to the student's feedback on how they see the Academy now and in the future.

Aside from this, there is lots to look forward to. Again, as COVID restrictions hopefully lessen, we as a Year group can start looking ahead to careers appointments with Miss Downing; lots of help and support applying to Post-16 education and apprenticeships; and (fingers crossed) fundraising for and planning a Prom to see out their time at Iceni in style!

Miss Roche

## NEWS FROM OUR FACULTIES

### Humanities

Firstly, I must pay tribute to the gargantuan efforts that both our year eleven students and their teachers in History, Geography and Citizenship made in pursuance of their teacher assessed grades. The students handled these assessments maturely and will hopefully be handsomely rewarded for their efforts come results day in August.

Since half term, we have focused on developing our curriculum and delivering and marking the termly assessments in all subjects. After such a challenging couple of years in so many respects, we are very much looking forward to Curriculum Enhancement in the penultimate week of term, where we will be joining force as a department to enrich the experiences of the students in all years with three visits to the North Norfolk coast. I am optimistic that, in the light of the proposed upcoming relaxation of COVID restrictions nationwide, this will be the precursor to returning to a full programme of Humanities related enrichment next year, including our trip to the World War One battlefields of Belgium and France. Watch this space!

Mr Bedford



## Design Technology

During activities week students have been making vehicles to transport eggs, protecting eggs from a crash landing, surveying imaginary hedgehogs, producing Julian Opie portraits and flying paper airplanes. They had an hour on each activity and seemed to have had a good time, and produced some amazing results. The days have been packed and busy and the students have got a lot from it.

Also, if you come to the academy, you will see a display of this year's Design and Technology GCSE projects. They demonstrated a great deal of talent and many of the students are going on to a future in carpentry and engineering.

When summer school arrives the year 6s will start their journey with some carpentry skills and will make bird boxes which I am sure they and their parents will be proud off.

## Maths

Year 10 have been creative in maths during their final unit of work - transformations. They have creating beautiful and intricate Rangoli patterns using bright colours and a mixture of curved and straight lines. Y7 have enjoyed their unit of statistics collecting data as a class and presenting this as bar charts, comparative bar charts, line graphs, pictograms and pie charts. 7.1 have created excellent posters displaying data about their pets, tie colour and number of siblings. We are very excited to display all of their excellent work ready for their return in September.

## PE

We had a Sports Day! Actually we had two! Pupils participated brilliantly in their Year Group bubbles across Football, Basketball, Rounders and Track Athletics. It was wonderful to see healthy competition with genuine inclusion and team spirit. We hope pupils enjoyed taking part as much as we enjoyed running the events. The results were:

Pupils learnt lots of new skills during Curriculum Enhancement Week as they completed the 'Back to Wilderness' experience at Thetford Forest. The children enjoyed learning new skills such as axe throwing, shelter building and plant identification from the instructions, all under the tall pines of the forest. The pupils were superb, a real credit to themselves, having a good go at each of the challenges - the instructors have asked us to pass on their congratulations too. Well done! It was a real treat to be out and about with you all again!

Each team were awarded points by the instructors based on their teamwork and success rate of each challenge. The winning team across the week were Team Oak from Year 8, scoring 526 points. You have all won an hour's free axe throwing with an adult. I will be in contact with parents with further details of your prize! Great work!

SPORTS DAY 2021   YEAR GROUP RESULTS			
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July: YEAR 9	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July: YEAR 7	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July: YEAR 8	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July: YEAR 10
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SPORTS DAY 2021   OVERALL RESULTS			
CHURCHILL 242	EMMANUEL 378	QUEENS 286	TRINITY 286

### Clubs and Fixtures:

We have some wonderful news that, all being well, fixtures will be back in September! At present we have two Netball teams entered into the South Norfolk League, as well as two Senior Football teams entered. On top of this we also have a very exciting partnership 'Games' starting with The Nicholas Hammond Academy that will give opportunity to more pupils than ever to represent the school in KS3 sport. More on this to follow in September. Finally, with bubbles coming to an end, we will be able to go back to a more formal clubs offer both after school and at lunchtimes. Exciting times ahead!

### Special Mentions:

Firstly, congratulations to F. Edwards, A. Williams, J. Harrison, H. Jamieson and R. Vincent who have all been put forwards for County Football trials in the Autumn; best of luck! We also have some special mentions of pupils who performed exceptionally well during the Sports Days: A. Williams, E. Williams, N. Rolph, A. French, E. Barker, J. Francis, J. Cook, S. Peterson and M. Martin. However, the biggest mention goes to the four athletes who join the historic list (our records show these were first presented in 1979) of Victrix and Victor Ludorum winners of Sports Day, each receiving a trophy during Celebration Assemblies: Juniors: NJ. Muller and M. Williams Seniors: G. Horn and C. Huckfield.

# English

We had a brilliant time during Curriculum Enhancement Week, and were so proud of all the childrens' books our students wrote. It is hard to pick, but some of the stories that really stood out to us were:

- Tegyn and Cian, who wrote and illustrated their book together and worked really well as a team
- Toby, Millie and Tom who produced a beautifully illustrated book about the adventures of a rat!
- Ruby, Sophie and Holly who wrote a brilliant book called 'The Pride Wedding', featured the marriage of two dinosaurs
- Kamonde, Lukas, Luca and Brandon who wrote a fabulous story called 'The Sock Monster' that had a great twist at the end!

We also say thank you and goodbye to Ms Clark who leaves us to go on to a new school and new adventure. She has been a fantastic member of the department and we wish her all the best for the future! In September, we will welcome Ms Garner to the team, and we are looking forward to working with her.



## Goodbyes

Sadly this term we say goodbye to Miss Agoudjil who is moving to France for a new adventure. She has been with us for 5 years teaching French and German and will be missed by staff and students. She has been an important part of Team MFL at Icen and I would personally like to thank her for all her hard work within the faculty. Miss Agoudjil always enjoyed arranging exciting trips, such as the day trip to France and trips to London as part of the Languages week. In September she will be replaced by Mr Boudiba, who will be joining the MFL team to teach French across the year groups.

We also say goodbye to Mr Liao this term, who has done a fantastic job of introducing Mandarin to Icen Academy. He will continue to work for the SWIRE project delivering Mandarin in secondary schools across Norfolk. I would like to welcome Miss Chen, who will be replacing Mr Liao and teaching Mandarin across the school. She has been working in schools and universities in the south of England and is moving to Norfolk.

## Language ambassadors

We have a number of Language ambassadors across the school and we look forward to keeping them busy by running a number of MFL events next year.

## The Language Gym

In September, we will be launching our new online platform 'The Language Gym' to support students with their language learning. Students will use their school email address to set up an account and use these in school. The website will also be accessible from home to complete homework set by their MFL teachers.

## Film club

In the autumn term we will be launching a lunchtime film club where we will be watching films or series in German, French or Mandarin. Keep your eyes peeled for more details!

## Year 8 German

Last term whilst we were learning about food typically eaten in Germany, 8.5 had the opportunity to try some sauerkraut. Lots of students tried it, but you can see from their faces in the photo that there were some mixed feelings! Perhaps I should have added some Currywurst or Bratwurst to go with it!

Miss Pawsey, Director of MFL

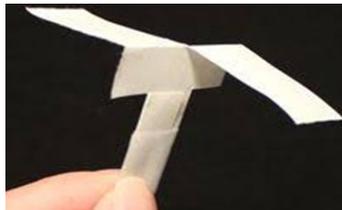
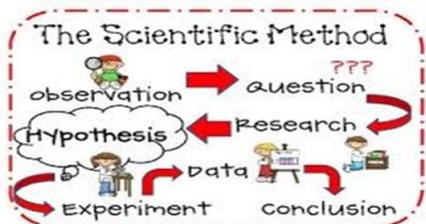


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# SUMMER TERM IN SCIENCE

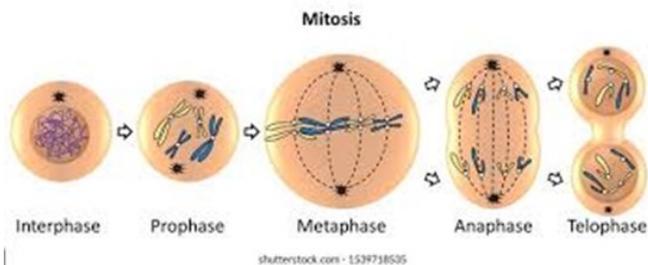
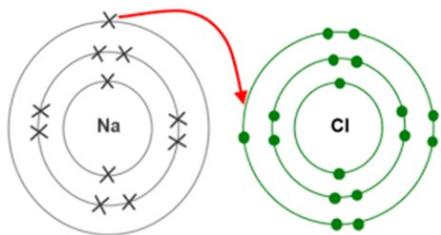
YEAR 7 AND 8 HAVE BEEN CARRYING OUT SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATIONS

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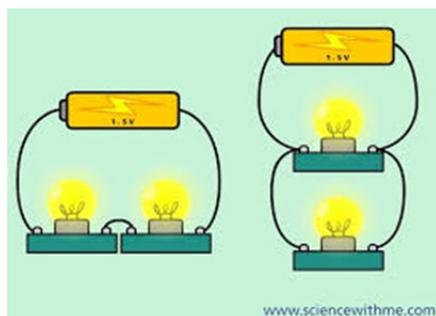
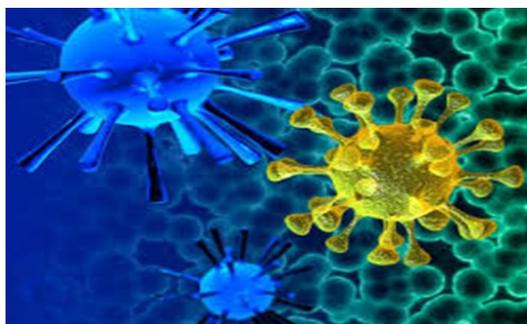


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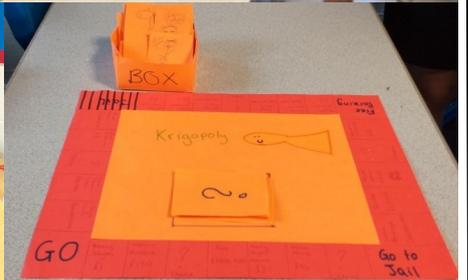
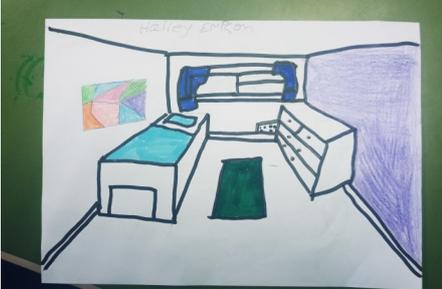
YEAR 9 HAVE BEEN STUDYING CELL GROWTH AND BONDING



YEAR 10 HAVE BEEN STUDYING INFECTION AND ELECTRICITY



# Activities Week



31 students in Y9 and Y10 successfully passed their DofE expedition during activities week. An excellent achievement! They completed two days of hiking using navigational skills such as taking compass bearings and map reading as well as taking photos and videos for their chosen project. The projects saw many dens being built using natural resources from the forest, students hiding in the most random places, vlogs of their experiences being created and logs of what unusual things they found whilst journeying. I enjoyed watching their videos, seeing their photos and speaking to the groups about their time in the forest. There were many that took wrong turnings and made navigational errors, but the groups remained as a team and supported one another through these challenging times. My most favourite moment when locating a lost group was when they used the speed limit on the road as an indicator for their exact location. Needless to say, it took a while to locate them and, when we did, we found them with glittery faces having a fab time. Another moment which staff loved observing was students using branches and a tennis ball to play cricket and when students had a water fight leaving them soaked and laughing for hours. The students demonstrated an exemplary attitude, resilience and excellent teamwork. We are incredibly proud of their achievements. Well done!

