

family BULLETIN



Welcome

I would like to extend my gratitude to everyone for your support and understanding with the school closure last week. The weather impacted a number of services with the school yard resembling more of a swimming pool than a hard standing area! I hope that everyone in our community avoided any damage or harm. Should you have been impacted by this and need support from the school, please do not hesitate to contact us.

I have received a number of correspondences around the impact staffing is having on students and their progress. Nationally, the picture in educational recruitment is challenging. The government has released figures showing an imbalance between teacher recruitment and retention. This has left schools competing for an ever dwindling pool of permanent and indeed supply staff. As a result, the school has been balancing this challenge during the academic year. However, the school, with extensive support from the Sapientia Trust have been working tirelessly to try and resolve this issue. I thank all parent/carers and students for their continuing support and understanding while we navigate this period. Vacancies are being advertised and we are actively seeking Supply for those vacancies that cannot be filled instantly.

Mr Jackson
Deputy Head of School

MOCK EXAMS



Thank you to all our Y11 students for their conduct during the mock exam period. Students have approached the process well with the results supporting the next round of interventions and support for all. I would like to remind all parent/carers that the results will be published to Y11 on the afternoon of the 23rd November. This will precede the progress evening for the cohort.

Please register your appointments through Arbor.

FRIENDS OF SET IXWORTH



We would like to re-establish the highly successful Friends of Ixworth. The Friends of Ixworth are a group of parents/carers who organise regular social and fundraising events, such as the Christmas Fair, throughout the year to support and raise money for the School.

I would like to invite interested parent/carers and staff to contact me expressing your interest in this important school role.

Mr Jackson

ENRICHMENT



Summer Enrichment Week 2024

The sign-up window for next year's Summer Enrichment Week opens next Friday, 17 November.

A £50 deposit is required to hold a place.

We are looking to offer TWO foreign residential trips and THREE domestic residential activities. Years 9 and 10 students will have priority selection on foreign trips. If the maximum numbers have not been reached by 15 December on initial deposit, the offer will then go out to Years 7 and 8.

Domestic residentials are open for all students in Years 7 to 10.

Once the initial deposit has been paid, a contract will be sent out for parents to sign which will detail all the requirements for future payments.

Weekly Enrichment - Sports Leaders

Sports Leaders is a new activity offering for students in Years 7 to 9. Students can leave their current activity if they would like to join. If your child would like to become a Sports Leader, please sign them up using Arbor.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE - 10.11.23



Mr Debenham, along with a group of Cadets, Scouts and Guides, organised the school Remembrance service. We thank everyone for their participation in sharing our respects for the service people of this country.

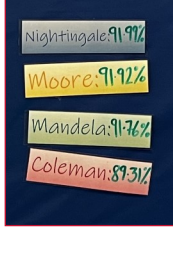
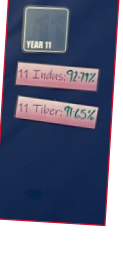
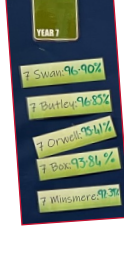


ATTENDANCE



Attendance for this week:

Year 7	94.68%
Year 8	92.74%
Year 9	91.10%
Year 10	89.52%
Year 11	89.93%



Key dates 2023 - 24

Christmas break :
Last day of term - Friday 15 December
Return to school - Thursday 4 January 2024

Wednesday 22 November - Borneo Expedition 2025 presentation for students
 Thursday 23 November - Mock exam results published
 Thursday 23 November - Year 11 Progress Evening (1), 5pm - 7:30pm
 Friday 24 November - PSHE Careers and Finance day
 Monday 27 November - Options Taster Week 1
 Tuesday 28 November - Year 8 Kitchens of the Globe, 12:30pm - 1:15pm
 Wednesday 29 November - Borneo Expedition 2025 presentation for parents/ carers
 Thursday 30 November - Year 11 University of Suffolk visit
 Thursday 7 December - Awards Presentation Evening

2024

Thursday 1 February - Year 9 options evening, 5pm - 7:30pm
 Thursday 8 February - Year 10 Progress evening, 5pm - 7:30pm

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If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact the school to speak to one of our safeguarding team.

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Useful websites and helplines

Crisis – 0337261800
 Child Line – 0800 1111
 Customer First – 0808 800 4005
 Samaritans – 116 123

Child Line – www.childline.org.uk
 Children' 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

For more information, please visit the [Safeguarding](#) page of our website.

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