

28th February 2025

Headteacher

Aspens launched their services this week, the quality has been maintained, there are more choices, and the server has been re-branded to a smarter fresher feel. The initial feedback from students and staff has been very positive.

Next week we will have a careers focus in school as part of National Careers Week. This will involve a number of visitors delivering a range of presentations and, in some cases lessons. The aim of the week is to support students with understanding the range of careers available to help inform them about future possibilities. Our Year 10 and 11 students will all undertake mock interviews to support with their applications for Leadership roles in Year 11, Post-16 applications and future employment opportunities. It is important that students have these opportunities to develop the skills and confidence to participate in interview situations before the pressure of the real thing. In addition, our Year 11 will have the opportunity to visit Anglia Ruskin University to find out about the campus and life at this level of study. All students will be recording their progress and interactions in their PEP folders to reflect on the experiences later in the year.

I have attached a Seneca Championship document for students, and this is linked to our homework procedures.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Mr Gibb

Key Dates

Week beginning 3rd March is Week A on our timetable

3 rd March 2025	National Careers Week
6 th March 2025	Year 11 Progress Evening
20 th March 2025	Year 9 Options Evening
3 rd & 4 th April 2025	School Production "Frozen"
7 th April 2025	Last day of Spring Term
21 st April 2025	School closed to all pupils

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

Aspens Catering

Our new catering service commenced this week.

There have been changes to some of the prices, for example the main meal has reduced in price and includes a dessert for £2.55, some prices have also increased. The pricelist has been reshared in this bulletin so that parents and students can budget for the week.

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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 or email 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.

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Non- Residential Trip Information

We are excited to finally present the brochure for the Summer Enrichment Week non-residential trips. Please look at the brochure accompanying the bulletin for further information.

The deadline for sign-up on these trips is **Friday 4th April**. At this point, you must have signed up your child via Arbor and paid the full amount (if applicable) for the trip.

We have deliberately kept trip costs down this year to make them more affordable. We are also offering an additional free trip (Musical Theatre) which we know will be well received by many students. There will also be a school curriculum offer for those students that do not sign up for any trips. We only offer this as a last resort because we want all our year 7-10 students to be signed up for an enrichment. If you would like to know more about the individual trips before the deadline, please contact the trip leader directly. These are stated on the brochure.

Once you are signed/paid up we will be hosting an information evening next term where the trip leader will be a day-to-day breakdown of the trip itinerary whilst taking any questions you may have regarding specific details of the trip. This evening will also be for residential trips. The date for this will be sent out in due course.

Mr Stacpoole