

Attendance Newsletter



Ixworth High School

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School values



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

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

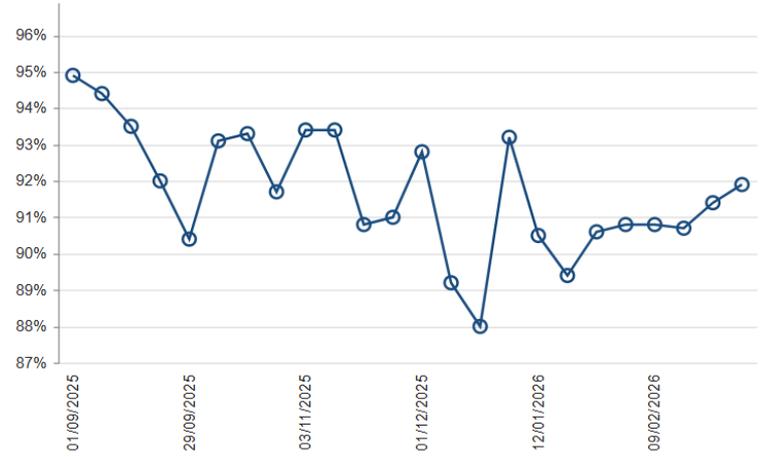
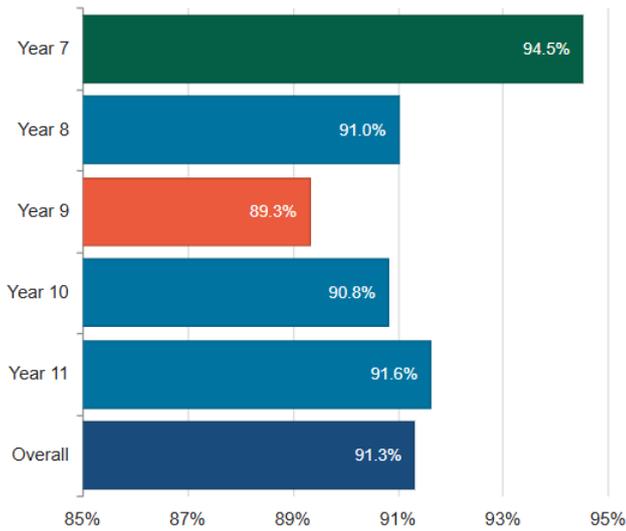
“**Responsible** choices start with attendance.”

Current Attendance

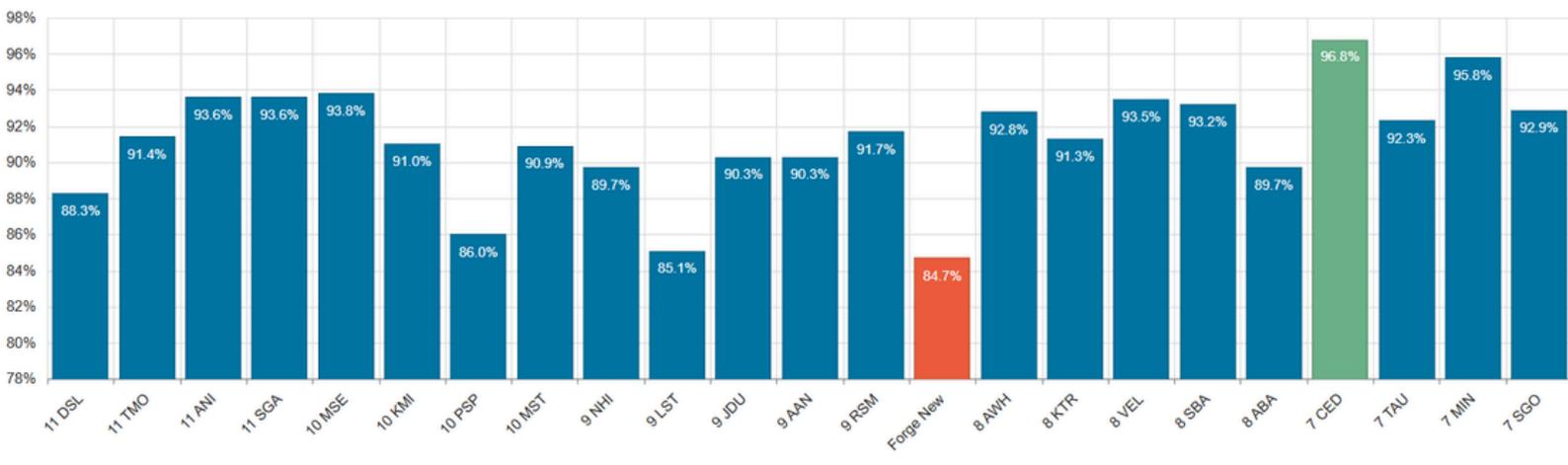
Current whole school attendance = 91.3%

Year Group

Timeline



Tutor group attendance



Current standings:

First - 7 CED

Second - 7 MIN

Third - 10 MSE



Quick tip
 If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, it might be good to talk to your GP or school nurse. You can also find some useful advice from the NHS on anxiety in children and at Young Minds.

Parents' responsibilities

DfE information for parents' and carers:

“As a parent, you are legally responsible for making sure your child gets a suitable fulltime education, usually from the age of 5 to 16. For most parents, this will mean making sure your child is in school every day except when:

- Your child is too ill to go to school. [please see last weeks bulletin for reasons for absence]
- You have permission for a leave of absence from your child’s school for them not to attend. You should only ask for this in exceptional circumstances. A holiday would not be classed as an exceptional circumstance.
- Your religious body has a day especially for religious observance.

There are also some other circumstances. For example, where:

- Your local council is responsible for arranging your child’s transport to school and it is not available on that day or has not been provided yet.

Whilst some absence is unavoidable, it is important that your child is in school every day they can be for their learning, wellbeing and development.

Decoding the ‘attendance jargon’

When may I be given a ‘notice to improve’ instead of a penalty notice?



In some cases, your school or local council may choose to give you a ‘notice to improve’ instead of a penalty notice once the national threshold of 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence is met. This is a formal written warning that, unless attendance significantly improves, you will be issued with a penalty notice. This is to give you another chance to work with the school to improve your child’s attendance. A ‘notice to improve’ will not be given if you take a holiday in term time without permission.

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