

27th March 2026

Headteacher

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As we close for the Easter holidays, I can report that our students have gained over 68,000 Positive Behaviour Points so far this year. This is a massive achievement, and we are on track to exceed the number of points awarded last year, so this is a good indication of our students taking increased responsibility for their learning. As I said in a previous bulletin, our overall school attendance has just crept above the national % and is much higher than Suffolk schools. Our attendance is rising, whereas nationally and in Suffolk it is falling, so our students should be congratulated for showing greater resilience than their peers in other schools.

The performances of High School Musical this week were amazing, congratulations to all the cast and technical team on two very professional performances! Our thanks go to Mrs Howson who worked incredibly hard to produce a stunning show assisted by Mr Spurin and Miss Allard-Austin.

In the holidays we are having further work completed on the fire alarm system. We are also having the goal posts changed on the top field, so that we can host football tournaments. The new goals are wheeled; this will enable us to use the top field more flexibly. It will also allow us to maintain and grow the grass in high use areas. The athletics track and field events will be marked out as well in preparation for the summer.

We have written to all parents whose children use the school provided Stowmarket and Thetford buses to advise that we are issuing bus passes for these routes and changes for September 2026. If you haven't received this communication by 17:00, please contact the school.

The tutor group 7CED will now be taken over by Mrs C Howson after Easter. This will be re-branded to 7CHO, and their form room will be the drama studio.

From Easter, students are permitted to wear tailored shorts instead of trousers/skirts. These are to be in line with the uniform policy available on our website. There are no other amendments to uniform expectations, blazers are to be worn unless the school stipulates otherwise. [Uniform - Ixworth High School](#)

I hope you all have a restful holiday, and we look forward to welcoming our students back on Tuesday 14th April 2026.

Mr Gibb
Headteacher

Mocks and Exams

Individual timetables have been provided to students. These are also available on the Bromcom app and Student Portal.

The following items have been added to the Bromcom shop for Year 10 & 11 students in preparation for the Summer Exam season:

- Clear exam pencil case containing; 2 x black pens, 1 x highlighter, ruler, protractor, compass, pencil, pencil sharpener and eraser **£1.32 each**
- Casio FX83GT CW+ Scientific calculator **£11.10 each**

27th March 2026**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 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 13th March is Week A on our timetable**

30th March	Easter Break
13th April	PD Day- Staff ONLY
14th April	First Day Back- All Students
23rd April	Year 8 Progress Evening
27th April- 8th May	Year 10 Mocks
4th May	Bank Holiday
14th May	CoffeeHouse Performance
18th May	DofE Expedition Week
25th May	Half Term
1st June	First Day Back- All Students



Subject Spotlight- History KS4

Why is your subject important in this key stage?

KS4 History is hugely important in KS4, as it offers students the opportunity to learn about the past looking at units including the Normans, Medicine through time, Germany 1918-1939 and the Cold War. Pupils look at key themes e.g. religion, politics, society and economics. Pupils will build a range of transferable skills such as critical thinking, literacy, oracy and analytical writing.

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

In KS4 History there will be regular questioning that will look to boost pupils' knowledge and address any misconceptions they may have. Students will have new skills/concepts modelled for them to ensure they see an example of what a good one looks like. Extension tasks will have scaffolding such as sentence starters to help students reach their potential and provide them with support to complete the work independently.

What are students covering in the Key stage/course?

At the moment, Year 11 are finishing off studying the Cold War looking at how USSR leader, Mikhail Gorbachev's new reformist policies lead to the collapse of the USSR in 1991. Y11 pupils will also be doing revision at this moment through booklets set for homework and interventions. After Easter Y11 will be revising for their final exams with targeted revision lessons. Year 10 will be finishing their second unit of the GCSE syllabus – Medicine through Time looking at developments in WW1 on the Western Front. They will also be beginning to revise in preparation for their mock exams on both the Normans and Medicine units beginning the end of April.

How does your subject fit into the wider subject curriculum?

The GCSE units both Y10 and Y11 are doing now tie into the KS3 curriculum they would have studied. Y11 having looked at Germany between 1918-1939 and the Cold War will be building on what they learnt from the Y9 syllabus that focuses largely on 20th century Europe. Y10 looking at the Normans and Medicine Throughout Time will be building on what they have learnt from their Y7 units on the Normans and Medieval England and the Black Death.

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

Homework this term for Y10 and Y11 will be revising for their upcoming exams. Y10 will have been provided with a revision list

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

Have discussions with pupils at home about what they are studying. Encourage pupils to review lesson PowerPoints and do some independent research. Helping pupils create flashcards and revising with them will also support their preparations for their upcoming exams.

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

Being aware of current affairs through the news will be a real asset to those studying KS4 History as pupils will be exposed to key concepts and ideas including democracy and dictatorship that are directly applicable to GCSE History.

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

History qualifications are highly desirable as they provide lots of transferable skills that employers and higher education providers are looking for. These skills include deeper thinking, written analysis, research skills and presentation skills. Some key careers links for History are:

- Journalist
- Lawyer
- Business owner
- Police officer
- GP
- Diplomatic service officer
- Social worker
- NHS administrator

Year 10 Work Experience

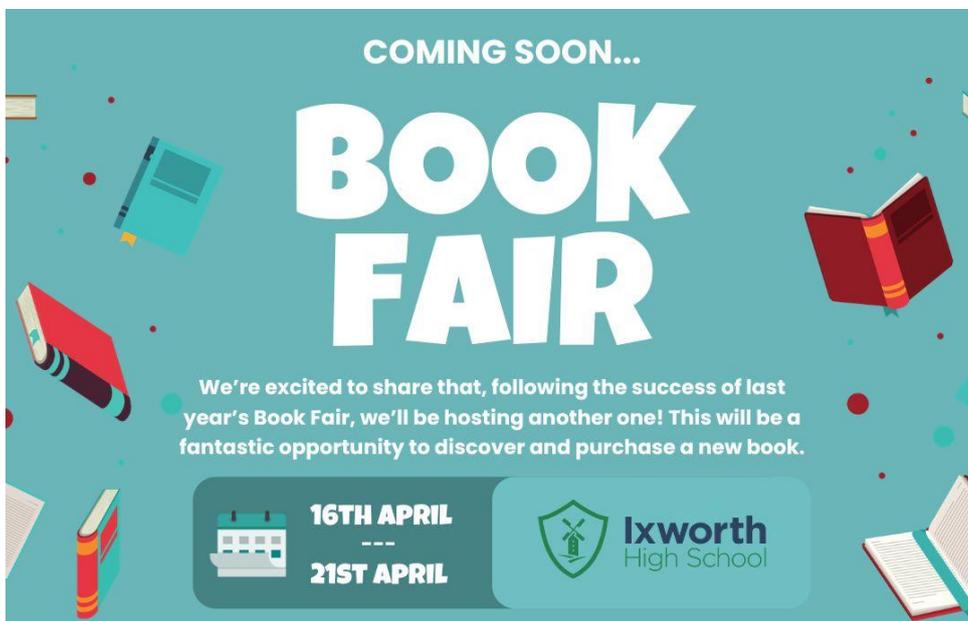
Once a placement has been found, students must complete: [Y10 Work Experience Application 2025-2026 – Fill out form](#) and [Ixworth High School Work Experience Medical Form - 2025-2026 – Fill out form](#)

Once this form is complete, Mrs Heath will contact the employer with the correct paperwork so that all parties involved can collaborate to ensure that students receive the most out of this experience.

West Suffolk Council

West Suffolk Council are running a work experience week 6 – 10 July 2026, specifically for year 10 students, to provide them with an overview of the different career pathways there are at the Council. Spaces are now filling up, so we urge your students to apply.

If you would like to find out more about our programme, the details and how to apply can be found on our work experience website page [Work experience \(westsuffolk.gov.uk\)](http://Work%20experience%20(westsuffolk.gov.uk)).



COMING SOON...

BOOK FAIR

We're excited to share that, following the success of last year's Book Fair, we'll be hosting another one! This will be a fantastic opportunity to discover and purchase a new book.

16TH APRIL

21ST APRIL



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Careers

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Up-to-date Career's News - Spring Term 2026

Ixworth High School Careers: Spring into action, spring into life - find your pathways

[Go to this Sway](#)

All students have been asked to complete a survey about careers; this will help the school develop the careers packages for your children. An email has been sent to your child's school email to complete the FSQ. If they have received this email, please can they complete this by Friday 17th April. Any issues, please email d.heath@ixworthhighschool.org

Federal Bureau of Ixworth (FBI)

This is a summer enrichment offering organised by the History and Maths Departments and will take place in the last week of Summer Term 2026.

We are not going to Bletchley Park anymore!

Included:

- A trip to Dover Castle and Underground tunnels!
- Workshops on spy craft
- Spies in WW2 – did you know James Bond was based on a real character!
- Gadget making
- Escape rooms

In line with new itinerary the trip has dropped by to nearly half price! - £40 per pupil (pupils already signed up have paid £40 deposit so will not need to make any further payments!

Please contact d.slow@ixworthhighschool.org



Q - time to waste – sign up ASAP!

Q - details should be shared with the public – Top Secret!

7 - or more opportunities to learn how to be a spy!

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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.



The next CoffeeHouse will take place on Thursday 14th May 17:00-18:30.

A CoffeeHouse is a western style open mic night/ variety show event. The name "coffeehouse" is derived from the limited menu which is typically available at the social event: coffee is usually the featured beverage, together with other non-alcoholic beverages such as soda, juice and teas. Desserts and snack foods may round out the menu.

Students have auditioned to give you a night of the best our performing arts can offer, with warm drinks and sweet treats to enjoy a musical night with.

Please join us to celebrate these talented students

Tickets are available to purchase via the link below:

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



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The following students have been chosen by a national competition to have their work published. This is a really exciting achievement and opportunity. We are so proud of them!

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Year 11 Prom

Friday 19th 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.

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 or a.jacobs@ixworthhighschool.org

