

Headteacher

On Thursday Mr. Jackson delivered a brilliant session to over 100 ambitious parents and some equally ambitious students from Year 10 and 11. The focus of the session was how we can support our students to be successful in their public examinations. He explained our espoused pedagogy at Ixworth; we present new knowledge in chunks and sequenced over time, we then recall that information and apply it to new and increasingly ambitious problems and situations, building resilience as we do so and building confidence.

Recalling and applying knowledge strengthens the connections in our long-term memories. As a result, we forget less, enabling us to recall knowledge more efficiently, thus permitting our working memory to solve complex problems, including those found in exams. Parents and students are introduced to the 'fear of failure', and how to develop their resilience. Resilience is seeing failure as part of the learning process, with students utilising feedback to correct or produce an improved answer or outcome. This method of learning is equally valid when students are self-studying, revising or practicing for exams. Our Year 11s are showing ambition by requesting early revision sessions. These will commence next week both in form time and after school. Mr. Beales will be sharing these details with parents shortly.

Today we launched our timetabled Enrichment Program to Year 7, 8 & 9. Our Enrichment Program is designed to allow students to take ownership of their learning journey, developing skills such as resilience, leadership, confidence and organisation. All KS3 students participated in our Enrichment Fair, which was adopted and adapted following the model used by many highly successful independent schools. There were in excess of 20 options available, making this Ixworth's strongest offering so far. If you wish to find out more, please visit the school website.

Wishing you a restful weekend.

Mr Gibb

Key Dates

Week beginning 15th September is Week A on our timetable

- 16th September Yr6 PE Taster session (booked via Eventbrite or website)
- 18th September Yr6 Open Evening (booked via Eventbrite or website)
- 24th September Yr6 Science taster session (booked via Eventbrite or website)
- 25th September Year 8 "Year ahead" information event 5-6pm
- 1st October Yr6 Drama Taster session (booked via Eventbrite or website)
- 2nd October Year 9 "Year ahead" information event 5-6pm
- 8th October Yr6 French taster session (booked via Eventbrite or website)
- 10th October PD Day, school closed to all pupils
- 13th October School Photographs
- 15th October Yr6 History taster session (booked via Eventbrite and website)
- 21st October Yr6 Art taster session (booked via Eventbrite and website)
- 23rd October Year 7 Settling in Evening 4-5.30pm
- 24th October Last day of half term

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 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>

Key Dates by Year Group

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
23/10/2025 Year 7 Settling in meeting	23/4/2026 Year 8 Progress Evening	12/2/2026 Year 9 Progress Evening	11/9/2025 Year 10 GCSE Success Evening	11/9/2025 Year 11 GCSE Success Evening
16/6/2026 Year 7 Progress Evening		19/3/2026 Year 9 Options Evening	2/1/2026 Year 10 Progress Evening	4/12/2025 Year 11 Progress Evening
				5/3/2026 Year 11 Progress Evening

Term Dates 2025/26

Autumn Term

1/9/2025	PD day – no students
2/9/2025	PD day – no students
3/9/2025	Year 7 first day of Autumn term
4/9/2025	All other years first day of Autumn term
10/10/2025	PD day – no students
25/10/2025	Half term holidays
3/11/2025	All students return to school
5/12/2025	PD day – no students
20/12/2025	Christmas holidays

Spring Term

5/1/2026	PD Day – no students
6/1/2026	PD Day – no students
7/1/2026	All students return to school
14/2/2026	Half term holidays
23/2/2026	All students return to school
28/3/2026	Easter holidays

Summer Term

13/4/2026	PD Day – no students
14/4/2026	All students return to school
23/5/2026	Half term holidays
1/6/2026	All students return to school
18/7/2026	Summer holidays

Responsible, Resilient, Ambitious

Student Leadership

After some very impressive interviews from our Yr11 students demonstrating confidence and a strong sense of contribution to the wider school and giving back to the student body, we have selected two fantastic role models Fifi and Emily as our Head Students, huge congratulations to them both.

Congratulations to those selected for various prefect roles. Mr Jackson was hugely impressed across the board. We are looking forward to seeing your impact implemented across the school this year.



Head Students- Fifi and Emily



Student Leadership Team