



family BULLETIN



Welcome!

The past few weeks have been filled with numerous events and activities! The week commencing 25th September saw the entire school participating in a careers focused week. This involved a number of guest speakers presenting to students as well as activities highlighting the wide range of future careers available to students in the world today. This was the first of many career

focused aspects as our new careers programme is implemented. The feedback from those that visited the school was exceptional, I would like to thank all our students, staff and visitors for their contributions during this week.

This week we will have a mental health focus as the school supports World Mental Health Day on Tuesday 10th Oct. A range of activities and events will take place including cake sales, assemblies, tutor time activities and much more. We are pleased to support such a worthy cause and hope all our students will benefit from their experiences this week.

Sadly, this term has seen a number of illnesses in the school, this has impacted students and inevitably staff attendance. The impact of this, has meant we have had to alter our calendar of events for this final week. As such, the following amendments will be made, I thank you for your understanding and apologise for any inconvenience this may cause:

Year 10 parents evening – Thursday 12th Oct will be postponed, a provisional date has been set for Feb 8th (confirmation of the new date to follow)

Parent/Carers open forum Tuesday 10th Oct – Sadly, due to absence, we will be unable to proceed with this forum. Should there be any issues you wished to raise or praise you would like to share, please direct these to me via email where I will attempt to address them.

Mr Jackson
Deputy Head of School

YEAR 10 FOOTBALL



REPORT BY

Kieran, Year 10

SET IXWORTH vs THURSTON

GAME 1: THURSTON 2 - IXWORTH 1

A tough game where Thurston managed to take the lead through an unlucky piece of defending. Roman then brought us level with a well worked team goal, before Thurston went and got another goal to go in to the lead.

The game finished 2 - 1 to Thurston, who arguably won the game even though we at least deserved a draw.

GAME 2: IXWORTH 2 - THURSTON 0

When game 2 started, Thurston looked like a tough team to play against. It took 5 - 10 minutes for us to get a foothold, but we soon went in to the lead by a goal from Oliver A. Thurston tried to get a goal back but from a tackle at the back by Owen, Ixworth countered and scored the goal by Noah M. The game finished 2 - 0 and, overall, Ixworth got a win that they deserved.

Over the two games, Ixworth played well individually and as a team.

Well done Ixworth and Kieran for such great reporting! #celebration



SCIENCE

Modelling in Year 7 Science

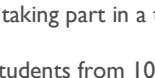
#challenge

#commitment

Utilising modelling clay to model how atoms join in small molecules of one element (such as the red oxygen pairs), in large molecules of one element (such as the big copper molecule) and how different atoms join together to make compounds (the water molecule of one red oxygen and two white hydrogen).



PRIMARY RUGBY TOURNAMENT

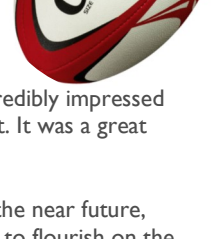


On Thursday 5 October, SET Ixworth were honoured to host a number of local primary schools who were taking part in a tag rugby competition.



Over 250 students from 10 different schools in the local area took part in the tournament. We were incredibly impressed with the quality of play on show throughout the event. It was a great afternoon and very much enjoyed by everyone.

With more primary school events being hosted in the near future, we look forward to seeing the rising start continue to flourish on the hallowed turf of SET Ixworth playing fields.



YEAR 10 PROGRESS EVENING postponement: Please note there will be no Year 10 Progress evening on Thursday 12 October. If you have any concerns or queries please contact your child's tutor.

Post-16 Event & Y9 'Year Ahead'



Thursday 5th Oct was one of the busiest I have seen in my time at Ixworth, over 300 students were invited into school along with their parent/carers. Y11 & 10 were onsite during the evening for a Post-16 event. This was attended by a number of Post-16 providers from the local and regional areas.

The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. I hope everyone found the evening both useful and enjoyable. Those visiting the Post-16 event have informed me that they found the information shared beneficial and were keen to share with me their experiences and ideas moving forwards. The providers have shared that they felt the event was one of the best they had attended! I would like to extend my thanks to all in attendance and those staff that organised this event for making it such a success.

Year 9 - 'The Year Ahead' evening,

This evening explained how the year will look for our Year 9s as they embark on their final year in Key Stage 3. We were incredibly pleased to be able to host this event simultaneously with the Post-16 event. This enabled our Y9s the opportunity to look at what might be available when they become Y12. The presentation for the evening is being shared with all parent/carers this week through Arbor and will also be uploaded to our website.

Key dates:

Yr11: Start thinking post-16 destinations now. College and Sixth Form applications open before Christmas. Preparation for apprenticeships begins now. Students will all be offered a one-to-one careers meeting with the Careers Advisor this term. Destinations should be in place prior to GCSE examinations.

Yr10: Work experience is not until the beginning of July 2024 but you need to be helping your young person arrange placements BEFORE CHRISTMAS 2023. Letters will be sent out about this. Mr Rearden will host an assembly early next half term to explain the process to students.

Yr9: will be meeting our careers advisor for the start of their options process. Additionally, there will be taster sessions and assemblies to ensure all options are well explained to all.

Yr7 and 8: We have been fortunate as we have secured further career speakers for these year groups. Additional one off events are also organised for Y7&8 moving forwards.

Key dates 2023

Half term :

Last day of term - Friday 13 October

Return to school - Monday 30 October

Christmas break :

Last day of term - Friday 15 December

Return to school - Thursday 4 January 2024

W/C Monday 30 October - Year 11 Mock Exams

Thursday 23 November - Year 11 Progress Evening (1), 5pm - 7:30pm

Tuesday 28 November - Year 8 Kitchens of the Globe, 12:30pm - 1:15pm

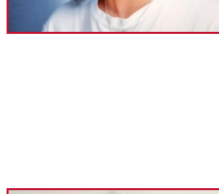
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Customer First – 0808 800 4005

Samaritans – 116 123

Child Line – www.childline.org.uk

Children' Society – www.childrenssociety.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

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