

Headteacher

In this issue you will see the Extracurricular Timetable for the Autumn term detailing 40 weekly sessions, our largest ever offer. We believe that enrichment is a vital part of school life. Through clubs, sports, trips, and wider opportunities, students develop resilience by taking on new challenges, show ambition by aiming high and exploring their potential. They build responsibility by committing to activities and working as part of a team. These experiences also support wellbeing and help prepare every child for a successful future.

We held our Open Evening on Thursday for school admissions in September 2026. We had over 300 visitors and it was nice to see some of you in the audience. If you are aware of any potential students that were unable to attend, please do ask them to phone the school and we will arrange tours for them. These are bookable on our website. The evening was supported by a range of students in faculty areas and with tours, they were a shining example of our amazing students at Ixworth. Emily and Fifi spoke at their first public engagement as Head Students, as did Aimee and Zac who have been at Ixworth in Year 7 for just two weeks! All four students showed ambition, resilience and confidence beyond their years, describing the opportunities available at Ixworth in a thoroughly professional way.

Can I please draw your attention to the attached note in this bulletin regarding the road safety measures we have in place around traffic to keep our children safe, particularly at drop off times in the morning.

Wishing you a restful weekend.

Mr Gibb

Key Dates

Week beginning 22nd September is Week B on our timetable

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

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>

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

Road Safety

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We are seeing increased traffic in the vicinity of the school, can I remind all parents that for safety reasons the drop off area inside the school is only to be used by taxis, minibuses and buses during the busy period between 8:00 and 8:30. The footpaths are narrow up to the school and the crossing points have blind spots, please slow down once in the vicinity of the school so that our children are safe. The entrance to the school is not a turning spot, doing so blocks the entrance and exit causing unnecessary congestion, similarly the no parking zones are to give space for the buses to turn. Finally, the spaces immediately outside of the school to the left of the gate are private parking belonging to our neighbours.

Enrichment Trips

The following trips will be on Bromcom within the next 2 weeks, but please use the information below as guidelines of what to expect in term of itinerary and price. If you have any questions in the meantime, please email m.stacpoole@ixworthhighschool.org. If you are interested, can I ask that you sign up to the relevant 'Interest' trips on Bromcom so we can get an idea of numbers.

Loire Valley (4 nights)

An unforgettable cultural adventure through the heart of France! dents will begin with an overnight stop in historic Rouen, before heading to charming Amboise. The trip includes exploring the region's stunning châteaux, canoeing beneath the iconic Château de Chenonceaux on the River Cher, discovering Leonardo da Vinci's incredible inventions at Le Clos Lucé, and indulging in a sweet visit to a local chocolate factory. A perfect blend of history, culture and hands-on fun!

Cost - Approximately £699

Initial deposit - 24th October (20%)

Second deposit - 19th December (25%)

Third deposit - 13th February (25%)

Final deposit - 27th March (30%)

Shakespeare Experience (2 nights) – Brochure attached

Students will enjoy a 3-day cultural adventure in the heart of Shakespeare's hometown. The trip includes a visit to Shakespeare's Birthplace, a tour and workshop at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, and a scenic river boat cruise. To add extra fun, they'll also explore the MAD Museum and experience the magic of Cadbury World. With travel, meals, accommodation, and all entrance tickets included, this is a fantastic opportunity to bring literature, history and culture to life in an exciting and memorable way!

Cost: £399

Initial deposit - £40 (24th October)

Second deposit - £120 (19th December)

Third deposit - £120 (13th February)

Final deposit - £119 (27th March)

Cuffley Activity Camp (3 nights)

Nestled in beautiful woodland, Cuffley offers an unforgettable outdoor residential packed with adventure and teamwork. Students can expect high-ropes, climbing, archery, bushcraft and problem-solving challenges — all designed to build confidence, resilience and cooperation. With expert instructors and a safe, supportive environment, it's the perfect setting for making memories, conquering fears and discovering new strengths.

Cost: £420

Initial deposit - £105 (24th October)

Second deposit - £105 (19th December)

Final deposit - £210 (27th March)