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Headteacher

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I am pleased to confirm that our Trust has approved a number of significant building projects at Ixworth, several of which will be completed over the next twelve months. These include the ongoing replacement of the fire alarm system. These improvements highlight one of the key benefits of being part of a Trust, as projects of this scale would not be affordable within our current school budget alone. In particular, the planned work in the dining room will create a brighter, more welcoming environment for students and make the space more suitable for performances and the school production.

The planned works include:

- Double glazing to be installed in the kitchen and office areas
- Replacement of the windows in the dining hall
- Renovation of the ceilings in the dining room and drama classroom
- Further installation of LED lighting across the school
- Additional Interactive Whiteboards
- Provision of a dedicated meeting room

We look forward to sharing further updates as these projects progress.

Please remember that the parking spaces immediately outside the front gates are reserved for residents of the homes just outside the school, the school's visitor parking spaces are just inside the gate on the left-hand side.

Wishing you a restful weekend.

Mr Gibb  
**Headteacher**

Careers- SWAY



[Up-to-date Career's News - Rolling Summer term](#)

Ixworth High School Careers Rolling Summer Term!

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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 be registered with the School Office Team- [aaa@ixworthhighschool.org](mailto: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.

### 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>

## Key Dates

### Week beginning 27 April is Week A on our timetable

|  |                              |
|--|------------------------------|
| <b>27<sup>th</sup> April- 8<sup>th</sup> May</b> | Year 10 Mocks                |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> May</b>                        | Bank Holiday                 |
| <b>14<sup>th</sup> May</b>                       | CoffeeHouse Performance      |
| <b>18<sup>th</sup> May</b>                       | DofE Expedition Week         |
| <b>25<sup>th</sup> May</b>                       | <b>Half Term</b>             |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> June</b>                       | First Day Back- All Students |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> June</b>                       | Year 9 start KS4 Options     |
| <b>18<sup>th</sup> June</b>                      | Year 7 Progress Evening      |
| <b>19<sup>th</sup> June</b>                      | Year 11 Prom                 |
| <b>6-10<sup>th</sup> July</b>                    | Year 10 Work Experience Week |
| <b>13-17<sup>th</sup> July</b>                   | SEW                          |
| <b>17<sup>th</sup> July</b>                      | Final Day of School          |

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## Subject Spotlight- Computing KS3

### Why is your subject important in this key stage?

Computing equips students with essential skills for the digital age—problem-solving, logical thinking, and creativity. It helps them understand how technology works and how to use it safely and responsibly. These are all skills essential for working in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### Any teaching methods/strategies that would help people understand how teaching is taking place (implementation of curriculum)?

We use interactive lessons, combining practical programming tasks, group problem-solving, and real-world scenarios. Students learn through coding projects, digital investigations, and discussions about technology's impact on society.

### What are students covering in the Key stage/course?

- Programming basics using micro: bits and Python.
- Cybersecurity and staying safe online.
- Computer systems including AI
- How computers represent data (binary and images).
- Web design
- Networks

### Any competitions/House comps/ Homework you are running/have run and their results or aims.

We're taking part in the Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge this term—an international competition that tests problem-solving skills. House points and certificates for top performers!

Year 9 students took part in Astro Pi with some students having their code run on the International Space Station and will receive certificates soon!

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

Encourage your child to practice coding at home using free sites like:

- <https://Makecode.microbit.com>
- <https://codeclub.org/en/learn-to-code>

Discuss online safety and explore how technology is used in everyday life.

### Anything current in the news, new books or research links to websites

AI is everywhere! Check out <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z34k7ty> for extra learning.

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

Computing leads to careers in software development, cybersecurity, AI, and game design. Post-16 options include A Level Computer Science, T Levels in Digital Production, and apprenticeships.

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**As of 20<sup>th</sup> April**

## TOP 10 Students

- |                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| 1.C Meekings     | 6.I Mitrusi  |
| 2.F Catchpole    | 7.E Hart     |
| 3.W Hodge        | 8.S Cook     |
| 4.M Benn-Shallow | 9.L G Kenvin |
| 5.I Heavey       | 10.L Wing    |

### Class Leader Board

|    |            |      |
|----|------------|------|
| 1  | 11 Nile    | 81.9 |
| 2  | 9 Yare     | 80.9 |
| 3  | 10 Severn  | 70.4 |
| 4  | 8 Stow     | 61.7 |
| 5  | 10 Thames  | 58.8 |
| 6  | 9 Nene     | 57.4 |
| 7  | 7 Minsmere | 56.2 |
| 8  | 7 Butley   | 53.1 |
| 9  | 10 Ouse    | 52.2 |
| 10 | 11 Tiber   | 49.1 |
| 11 | 10 Trent   | 49   |
| 12 | 8 Yox      | 46.6 |
| 13 | 9 Lark     | 37.8 |
| 14 | 8 Brett    | 37.3 |
| 15 | 7 Orwell   | 35.8 |
| 16 | 9 Waveney  | 35.7 |
| 17 | 11 Indus   | 35.3 |
| 18 | 9 Chet     | 34.1 |
| 19 | 7 Box      | 32.3 |
| 20 | 8 Dove     | 32.2 |
| 21 | 8 Gipping  | 29.7 |
| 22 | 11 Amazon  | 23.1 |



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## Y10 ENGLISH REVISION

ALL STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF RESOURCES ON TEAMS, IN ADDITION TO THEIR EDUCAKE HOMEWORK.

Y10 STUDENTS SHOULD FOCUS THEIR REVISION ON:  
**MACBETH, A CHRISTMAS CAROL, AND LANGUAGE PAPER 1.**  
THIS IS IN PREPARATION FOR THEIR APRIL MOCKS.

STUDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT ANY ESSAYS/PAST PAPERS COMPLETED AT HOME CAN BE MARKED AND FEEDBACK PROVIDED BY THEIR ENGLISH TEACHER.

THE DEPARTMENT OFFERS A DROP IN SESSION ON WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIMES FOR BOOK/RESOURCE BORROWING AND ANY QUESTIONS.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO...**

**53 TALENTED  
IXWORTH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!**

**THEY HAVE RECENTLY HAD THEIR  
CREATIVE PIECES PUBLISHED.**

**A FANTASTIC ACHIEVEMENT, AND ONE  
WE ARE IMMENSELY PROUD OF.**



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Tickets are available to purchase via the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1985822780393?aff=oddtcreator>



## Year 11 Prom

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026- All Saints Resort, Fornham St. Genevieve, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP28 6JQ**

All year 11 pupils are warmly invited to attend the Year 11 Prom – a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the end of your time at Ixworth High School and mark this important milestone in style. Tickets are priced at £38 and are now available to purchase via Bromcom. The ticket price includes food and a disco, ensuring a great evening of celebrations. Please note, drinks will need to be purchased separately at the bar on the night- cash or card. Water is available throughout.

Due to the size of the car park, the venue cannot accommodate large vehicles (such as lorries or fire trucks) for drop-off.

We encourage all students to attend what promises to be a memorable and enjoyable evening with friends and staff. For further information please contact [b.morris@ixworthhighschool.org](mailto:b.morris@ixworthhighschool.org) or [a.jacob@ixworthhighschool.org](mailto:a.jacob@ixworthhighschool.org)

