

13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Headteacher



## Merry Christmas



Our Christmas lunch on Thursday was a great success, thank you to Mr Pilmer and his team plus the numerous staff that assisted with serving nearly 400 Christmas lunches.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December is the last day of a very busy term. Year 7 & 8 will enjoy a performance of Jack and the beanstalk as part of our enrichment program in school. The theatre company are also performing in the evening at Ixworth and tickets are available here [Tickets Here](#). Friday is also a non-uniform day, we ask for a voluntary donation of £1 for this, there is a prize for the “best dressed” form.

Unfortunately our U13 Girl’s football team were unsuccessful against Sudbury on Wednesday in the Suffolk Schools County Cup, but our teams are going from strength to strength. Mr Slow has done an amazing job coaching the team, and we still have the West Suffolk semi final to look forward to.

I have included Georgia Pickup’s recipe for Festive Cookie Pies that she has shared with her year group as part of the Year 7 festivities.

Wishing you a restful weekend.

Mr Gibb

### Restaurant 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)

### Key Dates

#### Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> December is Week A on our timetable

19 <sup>th</sup> December	Presentation Evening	
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Non-uniform day	
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime, Jack and the beanstalk, evening performance, 5:00 pm	<a href="#">Tickets Here</a>
20 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes for Christmas Holidays	
<b>6<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>	<b>PD day, school closed to pupils</b>	
<b>7<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>	<b>PD day, school closed to pupils</b>	
8 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	School reopens for all pupils	

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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.

## Catering Contract

Our Trust have completed the tender process for our catering to move across to a central provider.

Aspens have been selected as that company, our amazing catering team will be retained by them at Ixworth. The move across is not immediate and we will share further information as we receive it. Aspens have visited our school and are keen to maintain the high quality service we enjoy at the moment, they are also keen to keep parents fully informed of the process. [Home – Aspens Services](#)

## Joe Dix Foundation

We were lucky enough to be visited by the Joe Dix Foundation this week who spoke with all years around the dangers of knife crime and county lines. It was an incredibly impactful assembly delivered by Emma Dix herself, who is the mother of Joe who was tragically murdered. For further details and to share feedback with the team please visit [Joe Dix](#). Mrs Hale



### Joe Dix Foundation | Child Criminal Exploitation & Knife Crime

On January 28, 2022, Joe was tragically stabbed to death in Norwich. The Foundation's goal is to raise awareness of child criminal exploitation and knife crime to prevent any family from enduring the heartbreak that Joe's family has faced.

[joedixfoundation.co.uk](http://joedixfoundation.co.uk)

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### 13 Girl's Football match report

Wednesday 11th November saw the junior girls football team made up of 14 players from year 7 and year 8 travel to Ormiston Sudbury academy to play a first-round fixture in the Suffolk County Schools Cup. The team played very well through the game creating chances and defending as a unit. Amber. R would open the scoring putting Ixworth 1-0 up before Mollie. M scored a second, however, this was disallowed for offside. Despite this misfortune, the girls continued to search for the second goal to secure victory. Unfortunately, the opposition scored with around a couple minutes left to play levelling the game at 1-1. The game would go onto penalties. Mollie. M, Amber. R, Millie. S, Emelia. D and Oliva. B all bravely stepped up to take penalties. Sophie. A stepped into goal full of confidence following a great performance in the match. Ormiston Sudbury Academy would go on to win the penalty shootout. While disappointing for the team, they held their heads high having put in a great performance. There were a number of great debuts from Sophie. F, Danielle. B, Ava. W, Mollie .M and Olivia. B as well as great performances other members of the team including Captain, Emelia .D, Mollie. H, Marharyta. A and Hdriya. T. All the team have worked hard, and the team spirit shone through with the whole team singing Christmas songs all the way home! The team will now look to the New Year with a West Suffolk Cup semi-final to come! Many thanks to all who have supported the team including Ms Burgess who drove us to the fixture. Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year!

### Summer Enrichment Week

Messages from Mr Stacpoole

Trip to France price reduction from £599 to £399 for Pupil Premium students.

Non-residential information will be detailed further at the beginning of next term. The initial list and provisional prices were sent out last half of term.

### Admissions consultation 2026

Our proposed admissions policy for 2026 is available on our website. The consultation period for the draft policy is 6 weeks in accordance with paragraph 1.46 of the Schools Admissions Code 2021 and will conclude on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024. If you wish to comment on the policy, please contact the Headteacher via [enquiries@ixworthhighschool.org](mailto:enquiries@ixworthhighschool.org).

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## Recipe for Brownie

Cookie pie 160°C (fan)

1. 200g butter sogend into the bowl.
2. add 2 50g light brown sugar and cream together.
3. Add 1 egg + 1 TSP vanilla and mix in.
4. Add 320g plain glower +  $\frac{1}{2}$  TSP Bicarbonate of soda then gold into just combined.
5. 200g (or more if you want) chocolate chips, gold these in.
6. in a baking tin (greese paper / butter so it doesnt stick) take out  $\frac{1}{3}$  of dough to make ~~lid~~ a base
7. after its in put biscogg / chocolate spread 350g place the rest of the dough as a lid.
8. Bake for 25-30 mins and enjoy!