

## 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

### Headteacher

This week was a great week for extracurricular activities for our students, we fielded teams away from school in rugby, football and handball, thank you to the PE team and Mr Slow for enabling our students to take part, there are some match reports later in this bulletin. We also held our Coffee House open mic event on Wednesday hosted and organised by Miss Dungey, a great evening showcasing some exceptional talent, thank you to Miss Dungey, our performers and parents for supporting.

During the Coffee House the students that are preparing for an expedition to Borneo raised funds to support their trip. In July we will have 10 Ixworth students working for four weeks on a charity project in the jungles of Borneo.

After half term we will switch to Aspens as our catering contract. We have shared the menus with the pricelists last week. Thankfully, we are retaining our current excellent team. As always, please ensure that your child's Arbor account is topped up to ensure they can make purchases or supply a packed lunch.

Finally, please see the advert in this bulletin for our much-anticipated production of Frozen, and how to obtain tickets.

Wishing you all an enjoyable half term.

Mr Gibb

### Key Dates

#### **Week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> February is Week B on our timetable**

14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	School closes for half term
24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	PD Day, School closed to all pupils
25 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	School reopens for all pupils
4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Last day of Spring Term

### 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 still be registered with the School Office Team by phone 01359 234050 or email [aaa@ixowrthhighschool.org](mailto:aaa@ixowrthhighschool.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 name on the inside of the item so if you do misplace anything it can be returned to you quickly.

#### **Safeguarding**

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Hale, she is contactable via the school office.

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### Arbor

Please ensure that Arbor accounts are topped up for your child. We are not usually permitted to allow accounts to go into arrears. If you do not top up their account, please send a packed lunch.

Our new website can be found here: [www.ixworthhighschool.org](http://www.ixworthhighschool.org)

### Sports Fixtures

#### U13 Girls Football

This Wednesday 12th February, 13 girls in years 7 and 8 travelled to Stowupland High School for their West Suffolk Cup semi-final. After a slow start and going 1-0 down, the girls settled into the game. Following some amazing saves from goalkeeper, Sophie.A and some tough tackles from Alana.S at the back, the team managed to break into the opposition half. Ava.W managed to get free of the defenders and with a wonderful, chipped finish, levelled the match at 1-1.

Now Ixworth was in the ascendancy, making regular counter attacks into Stowupland's half and would soon take the lead through Millie.S just before half-time. Unfortunately, soon into the second half, Stowupland would equalise making the game 2-2. For the rest of the game, Ixworth would battle hard to keep the opposition at bay and launch counter attacks. The game would ultimately finish 2-2 and mean a penalty shootout would decide who progresses to the final. Sophie.A, Amber.R, Emelia.D, Alana.S and Millie.S all bravely stepped up to take penalties. Captain, Emelia.D would take on the goalkeeping responsibilities. Stowupland would ultimately win the shootout 2-1. On another day, it could have gone the other way with the great display the girls put in. The player of the day, as voted by the team was Captain Emelia.D who capped a great team performance. Well done to all the girls who played!

While undoubtedly disappointed with the result, the girls can hold their heads high as the season comes to a close. Throughout the season they have worked very hard at training, in the matches and developed their skills. It has been a pleasure to coach the team. A massive thanks to all who have supported Ixworth's Junior Girls football team this year!

#### U15 Boys Handball

On Tuesday 11th February the U15 boys played their first ever West Suffolk Cup Handball tournament Vs Sybil and Thurston.

Confidence was high within the group going into the tournament, but a slow start meant Ixworth fell behind, and were two goals down with limited time left on the clock. The boys started to find their rhythm with the clock ticking down, a flurry of late goals meant Ixworth won 6-5. Oscar C scored 4 goals.

We played our next match Vs Thurston who had previously beaten Sybil by 9 goals. A slow start meant we were again two goals down in the blink of an eye. Some better patterns of play, patience and smooth transitions resulted in a comeback to bring the scores level. However, Thurston unloaded their secret weapon late in the game who scored two quickfire goals to take the game away from Ixworth. Final score 2-4.

The last two matches were not the best viewing with Ixworth losing their shape and structure. There were glimpses of high quality from Noah L and Ben P but we were unable to repel the barrage of attacks from Sybil and Thurston. Third game was 3-0 to Sybil. Fourth game was 5-2 to Thurston. The boys should be really encouraged by their progress throughout the afternoon.

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## Frozen Jr

Our tickets for Frozen Jr are now available on Eventbrite. To purchase tickets, please type Eventbrite into Google and search under either the title or location. The first 50 tickets purchased are discounted. Please note, there are children and adult tickets.

Once you have purchased a ticket, a QR code will be generated on your ticket. This will need to be kept, and they will be scanned at the door on the night. There are 250 seats available per performance. When booking, please select 'seats on map'.



**Ixworth High School's**  
production of

 The logo features the word "Disney" in its signature script, followed by "FROZEN" in large, bold, blue capital letters with a white outline. To the right of "FROZEN" is "JR." in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font, with a trail of blue dots extending from the end of the word.

Performance date:  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 6pm  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025 6pm

Music & Lyrics by  
**Kristen Anderson-Lopez & Robert Lopez**

Book by  
**Jennifer Lee**

Based on the Disney film written by Jennifer Lee  
and directed by Chris Buck and Jennifer Lee

Director  
**Mrs. Heath**

Music Director  
**Mr. Spurin**

Choreographer  
**Cast and Crew of Frozen**

Costume Manager  
**Mrs. Bass**

Disney's Frozen JR. is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by  
Music Theatre International, New York, NY  
212-541-4684 mtishows.com

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IXWORTH HIGH SCHOOL HOODIE > Classic Hoodie - Adult Fit Shop closes:10/02/2025

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Dear Year 11's, Parent and Carers

Please see the design of this years leavers hoodie's.  
Please get online and book yours ASAP. Store closes  
on Monday 10th February.

<https://www.schoolleaverscompany.co.uk/shop>

Shop's username: 5821

Shop's password: XK465eu4