

Headteacher

Responsible, Resilient, Ambitious

Please find a document attached showcasing our school values including resilience, responsibility and ambition. In this edition of the bulletin, I have included useful tips for parents and carers that can be used at home to help build these values and qualities in our students, to support students to be more resilient, take responsibility, or be ambitious. One of the themes of these tips is discussing events in your lives where these values have been pivotal in dealing with setbacks or being successful.

We are now mid-way through our first half term. We held our “Year 8 – year ahead” event on Thursday, our final event in this series is the Year 9 event on Thursday 2nd October.

The number of sports fixtures that Ixworth students attend is increasing, and our sports strips are in urgent need of replacement. We would be very grateful that if parents are aware of any companies that might consider sponsoring or part-sponsoring our shirts they please contact us.

Next week is Careers Week, which provides a range of activities and a Careers Fair, please find a letter attached for more information.

Mr Gibb

Key Dates

Week beginning 29th September is Week A on our timetable

1 st October	Yr6 Drama Taster session (booked via Eventbrite or website)
2 nd October	Year 9 “Year ahead” information event 5-6pm
8 th October	Yr6 French taster session (booked via Eventbrite or website)
10 th October	PD Day, school closed to all pupils
13 th October	School Photographs
15 th October	Yr6 History taster session (booked via Eventbrite and website)
16 th October	CoffeeHouse (booked via Eventbrite and website)
21 st October	Yr6 Art taster session (booked via Eventbrite and website)
23 rd October	Year 7 Settling in Evening 4-5.30pm
24 th October	Last day of half term

Pastoral Notices

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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 Admissions Team on 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>



Ixworth
High School

ENGLISH CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE

IS AWARDED TO :

G BANKS - YEAR 7
M HEARTFORD - YEAR 8
C TODD - YEAR 8
W HODGE - YEAR 9
S GADDIS - YEAR 10
F CATCHPOLE - YEAR 11
R CLEVELAND - YEAR 11
S RICHARDSON - YEAR 11



For their outstanding achievements in English Educake homework
Week commencing 15th September 2025



Match Report

On the 23rd of September, the Ixworth U16 Football Team travelled to participate in 3 games at Stowupland High School. We gave a good account of ourselves against some very strong opposition.

In our first game we played against Stowupland, who were a strong team, however we battled well despite the weather and due to an unlucky passage of play we lost 1-0 late in the second half. Despite a last-ditch assault on their goal, we walked away with an undeserved defeat.

In the second game we played a Thurston team and despite a poor start, we played well and in patches were very much the better team. We walked away with a defeat but considering the quality of the opposition, we played well.

Lastly, we played Stowmarket High School, at this point we were all knackered, but we kept going and were caught out by some high-quality counter attacks any team would struggle with. We felt the result didn't show how the game went and how well our team did.

Overall, it was a very good afternoon. As captain, I was proud of the way the team came together and started to play as a team as the afternoon went on. The Y10s jelled well with the Y11s and we played extremely well. A special mention for who we felt was the player of the afternoon, Ivan, who ran the midfield, and at times was unplayable. We were unlucky to walk away with the set of results we did, and I feel with more game time and training sessions this year, we could be a very good team who causes problems for anyone we play!

W Dryden - U16 captain