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KEY DATES

- Return to School - 28th October
- Year 4,5 & 6 Halloween Disco - 30th October
- Year 10 Work Experience Information Evening - 31st October
- KS4 Drama Showcase - 6th November
- Year 11 Mocks - Start 12th November
- Class of 2024 Certificate Evening - 28th November
- Mock Results Day & Year 11 Parents Evening - 5th December
- ICA Christmas Fair - 14th December
- School Closes for Christmas - 19th December at 1pm
- Return to School - Tuesday 7th January



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Dear Parents, Carers, and Members of our School Community,

What an incredible start we've had to the new academic year! As we reflect on our first half term, I'm filled with pride at the remarkable achievements and positive changes we've witnessed across our school.

Our Year 7 pupils have truly hit the ground running. Their transition has been nothing short of fantastic, and it's been a joy to see them settle in so seamlessly. The recent Year 7 residential was a particular highlight, packed with fun activities and invaluable team-bonding experiences. It's clear that these young learners are already forming strong connections and embracing the ICA spirit.

Across the school, we're seeing a surge in pupil engagement and recognition. More merits and golden tickets are being awarded than ever before, celebrating the hard work and positive attitudes of our pupils. It's heartening to see improvements in both behaviour and attendance compared to the same point last year. A huge well done to all our pupils, and a sincere thank you to parents and carers for your unwavering support.

Our commitment to providing a rich and diverse school experience continues to grow. We've expanded our extra-curricular offerings, and it's brilliant to see more pupils taking advantage of these opportunities during lunch and after school. The buzz around our clubs and activities is truly infectious!

On the sporting front, we've had some outstanding successes. Our Year 8 Boys Rugby Team has made us incredibly proud, winning all five matches in their first mini-competition. Not to be outdone, our Year 7 Girls Netball team competed in their first rally, showing great teamwork and determination. These achievements, along with our other football fixtures, demonstrate the sporting prowess and team spirit that runs through our school.

Looking ahead, I'd like to draw your attention to the upcoming Year 11 Mock Exams. These are crucial in preparing our pupils for their GCSEs, and I encourage parents to support their children through this important period.

Speaking of support, I cannot stress enough the importance of homework and independent study. Your encouragement in ensuring your child completes their homework will significantly contribute to their progress and academic success.

Finally, I'd like to extend an open invitation to all parents and carers. If you'd like to see our school in action and take a tour during the school day, please don't hesitate to email our enquiries team to arrange a visit. We're always delighted to showcase the vibrant learning environment we've created here at ICA.

Thank you all for your continued support and partnership in making our school community so special. Here's to another fantastic term ahead!

Warm regards,
Chris Leader, Principal





Welcome back

The start of the academic year is always an exciting time, and this year has been no exception as we welcomed students back to the academy. A special mention goes to our new Year 7 cohort, who have settled in brilliantly, adapting to the new routines and expectations of secondary school—a big change from primary!

For Year 8, the shift in no longer being the youngest in the school brings new responsibilities, while Year 9 students are beginning to think about their future as they approach the important task of selecting their GCSE options. Meanwhile, Years 10 and 11 are fully focused on GCSE preparation, balancing the demands of exams with planning for their futures beyond high school.

We are incredibly proud of how our students have approached the start of the year and would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to parents for their continued support in helping ensure every student gets off to the best possible start





Open Evening

On 26th September, we were thrilled to host our annual Open Evening, where we proudly showcased our academy to prospective students and their families.

The evening provided a fantastic opportunity for visitors to experience our welcoming environment, view impressive student work, and explore the wide range of subjects we offer, all while seeing first hand our high standards and expectations.

The evening was attended by hundreds of local families, and we were especially grateful to the many students who helped out on the night, embodying the spirit of our academy.

As part of the evening, visiting students received a booklet to complete as they visited each subject area. Once filled out, they submitted it at the Proud Table to be entered into a prize draw, with the chance to win exciting prizes including a bike, iPad, and Xbox!

A big congratulations to our lucky winners, who were visited by Mr. Leader to receive their prizes!



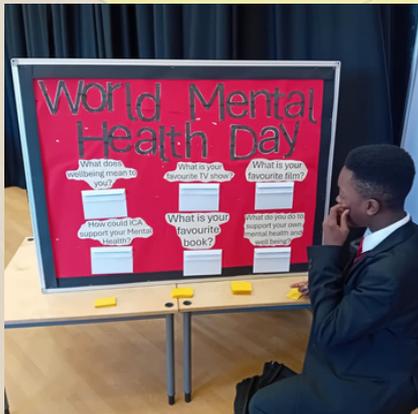


Mental Health Day

To mark World Mental Health Day, Mrs. Poland organised a special lunchtime workshop focused on well-being. Students were invited to take part in a range of relaxing activities, including bracelet-making, drawing, listening to calming music, and having open conversations about mental health and self-care

The session highlighted the importance of taking time for ourselves, connecting with others, and discussing mental health openly.

With such a positive response from students, we are pleased to announce that Mrs. Poland plans to run this workshop once a month moving forward!



KS4 Drama Showcase

We are excited to invite you to our KS4 Drama Showcase on 6th November, where five talented groups from Years 10 and 11 will present original pieces they have created and directed themselves. Tickets start at just £1 and can be purchased by scanning the QR code. Don't miss out on this fantastic evening of student-led performances

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PRESENTS
KS4 DRAMA SHOWCASE

SCAN QR CODE TO BOOK TICKETS:

TICKETS
£2 ADULTS
£1 CHILD
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

6TH NOVEMBER 2024
4.30PM-6.00PM

Join us for our KS4 Drama showcase, where you'll witness five groups from Years 10 and 11 present pieces that they have created and directed themselves.



Year 7 Residential

Our Year 7 students recently embarked on an exciting residential trip to Conover Hall Activity Centre in Shropshire, where they enjoyed a fun-filled few days of adventure.

Both students and staff took part in a wide range of activities, including zip wiring, campfire building, high ropes, abseiling, and wall climbing.

In the evenings, the fun continued with an interactive game of live Cluedo, where students worked together to solve a mystery, followed by a lively disco that had everyone on the dance floor!

The trip was a fantastic opportunity for students to build confidence, strengthen teamwork, and deepen the new friendships they've formed since joining the academy. It was an unforgettable experience for everyone involved!





Year 11

We are approaching a very important time for our Year 11 students, as their first set of mock exams are nearly upon us.

As discussed during the recent Year 11 Information Evening, the exams will take place from 12th-22nd November, with a mock exam results day and parents' evening scheduled for 5th December.

Preparation is well underway, with students already engaged in form-time Maths and English revision and attending their daily Period 6 sessions.

We continue to encourage students to take full advantage of all available resources, including the dedicated Year 11 study area, to ensure they are as well-prepared as possible for these important assessments



Mock Week 1

Lesson/Day	MONDAY 11/11/2024	TUESDAY 12/11/2024	WEDNESDAY 13/11/2024	THURSDAY 14/11/2024	FRIDAY 15/11/2024
Form Time 07.30 – 09.00	Assembly	English Language Booster	Maths Booster	Biology Booster	History Booster
Period 1 & 2	Normal Lessons	English Language	Maths Paper 1 <u>No Calculator</u>	Biology	History Paper 1
BREAK – As Normal					
Period 3 & 4	Normal Lessons	Geography 1	French Writing	Music Listening	Drama Workshop
LUNCH – As Normal					
Period 5	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	Drama Production
Period 6 15.00 – 16:00	Eng Lang	Maths	Biology	History	Chemistry

Mock Week 2

Lesson/Day	MONDAY 18/11/2024	TUESDAY 19/11/2024	WEDNESDAY 20/11/2024	THURSDAY 21/11/2024	FRIDAY 22/11/2024
Form Time 07.30 – 09.00	Chemistry Booster	Maths Booster	English Literature Booster	Maths Booster	Physics Booster
Period 1 & 2	Chemistry	Maths Paper 2 <u>Calculator</u>	English Literature Paper 1	Maths Paper 3 <u>Calculator</u>	Physics
BREAK – As Normal					
Period 3 & 4	Geography Booster Geography 2/3	French Listening French Reading	Performing Arts Booster Performing Arts	Sports Studies Booster Sports Studies	History Booster History 2
LUNCH – As Normal					
Period 5	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons
Period 6 15.00 – 16:00	Maths	English Lit	Maths	Physics	No EPS



Enrichment Day

Our recent Enrichment and Enterprise Day offered a fantastic range of activities for all year groups.

Year 11 students focused on preparing for their futures, participating in mock interviews alongside extra revision sessions.

Year 10 had a visit from Warrington and Vale College, where they learned about the courses on offer and the application process. They also took an exciting trip to Manchester, where they toured the University of Manchester campus, helping to raise their aspirations for further education.

Meanwhile, students in Years 7, 8, and 9 enjoyed an Enterprise Day with the creative challenge of designing either a restaurant or theme park. They worked on branding, slogans, menus, and floor plans, culminating in presentations to their classmates.

We saw some incredibly impressive work, and we wouldn't be surprised if some of our students end up on The Apprentice in the future!



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Co-Curricular

At ICA, we believe that learning extends beyond the classroom. Whether you're passionate about sports, arts, technology, or history, we have a club for everyone!

Our co-curricular clubs give students the chance to explore their interests, try new activities, and build lasting friendships.

From the popular Drama and Sports Clubs to newer additions like the Pankhurst Club (where students learn about the history of women's rights) and the STEM Club, there's something to suit every interest.

Taking part in co-curricular activities is also a great way for students to develop key life skills that will benefit them in school and beyond. It helps build resilience, time management, and responsibility – all important qualities for future success in higher education and the workplace.

We encourage every student to get involved and find a club that excites them. Not only will you have fun and make new friends, but you'll also grow in ways that complement your academic journey. So whether you're interested in coding, gardening, or debating, there's a place for you in one of our many clubs.

MONDAY LUNCHTIME CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Friendship Group Miss Cheshire 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime	Board Games Mrs Davies 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime	Spax Maths Support Mrs Duff 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime	Chat & Chill Miss Bibby 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime
Year 7 & 8 Football Miss White 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime	Bekeeping & Gardening Club Mrs Malone 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime	Year 9, 10 & 11 Football Mr Prescott 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime	

TUESDAY LUNCHTIME CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Chair Practice Mrs Cullum 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime	Friendship Group Miss Cheshire 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime	Board Games Mrs Davies 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime	Chess Mrs Williams 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime
Homework Catch-up Miss Peers 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime	Chat & Chill Miss Bibby 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime	World Explorers Miss Dale 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime	Year 7 & 8 Football Miss White 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime
Spax Maths Support Mrs Duff 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime	Chinese Club Mrs Chan 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime	Jewellery Making Mrs Troke 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime	Year 9, 10 & 11 Football Mr Prescott 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime

MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Hellball Mrs Evans 15:30-17:00 After School	Esports Mr Sneyd 15:30-17:00 After School	Shakespeare in schools (Cast) Miss Cheshire 15:30-17:00 After School	EAL Social Miss Cheshire 15:30-17:00 After School	Brass Band Mrs Cullum 15:30-17:00 After School
Basketball Mr Thompson 15:30-17:00 After School	Year 7 Young Master Chef Mrs Dale 15:30-17:00 After School	Card Games Miss Rappitt 15:30-17:00 After School	Axiom Maths Miss O'Hall 15:30-17:00 After School	Bekeeping & Gardening Club Mrs Malone 15:30-17:00 After School
Computing Miss Lancaster 15:30-17:00 After School	Homework Catch-up Miss Peers 15:30-17:00 After School	Speak up National Theatre Miss Lloyd 15:30-17:00 After School	British Sign Language Miss Taylor 15:30-17:00 After School	

FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Boys Football Mr Prescott 15:30-17:00 After School	Girls Football Miss Kershwin 15:30-17:00 After School	Homework Catch-up Miss Peers 15:30-17:00 After School
National Theatre Mrs Gardner 15:30-17:00 After School	Axiom Maths Miss O'Hall 15:30-17:00 After School	

THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Homework Catch-up Miss Peers 15:30-17:00 After School	Esports Mr Sneyd 15:30-17:00 After School	Axiom Maths Miss O'Hall 15:30-17:00 After School	Art Miss Gardner 15:30-17:00 After School
DJ Club Mr Roberts 15:30-17:00 After School	Club Africana Mrs Taylor-Life 15:30-17:00 After School	Mindfulness Mrs Anderson 15:30-17:00 After School	5 a side Football Mr Maxwell 15:30-17:00 After School
Crochet and Chat Miss Weston 15:30-17:00 After School	Industrial Cadets (Revita Only) Miss Wilson 15:30-17:00 After School	Pankhurst Club Miss Elton 15:30-17:00 After School	National Theatre Mrs Gardner 15:30-17:00 After School

TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Film Club Miss Smith 15:30-17:00 After School	Homework Catch-up Miss Peers 15:30-17:00 After School	Shakespeare in schools (Cast) Miss Cheshire 15:30-17:00 After School	Science Homework catch up Science Staff 15:30-17:00 After School
Dodgeball Mr Wright 15:30-17:00 After School	STEAM Club Miss O'Hall 15:30-17:00 After School	Oliver Production Mrs Palmer 15:30-17:00 After School	
	STEM on Track Mr Stewart 15:30-17:00 After School		

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Board Games Mrs Davies 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime	Friendship Group Miss Cheshire 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime	Revision Club Mr Page 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime	Year 7 & 8 Football Miss White 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime
Chat & Chill Miss Bibby 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime	Spax Maths Support Mrs Duff 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime	History Club Mr Thomas 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime	Year 9, 10 & 11 Football Mr Prescott 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Homework Catch-up Miss Peers 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime	Board Games Mrs Davies 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime	Spax Maths Support Mrs Duff 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime	Chat & Chill Miss Bibby 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime
Friendship Group Miss Cheshire 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime	Year 7 & 8 Football Miss White 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime	So-Fi Mr White 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime	Year 9, 10 & 11 Football Mr Prescott 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime

WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Board Games Mrs Davies 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime	Homework Catch-up Miss Peers 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime	Friendship Group Miss Cheshire 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime	Year 7 & 8 Football Miss White 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime
Chat & Chill Miss Bibby 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime	Journalism Miss Carter-Trevis 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime	Year 9, 10 & 11 Football Mr Prescott 12:30-1:30 Lunchtime	

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SPORTS



We've had a fantastic start to our sports fixtures this term, with great successes from our Year 8 rugby team, as well as our Year 8, 9, and 10 football teams.

We are also incredibly proud of our new Year 7 teams, who are showing excellent teamwork and coming together as a strong unit.

It's been an exciting start, and we look forward to even more achievements as the season progresses!

A huge congratulations to our amazing Year 8 and 9 Sports Leaders, who recently did a fantastic job running a primary school Panathlon event with 17 schools taking part! We received numerous compliments on how brilliantly they engaged with the younger pupils—truly a proud moment for everyone. Well done to all involved!

Sports Leaders



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MEET THE TEAM

Last term, we focused on implementing a rigorous recruitment process, and we're thrilled to welcome several talented new team members to ICA. Today, we would like to introduce you to a couple of them, who are already bringing fresh energy, skills, and enthusiasm to our school community. We're confident they will make a positive impact, and we look forward to sharing more about our growing team soon



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MEET THE TEAM

MR M
MUSSELL
History



“ I am thrilled to be teaching history because it is a subject which I'm fascinated by and I hope I can share that passion with my students. ”

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MEET THE TEAM

MR C
VONK
Science



“ I have a real passion for Science and I am hoping to pass that on to students during their time at the school. ”

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Research & Innovation Award

We are delighted to congratulate one of our science teachers, Mrs. White, who, alongside a colleague from SCA, recently shared the honour of receiving the prestigious IRIS Research and Innovation Award at a ceremony in London.

Mrs. White has been instrumental in developing a dynamic STEM enrichment timetable here at ICA. Her efforts include introducing the Industrial Cadets programme, organizing trips to museums, and even arranging an exciting visit to CERN in Geneva. Her dedication to expanding STEM opportunities for our students is truly inspiring—well done, Mrs. White





Transition

As part of our Step Up to ICA transition plan, we actively encourage local primary schools to visit the academy regularly to ensure a smoother transition to high school. Familiarity with the building and staff helps make the move to secondary education much easier for students.

To support this, we've organized a series of curriculum workshops that schools can book and attend. Each time students participate in a workshop, they'll receive a badge and certificate to add to a lanyard, which they can wear and bring with them on each visit. Once all badges have been collected, we will celebrate their achievement with a special graduation event!

Following its popularity last year, we're excited to announce the return of our Transition Club, which will run every Thursday evening from 4-5pm, starting 7th November. We look forward to welcoming students and helping them get ready for the next step in their educational journey



Year 5 Transition Program



- Attend a transition workshop
- Receive a Subject certificate and badge
- Add the badges to your step up lanyard
- Celebrate your achievement at our end of year Graduation Evening



ICA YEAR 6 Transition Club

Get to know ICA through a range of activities. Meet ICA staff, make new friends & have fun!

Every Thursday
4pm - 5pm
at Iram and Cadishead Academy

STARTS THURSDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2024





#ATTENDANCEMATTERS



Be in to Win

Massive congratulations to Billy, our lucky winner of the End of Year Attendance Draw!

Billy chose an awesome prize – a brand new PS5!
Remember, every full week of school attendance earns you a ticket for our Be In To Win draws.
You can choose to enter weekly, termly, or the big end-of-year prize!

#ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

COLLEGES AND APPRENTICESHIP PROVIDERS WILL TAKE YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE IN YEAR 11 INTO ACCOUNT WHEN CONSIDERING THEIR APPLICATION.



“
IF YOUR CHILD
MISSES EVEN 6%
OF SCHOOL,
THEY HAVE
MISSED 50
HOURS OF
LESSON TIME.
”



THIS TERM'S HIGHLIGHTS



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