

Attendance Newsletter



Ixworth High School

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Introducing the Attendance Newsletter!

We are excited to launch our weekly attendance newsletter, brought to you by the Ixworth Attendance Team. Each week, we'll share updates on attendance trends, celebrate excellent attendance, and provide helpful tips and guidance for students, staff, and parents/carers. Our goal is to keep everyone informed, support regular attendance, and ensure every student can make the most of their learning opportunities.

Stay tuned and join us in making attendance a priority!

School values



“**Ambitious** learners attend every day.”

“**Resilient** students keep showing up.”

“**Responsible** choices start with attendance.”

The Attendance Team

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Quick tip

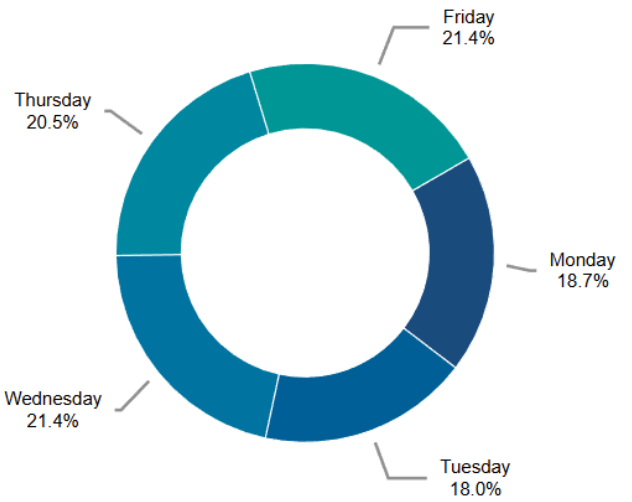
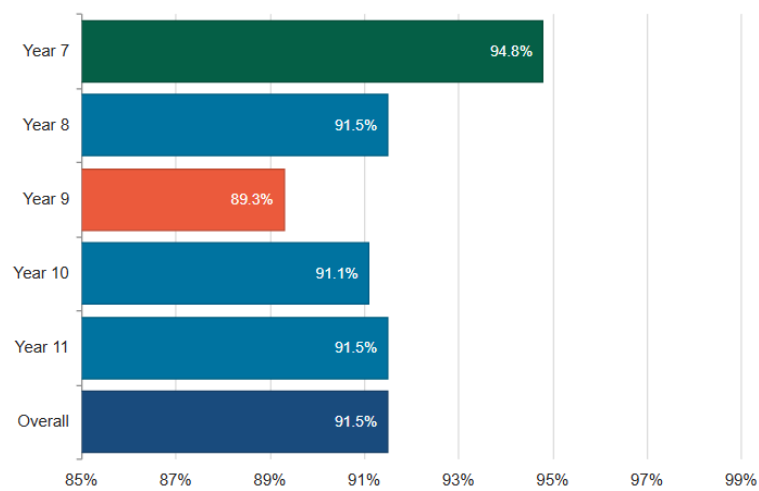
Every 1% of attendance lost is roughly **2 days of school** missed.

Current Attendance

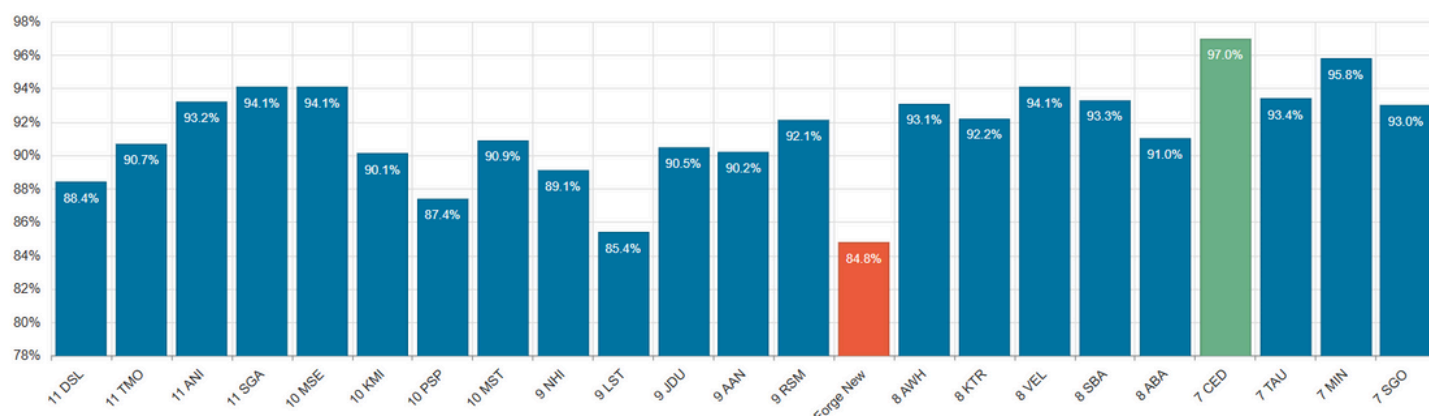
Current whole school attendance = 91.5%

Year Group - well done year 7!

Absence by week day



Tutor group attendance



Well done to 7 CED for having the highest tutor group attendance!

Why is attendance important?

Every day really does count

- Attending school regularly helps students keep up with learning, build confidence, and avoid gaps that are hard to catch up later.

Attendance links directly to achievement

- Students with 95%+ attendance are far more likely to achieve strong GCSE outcomes. Missing just 10 days a year (around 95%) can make it harder to secure good grades.

Small absences add up quickly:

- 90% attendance = half a day missed every week
- 85% attendance = almost one full day missed every week

This means key learning is lost, even if absences *seem* occasional.

Good attendance supports wellbeing and friendships

- Being in school helps students feel part of the community, maintain friendships, and develop routines that support positive mental health.

Attendance affects future opportunities

- Research shows that students who are persistently absent are less likely to stay in education, training, or employment after school.

There is a real financial impact

- Studies suggest that pupils with poor attendance can earn around £35,000 less over their lifetime compared to those with good attendance.

Employers notice attendance habits

- Good attendance builds punctuality, reliability, and responsibility — qualities that employers value highly.

We understand challenges happen

- Illness and genuine difficulties occur, and support is always available. The school works with families to remove barriers and help students attend whenever possible.

Attendance is a shared responsibility

- When students, families, and schools work together, attendance improves — and so do outcomes.



Decoding the 'attendance jargon'

'Ambitious' attendance = 100% = no absence over the whole year

'Excellent' attendance = 98% = 4 days absence over the whole year

'Good' attendance = 95% = 9 days absence over the whole year



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