

14th November 2025

Headteacher

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On Thursday we held our annual Presentation Evening where we recognise the achievements of our students in 2024/25. We had the pleasure of musical performances by Ava, Esme, Will and Fred. Our guest speaker was Tom Cadge from BUUK, who spoke about our values of ambition, resilience and responsibility.

Tom explained that setbacks are a normal part of life, our response to these coupled with ambition and taking responsibility allow us all to learn and develop. A growth mindset is something we encourage in all our learners; it is the way our curriculum is structured and the way feedback is given by giving an opportunity to improve or develop. Photos of the presentation evening will be sent to parents directly next week.

We have no plans to close, but in the event of inclement weather or other reasons requiring us to do so, we would inform parents using our school and the local authority websites, local radio and announcements via Bromcom (emails/texts).

Wishing you a restful weekend.

Mr Gibb



Key Dates

Week beginning 17th November is Week A on our timetable

4th December	Year 11 Progress Evening 4-7 and Year 11 Mock Handouts
5th December	PD Day STAFF ONLY
18th December	Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day
19th December	Panto Performance by British Pantomimes- <i>Tickets available on website</i>

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Pastoral Notices

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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 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>

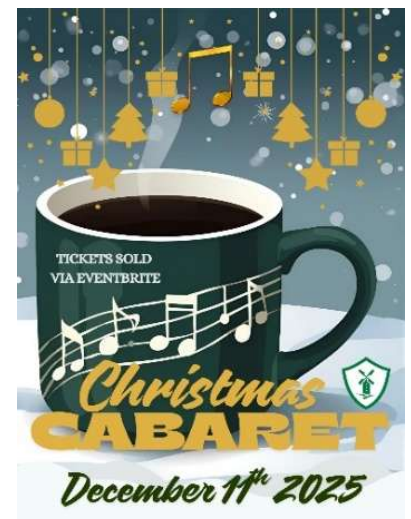
Christmas Cabaret

We are delighted to invite you to our first ever Christmas Cabaret, taking place on Thursday, December 11th, 2025! At 5pm. This festive evening promises a joyful mix of entertainment, carol singing, and seasonal performances. Come and enjoy the talents of our students as they bring the spirit of the holidays to life on stage.

Tickets available via Eventbrite and the below link.

Please bring the entire family! We would love to have you!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ixworth-high-schools-christmas-cabaret-tickets-1964845225963?aff=oddtcreator>





Subject Spotlight- Maths

Mathematics is the foundation of problem-solving, logical thinking, and critical reasoning. It builds confidence in tackling real-life situations—managing money, interpreting data, measuring accurately, and understanding patterns in the world around us. Strong maths skills empower students across all subjects and open pathways to a wide range of future careers

We focus on teaching for understanding rather than memorisation. Lessons include:

- Modelling and breaking down worked examples
- Retrieval practice to strengthen long-term recall
- Use of concrete–pictorial–abstract approaches where appropriate
- Collaborative problem-solving
- Regular low-stakes quizzes and deliberate practice to build fluency
- Targeted questioning to address misconceptions early

Autumn Term Topics that will be covered by years 7–9:

- Ordering and place value
- Multiplication and division
- Fractions
- Evaluating expressions
- Percentages
- Factors, multiples and surds
- Indices
- Manipulating expressions

Students will take part in the UKMT Junior and Intermediate Maths Challenges, where they can earn Bronze, Silver, or Gold certificates.

Homework is set weekly on Dr Frost Maths (or your school platform), focusing on fluency, consolidation, and stretch questions.

How can parents support or extend their child in your subject?

- Encourage daily retrieval practice—5 to 10 minutes makes a big difference.
- Discuss where maths appears in everyday life (shopping, travel, cooking, finance).
- Use free revision sites such as: · BBC Bitesize – KS3 Maths · Corbett Maths (videos, worksheets, and 5-a-day practice)
- Support regular completion of homework to build fluency, and complete additional practice to extend yourself.

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Anything current in the news, new books or research links to websites etc. that students might find interesting or useful to access their studies

- Maths is central to current conversations about AI, data science, and climate modelling.
- Students may enjoy exploring puzzles from NRICH, or real-world maths stories from BBC Science News.
- Popular maths books include Humble Pi (Matt Parker) and The Maths Book (DK)

Careers links/ties to post-16/university etc.

Maths opens doors to careers such as engineering, finance, architecture, data science, medicine, computer modelling, and many more. Post-16 options include:

- A Level Mathematics and Further Mathematics
- T-Levels (where strong maths skills are essential)
- Apprenticeships in engineering, finance, and technical fields

The following students have been working extremely hard in humanities recently. Well done!



History

Brett C Year 11
Dudley S Year 7
Justin A-K Year 9

Geography

Freddie D Year 7
Ivy G year 8
Tommy A Year 9

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Lydia N Year 8
Hridya T Year 8
Rueben T-K Year 8

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TASSOMAI TOP 10

1.W Hodge
2.S Cook
3.I Blackett
4.F Dupree
5.F O-Reilly

6.J Kenvin
7.L Kenvin
8.E Hart
9.K Echols
10.B Fojut

Over **36,000** questions were attempted by our students last week! Well done for showing how ambitious you are with your science homework!

Careers

If you or someone you know owns a business or works for a company that would be willing to offer work experience our Year 10 students at Ixworth High School in July 2026, please ask them to contact me directly on d.heath@ixworthhighschool.org

Their support and dedication to widen our students' ambitions and opportunities will be appreciated.

Year 10 parents - further information with regards to work experience will be released by 28th November 2025.

Mrs. D Heath

Remembrance Service 2025



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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.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cinderella-british-pantomimes-tickets-1768337608389?aff=oddtcreator>

British Pantomimes