

Friday 4th July 2025

Headteacher

This week saw two amazing performances of "Frozen"; congratulations to the cast, production team and staff who made this possible. We also held the Kenya expedition information evening; this was very well supported and we already have 5 students registered for the trip!

There is lots to look forward to in the remaining weeks of this academic year; sports day is next Tuesday, we have Celebration assemblies over the next two weeks and ongoing attendance awards. We will then be into the final few days with our "Summer Enrichment Week" activities. Finally, Year 10s start work experience in the week beginning 14th July, something many schools no longer offer.

We appointed a part time PE teacher this week and so we are now fully staffed for teachers in September. We do have an advert out for an Internal Exclusion Manager, if you know of anyone looking for a position in a lovely school, please direct them to our website where there are links to the advert.

Wishing you a restful weekend.

Mr Gibb

Key Dates

Week beginning 7th July is Week B on our timetable

8 th July 2025	Sports Day (Students only)
10 th July 2025	Year 9 & 10 Celebration Assembly
17 th July 2025	Year 7 & 8 Celebration Assembly
14 th July 2025	Year 10 Work Experience commences
16 th July 2025	Year 5 Experience Event "Crime Scene Science"
18 th July 2025	Summer Enrichment commences
22 nd July 2025	Last day of term
21 st August 2025	Year 11 GCSE Results Day
3 rd September 2025	School reopens for Year 7 only
4 th 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 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. 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.

PE

U13 West Suffolk Athletics Meet: On Thursday 19th June, Mr Stacpoole and I took several Year 7 and 8 students to Bury Leisure Centre to compete in the annual West Suffolk U13 Athletics meet. 13 local schools were represented with our students running, jumping and throwing against the best age category athletes from the area. Every student who took part in very warm, challenging conditions did themselves proud with some brilliant standout results and many personal bests. A big well done to Ava W, who won the 800m with at least 150m distance between her and the rest of the field, an outstanding achievement and to Millie S, who, despite competing an age category up, also won her 100m heat with a brilliant time. It was also awesome to see students' resilience in competing in events they were not confident in, for example the high jump, which despite having little/no practice of, still produced excellent heights. Well done to all athletes who took part.

Mr Manington

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Attendance

Our 50 day attendance streak challenge began on 22nd April 2025. On Monday 7th July our first streak winners will be hitting day 50. They will be rewarded by being invited to time off of timetable to watch a film on Friday 11th July.

Well done to all students and families who have been present 100% this term.

Attendance Team

Pastoral Messages

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.

Maths Challenge

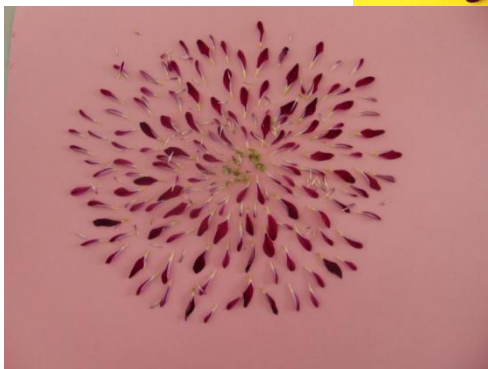
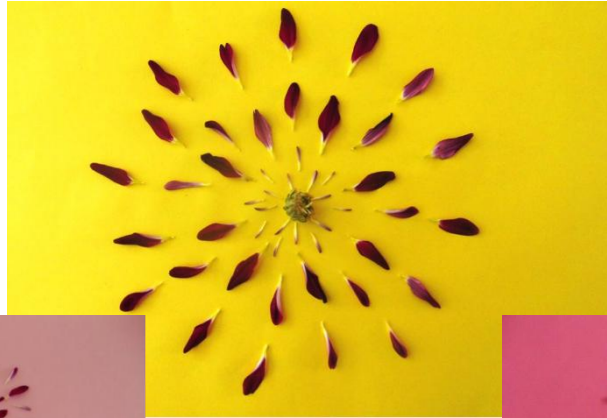
We took 4 Year 8 students to the Maths Challenge on Tuesday. We had a wonderful afternoon, and the students did so well, holding their own against a lot of Year 9 teams! Well done!

Mrs Wheeler



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Year 9 students photography focusing on the artist Fong Qi Wei



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