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On Thursday we held our Year 11 Parents Evening after the release of the mock results. The evening was very well attended with lots of positive conversations of how we can help our students achieve, or in many cases exceed their target grades in their GCSEs.

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> our final visitors for 2025 will be welcomed to the school as some of the Trust will be reviewing our progress so far this year and how we are addressing the areas for development identified by Ofsted in April. Alongside changes to the Ofsted framework, the Curriculum and Assessment Review Report has been published by the DfE with some key changes that will affect us, these changes are not immediate. Year 6 students joining the school in Sept 2026 may see some of the changes, but students currently at Ixworth should be unaffected. We will keep you informed as further information is released.

Mrs Heath and the team have been working hard to update the careers offer on our website, there are now links to a range of up to date resources including applications to FE institutions, work placements and general careers advice.

Finally a reminder of the Christmas Cabaret on 11<sup>th</sup> December of the Pantomime on 19<sup>th</sup> December.

Wishing you a restful weekend

Mr Gibb

Headteacher

## Key Dates

**Week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> December is Week A on our timetable**

<b>11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Cabaret – <i>see poster in this bulletin for tickets</i>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day ( <i>Christmas lunch <b>must</b> be booked via MCAS, normal break and lunch offer will also be available and does not need to be booked</i> )
<b>19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Panto Performance by British Pantomimes- <i>Tickets available on website</i>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Last day of term
<b>7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	School reopens for all students

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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](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 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>

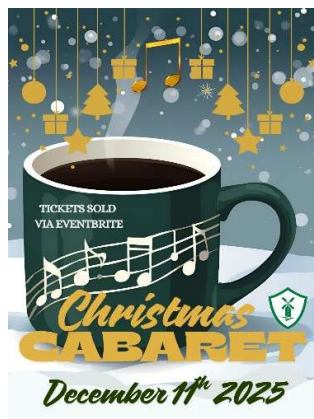
## Christmas Cabaret

The Christmas Cabaret is on December 11th at 5pm- Tickets available on Eventbrite and the link below:

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

Love Christmas? Love performing? Or just love a good laugh? Then don't miss out on our first ever Christmas Cabaret! Whether you sing, dance, act, play an instrument, or just want to bring some festive fun to the stage — we want YOU! Students to sign up with Mrs Dungey on **Monday, November 10th** to be part of the show. All years and talents welcome — as long as it's Christmas themed! Any questions, please email

[j.dungey@ixworthhighschool.org](mailto:j.dungey@ixworthhighschool.org)



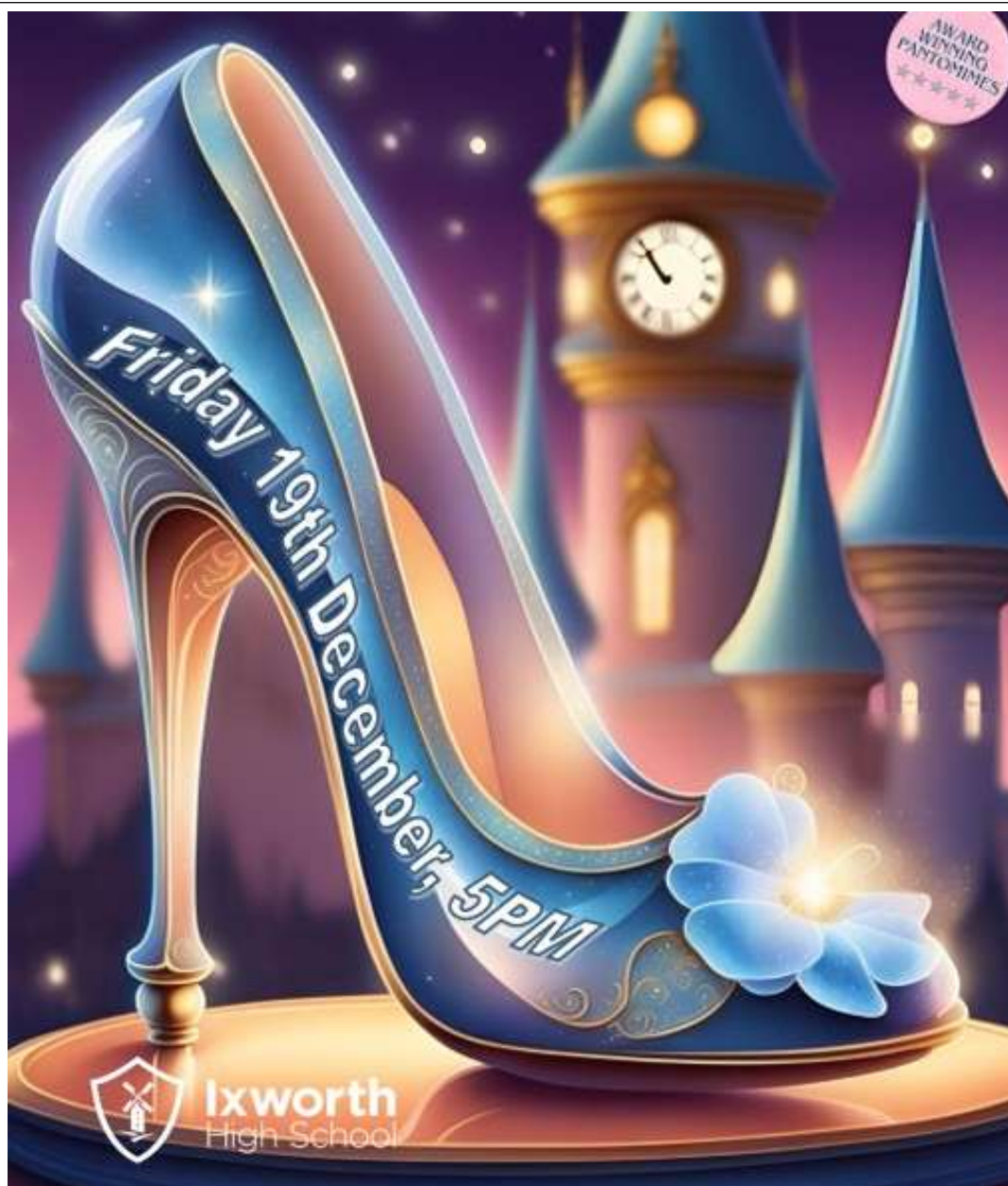
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Get ready for a magical journey this festive season as Cinderella comes to life from the award-winning team at British Pantomimes. A dazzling family pantomime filled with laughter, sparkle, and a sprinkle of fairy dust! Join Cinderella, her hilarious 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**

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## Careers

If you or someone you know owns a business or works for a company that would be willing to offer work experience to Year 10 students at Ixworth High School in July 2026, please ask them to contact Donna Heath on [d.heath@ixworthhighschool.org](mailto: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**