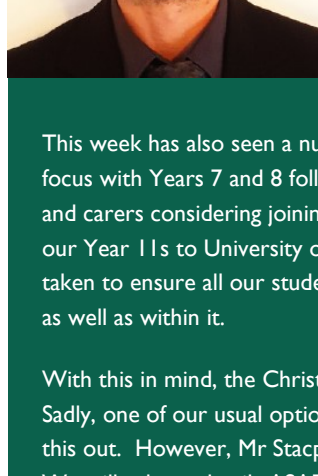




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Welcome

This week has seen a wide variety of activities occurring and a number of planning meetings around the final weeks of school. Our school council are working towards the Christmas fair. This is an opportunity for the local community to join us at the school for a raft of activities as well as possibly picking up a few gifts! We have limited space on site so please reserve a stall as soon as you can to avoid disappointment.

This week has also seen a number of visitors in the school. We were delighted to have a careers focus with Years 7 and 8 followed by Year 11 interviews, a presentation to Years 9 and 10 parents and carers considering joining an expedition to Borneo and last, but by no means least, a trip for our Year 11s to University of Suffolk for a taste of university life. We are proud of the steps being taken to ensure all our students are exposed to a variety of opportunities outside of the classroom as well as within it.

With this in mind, the Christmas enrichment trips this year are in the process of being finalised. Sadly, one of our usual options is no longer available which has impacted on the speed we can role this out. However, Mr Stapcoole has been working tirelessly to adjust plans to compensate for this. We will release details ASAP in order to ensure all students have the option to attend.

Thank you again to the many parents and carers that are supporting us during this challenging time for the school with staffing. I hope the information shared last week and, the bigger picture as well as the news about others recently in the same situation has demonstrated the challenges we are attempting to overcome. We are continuing to work on this behind the scenes in an attempt to ensure a full staff team as soon as possible.

Mr Jackson
Deputy Head of School

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our festive Christmas Meal will be on Wednesday 13 December.

We will be offering our Traditional Roast Turkey Lunch with sausage and sage stuffing, roast winter vegetables, Brussel sprouts, roast potatoes and gravy.

Our Vegetarian option will be creamy root vegetable, cheese and cranberry tart with vegetables and roast potatoes.

For dessert there will be a choice of:
Christmas pudding with custard
or
chocolate pudding with salted caramel custard.

We will be keeping our prices at £2.55 for main, sides and pudding so everyone can enjoy a Christmas lunch.

If your child is not a Turkey fan but would still like a bit of tinsel, we will also be offering a *Festive Pack Lunch as an alternative.

Please complete the Arbor form by Thursday 7 December so we can establish numbers.

*Please note that pasta, jacket potatoes and 'Grab and Go' will not be available on the 13 December.

RAF STEM ACTIVITIES

All our Year 7 and 8 students had an outstanding and engaging experience working with the RAF STEM outreach team.

The RAF STEM project is a hands-on, high energy, experiential challenge designed to encourage STEM learning and enhance understanding of progression pathways, using the work the RAF does as a theme to contextualise and invigorate students' understanding. In addition to STEM learning, the day also incorporates activities on confidence, communication, resilience and improving mental health.

It was a great day!

#confidence
#community



YEAR 11 UNIVERSITY VISIT

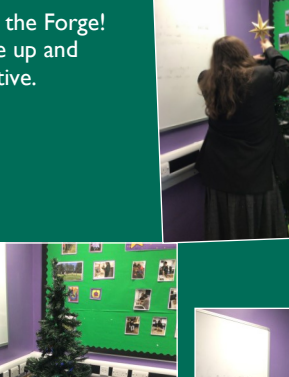
On Thursday, Year 11 students were given the opportunity to visit the University of Suffolk.

Students had a tour of the campus, were able to experience what a lecture is like and had the chance to quiz current undergraduates about their time at university.

There was also information about the range of courses that are available, applications and finances.

It was a great day, with lots of questions raised and answered and hopefully it has given Year 11 another option to consider.

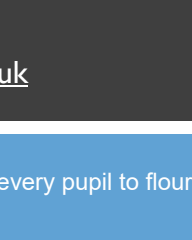
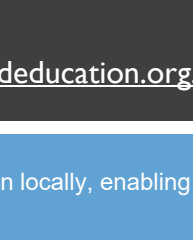
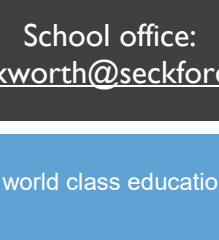
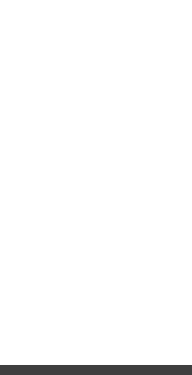
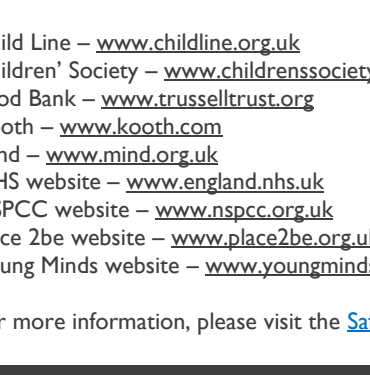
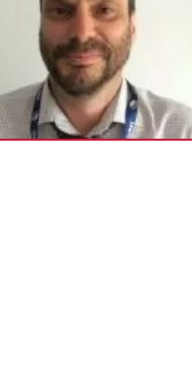
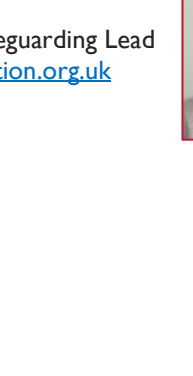
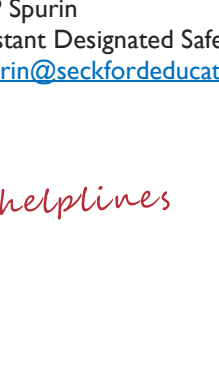
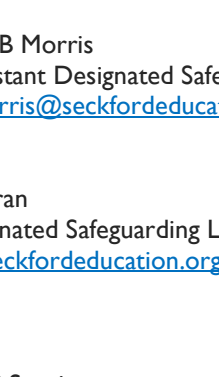
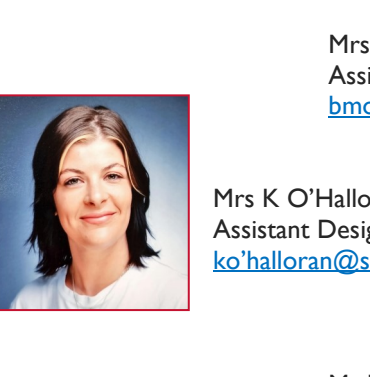
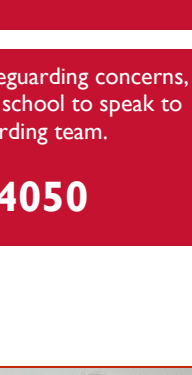
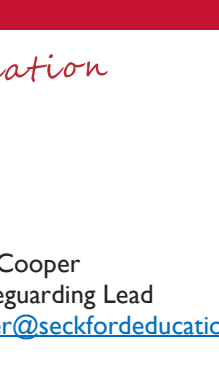
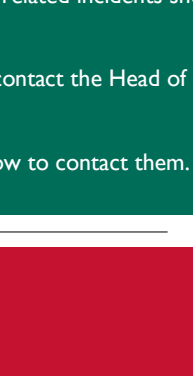
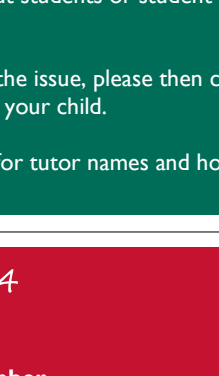
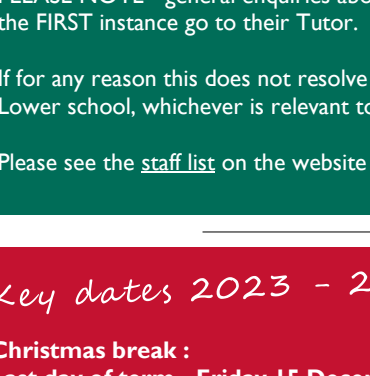
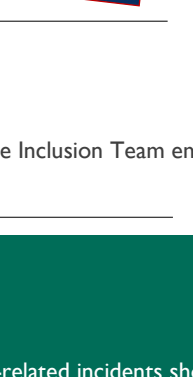
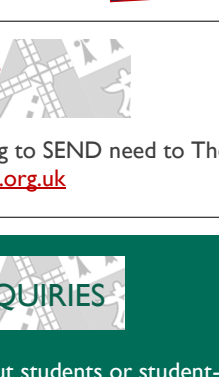
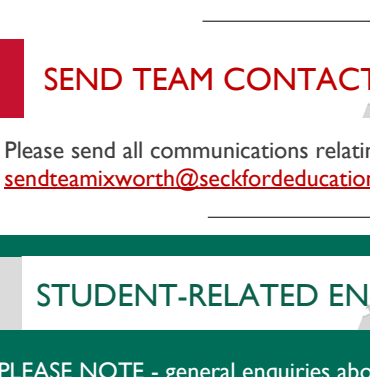
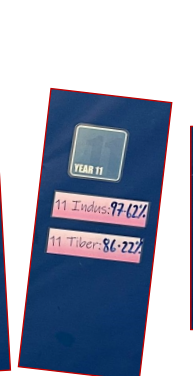
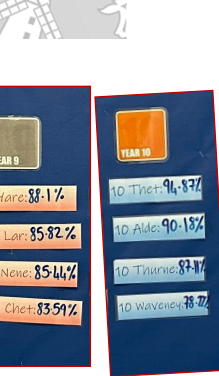
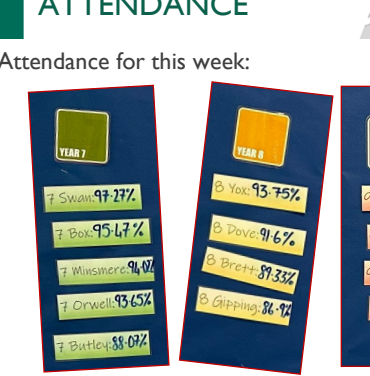
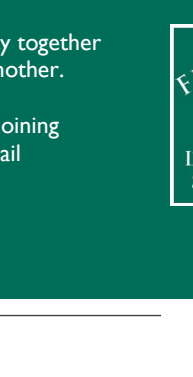
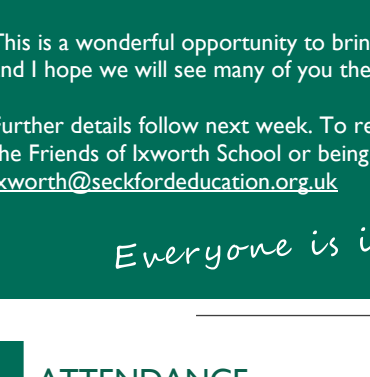
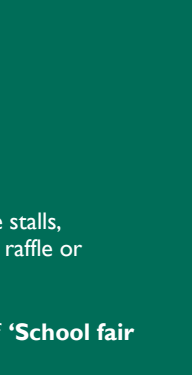
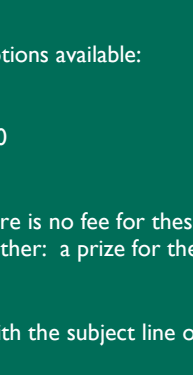
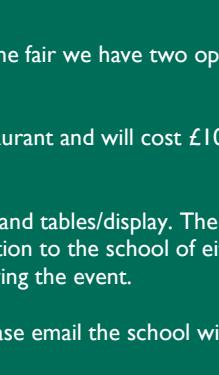
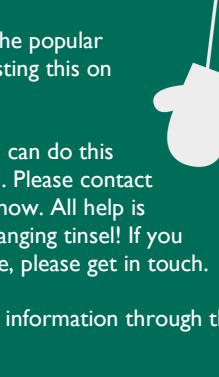
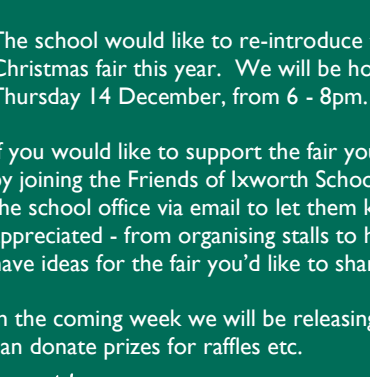
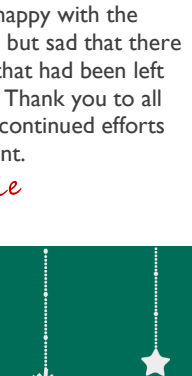
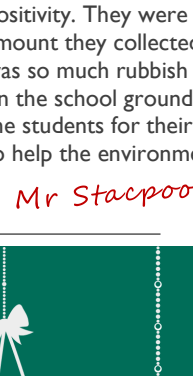
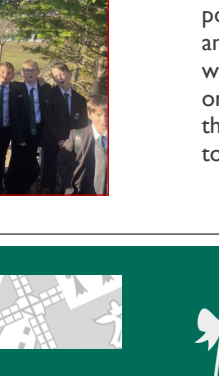
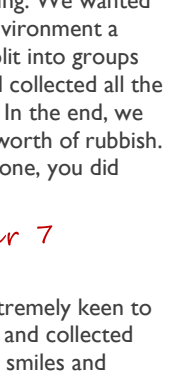
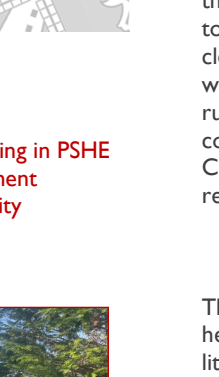
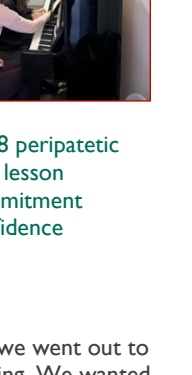
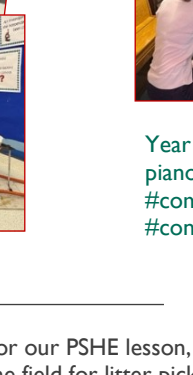
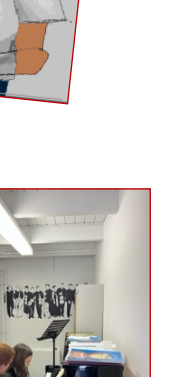
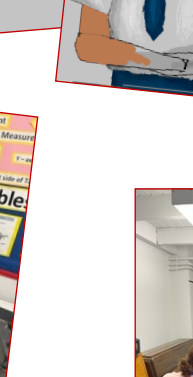
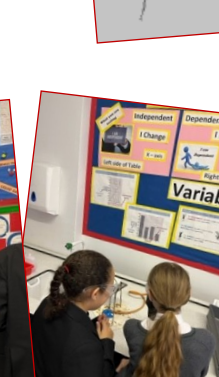
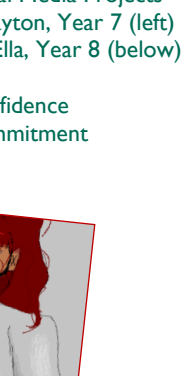
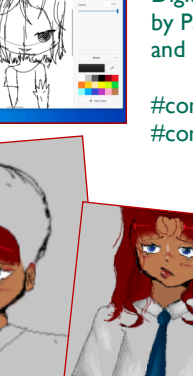
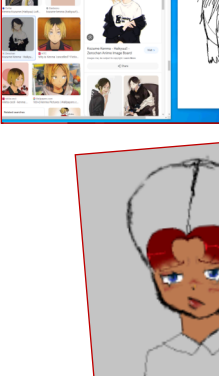
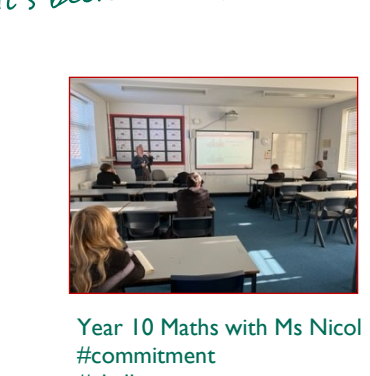
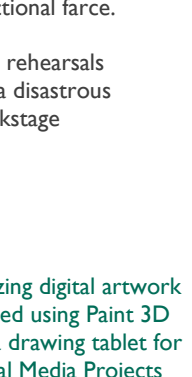
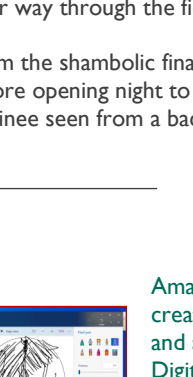
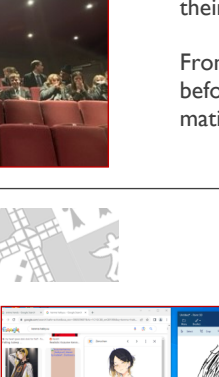
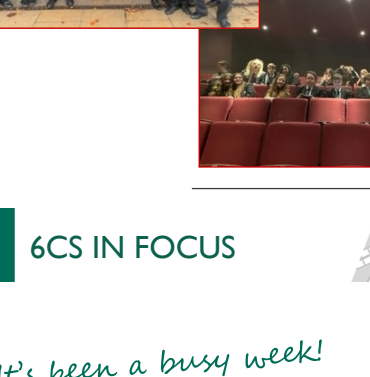
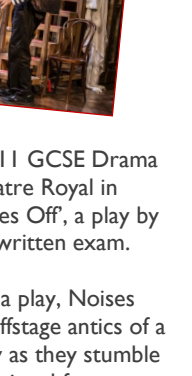
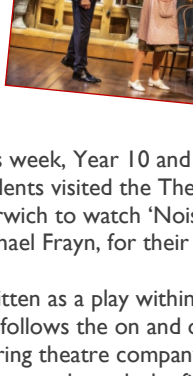
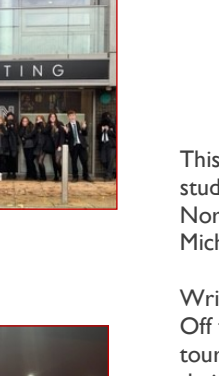
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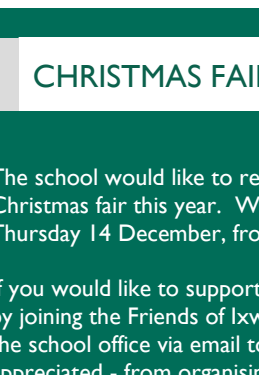
FORGE

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in the Forge! Everybody helped to put the Christmas tree up and decorate it, making our space feel really festive.

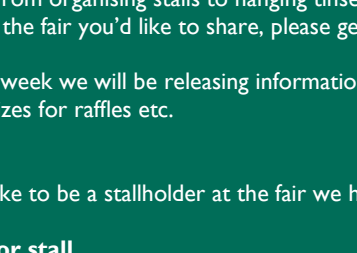
#celebration
#community



PSHE - LITTER PICKING



Litter picking in PSHE
#commitment
#community



For our PSHE lesson, we went out to the field for litter picking. We wanted to make the school environment a cleaner place so we split into groups with a binbag each and collected all the rubbish we could find. In the end, we collected 10 bin bags worth of rubbish. Congratulations everyone, you did really well!

Jessica, Year 7

The students were extremely keen to help the environment, and collected litter with enthusiasm, smiles and positivity. They were happy with the amount they collected but sad that there was so much rubbish that had been left on the school ground. Thank you to all the students for their continued efforts to help the environment.

Mr Stapcoole

CHRISTMAS FAIR

The school would like to re-introduce the popular Christmas fair this year. We will be hosting this on Thursday 14 December, from 6 - 8pm.

If you would like to support the fair you can do this by joining the Friends of Ixworth School. Please contact the school office via email to let them know. All help is appreciated - from organising stalls to hanging tinsel! If you have ideas for the fair you'd like to share, please get in touch.

In the coming week we will be releasing information through the Student Council about how you can donate prizes for raffles etc.

Stalls

If you would like to be a stallholder at the fair we have two options available:

An indoor stall

This will be in the new hall or restaurant and will cost £10

An outdoor stall

This will require your own canopy and tables/display. There is no fee for these stalls, however, we would ask for a donation to the school of either: a prize for the raffle or a small financial contribution following the event.

If you would like to book your stall, please email the school with the subject line of 'School fair stall booking'

This is a wonderful opportunity to bring our school community together and I hope we will see many of you there in one capacity or another.

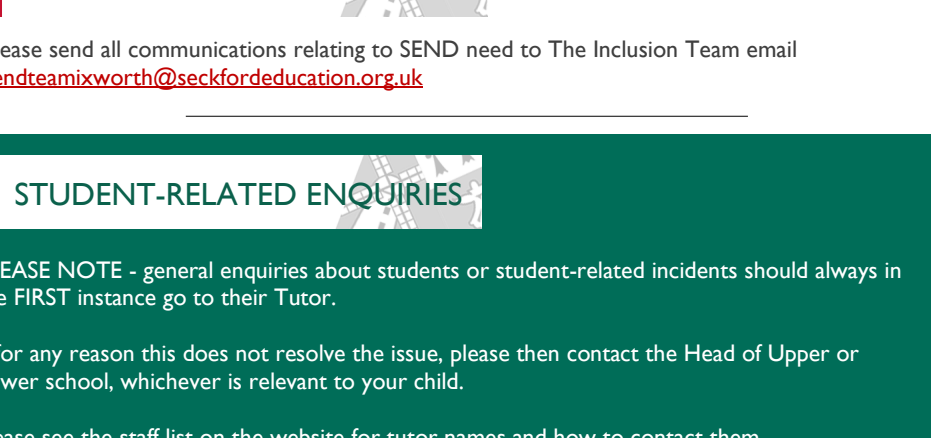
Further details follow next week. To register your interest in joining the Friends of Ixworth School or being a stallholder please email ixworth@seckfordeducation.org.uk

Everyone is invited!



ATTENDANCE

Attendance for this week:



SEND TEAM CONTACT

Please send all communications relating to SEND need to The Inclusion Team email sendteam@ixworth@seckfordeducation.org.uk

STUDENT-RELATED ENQUIRIES

PLEASE NOTE - 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.

Please see the [staff list](#) on the website for tutor names and how to contact them.

Key dates 2023 - 24

Christmas break :
Last day of term - Friday 15 December

Lent term 2024:
Term starts - Thursday 4 January

Lent half term - Friday 16 February

Return to school - Monday 26 February

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Thursday 11 January - Year 7 Progress evening, 5pm - 7:30pm

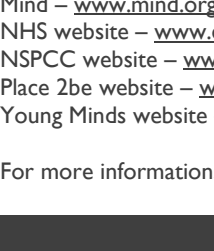
Tuesday 23 January - Open Forum with Head of School, 9:30am - 10:30am

Thursday 1 February - Year 9 Options evening, 5pm - 7:30pm

Thursday 8 February - Year 10 Progress evening, 5pm - 7:30pm

Week commencing 12 February - Year 11 Mock Exams

Safeguarding Information



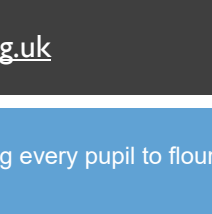
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Useful websites and helplines

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Child Line - 0800 1111
Customer First - 0808 800 4005
Samaritans - 116 123

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Children's Society - www.childrensociety.org.uk
Food Bank - www.trusselltrust.org
Kooth - www.kooth.com
Mind - www.mind.org.uk
NHS website - www.england.nhs.uk
NSPCC website - www.nspcc.org.uk
Place 2be website - www.place2be.org.uk
Young Minds website - www.youngminds.org.uk

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