

Responsible, Resilient, Ambitious

Headteacher

Our following on Instagram and X (Twitter) is growing. If you use either of these platforms please do follow us so that you can be kept up to date with developments and celebrations within the school.

Today we held a staff professional development day. We revisited our values of ready, respectful, safe, resilient, responsible and ambitious, and in particular how ambition can be built into every aspect of the school; not just into lessons but into careers, pastoral support, form time, enrichment and social times. Ofsted identified a “renewed sense of confidence permeating the school” in their visit in April 2025, we must seize this, and with parents support encourage our students to be ambitious, not just in their qualifications, but in all they can achieve.

In this issue you will find details of the Summer Enrichment Week French trip as part of our enrichment offer.

Wishing you a restful weekend

Mr Gibb

Key Dates

Week beginning 13th October is Week A on our timetable

13 th October	School Photographs
15 th October	Yr6 History taster session (booked via Eventbrite and website)
21 st October	Yr6 Art taster session (booked via Eventbrite and website)
23 rd October	Year 7 Settling in Evening 4-5.30pm
24 th October	Last day of half term

Lunch Money

We have listened to your feedback regarding the low balance reminders, and these were turned off for a period. However, the knock-on effect that the canteen noticed caused issues. Therefore, the reminders have been re activated to send when accounts fall below £3. Unfortunately, there is no way to turn this off for specific users, i.e. those that only have packed lunch. If your child does not use the school canteen, please ignore these messages.

Pastoral Notices**Responsible, Resilient, Ambitious****Student Related Enquiries**

General enquiries about students or student-related incidents should always in the FIRST instance go to their Tutor. If for any reason this does not resolve the issue, please then contact the Head of Upper or Lower school, whichever is relevant to your child.

Student Absence

Student absences should still be registered with the School Office Team by Phone 01359 234050
aaa@ixworthhighschool.org by 9:00 am.

Lost Property

Items of lost property will be kept at the school Office. Please ensure you have all school uniform and sports kit clearly marked with your child's name on the inside of the item so if you do misplace anything it can be returned to you quickly.

Safeguarding

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Miss Burgess, she is contactable via the school office. We continue to push on high levels of attendance for our students across the school and in Forge. Thank you to the parents and carers in our community who support their children to make the right choice every day. Research tells us that 95% plus attendance adds one grade, on average at GCSE.

Below you will see the link to our Attendance and Punctuality Policy. This can be accessed on our website under Policies.

<https://www.ixworthhighschool.org/assets/Documents/Attachments/Attendance-and-Punctuality-Policy-2024.pdf>



ENGLISH CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE

IS AWARDED TO :

E PATTERSON - YEAR 7
L BOON - YEAR 7
H THORPE - YEAR 7
H CATHERALL- YEAR 8
A HOVELL - YEAR 8
W LODGE- YEAR 9
L INGER - YEAR 9
A BARTRAM - YEAR 10
R LANGSWORTHY - YEAR 10
E R STRINGER - YEAR 11
E WEBSTER - YEAR 11



For their outstanding achievements in English Educake homework
Week commencing 29th September 2025



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Non-Residential Experiences

For those staying local, there will be a broad range of free or low-cost enrichment activities delivered in and around school. Departments will be joining forces to provide a cross-departmental collaborative offering, hitting wider spectrum of opportunities, giving students the chance to explore new skills, challenges, and real-world learning without financial barriers.

The week will conclude with our Festival of Enrichment, celebrating creativity, teamwork and ambition across the whole school.

Departments are working hard to plan, organise and staff these trips, and so we endeavour to have the full non-residential offering ready for the bulletin on the 19th December.

If you have any questions about non-residential trips, please contact me at:

m.stacpoole@ixworthhighschool.org. Residential trip information can be acquired via trip leader:

Camp - Mr Spurin (p.spurin@ixworthhighschool.org); **France** - Mr Jackson (m.jackson@ixworthhighschool.org); **Shakespeare** - Miss Baker (s.baker@ixworthhighschool.org)

Summer Enrichment Week

Monday 13th – Friday 17th July 2026

Summer Enrichment Week 2026 promises a week of adventure, creativity and discovery for all students. Students can take part in one of our exciting residential trips – exploring the Loire Valley in France, discovering Shakespeare's Stratford, or building teamwork and resilience at our Activity Camp. These trips provide unforgettable learning experiences and lifelong memories.

Residential Experiences

- **NEW* France:** £585 – An exceptional itinerary has been created for a visit to the Loire! The cultural trip involves a visit to some of the famous castles, celebrate Bastille Day on the 14th July, take a short river cruise under Chateau Chenonceau and soak up the French culture in the Town of Tours. Other highlights include a visit the Roman ruins and Place Plumereau in Tours. Look at the wonderful Chocolate creations of Maison Bigot and finish with a trip to the Nausicaa aquarium in Boulogne-Sur-Mer.



- **Shakespeare:** £399
- **Camp:** £435

Initial deposit: 24th October

Second deposit: 19th December

Third deposit: 13th February

Final deposit: 27th March

By paying the initial deposit, this will confirm your child's place on the trip. Please check our terms and conditions for further details.

Parent decisions and deposits are needed soon to confirm these trips.

Pupil Premium students will receive reductions, and flexible payment plans are available.