

Friday 11th July 2025

Headteacher

This week we held our sports day, the weather was kind, and it was an amazing event organised by Mr Stacpoole and the PE team. This year we introduced additional sports to raise the number of children able to participate; tennis, football and rounders tournaments were all included as well as the usual track and field events. There were some brilliant performances from students with several records broken. The site team and our new groundsmen worked hard to set up the event, and we finally have a running track that is the right length!

We have made the decision to delay the introduction of Bromcom until the summer holidays ready for September. This means that in the week beginning 18th August you will receive an email inviting you to register on Bromcom. The email will be sent to the addresses held by the school for all parents/carers. Please do not make any payments via Arbor after this date, we will transfer any balances across to Bromcom in this week.

Year 10 have commenced work experience and next week sees the start of the Summer Enrichment "Week", we are in the twilight of 2024/25 academic year. Sadly, we didn't appoint a new admin assistant this week, the role has been readvertised. If you know of anyone that would like a part time admin position, please do let them know.

We would like to offer good luck to E McGill in Yr8 who is singing in a choir on the main stage at Latitude Festival, what an amazing opportunity!

Wishing you a restful weekend.

Mr Gibb

Key Dates

Week beginning 14th July is Week A on our timetable

14 th July 2025	Year 10 Work Experience commences
16 th July 2025	Year 5 Event "Crime Science"
17 th July 2025	Year 7 & 8 Celebration Assembly
18 th July 2025	Summer Enrichment Commences
22 nd July 2025	Last Day of term
18 th August 2025	Bromcom
21 st August 2025	Year 11 GCSE Results Day
3 rd September 2025	School reopens for Year 7 only
4 th September 2025	School open for all students

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Pastoral Notices

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 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 Mrs Hale, 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. There are currently a high number of students still in the running for this term's hot chocolate awards. They must maintain their 100% attendance for this term to receive the invite. 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>

Nut Free School

A reminder that we are a nut free school, we have several students and staff with severe allergies to nuts. The ban includes all nut-based products (Nutella etc.), foods containing nuts including sweets (Snickers etc.) and whole nuts. A simple error in allowing these foods into school could result in a life-threatening reaction for some students and staff.

Gratitude Week

Last week at Ixworth, we celebrated Gratitude Week. This was a time to reflect on the power of appreciation and its impact on our wellbeing and community. Students began the week with an inspiring assembly exploring the science behind gratitude and how it impacts us as individuals but also how it strengthens relationships and fosters a more connected, supportive environment.

Throughout the week, students were encouraged to write anonymous or named notes of gratitude to friends, peers, and staff — thanking those who have made a difference in their lives. The response was overwhelming, and the gratitude box was jam-packed with heartfelt messages that we handed out to spread positivity and kindness across our school. Thank you to all involved!

Mrs Dungey

Attendance

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We launched our 50-day attendance streak at the beginning of this half term. Recently a large number of our pupils were awarded for surpassing the first milestone; 15 consecutive days in school. They are now well on their way to milestone two; 25 consecutive days present. This big push in the summer term has ensured our attendance figure remains above the national and Suffolk averages. Thank you to all parent/carers who have continued to support their children to be present, punctual and in the correct uniform, students have enjoyed watching a film during P2 today.

Sports Day 2025

On Tuesday 8th July, Ixworth High School hosted Sports Day 2025. Conditions were perfect and the atmosphere was electric, setting the foundations for an amazing day of competition and participation.

The idea was to further increase participation levels from previous years whilst rolling out a full day of competition. The introduction of tennis, football, rounders and fundraising events cast the net of participation to every student - this in addition to the usual athletics schedule. This meant every student in the school could, and did, take part in some way, shape or form during the course of the day.

There were many records broken again on, what was, a very high standard of competition.

Lui T (10): 200m
Anya J (7): 200m
Isaac J (7): 200m
Lydia N (7): 300m
Carter M (9); 300m
Jake A (9): Discus
Eleanor M (9): Discus
Chelseas D (7): Discus

There was also a record broken that will likely never be matched again. Flo H in year 8 achieved a limbo height of 7 inches!!!

The final part of the day saw the customary relays with the new addition of the mixed relays. The competition and commitment in these relays were admirable with every student giving their 100% effort to the house cause. The staff relay drew the day to a close with Mrs Ball being the standout competitor, roaring down the back straight with power and elegance combined.

Mr Gibb presented the individual year group house winners before handing the Sports Day 2025 winner trophy to Moore!

Well done and thank you to every student and staff member involved with such a fantastic day. We look forward to Sports Day 2026 where, already, plans are in place to grow the event further!

Mr Stacpoole

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Ixworth High School Prom 2025

