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Headteacher

This week we held our final information evening, this time for Year 9 students, on the same evening we held our Careers Fair for Year 9, 10 & 11. The exhibitors at the careers fair told me that our students were showing great ambition with their plans for the future, asking inquisitive questions and were clearly taking responsibility in finding out the options available to them after they complete their studies at Ixworth. Our next evening event is the Year 7 Settling in event on 23rd October.

We are beginning to welcome more organisations into our school to use our facilities. These can be booked via our website "Letting our facilities" tab through "School Hire". If you are aware of anyone looking to hire sports halls, meeting rooms or even conference facilities, please do share this.

Attached to this bulletin is a poster for British Pantomimes performance of Cinderella on Friday 19th December 5-6pm, which is being held at Ixworth High School. Please follow this link for more information and tickets- <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cinderella-tickets-1768337608389?aff=oddtcreator>

Please remember that the school is closed to pupils on Friday 10th October due to a PD Day. Year 11 Mock information and timetables have been sent directly to parents today. Any issues, please speak to Miss K Elmer.

I wish you a restful weekend

Mr Gibb

Key Dates

Week beginning 6th October is Week B on our timetable

8 th October	Yr6 French taster session (booked via Eventbrite or website)
9 th October	Hello Yellow- 1 item of yellow for £1
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)
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

Science- Year 6's

Some Year 6 students from a variety of primary schools took part in a 'Y6 survival challenge' in which they made their own pH indicator using red cabbage to test unknown substances. Using their indicator and their new knowledge of acids and alkalis, they worked out which unknown substance was water. They all showed tremendous enthusiasm, budding practical skills, and left with a mini 'scientist in training' certificate.

Miss Mountford

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 on aaa@ixworthhighschool.org by 9:00 am.

Lost Property

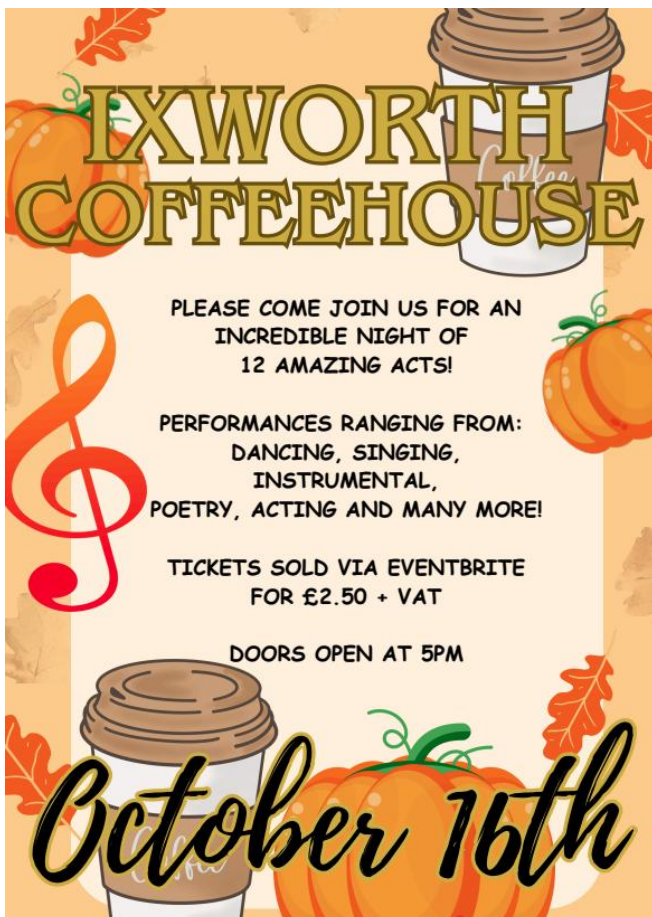
Items of lost property will be kept at the school Office. Please ensure you have all school uniform and sports kit clearly marked with your child's name on the inside of the item so if you do misplace anything it can be returned to you quickly.

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>



ENGLISH CERTIFICATE

OF EXCELLENCE

IS AWARDED TO :

L DUNCAN - YEAR 7
F HOLDEN - YEAR 7
E WATSON - YEAR 8
H COOPER - YEAR 8
L KENVIN - YEAR 9
E NUTTALL - YEAR 9
D NIX - YEAR 10
R LANGSWORTHY - YEAR 10
D OAKLEY - YEAR 11
S RICHARDSON - YEAR 11



For their outstanding achievements in English Educake homework
Week commencing 22nd September 2025



Attendance

100% Attendance Reward!

Dear Parents/Carers,

To celebrate an excellent week, all students who achieved 100% attendance this week will be receiving a **bag of sweets or chocolate** on their way out of school today. There are an amazing **365** students who will be receiving this reward today!

This is our way of congratulating them for their commitment and effort. We hope to see the same fantastic attendance in the weeks ahead — and remember, you never know when the next treat might appear!

Well done to all our students for their hard work this week.

Miss Burgess

Thursday 9th October- Hello Yellow

M&S | YOUNGMINDS

Dear parents and carers

Our school will be taking part in Hello Yellow on Thursday 9th October (as students are not in school on Friday 10th) to raise awareness and funds for YoungMinds, the UK's leading charity for young people's mental health.

No young person should feel alone with their mental health and that's why Hello Yellow matters! We're taking this opportunity as a school community to come together and show our students that we support them and they're never alone with their mental health.

Students will be allowed to wear 1 item of yellow, eg socks, jumper, hair accessory, whilst donating £1 for the charity. We understand that not all families will be able to make this donation, but any support you can provide will be welcomed.

Most importantly, we want to share the resources which YoungMinds offer to support parents and carers if you ever need help and advice to support your children. This includes:

- online resources (www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/)
- Phoneline, open 9.30am-4pm (0808 802 5544)
- Online chat for parents and carers to speak to trained professionals if you're concerned about your children's mental health (www.youngminds.org.uk/parents-helpline/)

If you have questions, please contact:

Mrs B Morris – Assistant Designated Safeguarding Lead and Mental Health Lead

b.morris@ixworthhighschool.org

Mrs K O'Halloran – Assistant Designated Safeguarding Lead and Mental Health Lead

k.ohalloran@ixworthhighschool.org

Careers

Thank you for to those that took the time to visit the Careers Fair last night. We hope it was useful and allowed your child to raise their ambition and look at their journey after Ixworth. We would also like to thank our local businesses, sixth forms, colleges and universities who supported this event providing our students with different opportunities.

Thank you also to Rob Sweeney for donating a considerable amount of metal rulers to our creative faculties.

Mrs Heath and Mr Jackson

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Summer Enrichment Week

Two of our Summer Enrichment Week residential trips are now on Bromcom. Please see details below:

Cuffley Camp (£435) *Brochure Attached via Document*

Initial deposit - £105 (24th October)

Second deposit - £110 (19th December 2025)

Third deposit - £110 (13th February 2026)

Fourth deposit - £110 (27th March 2026)

Shakespeare Experience (£399)

Initial deposit - £40 (24th October)

Second deposit - £120 (19th December 2025)

Third deposit - £120 (13th February 2026)

Fourth deposit - £120 (27th March 2026)

For more information contact trip leaders: **Mr Spurin (Camp) / Miss Baker (Shakespeare)**

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£40 DEPOSIT DUE NOW
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Ixworth
High School

Stratford Upon Avon Summer Enrichment 2026

Accommodation

Royal Shakespeare Theatre

Cadbury's World

River Boat Cruise

Only 50 Places!

Join us for a 2 night
and 3 day experience in
the stunning town of
Stratford Upon Avon...
Shakespeare's
birthplace

Only £399

£40 Deposit
Balance in 3 installments

- ✔ All travel & meals included
- ✔ Shakespeare's Birthplace & Boat Cruise
- ✔ All accommodation included
- ✔ Theatre Tour & Workshop
- ✔ All entrance tickets included
- ✔ MAD Museum & Cadbury's World

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.

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British Pantomimes