

Headteacher

31st January 2025

We continue to be impressed by the behaviour and attitudes of our students, both in school and when we visit other schools as part of sporting fixtures, our students are head and shoulders above comparable schools.

Our senior invigilator has said how pleased he has been with the behaviour of our Year 11s in their exams, he told me on Thursday that it is “the best since I have been here” (2016).

Sapientia recently carried out a pupil survey for us, collecting over 300 responses from students across all year groups. There were 17 questions, I am pleased to say that our students scored our school in the top three across 9 of the areas, across all Sapientia secondary schools. In addition, our students recorded the greatest number of positive answers for seeing good behaviour in lessons and feeling safe when in school. The survey has additionally given us some areas to focus on to ensure the best possible experience for our students at Ixworth.

In this bulletin we have a rugby fixture report from Mr Stacpoole, a CoffeeHouse reminder and details of how Year 11 can purchase their Leavers Hoodies.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Mr Gibb

Key Dates

Week beginning 3rd February is Week B on our timetable

3 rd February 2025	Year 11 Mock exams second week
14 th February 2025	School closes for half term
24 th February 2025	PD Day, School closed to all pupils
25 th February 2025	School reopens for all pupils

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. ***Please remember that we are a nut free school.***

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**. ***Please ensure that you provide proof ahead of your child's appointment.***

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, who is contactable via email.

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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

RSE Consultation

We have published our Relationships and Sex Education Policy as a consultation document on our website. The consultation will be open for two weeks until 31st September. If you have any comments, please email them FAO Mrs Heath through enquiries@ixworthhighschool.org. We will also be consulting with staff and students regarding the policy during this time.

CoffeeHouse

A CoffeeHouse 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 the best our performing arts can offer, with warm drinks and sweet treats to enjoy a musical night with.

The show is February 12th 2025, doors open at 5pm tickets are being sold on Arbor for £2.50 +VAT. Please join us to celebrate these talented students.

Mrs Dungey

Sport Fixtures

Boys from year 8 and 9 competed in the annual U14 rugby festival at Stowmarket RFC. With 4 of the team playing competitive rugby for the first time, it was always going to be a steep learning curve for an inexperienced group.

First game (Stowupland): A couple of early errors and missed tackles meant we were down 3-0 at half time. A spirited team talk from Charlie W and Charlie E resulted in a much improved second half. The game was cut short with Ixworth in the ascendancy - however, it was too little, too late, resulting in a 3-2 loss. Charlie W (end to end solo try) and Sam E (first try ever) with the tries. Second game (Mildenhall): Mildenhall proved too powerful in the end with a few club players and a bit more rugby intelligence proving the difference. The game was stopped short with Mildenhall leading 3-1 with Charlie W bagging his second try of the day.

Third game (OSA): Another tough game but Ixworth were starting to develop and progress at a rapid rate. They showed resilience in defence and started to build better patterns in attack. Some strong attacking opposition runs and a couple of Ixworth handling errors proving the difference. Charlie W picking up his third try of the afternoon in a 3-1 loss.

The Ixworth boys left the best rugby until last, beating Stowupland in a rematch from the first game of the afternoon. It ended 3-0 to Ixworth with Carter M and Riley F x 2 scoring their first ever tries! Riley L must get a shout out for an unbelievable defensive performance in the last two games. Riley picked up the player of the tournament award in the process. The boys should be proud of the progress they made. With Thursday lunchtime practices now in place, the boys will continue to progress and develop ready for the 26th February.

Mr Stacpoole

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Dear Year 11's, Parent and Carers

Please see the design of this years leavers hoodie's.
Please get online and book yours ASAP. Store closes
on Monday 10th February.

<https://www.schoolleaverscompany.co.uk/shop>

Shop's username: 5821

Shop's password: XK465eu4

IXWORTH HIGH SCHOOL HOODIE > Classic Hoodie - Adult Fit Shop closes:10/02/2025

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