

22nd November 2024

Headteacher

Our Girl's sports teams have represented the school twice this week in rugby and football. Our Year 7 & 8 Girl's football team won away against Newmarket, they will now move onto to the semi-finals of the West Suffolk Cup, well done to them and their manager Mr Slow, the match report is later in the bulletin.

Our Year 9 students have begun to meet our independent careers advisor this week. These are exciting times for them, as we are rapidly approaching the time for them to select their options moving into Year 10. The meetings will give them some guidance of the qualifications they should consider to take them into the next stage of their education after high school. Option taster sessions start over the next two weeks.

I have attached a flyer for the additional activity visiting Stratford Upon Avon in the Summer Enrichment week next year. This is an overnight residential visit to explore the medieval town the birthplace of the world-famous playwright, William Shakespeare. It includes a Royal Shakespeare Theatre workshop, a river cruise and a visit to Cadbury's Chocolate Escape Rooms.

Congratulations to Oliver Forster who received the Steam Apprentice Club's Youth Volunteer award for his work with steam engines and volunteering at Pakenham Watermill and Fornsett Industrial Steam Museum.

Wishing you a restful weekend.

Mr Gibb

Admissions consultation 2026

Our proposed admissions policy for 2026 was included in last weeks bulletin and is now available on the website. The consultation period for the draft policy is 6 weeks in accordance with paragraph 1.46 of the Schools Admissions Code 2021 and will conclude on Friday 20th December 2024. If you wish to comment on the policy, please contact the Headteacher via enquiries@ixworthhighschool.org.

Information

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

Key Dates

Week beginning 25th November is Week B on our timetable

9 th December	PD day, school closed to pupils
12 th December	Christmas Lunch
13 th December	HPV Vaccinations
19 th December	Presentation Evening
20 th December	School closes for Christmas Holidays
6 th January 2025	PD day, school closed to pupils
7 th January 2025	PD day, school closed to pupils
8 th January 2025	School reopens for all pupils

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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** 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.

Awards



Oliver Forster with his Steam Apprentice Club's Youth Volunteer award – congratulations!

Match Report

13 of our junior girls' footballers from years 7 and 8, travelled to Newmarket Academy on Tuesday 19th November after school to play their first match of the season in the West Suffolk Cup. All the girls put in a solid performance working hard for one another. Despite going one goal down, they immediately came back to level the match through a great team goal finished by y7 debutant, Millie S. The girls played very well towards the end of the second half hunting for the second goal that would see them win the game. The game went to penalties where Captain, Emelia.D stepped into goal. Following penalties from Amber.R, Emelia, Peyton.H, Alana, Millie.S it went to sudden death. The girls would secure victory with a fine save from Emelia before Bella.B stepped up to seal the win. They will now move onto to the semi-finals of the West Suffolk Cup. Many thanks to all who have supported and assisted the team including Mrs Burgess who kindly drove us the fixture.

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Uniform

As the colder, wetter weather is settling in, may we take this opportunity to remind everyone that uniform expectations remain the same when travelling to school, in lessons and social time on site. Jumpers for both the school uniform and PE are advisable - please see the schools policy and guidance for these items on our website. (Uniform - Ixworth High School).

However, we would advise students wear additional layers to support them in remaining warm when they are out of the classrooms. Baselayers worn below their shirts and/or trousers make a significant difference when maintaining core temperatures and can be bought from a raft of online and high street retailers. Extra t-shirts or vests are also a good addition this time of year. We would recommend that students have gloves, hats and scarfs etc when travelling to and from school to help support them in maintaining a comfortable body temperature.

Christmas Fair

Book your stall - Ixworth High School's Christmas Fair Tickets, Fri 6 Dec 2024 at 5:00 pm | Eventbrite

The 6th of Dec sees the school host its annual Christmas Fayre. Please join us in making this event a success again this year. The funds raised will be supporting our Head students with their legacy project for the school - developing an outdoor theatre area. The event will be from 5-7 and contain a variety of activities, food and entertainment.

Year 9 Option Tasters

The next fortnight will see our Y9 students begin the taster sessions for GCSE options. This is the first phase of the process of options for them. during their lessons, they will get to experience GCSE level study in all the options subjects. This experience will be recorded in their PEP booklets, supporting them in making informed decisions later in the academic year.

A Christmas Carol

KS4 students will be given the opportunity to watch and learn about 'A Christmas Carol' in a theatre this year for their Christmas Enrichment. The school will send out further details over the coming weeks. While not compulsory, it is highly recommended that all KS4 students attend as this will contribute to their understanding of this key GCSE text. Students not attending will be in school following an adapted set of lessons.