

Headteacher

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025

The final half term of the year is in full swing, the school is a little quieter now as our Year 11s have completed their exams and are off-site enjoying the summer. There is still lots of learning as well as opportunities for Personal Development in this part of the year. We have a number of non-academic events and activities to look forward to, these build a sense of community and belonging, we know these are essential for good mental health and high attendance.

Sports Day, School Production of "Frozen", Work Experience, Summer Enrichment Week, Celebration Assemblies; to name a few are all good things children recall from their time at school. These final few weeks of the summer are as essential as the first weeks in September. Our attendance remains just above National and Suffolk figures; as mentioned in last week's bulletin, we need a big push this term to ensure our attendance figure remains so; thank you to all parents/carers who have continued to support their children to be present, punctual and in the correct uniform.

With the change in weather, we have noticed more children being dropped off by car, can I remind parents/carers that the drop off for main school students is outside of the school either side of the "no stopping" painted lines. The limited space immediately inside the school is very busy with staff cars, taxis, minibuses and coaches arriving from 8:00, there simply is not the capacity to add private vehicles into this mix safely, it has also caused congestion with vehicles unable to exit or enter the school. Please also be aware that the lines outside the school have recently been repainted, in other parts of the village this has been a precursor to parking enforcement and penalty notices!

Wishing you a restful weekend.

**Mr Gibb**

We would like to wish all Year 11 leavers good luck during this time before exam results in August. We are incredibly proud of your hard work and determination during your GCSE's. You have been a fantastic year group that will be greatly missed!



## Key Dates

**Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> June is Week B on our timetable**

8 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Sports Day
14 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Year 10 Work Experience commences
18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Summer Enrichment commences
22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025	Last day of term
21 <sup>st</sup> August 2025	Year 11 GCSE Results Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025	School reopens for Year 7 only
4 <sup>th</sup> 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 [aaa@ixworthhighschool.org](mailto: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.

## SchoolHire

Ixworth High School is now using SchoolHire to allow groups, clubs, activities and parties to be arranged after school. By following the link on our school website under *Community- Letting our Facilities*, this will allow you to access our booking page. We are letting out classrooms, grass football pitches, MUGA, New Hall, restaurant and the gymnasium. This is a fantastic way for Ixworth to provide spaces for the local community.

<https://schoolhire.co.uk/bury-st-edmunds/ixworth>

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### Attendance

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.

### Pastoral Messages

**Weather:** We have now been blessed with some very warm weather. I wanted to remind you that blazers and trousers are not a necessity as part of the summer uniform. However, we do insist that students continue to tuck in their shirts and do up their top buttons enabling their ties to be worn correctly.

Sun hats, sunscreen and water bottles are very sensible from now on. (Please see the information regarding Sports Day)

### PE/ Sports Day

Doctors prescribing physical activity to boost mental health - <https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/self-help/guides-tools-and-activities/exercise-for-depression/>

Just to give plenty of advanced notice, students will need to wear a house-coloured t-shirt for Sports Day- This can be found on Arbor. Please find a provisional timetable below:

**Mandela – Green, Coleman – Red, Moore – Yellow and Nightingale – Blue**

Time	Track Events	Field Events	Additional events
9:00am	Year 7-10 (B&G) 1500m	Year 7 (B&G) Long Jump Year 8 (B&G) Discus	Tennis / Football
10:00am	Year 7-10 (B&G) 800m	Year 9 (B&G) Shot Put Year 10 (B&G) Javelin	JDU event #1 / Rounders / Tennis
10:45am	Year 7-10 (B&G) 200m	Year 8 (B&G) Long Jump Year 9 (B&G) Discus	JDU event #2 / Hurdles clinic #1 / Time trial #1
10.45am-11.15am	Breaktime		
11:15am	Year 7-9 (B&G) 300m Year 10 (B&G) 400m	Year 10 (B&G) Shot Put Year 7 (B&G) Discus Year 8 (B&G) Javelin	Tennis / Football
12:00pm	Year 7-10 (B&G) 100m	Year 9 (B&G) Long Jump Year 10 (B&G) Discus Year 7 (B&G) Shot Put	JDU event #3 / Hurdles clinic #2 / Time trial #2
12.45pm-1.30pm	Lunchtime		
1.30pm	Registration		
1:45pm	Tug of War (All Years)		
2:20pm	Relays: 4x100m (G, B, Mixed Year 7-10) Staff Relay		
3pm	Winners announced		

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### Fixtures/ Enrichment

There have been three Super 8 Athletics competitions over the course of the last month. Students in Year 7-10 have performed well and achieved some amazing results. Once we receive yesterday's U13 results, we will publish in more detail for next week's bulletin. A massive thanks must be given to the students for representing the school with such enthusiasm. As always, they were a huge credit to Ixworth High, well done. Please make sure you are fully paid for Summer Enrichment Week trips on Arbor. Full payment confirms your child's place on a trip. Part payment will keep your child in the reserved list until it is fully paid.

**Mr Stacpoole**

### Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Success

We are proud to report that our Year 9 students have successfully completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Expedition! Over two challenging days, students navigated through Suffolk carrying all of their own kit, cooking meals on Trangia stoves, and camping overnight. Every student demonstrated outstanding resilience, teamwork, and independence to complete the expedition.

Throughout the expedition, students:

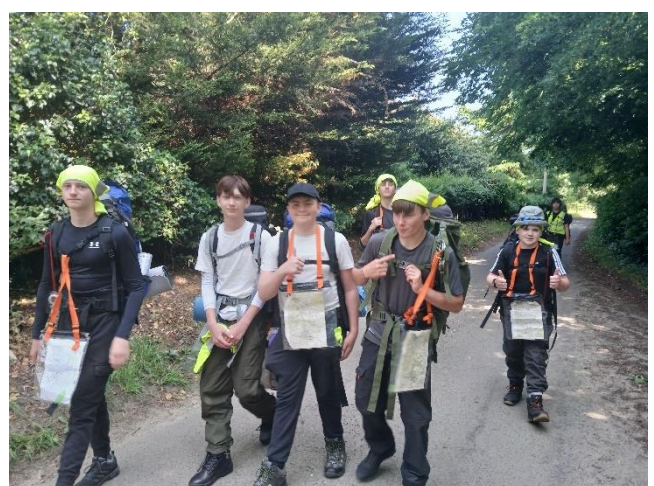
- Practised essential navigation and map-reading skills
- Worked in teams to set up tents and prepare meals
- Developed leadership, problem-solving, and communication skills
- Showed determination and a positive attitude throughout

A huge thank you goes to our dedicated staff team and expedition supervisors who supported students throughout the experience. Their guidance and encouragement were invaluable in helping all participants succeed.

We are incredibly proud of how our students conducted themselves. They truly embodied the spirit of the DofE Award—challenge, perseverance, and achievement. Many are already looking forward to tackling the Silver Award next year!

Congratulations to all involved—you've earned more than a certificate; you've earned lifelong skills and memories!

**Mr Spurin**





Creatives Department

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The Creatives department would like to share some of our student's recent work from their mock exams!



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The cast and crew are working hard in rehearsals. The singing, acting and dancing has lifted over this week to make for an exciting play. Tickets are available via Eventbrite.



**Ixworth High School's**  
production of



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

Year 5 Taster Sessions are live to book on our website. Timings for Year 6 experience lessons will be released promptly, dates on poster below. These posters have been sent to local primary schools and we have contacted school offices directly to provide more information to parents.



**Join us at Ixworth**

**Open Event**  
**Thursday 18th September 2025**

**Experience lessons at Ixworth!**  
Taster session dates (*Times to be confirmed*):

 <b>PE</b> Tuesday 16th Sept 2025	 <b>French</b> Wednesday 8th Oct 2025
 <b>Science</b> Wednesday 24th Sept 2025	 <b>History</b> Wednesday 15th Oct 2025
 <b>Drama</b> Wednesday 1st Oct 2025	 <b>Art</b> Tuesday 21st Oct 2025

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"Ixworth is a happy  
school, where pupils  
know they are safe  
and cared for."

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