

Headteacher

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Our Ofsted report has been released and shared with parents; we are very pleased with the good judgements in all areas. But, more importantly it is the paragraphs about what it is like to attend this school that I am very pleased with. The accolades for our students in these opening paragraphs I am enormously proud of, they describe our school and our children in exactly the way we want the school to be; “proud”, having confidence and self-belief, and “learning well and producing work that is high quality”. **“Ixworth is a happy school, where pupils know they are safe and cared for”.**

The report states that we have made significant improvements in a short time across the school, we now need to build on these and push to the next level. While an inspection is a stressful time, it is also an opportunity to look in depth and discuss the school with an inspection team that sees many other schools across the country. This now provides us with an opportunity to look for areas to improve. The leadership team and faculty leaders have begun discussing and planning around the areas we need to focus on, including the two specific areas identified in the report.

I have received an email from a parent, and we are proud to highlight the following:

“Freya Bethwaite (Yr 8) and Leila Haywood (Yr 7) swam 3,000 meters on 2nd May (over 120 lengths) with their friend to raise money for a family whose father is terminally ill with cancer. The girl’s helped to raise over £1,500”

This is an awesome feat that has raised a significant amount of money, well done to both pupils!

Wishing you a restful weekend

**Mr Gibb**

## Key Dates

**Week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> May is Week B on our timetable**

22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2025	Coffee House
23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	Half Term
2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025	School reopens for all pupils
2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2025	Frozen Jr

## Arbor

Please ensure that Arbor accounts are topped up for your child. We are not usually permitted to allow accounts to go into arrears. If you do not top up their account, please send a packed lunch.

Our new website can be found here: [www.ixworthhighschool.org](http://www.ixworthhighschool.org)

## 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.

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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>

## PE/ Enrichment

This is a reminder that all students in Year 7-10 must be signed up for a Summer Enrichment Week activity as soon as possible. The deadline for this was the 4th April and, so we ask that you try to get this done over the weekend so trip leaders can effectively plan. There is still plenty of space on many of the trips, so please check Arbor. If you have specific questions relating to a trip, these can be posted to the trip leaders.

For students that do not choose an enrichment activity, we will be running an in-school normal curriculum timetable, which is not in line with our Enrichment objectives/strands. Student attending the curriculum offering will need to be in school uniform and prompt for arrival on each day.

- Information regarding Summer Enrichment Week activities will be sent out by trip leaders next week.
- The information evening at school for Residential trips (France/Camp/Shakespeare) will take place on

**Thursday 5th June from 4.30pm.** Arrival from 4.15pm.

Another reminder that students will require water bottles for their PE lessons from next week onwards. Students without water for these lessons will be issued with a repeated lack of equipment. (Level 1).

**Mr Stacpoole**

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## Science

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>, a group of 26 students from Year 10 took part in the RAF Vigilant workshop led by Sergeant Stu Mulligan, who is a Cyberspace Communications Specialist and serving member of the RAF. Students worked in pairs to solve a series of problems and challenges that combined their science, maths, engineering and IT skills.

Students completed roles of RAF technicians to solve aircraft faults and make them serviceable for combat missions. They also heard about the enormously wide range of careers that are available in the RAF and some of the pathways that can lead there. The workshop was fun, creative and got their brains working hard! All groups managed to successfully save their (simulation!) typhoon.

Well done to all students involved.

**Mr Budden**

## School Buses

### **Deadline approaches to apply for Suffolk County Council (SCC) funded transport**

The deadline to opt-in for SCC funded school travel for the 2025/26 school term is fast approaching.

If your child is eligible for SCC funded school travel **you will need to opt-in by 31 May 2025** to receive travel for the start of the 2025/2026 school year.

If your child already receives SCC funded school travel you still need to opt-in every year.

If your child is starting primary or secondary school in September 2025 and they are eligible for SCC funded school travel, you will have received an email with details of how to opt-in.

For more information on the SCC school travel policy and getting your child to school, please visit: [Opt-in - Suffolkonboard \(suffolkonboard.com\)](https://www.suffolkonboard.com).

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## Raffle Fundraiser

All proceeds donated to the Ixworth High School  
Year 11 Prom 2025

**MAY 22ND**

1 TICKET FOR 50P  
5 TICKETS FOR £2

Prizes include:  
Family pass to Jimmy's Farm  
Green King Brewery Tour  
Family pass to National Trust  
Swimming vouchers for Abbeycroft  
Leisure Centre

Winners will be drawn at the Coffee House  
event hosted in school on Thursday 22nd May.

If you are not present to choose your prize it will  
be selected by a member of staff at the event.

For more information please contact Mrs Morris  
[b.morris@ixworthhighschool.org](mailto:b.morris@ixworthhighschool.org)

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## Ixworth CoffeeHouse

**May 22nd 2025**

*A night for the arts!  
highlighted by wonderful  
student performances.*

**Doors open at 5pm**

Tickets available on Arbor  
Coffee treats and tea  
for sale while enjoying



Disney  
**FROZEN JR.**

Performance date:  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 6pm  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025 6pm