



SET Ixworth School

family BULLETIN



Welcome

What a final week! Students have been engaged in a number of activities throughout the week including enrichment trips, fundraising for charity and the Christmas fair, not to forget, the celebration of achievements this term. I would like to extend my gratitude to all the students, staff and parent/carers for the way they have approached a tumultuous term. Happily, we will see a fuller team for next term which will support with consistency and progress in all areas.

As a school we have been very pleased to support a Ugandan school by raising funds on Wednesday, the amount raised is enough to feed the students in the school for around 6 months, thank you to all those students/parent/carers that contributed to these funds. Today, the money raised will go to a charity chosen in the new year by the school council. I am very proud of the way our students support these events which is very much in keeping with the spirit of this time of year.

The school will be closed over the Christmas period. Staff are being asked to ensure that their out of office email replies are in place as they have certainly earned the break this term! I hope you all take the opportunity to relax and enjoy the festive period as well. I look forward to seeing all our students here in the new year.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Mr Jackson
Deputy Head of School



Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone involved in the Christmas fair. It was a well-attended event which gave some of our students the opportunity to support with the planning, organisation and running of an event, something they can now add to their CV!

The night involved a number of stall holders and activities supporting the school with raising funds, but more importantly, getting people back into the school and involved in its progress.

A great evening was had by all!



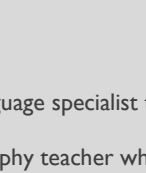
Christmas Lunch



Christmas Enrichment



STAFF CHANGES



Sadly we say goodbye to some staff members today. I would like to thank them all for the fantastic contribution they have made to the school and wish them well in their future endeavours.

Mrs Hansen:
Sadly after 3 years, Mrs Hansen has taken the decision to join a school nearer to her home. Mrs Hansen has been a strong part of the languages department over the years and we wish her every success in the future.

Mr Hawkes:
We would like to thank Mr Hawkes for his time with us and wish him every success in his new ventures.

Mr Boorman
Mr Boorman has decided to take a wonderful opportunity that means he will no longer be with us. He has made every effort to ensure that the department will not suffer as a result of his leaving and has left on very good terms with the school.

Miss Young:
Miss Young is moving as a result of a career opportunity. She has made a very positive contribution to the pastoral team in her time here. We again wish her every success in her future endeavours.

Mr Trigg:
Unfortunately, Mr Trigg has decided to leave the school. Mr Trigg has been one of the most dedicated members of staff over his time here. He is well liked and respected by staff and students alike and will be deeply missed. We all wish Mr Trigg well in his future.

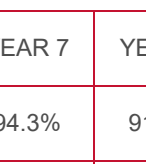
The new year sees several new members of staff joining us at SET Ixworth.

Miss McLeod:
Students and staff are all incredibly pleased that Miss McLeod is re-joining us following her maternity leave.

Mrs Smith:
Mrs Smith is a very well qualified language specialist that will be joining our team in the new year.

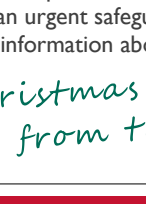
We also have a well qualified Geography teacher who will be joining us and others that are at the interview stage currently. Additionally, we have secured two longer term supply teachers to support with any shortfall and are also advertising a variety of other roles within the school.

ATTENDANCE



	WHOLE SCHOOL	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
CUMULATIVE	91.3%	94.3%	91.8%	90.6%	88.8%	89.3%
WEEKLY	88.6%	92.5%	90.9%	86.9%	85.8%	84.9%

FROM THE OFFICE TEAM



Christmas closure

The school office will be closed from 4:30pm on Friday 15 December until 8am on Thursday 4 January 2024. If you need to make an urgent safeguarding call during this time, please see the [Safeguarding](#) page of our website for information about how you can do this.

Merry Christmas
from the Office Team

Key dates 2024

Lent term 2024:
Term starts - Wednesday 4 January
Lent half term - Friday 16 February
Return to school - Monday 26 February
Last day of Lent Term - Thursday 28 March

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

Safeguarding Information

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's 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
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