

25<sup>th</sup> April 2025

## Headteacher

We started the summer term off with a visit from Ofsted, which was a graded inspection. We were firmly in the window for an inspection, as it has been over 5 years since the last at Ixworth. The outcome is due for public release to us in around 30 working days' time, after it has been through a series of moderation processes within Ofsted. We will share the outcome immediately once we have received this.

I can report that the team recognised the work that has been carried out across all aspects of the school, and that this is resulting in rapid and significant improvement. They asked for me to pass on their thanks to our "positive and wonderful staff", our parents for the time taken to provide feedback, and most importantly our students who they described as "a joy to be with" and who "care about their learning".

Wishing you a restful weekend.

**Mr Gibb**

## Job Vacancies

*There is a vacancy being advertised by Sapientia Trust for a Finance Assistant and Exam Invigilator based at Ixworth please see this link:*

[https://ce0200li.webitrent.com/ce0200li\\_webrecruitment/wrd/run/ETREC107GF.open?VACANCY\\_ID%3d3982825WLN%1BUESSION=EB637532150222D793528E16FBEAECF2&WVID=58214202FG&LANG=USA](https://ce0200li.webitrent.com/ce0200li_webrecruitment/wrd/run/ETREC107GF.open?VACANCY_ID%3d3982825WLN%1BUESSION=EB637532150222D793528E16FBEAECF2&WVID=58214202FG&LANG=USA)

[https://ce0200li.webitrent.com/ce0200li\\_webrecruitment/wrd/run/ETREC107GF.open?VACANCY\\_ID%3d2827254tNf%1BUESSION=0F6AF912629180FD031FB92BFD19A778&WVID=58214202FG&LANG=USA](https://ce0200li.webitrent.com/ce0200li_webrecruitment/wrd/run/ETREC107GF.open?VACANCY_ID%3d2827254tNf%1BUESSION=0F6AF912629180FD031FB92BFD19A778&WVID=58214202FG&LANG=USA)

## Key Dates

**Week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> April is Week A on our timetable**

5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Bank Holiday
15 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Year 8 Progress Evening
23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	Half Term
2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025	School reopens for all pupils

## 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)

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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>

## 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.