

Headteacher

Responsible, Resilient, Ambitious

It was lovely to welcome our new cohort of Year 7 students on Wednesday and to see the rest of the school return on Thursday, thank you to parents for ensuring they were so immaculately turned out in their uniforms.

On Monday we welcomed several new members of staff. Ixworth is again fully staffed with subject experts in all classrooms. On Tuesday all staff attended the Trust development day at Wymondham. Ixworth was front and center of the celebrations around school improvement having secured a "Good" Ofsted report in April and our results improving considerably from 2024 with a much larger cohort of students.

Our Year 11s performed very well in public examinations. The number of students that achieved a 4+ in English and Maths increased by 6% and those achieving a 5+ in both subjects increased by 9%. Overall, we added nearly a whole grade onto every result compared to 2024. There were 16 Grade 9s awarded to students overall, a very pleasing set of results that will enable these students to have a variety of choices going into the next stage of their lives and education.

There is still a way to go in securing the grades that every student at Ixworth deserves, but I am confident that the initiatives we have begun will lead to a continual improvement in grades. We also benefit from well behaved, positive students and supportive parents.

This academic year we have changed the school values, we were using Ready, Respectful and Safe in 2025, we have now added Responsible, Resilient and Ambitious to those values. We have worked over the summer to incorporate these into everything we do at Ixworth, including our reward system. I have shared the student posters in this bulletin.

Our Open Evening is Thursday 18th September, please let other parents know so that they can visit our amazing school. The event can be booked via Eventbrite and a link is on our website. There are also a range of Year 6 Taster events in September and October; all bookable via Eventbrite.

There are several year group specific events in September and October, please see the calendar below.

Wishing you a restful weekend.

Mr Gibb

Key Dates

Week beginning 8th September is Week B on our timetable

8th September Progress Check Point 1 (PCP) target grades issued

11th September GCSE Success Evening Year 10 & 11

16th September Yr6 PE Taster session (booked via Eventbrite)

18th September Yr6 Open Evening (booked via Eventbrite)

24th September Yr6 Science taster session (booked via Eventbrite)

25th September Year 8 "Year ahead" information event

2nd October Year 9 "Year ahead" information event

10th October PD Day, school closed to all pupils

24th October Last day of half term

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 the attendance line by phone 01359 234050 or emailing 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>

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Student Portal sign up and access to student email accounts will be covered in IT lessons. For any parental concerns, please email enquiries@ixworthhighschool.org

Extracurricular Activities

Extracurricular activities start next week. There will be a timetable on the website and on displays by the start of next week. Any questions, please email m.stacpoole@ixworthhighschool.org

CoffeeHouse- School Performance

1. Thursday 16th October 5.00-6.15
2. Thursday 15th January 5.00-6.15
3. Thursday 21st May 5.00-6.15

Please email Mrs Dungey for further information- j.dungey@ixworthhighschool.org. Auditions will take place on Monday 15th September.

Term Dates 2025/26

Autumn Term

1/9/2025	PD day – no students
2/9/2025	PD day – no students
3/9/2025	Year 7 first day of Autumn term
4/9/2025	All other years first day of Autumn term
10/10/2025	PD day – no students
25/10/2025	Half term holidays
3/11/2025	All students return to school
5/12/2025	PD day – no students
20/12/2025	Christmas holidays

Spring Term

5/1/2026	PD Day – no students
6/1/2026	PD Day – no students
7/1/2026	All students return to school
14/2/2026	Half term holidays
23/2/2026	All students return to school
28/3/2026	Easter holidays

Summer Term

13/4/2026	PD Day – no students
14/4/2026	All students return to school
23/5/2026	Half term holidays
1/6/2026	All students return to school
18/7/2026	Summer holidays

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Key Dates by Year Group

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
23/10/2025 Year 7 Settling in meeting	23/4/2026 Year 8 Progress Evening	12/2/2026 Year 9 Progress Evening	11/9/2025 Year 10 GCSE Success Evening	11/9/2025 Year 11 GCSE Success Evening
16/6/2026 Year 7 Progress Evening		19/3/2026 Year 9 Options Evening	2/1/2026 Year 10 Progress Evening	4/12/2025 Year 11 Progress Evening
				5/3/2026 Year 11 Progress Evening

Report and Result Dates

Reports and Results	Content	To Parents and students
All Years	PCP1 Target Grades	8/9/2025
Year 11	Nov Mock results	4/12/2025
All Years Full report for Year 9	PCP2	12/12/2025
Year 11	Feb Mock results	5/3/2026
All Years Full report for Year 8	PCP3	27/3/2026
Year 10	May Mock results	8/6/2026
All Years Full report for Year 7 & 10	PCP4	26/6/2026
Year 11	GCSE Results	20/8/2026



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Free parent/carers online workshops this Autumn Term

Topics:

- Supporting young people (11+) with big feelings.
- Supporting young people who self-harm.
- Supporting young people with challenging behaviour.
- Supporting young people with anxiety.
- Supporting young people with low mood.
- Supporting young people manage uncertainty.
- Supporting children/adolescents (11+) with sleep.
- Top tips for supporting young people through exams.

If a parent/carers is unable to attend, by registering for a workshop, they will be sent the video and resources to watch when convenient. (Each workshop is 90 minutes long.)

[View workshop dates/access booking links](#)

Queries can be sent to admin.pst@nsft.nhs.uk.