

13th February 2026

Responsible, Resilient, Ambitious

Headteacher

Our celebration assemblies were a huge success this week, it was brilliant to see so many students being recognised for showing Ambition, Resilience and Responsibility this term. We have also received great news that our students' English stories are going to be published.

I wish you all a restful half term, with just a reminder that the school reopens for all students on Monday 23rd February 2026.

A polite reminder that we are a nut free school, we are seeing many students bringing with snacks with nuts in, and these are not allowed.

Mr Gibb

Headteacher

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A Forbes	L Rose	
B Taylor	L Elvin	
D Barber-Kirkpatrick	M Owen	
D Thorpe	O Moss	
E Nuttall	O Smith	
G Banks	P Cook	
G Wilson	S Cook	
J Canham	T Eagle	
K Whittome	Z Denby	

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A Stewart	N Rolph	
A Townsend	O Chaston	
A Hedges	S Gray	
E Veary	S Callan	
I Johnson	S Smith	
I Newman	S Taylor	
J Rudling	T Gray	
L Bailey	T Smith	

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A Gascoigne	F Stephenson	
A Mayes	H Walker	
A Ketcher	H Dixon	
A Richardson	J Black	
B Talbot	K Canham	
C Johnson	K De Lange	
E Attridge	L McDougall	
E Eggleston	L Inger	
F Bull	L Phimister	
	R Rawlings	

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E Hart	
I Head	
O Kerridge	

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Pastoral Notices

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 23rd February is Week B on our timetable

16th February	Half Term
23rd February	First Day Back- All Students
2nd March	National Careers Week
5th March	Year 11 Progress Evening
19th March	Year 9 Options Evening
30th March	Easter Break
13th April	PD Day- Staff ONLY
14th April	First Day Back- All Students

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2026-2027

Sapientia Education Trust- Term Dates & PD Days

Autumn Term:

- Starts: Thursday 3rd September 2026- All Students
- **PD Day- Friday 18th September 2026- No Students**
- Half-Term: 19th October - 30th October 2026
- Last day: Friday 18th December 2026

Spring Term:

- **PD Day- Tuesday 5th January 2027- No Students**
- Starts: Wednesday 6th January 2027
- Half-Term: 15th February- 19th February 2027
- Last Day: Thursday 25th March 2027

Summer Term:

- Starts: Monday 12th April 2027
- Bank Holiday/ School Closed: 3rd May 2027
- Half-Term: 31st May - 4th June 2027
- Last Day – Friday 23rd July 2027



French Trip

All students attending the French Trip need to check their passports are in date or order a new one promptly. Passports must have at least 3 months from the date you leave. The school also requires students to have a **GHIC**, parents must complete this for anyone under 16. Please find the NHS link below to apply/check. This is a free service.

[Get healthcare cover for travelling abroad - NHSBSA](#)





Subject Spotlight- Art KS4

Why is this subject important in this key stage?

Art is an important subject for students because it allows students to not only expressive themselves in a creative way but also gives them the tools to be independent learners, manage their time effectively and manage projects.

Implementation of Curriculum

In Art we focus on teaching self-reflection, refinement and looking at how to improve our work. By exploring new ideas and working out how to create them we teach problem solving too.

What are students covering in the Key stage/course?

Across the school in Art, we cover the key areas of recording (both ideas and observations) analysing artist work, exploring media techniques processes and ideas as well as presenting our work, both visually and through understanding of themes

How this fits into the wider subject curriculum.

We analyse artists work in a similar way English will analyse written work.

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

Lunch time workshops to develop coursework

House competition to design a House shield – due in week after February Half Term.

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

Parents can support their child by encouraging them to draw every day even if it's just a doodle- this helps develop hand eye coordination and improves quality of drawing skills. Take them to an art exhibition and talk together about the art you see- it could be local or further afield. Help them to get out and take photographs of things they are interested in as this will help them to draw observations and ideas back in the classroom. - Either print them off or email them to the art department and we can print them off- they can't use their phones to email in school so need to be a bit organised!

Current news, books, research, or links to websites etc. Students might find the below interesting/useful to access their studies or provide wider context and skills.

Tate Modern has a great website for Artwork to look at.

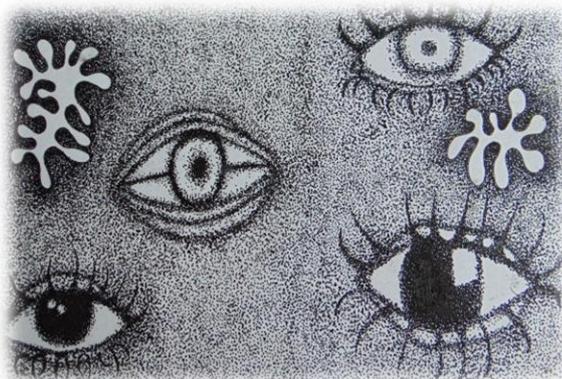
Careers links/ties to post-16/university etc.

A-Level Art/photography/textiles/3d art or equivalent BTEC/ course builds technical skills, exploration of a wider range of media processes and techniques. Also, opportunity to try new ideas out and on a larger scale. Degrees in a wide variety of art-based subjects from car design to theatre stage design, from fine art to architecture.

Careers: Architect, Artist, Art teacher, Curator of exhibitions, Fashion designer, Automotive designer, Photographer, Animation creation, Print making, Makeup Artist, Art editor, 3D printing technician and Web designer.

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Work Experience

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Work Experience - Monday 6th July 2026 - Friday 10th July 2026

Work experience is a valuable step for young people to explore careers, build confidence, and develop skills for the future. A work experience placement must be completed during this week, for the full 5 days from Monday 6th July - Friday 10th July 2026.

We understand it can feel challenging for families, difficulties may include:

- **Finding a placement:** Many employers receive numerous requests and placements can fill up quickly.
- **Understanding expectations:** Knowing what counts as meaningful experience.
- **How to support your child through workplace norms:** punctuality and communication takes preparation.
- **Health & Safety concerns:** Parents may worry about whether their child is safe in an unfamiliar workplace.

Parents and carers have ways to support their child both before and during placements.

- We have found that students that approach placements themselves have been more successful than when parents have contacted on their behalf. Businesses want to see the student responding and interacting with them directly.
- Consider your child attending your work placement. This may be another option if there is difficulty finding a placement, any experience is experience in the world of work.
- Companies need to provide all H&S and insurance documentation to the school and can gain information from the Government website linked below.
- Staff will be in contact with the placement during the week of work experience.

[Work experience: a guide for schools](#)

[Young people at work: Work experience - HSE](#)

[Employer guides to work experience - GOV.UK](#)

Each student has been issued a booklet to take home to guide them through this process. Additionally, students have worked on these during school time.

Please see the links below or our website for additional support. The deadline for completion of the form is Friday 20th March. Thank you for your continued support.

[Careers - Ixworth High School](#)

[Y10 Work Experience Application 2025-2026 – Fill out form](#)

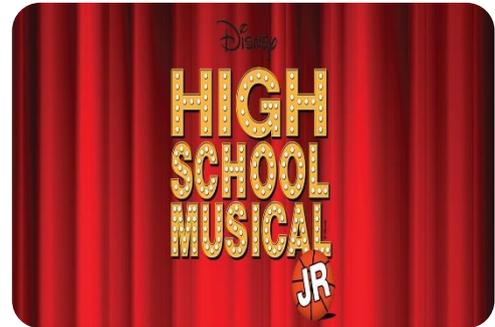
Mrs Heath

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High School Musical JR!

Disney's *High School Musical JR.* is playing at Ixworth High School on the **25th and 26th 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>



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IXWORTH HIGH
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cordially invites
you to

*A Night Under
the Stars*

YEAR 11 PROM 2026

on Friday, 19th of June

two thousand and twenty-six
at 6:30 in the evening

All Saints Hotel

Fornham All Saints