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Headteacher

The weather has changed this week, but today it held to allow our all important enrichment activities to take place outside. Our children enjoy making the most of our grounds during social times and seem to have flawlessly made the switch to warm and weatherproof clothing to enable that to continue. The new shelter outside of the restaurant is getting good use this week and is much appreciated.

We have now completed 3 Year Ahead parent evening and next week we have our Careers Fair on Thursday, a flyer for this is attached. Our Open evening was well received, and it looks like we will be oversubscribed again next year in Year 7.

The Trust Review acknowledged the progress the school has made with behaviour and attitudes of our students. It is heartening to see the overall politeness, kindness and positive attitudes of our students acknowledged by an independent look at our school. Our uniform is amazing, and this was also recognised.

The efforts around recruiting high quality staff has also been acknowledged and the impact this will have on delivering high quality lessons in the school. Form time activities were seen as positive particularly around reading and numeracy. The team felt that “generally there was a positive climate for learning across the school”, we do need to work with students on improving the quality of presentation in books.

The review agreed with our evaluations of what we need to work on this year, improving the Quality of Education through work on the curriculum and its implementation, literacy (including reading), and SEN provision. We had already started work on these areas and so we are well placed to see rapid improvement here.

Wishing you all a restful weekend. Mr Gibb

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

We are working to update everything, if you have any question please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Key Dates

Week beginning 30th September is Week A on our timetable

3 rd October	Year 9 – Year Ahead Briefing, 5-6pm
3 rd October	Careers Fair Year 8, 9 and 10
14 th October	Staff INSET Day, school is closed to pupils
17 th October	School Photographs
17 th October	Coffee Club
26 th October	Half term commences, school reopens on 4 th November

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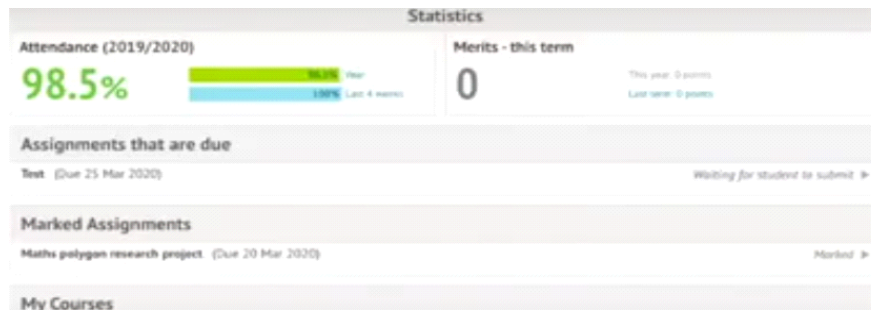
Homework

Early reports from parents and students suggest that the new homework system is working. Last week there were 66 assignments logged on Arbor across the school, this equates to around 4 assignments per student. I have repeated the help sheet below.

Parental Tracking of Homework

Step 1: Parental tracking

On each student's profile there is a dashboard of all outstanding Assignments, clicking on each assignment brings up the details of what's required. On the same page you will see marked assignments for pieces of work that are manually marked by teachers.



Year 11 Revision

Year 11 revision sessions

Science on Tuesdays, English on Monday and Maths on Wednesdays.

To book a place please click on the consent for these sessions in the clubs section of Arbor.

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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.

Coffee House

I wish to happily announce to our wonderful school community that the first Ixworth Coffee House of the year will be held on October 17th 2024.

A Coffee House is a western style open mic night/ variety show event. The name "coffeehouse" is derived from the limited menu which is typically available at the social event: coffee is usually the featured beverage, together with other non-alcoholic beverages such as soda, juice and teas. Desserts and snack foods may round out the menu.

Students have auditioned to give you a night of their best performances, with warm drinks and sweet treats to enjoy a musical night with.

Doors open at 5pm and tickets can be bought on Arbor for £2.50 + VAT.

Please join us to celebrate these talented student!

Mrs Dungey

Ofsted

We welcome your views on the Ofsted Parent View site, this can be accessed here:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>