

Headteacher

Friday 27th June 2025

This week we welcomed Year 6 students who will be joining Ixworth in September. It was great to see the school full again. The rehearsals for "Frozen" have been in full swing this week in preparation for the performances next week. We have sold nearly 100 tickets each night, so this is amazing for the school.

11 students from Ixworth will depart next week on a trip of a lifetime to Borneo for one month. They are part of a team from other schools in the Sapientia Trust. We wish them a safe journey and hope they have an amazing time. The next expedition we are planning is to Kenya in 2027 and this will be open to current Year 8 & 9 students. There is a briefing for parents whose children might be interested on Monday 30th June at 5:00 in the New Hall.

Congratulations to Campbell S who won his first boxing belt last weekend for Thetford Town Boxing Club, an amazing achievement, and there are photos later in the bulletin. Congratulations also to our former student Lucas M, who has now completed his Masters in Natural Sciences and will be graduating with a First. He is going on to do a PhD, having been offered a fully funded place at Princeton University.

The switch to Bromcom from Arbor is taking longer than expected, please continue to use Arbor. We will keep you informed of the progress via the bulletin.

Wishing you a restful weekend.

Mr Gibb

Key Dates

Week beginning 30th June is Week A on our timetable

30 th June 2025	Kenya Expedition briefing evening for parents 5:00pm
2 nd July 2025	School Production "Frozen"
3 rd July 2025	School Production "Frozen"
8 th July 2025	Sports Day (Not open to parents)
10 th July 2025	Year 9 & 10 Celebration Assembly
17 th July 2025	Year 7 & 8 Celebration Assembly
14 th July 2025	Year 10 Work Experience commences
16 th July 2025	Year 5 Event "Crime Science"- Available to book on our website
18 th July 2025	Summer Enrichment commences
22 nd July 2025	Last day of term
21 st August 2025	Year 11 GCSE Results Day
3 rd September 2025	School reopens for Year 7 only
4 th September 2025	School open for all students

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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>

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.

PE/ Enrichment

The PE department are strongly advising that students bring water, hats and suncream in for their summer term PE lessons and outdoor enrichment sessions. Temperatures are set to increase further, and these items are vital for students. Please find the timetable for Sports Day on the last page of the bulletin.

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Attendance

We launched our 50 day attendance streak at the beginning of this half term. Recently a large number of our pupils were awarded for surpassing the first milestone; 15 consecutive days in school. They are now well on their way to milestone two; 25 consecutive days present.

This big push in the summer term has ensured our attendance figure remains above the national and Suffolk averages. Thank you to all parent/carers who have continued to support their children to be present, punctual and in the correct uniform.

Pastoral Messages

Weather:

We have now been blessed with some very warm weather. I wanted to remind you that blazers and trousers are not a necessity as part of the summer uniform. However, we do insist that students continue to tuck in their shirts and do up their top buttons enabling their ties to be worn correctly.

Sun hats, sunscreen and water bottles are very sensible from now on.

Summer Book Writing Festival

I am delighted to share that Ixworth High School has been selected to take part in the Summer Book Writing Festival 2025 - the world's largest free summer writing programme for children aged 8–16, proudly organised by BriBooks.

Please see the letter attached to the bulletin for further information.

Mrs Baker

Year 5 Taster Sessions are live to book on our website.

Timings for Year 6 experience lessons will be released promptly, dates on poster below. These posters have been sent to local primary schools and we have contacted school offices directly to provide more information to parents.



Join us at Ixworth

Open Event
Thursday 18th September 2025

Experience lessons at Ixworth!
Taster session dates (Times to be confirmed):

PE Tuesday 16th Sept 2025	French Wednesday 8th Oct 2025
Science Wednesday 24th Sept 2025	History Wednesday 15th Oct 2025
Drama Wednesday 1st Oct 2025	Art Tuesday 21st Oct 2025

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Scan the QR code for information on Admissions



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"Ixworth is a happy school, where pupils know they are safe and cared for."
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Campbell took part in the midlands box cup at the weekend. On Sunday he was in the final and came away with a unanimous win to become the midland box cup champion. His coach shared this message- Big well done to Campbell for showing true grit and determination that he's not showed before and digging deep to bring back the belt!



Ixworth High School's
production of



Disney
FROZEN JR.

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

[Frozen Jr Day 1 Tickets, Wed 2 Jul 2025 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)

[Frozen Jr Day 2 Tickets, Thu 3 Jul 2025 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)

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Sports Day

Doctors prescribing physical activity to boost mental health - <https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/self-help/guides-tools-and-activities/exercise-for-depression/>

Just to give plenty of advanced notice, students will need to wear a house-coloured t-shirt for Sports Day- This can be found on Arbor. Please find a provisional timetable below:

Mandela – Green, Coleman – Red, Moore – Yellow and Nightingale – Blue

Time	Track Events	Field Events	Additional events
9:00am	Year 7-10 (B&G) 1500m	Year 7 (B&G) Long Jump Year 8 (B&G) Discus	Tennis / Football
10:00am	Year 7-10 (B&G) 800m	Year 9 (B&G) Shot Put Year 10 (B&G) Javelin	JDU event #1 / Rounders / Tennis
10:45am	Year 7-10 (B&G) 200m	Year 8 (B&G) Long Jump Year 9 (B&G) Discus	JDU event #2 / Hurdles clinic #1 / Time trial #1
10.45am- 11.15am	Breaktime		
11:15am	Year 7-9 (B&G) 300m Year 10 (B&G) 400m	Year 10 (B&G) Shot Put Year 7 (B&G) Discus Year 8 (B&G) Javelin	Tennis / Football
12:00pm	Year 7-10 (B&G) 100m	Year 9 (B&G) Long Jump Year 10 (B&G) Discus Year 7 (B&G) Shot Put	JDU event #3 / Hurdles clinic #2 / Time trial #2
12.45pm- 1.30pm	Lunchtime		
1.30pm	Registration		
1:45pm	Tug of War (All Years)		
2:20pm	Relays: 4x100m (G, B, Mixed Year 7-10) Staff Relay		
3pm	Winners announced		