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## Headteacher

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On Wednesday, Mr Harrison and Mr Jackson launched the Extended Project Qualification to Year 8. This is a new enrichment offer this year and it was brilliant to hear such great ideas and planning by our students around raising money for their chosen charities. Students had the opportunity for independent thinking and problem solving, as well as working in and leading a team.

Two of our sports teams visited Wymondham college this week, our netball had a fantastic win beating Wymondham 11-0! The boys football team played a great game but lost 6-4. Both our teams looked incredibly smart in the new sponsored uniforms.

Our attendance is bucking the national trend and has begun to improve, thank you to all parents and guardians in ensuring that students attend regularly and that time off is kept to the minimum possible. If you concerned about your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Wishing you a restful weekend.

Mr Gibb  
**Headteacher**

## Year 10 Mocks

Individual timetables will be provided to students before we break up for Easter. These are also available on the Bromcom app and Student Portal, although some are still being completed.

We have attached a Year 10 Mock timetable and exam checklist to this bulletin email.

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**

## Travel

### Suffolk County Council funded School Travel for 2026/2027

Parents will be able to opt in (apply) for Suffolk County Council (SCC) funded school travel for the 2026/2027 school year from 2 March 2026. If your child is eligible, you must opt in by 31 May 2026 to ensure the school transport is in place for the start of the Autumn term.

SCC have prepared some information which helps to explain the School Travel Policy.

- [Schools guide to SCC funded school travel policy 2026](#)
- [Message to parents](#)
- [Poster](#)
- [Social media graphic](#)

Further information can also be found at Suffolkonboard - [Suffolkonboard - School Travel \(suffolkonboard.com\)](https://www.suffolkonboard.com).

Alternatively, you can call the passenger transport team on 0345 606 6173 or email them at [passenger.transport@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:passenger.transport@suffolk.gov.uk)

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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 9<sup>th</sup> March is Week B on our timetable

- 19<sup>th</sup> March                      Year 9 Options Evening
- 30<sup>th</sup> March                      Easter Break
- 13<sup>th</sup> April                        PD Day- Staff ONLY
- 14<sup>th</sup> April                        First Day Back- All Students

The following students have been working extremely hard in humanities recently. See Miss Ellis for your prize.

Well done!



**Geography**  
Ivan Z Year 11  
Luke M Year 10

**History**  
Holly F Year 11

**RE**  
Coral L Year 7

**Citizenship**  
Charlie E Year 10



**HUMANITIES STARS**

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Careers Week

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## Subject Spotlight- Science KS4

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

KS4 Science is a crucial time both for GCSE exam preparation, but also to develop skills that can be transferred to future further education as well as careers.

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

- Practical investigations developing students' knowledge of the scientific method, including how to plan a valid investigation to test a hypothesis.
- There are links to the required practicals on the 'How to revise Science' padlet on the school website. There are further options on platforms like YouTube.

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

**Topic:** Making salts required practical

This required practical builds on the practical skills and knowledge of neutralisation and separating mixtures that students learned at KS3. Students continue to develop skills such as identifying variables, using practical equipment like Bunsen burners safely, measuring quantities of chemicals accurately, and interpreting results critically. As it is a required practical, students could be examined on this in their GCSE Chemistry exams.

### How this fits into the wider subject curriculum.

- Students have learned how to recognise lab equipment in KS3.
- Students build on their KS3 knowledge of salts being produced in neutralisation reactions and on crystallisation.

Students gain transferable practical skills.

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

- Top 10 students to be published in the bulletin and in tutor time (based on points achieved each week).
- Tassomai postcards awarded in tutor time
- Science class leaderboards published in tutor time
- House points given for 100% weekly goal each week (double house points for British Science week!)

Y11 should also be set some exam style questions to support their revision at home.

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

- Encourage daily goal completion on Tassomai.
- Encourage independent revision with the ['how to revise Science' padlet](#) as a supportive resource.

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

Websites for Wider Context:

- BBC Bitesize KS4 Science. TED-Ed videos on YouTube. [Science for kids | National Geographic Kids](#)  
[Science News Explores | News from all fields of science for readers of any age](#)

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## Year 11 Model United Nations Conference

This Wednesday as part of our Careers Week we spent the day with all of Year 8 preparing them for our new award; The Ixworth Extended Project.

Modelled on the A-Level qualification that many students undertake to improve their prospects of obtaining entry into universities, we have altered the programme into a unique chance for our students to focus on preparing a project to support a charity.

Designed to equip students with 'real-life' skills that they will all be able to use in the future, the project aims to provide students with an overview of what charity work is, to explore why we need charities in the modern-day and to lead a fundraising project to raise funds and awareness for a charity of their choosing.

The entire year group were involved on Wednesday, and it was a brilliant day. All of the students were motivated by the prospect of being able to do something 'real' and were extremely passionate and excited about the idea of being given creative freedom to follow up their own ideas.

Keep your eyes peeled for the release date of our fundraising day, where parents will be invited into school to be involved in the hard-work that our students have put in to support a charity that means something to them! You can find more information here: [IHS EPQ \(Year 8\) - Ixworth High School](#) on our website, that will be updated as the project progresses.



## Food Preparation and Nutrition Practical Exam

Our Year 11 students showcased their culinary skills this week during their Food Preparation and Nutrition final practical exams, producing a range of impressive dishes. Selected images highlight the final presentations of their three-dish menus.



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## Careers Week 2nd-6th March 2026

This week has been a fun-packed and engaging experience for our students, with a wide range of activities designed to raise aspirations and encourage them to explore possible future pathways. Throughout the week, students have had the opportunity to begin thinking about their own career journeys through events such as our Careers Fair, drop-down days, assemblies, form time activities, mock interviews, and a mock court trial. Our students have been fully engaged in all aspects of the programme and have responded extremely positively to the opportunities provided during the week.

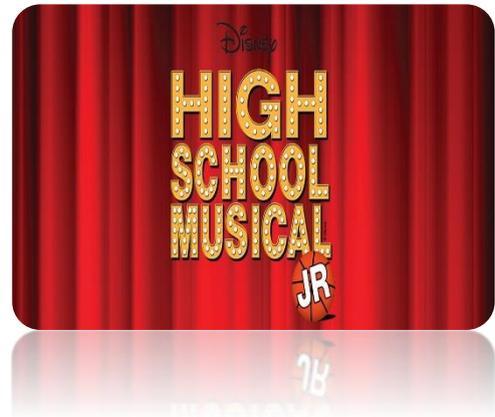


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## High School Musical JR!

**Disney's High School Musical JR.** is playing at Ixworth High School on the **25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026**. The fun-filled 60-minute musical, designed for high school-aged performers, is based on the 2006 Disney Channel Original Movie and the subsequent National Tour. The cast includes 60 students, ranging from tech team to performers directed by Mrs Howson.



### CALLING ALL WILDCATS!

This up-beat throwback to the ins and outs of high school drama is a nostalgic romp for young and old alike! Adapted for young performers, this musical includes favourite *High School Musical* songs such as "Get'cha Head in the Game," "Stick to the Status Quo," and "We're All in This Together." With its inspiring message of friendship, self-discovery, and teamwork, you'll be singing and cheering along!

Tickets are available via the links below please highlight and copy the link into the search bar.

Cast 1- Wednesday 25th March at 17:30

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1982669013391?aff=oddtcreator>

Cast 2- Thursday 26th March at 17:30

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1982682025310?aff=oddtcreator>

