

## 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### Headteacher

We have enjoyed further success with our football teams beating Stowmarket 9-1 and winning all of our games at the U12 Boys at Stowupland. Our U15 Girls football team weren't successful but were, as usual, a shining example of the amazing young people we have at Ixworth. There are match reports later in the bulletin.

Congratulations to our newly appointed School Council, duly elected this week. Mrs Heath has also completed the casting for our upcoming performance of Frozen, congratulations to all our cast.

During the holiday our telephone system is being updated, as part of this there will be a dedicated student absence line and the ability to leave.

Our Summer Enrichment Week runs from 18<sup>th</sup> July until the end of term on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, the activities available are attached to this bulletin.

Wishing you a restful half term break.

Mr Gibb

### School Parking

In the last bulletin we asked if parents could please park in available parking spaces when dropping off and picking up children. This means that we do not "mix" cars and buses in the turning area, keeping children safe.

Outside of the school there is a good safe dropping off area to the left of the entrance. The right hand side has no parking markings some way down the road to allow buses in and out safely. Children dropped on the left hand side do need to cross the entrance to move onto the pathway into school, **pedestrians have the right of way here**, please ensure if you are coming into the school entrance in a vehicle you give way to them and allow them to cross.

### 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](http://www.ixworthhighschool.org)

Our website is now largely complete, but if you have any question please do not hesitate to contact the school. These bulletins are now included in the News and Events page.

### Key Dates

#### Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> November is Week A on our timetable

4 <sup>th</sup> November	School reopens
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Yr11 mocks commence until 15 <sup>th</sup> November
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 7,8 & 9 Flu immunisations
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Ixworth High School's Christmas Fair
9 <sup>th</sup> December	PD day, school closed to pupils
20 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes for Christmas Holidays

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### Events

Voting for the school council – Mr Jackson

On a beautiful morning, the turn out for the school council voting was high. A team of Y11 prefects along with Miss Burgess and Mr Mannington oversaw the process. The votes were verified with council Reps for their tutor groups being recognised in their respective celebration assemblies.

Over the past two weeks, the candidates have prepared and presented their speeches to their respective tutor groups, seeking the privilege of being their representative and voice in the school council. On Thursday, tutor groups went to the ballot box to select their choice. The first meeting of the school council will take place after half term looking at how they can support the school in making improvements that benefit their experiences.

We look forward to working with our new council over the next 12 months!

### Sports

Success is rife in Ixworth PE and Sport currently with wins for the U15 boys and U12 boys football teams.

#### U15 Girls Football

On Wednesday 9th October, year 10 girls took the long trip to Haverhill to participate in a West Suffolk Cup football match vs Castle Manor. Despite poor weather conditions every student taking part gave it their all and worked exceptionally hard against a very well organised Castle Manor team who ended as the victors. A big mention to Florence M, who despite never playing in goal before, volunteered to do so, had a really good game and also saved a penalty! The atmosphere despite the loss was outstanding and it was lovely to hear the girls share their positive experiences and the want to play more games soon in order to improve on the journey back. Thank you to Fifi C, Chloe S, Maisie B and others for helping lead the group and the team with positivity.

#### U12 Boys Football

The Y7 boys kicked off their football season in a positive fashion away at Stowupland High School. They won all three of their matches, defeating Stowupland A 4-1, Stowmarket 3-0 and Stowupland B 4-1. All the boys worked hard to apply what they learnt in training sessions. Honorable mentions go to Findley AP in goal, Charlie.C and Callum.C at the back and Albie.H, Jasper.S and Dylan with their goals upfront. Player of the day was Sam Gray. All the boys were a credit to their school with their excellent behavior and sportsmanship! Well done to the Y7 boys!

#### U15 Boys Football

On Tuesday 22nd October, a squad of U15 boys took travelled to Stowmarket High School to take part in a competitive football fixture. The excitement and high morale amongst the team was apparent from kick off where Ixworth played with a determination and scored a number of early goals to take control of the game. Stowmarket, never gave up and provided Ixworth a challenge, especially in the second half when the opposition scored a deserved goal. The teamwork and cohesion of the Ixworth team was superior throughout though and they took a deserved victory with lots of positive play. The whole team performed excellently and displayed good sportsmanship with special mentions for Seb S (4 goals) and Lui T and Noah L for outstanding contributions. Well done to all 14 who represented the school very well.

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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.

## **Ixworth High School's Christmas Fair- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 17:00-19:00**

Come join us at Ixworth High School for a festive evening! Our Christmas Fair features exciting games, delicious food, live entertainment, and fantastic stalls. Get into the holiday spirit with our Christmas-themed activities and browse through unique gifts for your loved ones. Help us to support local businesses! All information is on **EventBrite**, please type this into Google. Poster and additional information will follow next term.

Don't miss out on the chance to meet Father Christmas and snap a photo and bring your family and friends along to get into the festive spirit! Tickets are **FREE** and you can pay to purchase a ticket to provide a stall or meet Father Christmas.

**Indoor Stalls £10.00      Outdoor Stalls £6.00**

**Meeting Father Christmas- 4 Slots (includes gift) £3.00**

