

Headteacher

This week was the first Coffee House event of 2025/26. This is an informal event to showcase our student's talents across a range of performances; singing, dance, poetry and music, brilliantly organised by Miss Dungey. The standard of performances were amazing; students with talent demonstrating Ixworth's values of resilience, responsibility and ambition.

Our Year 6 "French Taster" session was held this week with over 25 students from Ixworth Primary School taking part in a French lesson with Miss Gautier. Our next taster session for 25 students is Art, this event is sold out, but we will be advertising further events for Year 5 students early next year. Please keep an eye out on our website.

As part of our enrichment offer we have the pantomime "Cinderella" being performed in school to our students by a professional company. Tickets are also available for an evening performance on the 19th December bookable via the school website and Eventbrite.

Thank you to "Vehicle Works" Ixworth for agreeing to sponsor our Netball uniforms, we are still seeking sponsorship of our football kit, please contact g.elmer@ixworthhighschool.org if this is something you would be able to support us with.

Wishing you a restful weekend

Mr Gibb

Key Dates

Week beginning 20th October is Week B on our timetable

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

3rd November School reopens for all students

3rd – 14th November Year 11 Mock Exams

History – Year 6's

This week, pupils from a range of primary schools stepped into the shoes of a historian as they unravelled the 'History Mystery' of Archbishop Thomas Becket's murder in Canterbury Cathedral. Through role-play, clue analysis, and historical debate, pupils showed fantastic enthusiasm as they explored the power struggles between the medieval church and crown!

Miss Stubbs

Coffeehouse Celebration!

The Coffeehouse was an astounding success! From start to finish, the evening was filled with incredible performances and heart-warming moments. What a beautiful showcase of talent—it was truly a joy to witness. A huge thank you to all the Ixworth families who came out to support our performers. Your presence made the night even more special.

Mrs Dungey

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>

Summer Enrichment Week

We are reducing the first deposit for the **Cuffley** Adventure Camp Summer Enrichment Week trip to £60. We hope this makes initial payments much easier to manage for parents. We will extend the deadline for the initial deposit by a week to Friday 31st October - this also applies to the Shakespeare and France trips.

The roll out of the **France** trip was delayed so we could obtain the lowest possible price per student whilst retaining the highest possible quality of itinerary. We have managed to do this with real success. The trip cost is now only £585 per student. The initial deposit is only **£60**. Please sign up early in order not to miss out as places are going quickly!

We will also be rolling out initial proposals for the non-residential trips in next Friday's bulletin. These will have a basic itinerary and approximate costs. We hope this will assist your decision-making processes with regards to choice and residential trips.

If you have further questions regarding these trips, please do contact either me or the residential trip leaders **Mr Spurin (Camp) / Mr Jackson or Ms Gauthier (France) / Ms Baker (Shakespeare)**.

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U16 West Suffolk Cup vs Stowmarket

On the 14th of October Ixworth u16 hosted a cup match against Stowmarket high school. We lined up with a strong mixture of y10s and y11s, one which throughout the game proved it could compete with a strong Stowmarket team. For the first part of the game, it was extremely equal, with both teams having chances to score. However due to some unlucky passages of play we went into halftime loosing. In the second half however, I felt we were the better team and we created some great chance to score and even had one disallowed due to a questionable offside call. Overall, we showed great improvement from a few weeks earlier when we played the same team and were considerably beaten. Player of the match went to Charlie S in y10, who despite being younger than the opponents showed class on the ball and fit in perfectly. In conclusion I believe that with more match experience we will be a very strong team that can compete with the best.

Will D - U16 captain**Mr Harrison's thoughts:**

Our boys put up an exceptionally competitive performance against a very strong side in the cup this week. One thing that really stood out was how resilient the boys were, even when they went a couple of goals behind they worked brilliantly as a team and deserved more out of the game. Each week we are seeing a growth in understanding of how the boys can play together and we are seeing them improve every week at Thursday training. We are in the process of arranging some more fixtures for the boys to play so that they can continue to grow in ability and confidence with each performance.

Suffolk County Cross Country Trials

On Thursday 16th October, 15 students represented Ixworth incredibly when participating in the annual Suffolk Schools Cross Country Trials. With most of the schools in the County in attendance and Ixworth runners making up just a small proportion of over 150 in each race, we achieved some really impressive results. With top 15 finishes from Ava W, Fynn E, Reggie S and Charlie S in their races with top 50 finishes from a number of others including Fred F and Millie S. Each of the 15 students who represented the school should feel so proud of themselves as they completed the course with enthusiasm and resilience that allowed them all to feel an immense sense of pride as they crossed the finish line. Congratulation to all of you who took part. Those students who finished in the top 50 will now be invited to run at the next event in January, a run which presents them an opportunity, if again successful to run for their County. Well done all.

Mr Manington

Extra-Curricular Shoutout!

On Sunday 12th October Emily (Yr 11), Charlotte (Yr 8) and Emmie (Yr 7) were amongst a group of dance students who had put themselves forward to represent Dancing Sparkes Academy at the National Entertainment Awards held at The O2 Indigo.

The group won the Community Impact Award! This award recognises the ethos of the school - inclusivity, opportunity and community, where the individuality, creativity, ability of each child is celebrated and supported to thrive and reach their full potential.

The students gave a performance that show cased this to the highest standard. Well done to everyone, but especially to our students from Ixworth High School!



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IS AWARDED TO :

H YILMAZ - YEAR 7
A BARTRAM - YEAR 7
L DUNCAN - YEAR 7
I GROVES - YEAR 8
I FLYE - YEAR 8
J PLAKU - YEAR 9
B TALBOT - YEAR 9
O KERRIDGE - YEAR 10
E SWEENEY - YEAR 10
S RICHARDSON - YEAR 11
A PATERSON - YEAR 11



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Week commencing 6th October 2025



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| 1. V Piskala | 6. F Catchpole |
| 2. J Moore | 7. I Heavy |
| 3. T Duckett | 8. S Cook |
| 4. T Ranger | 9. C Johnson |
| 5. H Garrod | 10. I Head |

Over **19,000** questions were attempted by our students last week! Well done for showing how ambitious you are with your science homework!

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Wednesday 15th July - Thursday 16th July - Friday 17th July

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Get ready for a magical journey this festive season as **Cinderella** comes to life from the award-winning team at **British Pantomimes**. A dazzling family pantomime filled with laughter, sparkle, and a sprinkle of fairy dust! Join Cinderella, her hilarious best friend, the charming Prince, and of course her Fairy Godmother, in this fun-packed adventure that's perfect for all ages. With toe-tapping songs, belly-laugh comedy, stunning costumes, and magical moments, it's the perfect treat to kick off your Christmas season.

Experience a Pop-Up Pantomime like no other! At British Pantomimes, we have consistently set new standards with our groundbreaking productions. We are looking forward to hosting Cinderella at Ixworth High School in Suffolk.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cinderella-tickets-1768337608389?aff=oddtcreator>

British Pantomime