

Ifield School's Newsletter

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Dear Ifield Families, Governors, Staff and Friends,

I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very Healthy and Happy New Year. It has been wonderful to start 2024 working alongside pupils, Governors, staff and families.

Thank you for your support and generosity at the end of last term leading up to Christmas, the pupils had a wonderful, rich experience of seasonal festivities.

Term 3 and the new calendar year has started positively, and all pupils have settled well into school routines and structures following the Christmas holidays.

Families, I would like to take the opportunity to remind you of some important information and your continued support would be appreciated:

- **Attendance:** It is essential your child attends school every day. Full attendance ensures your child maintains their learning and achieves the best outcomes. We will contact any family if we have concerns about attendance and look at how we can work together to support you and your child. Please remember, the school day starts from 8:45am and all pupils should arrive no later than 9:15am in order to help prepare themselves to start their learning. Pupils' learning continues until 3:30pm each day when they are collected by family members or transport providers.
- **Communication:** We rely on your support and I ask that you keep sharing information about your family, such as, changes to home address, contact information, changes to arrangements at home, hospital appointments, changes to transport. This up-to-date information will help us to support your child and family.

Throughout Term 1 and 2, students in Key Stage 4 have been working hard to create some incredible artwork during their Key Stage 4 Options and as you can see from the photos below, they are all very proud of their achievements. This artwork will form part of their Arts Award Accreditation.

I look forward to working alongside you all throughout 2024 and I hope to see many of our families and friends at the Family Disco taking place at Ifield School tonight from 6pm-8pm.

Very best wishes,

Maddie Arnold-Jones
Headteacher



Term 3, 2024 - Quality of Education

'Raising standards and transforming lives'

Key Stage 1 and 2 - Sensory Learning



Sixth Form

- Work Experience Group using tools.
- Bluewater Community Based Learning visit exploring employment opportunities in the local community.
- Construction Youth Trust Bridge Building



Lifelong Learning at Ifield School

Residential Opportunities

At Ifield School, we encourage our pupils to learn resilience and develop high self-esteem and our staff team are fully committed to provide a happy, safe, supportive and inclusive learning environment, rich in creativity, challenge, ambition and cultural development.

Students and supporting staff in Key Stage 4 and 5 will be departing from Ifield School on Saturday 24th February 2024 and travelling via coach and ferry to the **Aosta Valley in Italy** to experience skiing and a different culture, alongside another Kent Special School. Ifield School has been travelling with Interski, the ski company since 2010 and throughout the years it has been fantastic to witness the life long memories created and the positive impact skiing has had on our older students throughout the years.



We have an exciting opportunity for current Year 9, 10 and 11 students to participate in a residential at **Thriftwood Scout Campsite in Brentwood, Essex**. Thriftwood Campsite offers comfortable residential facilities, challenging and exciting programme of outdoors activities tailored to meet the needs of our students. This visit will provide our students with an opportunity to engage in activities from team building and development through to personal challenges with experienced and well-trained staff to ensure our students have a safe and enjoyable stay. A provisional booking has been made for **Tuesday 7th May - Friday 10th May 2024**.

Last year, students had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed their week of new experiences, a particular favourite was the Water Roll and Crate Stacking challenge!



Can you help?
Volunteers Required



We have organised a volunteer day at our School Woodlands on Saturday 16th March 2024 and require assistance with clearing leaves, moving a shed, and general maintenance work. Refreshments will be provided and all help would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to support, please email office@ifield.kent.sch.uk by Friday 23rd February 2024.

