

21st March 2025

Headteacher

This has been a busy week at Ixworth. We had Year 9 Options evening and a visit from the Trust looking at our progress since September.

We enjoyed a high turnout of students at our options evening, the work that was completed on careers in the run up seems to have helped students make informed choices. Our options offer continues to outstrip many local and larger schools. We have 16 option subjects available for selection and we continue to offer 4 options where other schools have narrowed this to 3.

The Trust noted we have made significant progress in terms of our curriculum and pedagogy. This is resulting in improved grades for Year 11, but also rising assessment scores in the lower years.

Behaviour is showing a significant improvement compared to the same period last year. We have awarded almost twice as many positive behaviour points. Negative behaviour incidents have declined significantly and the atmosphere in and out of lessons is calm and purposeful.

Our attendance continues to rise and we are outperforming National and Suffolk secondary schools. Nationally, attendance is improving but ours is doing much better overall. This bodes well for our students as the latest Department for Education data shows that students that are persistently absent (less than 90%) are earning £10,000 per year less than their peers after leaving education.

None of these improvements could have been achieved without the support of parents, the amazing students we are lucky to have at Ixworth, and of course our staffing team.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Mr Gibb

Key Dates

Week beginning 24th March is Week B on our timetable

4 th April 2025	Last day of Spring Term
22 nd April 2025	School reopens for all pupils
22 nd May 2025	Coffee House
2 nd & 3 rd July 2025	Frozen Jr Production

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

Nut free school

A reminder that we are a nut free school, we have several students and staff with severe allergies to nuts. The ban includes all nut-based products (Nutella etc.), foods containing nuts including sweets (Snickers etc.) and whole nuts. A simple error in allowing these foods into school could result in a life-threatening reaction for some students and staff.

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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** aaa@ixworthhighschool.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.

We continue to push on high levels of attendance for our students across the school and in Forge. There are currently a high number of students still in the running for this term's hot chocolate awards. They must maintain their 100% attendance for this term to receive the invite. Thank you to the parents and carers in our community who support their children to make the right choice every day. Research tells us that 95% plus attendance adds one grade, on average at GCSE.

Below you will see the link to our Attendance and Punctuality Policy. This can be accessed on our website under Policies.

<https://www.ixworthhighschool.org/assets/Documents/Attachments/Attendance-and-Punctuality-Policy-2024.pdf>

GCSE Food Tech

Congratulations to all Year 11 students that completed their GCSE Technical Skills exam! Please find some photos below of their delicious results!



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- IXWORTH HIGH SCHOOL -

Easter RAFFLE

FRIDAY 4TH APRIL

TICKETS 50P EACH OR 5 FOR £2

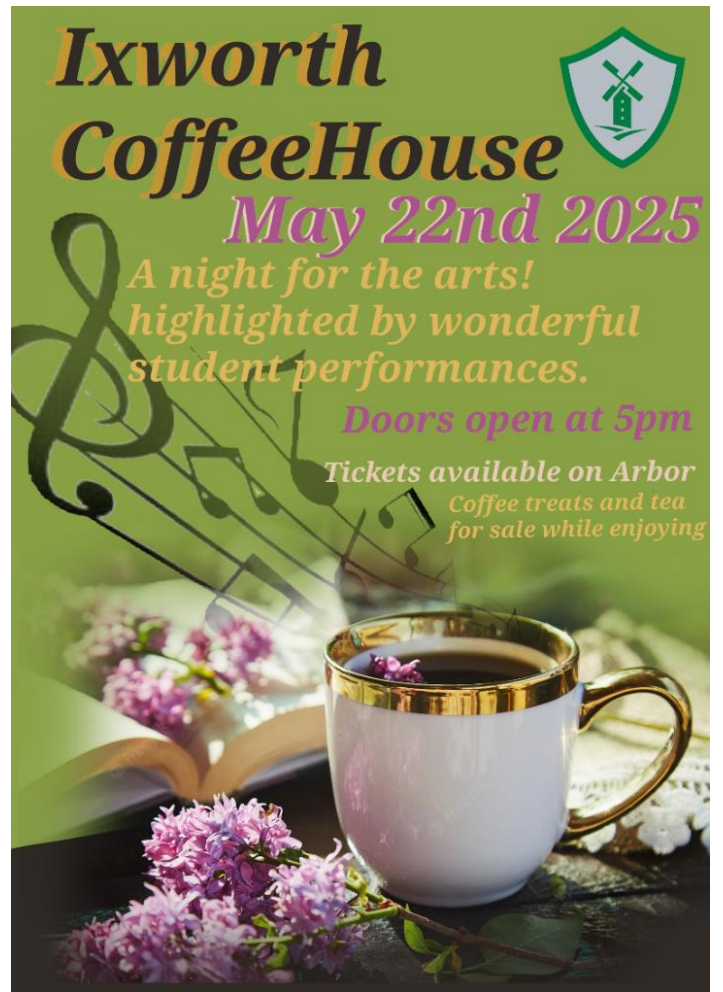
TICKETS AVAILABLE UNTIL 03/04/25

ALL PROFITS WILL BE DONATED TO THE YEAR 11 PROM

RAFFLE DRAWN AT LUNCH TIME
VENUE: RESTAURANT

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
MRS O'HALLORAN OR MRS MORRIS

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Ixworth CoffeeHouse

May 22nd 2025

A night for the arts!
highlighted by wonderful student performances.

Doors open at 5pm

Tickets available on Arbor
Coffee treats and tea for sale while enjoying



Ixworth High School's
production of



Disney
FROZEN JR.

Performance date:
Wednesday 2nd July 2025 6pm
Thursday 3rd July 2025 6pm

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Managing Exam Stress Webinar



The Managing Exam Stress Webinar is for Yr 11 Young People.

It is very normal for exams and tests to lead to anxiety, stress, and worry. This webinar is designed for young people to attend to provide guidance around preparing for and coping with exam season.

When: Wednesday 9th April 2025.

Where: Its virtual.

Time: 4pm – 5pm.

How to sign up: [Managing Exam Stress - book here](#)

The webinar has three sections

- PART 1 STRESS - What is stress? The stress response, How do we know we are stressed? What keep stress going?
- PART 2 MANAGING EXAM RELATED STRESS – Getting the basics right, Sleep, Relaxation and Letting stress out, Rewards and Motivation and Preparations.
- PART 3 QUICK WINS ON EXAM DAY – Positive self-talk, Imagery, Breathing and Grounding techniques.
- Additional Resources available

Managing Exam Stress Parent/Carer Webinar



The Managing Exam Stress Webinar is for Parents/Carers of Year 11s.

It is very normal for exams and tests to lead to anxiety, stress, and worry. This webinar is designed for parents/carers to attend to provide guidance on supporting young people with preparing for and coping with exam season.

When: Wednesday 14th of May 2025

Where: Online

Time: 13:00pm-14:00pm

Register here: [Managing Exam Stress Tickets, Wed 14 May 2025 at 13:00 | Eventbrite](#)

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Child and Adolescent Mental Health Parent Workshops

Free virtual workshops:

- Anxiety
- Big Feelings
- Emotion Based School Avoidance
- The Adolescent Brain
- Bereavement
- Managing Uncertainty
- Building Resilience

Access here: [Parent Workshops booking link](#)



£255 raised for Comic Relief!

