

18th October 2024

Headteacher

It has been a busy week at Ixworth, on Thursday we held another hugely successful Coffee House event run by Mrs Dungey, the talent was incredible, and a huge range of acts performed.

Our boys Year 7&8 football team took part in a local tournament playing Thurston, Stowupland and Stowmarket, they drew 2 games and beat Stowmarket 4:0. A huge congratulations to the team and their manager Mr Slow.

We also took part in the cross-country trials at RHS with some brilliant results from the team, led by Mr Stacpoole.

And finally, our U14 netball team represented themselves and the school very well last week, and demonstrated huge potential for the future with Miss Burgess as the coach. A write up is later in the bulletin.

Feedback on our recently launched communication protocol is positive, we are being told that the explanation of, who to contact and how, has made contact and a response quicker, I have added the protocols to this bulletin again to ensure everyone has access to a copy.

Wishing you a restful weekend

Mr Gibb

Drop off and Pick Ups

In the last bulletin we asked if parents could please park in available parking spaces when dropping off and picking up children. This means that we do not "mix" cars and buses in the turning area, keeping children safe.

Outside of the school there is a good safe dropping off area to the left of the entrance. The right hand side has no parking markings some way down the road to allow buses in and out safely. Children dropped on the left hand side do need to cross the entrance to move onto the pathway into school, **pedestrians have the right of way here**, please ensure if you are coming into the school entrance in a vehicle you give way to them and allow them to cross.

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

Our website is now largely complete, but if you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact the school. These bulletins are now included in the News and Events page.

Key Dates

Week beginning 21st October is Week B on our timetable

26 th October	Half term commences
4 th November	School reopens
4 th November	Yr11 mocks commence until 15 th November
15 th November	Year 7,8 & 9 Flu immunisations
9 th December	PD day, school closed to pupils
20 th December	School closes for Christmas Holidays

Cross Country Report- Mr Stacpoole

On Thursday 17th October, a selection of year 7, 8 and 9 students went by minibus with Mr Stacpoole to RHS in Holbrook to run a Cross-Country race for the preliminary Suffolk Schools qualification round.

We were in different races, depending on our year groups and ran against over 30 other schools. There were about 200 people in each race. There were some fantastic results in all the races. Special mentions should go to Ava W for finishing 6th in her Year 8/9 race. Fynn E and Florence H secured very impressive 17th and 24th positions respectively.

There were notable performances from other students. Anyone securing a top 50 place will move into the Suffolk finals at Woodbridge School in January. Well done everyone!

Year 7 Girls

Bonnie S 93rd place

Year 7 Boys

Fred F 47th (qualified)

Brody M 110th

Barnaby F 125th

Year 8 Girls

Ava W 6th (qualified)

Mollie H 51st

Florence H 24th (qualified)

Esme M 72nd

Amber R 93rd- ankle sprain injury

Year 8 Boys

Fynn E 17th (qualified)

Jacob B 130th

Year 9 Boys

William F 80th

William R 126th

Charlie S 30th (qualified)

U14's Netball Tournament – Miss Burgess

On Tuesday 8th October, our U14 netball team, made up of 9 students from Year 8 and 9, took to the court with determination and enthusiasm. Despite falling behind early, the team displayed incredible resilience, working hard to keep pushing until the final whistle. Every player gave their all, showing grit, teamwork, and a never-give-up attitude that they can all be proud of.

Though the score wasn't a true reflection of the effort they put in, the girls can hold their heads high knowing they stayed positive and supported each other throughout the game. Most importantly, they had fun and truly enjoyed the experience, growing together as a team. Well done, U14s!

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U13s Cluster Fixture at Stowupland – Mr Slow

The team faced 3 teams including Stowupland, Stowmarket and Thurston B and managed to secure one win and two draws. Everyone played well working hard for one another. There were goals from Kayleb C, Ace O, Christian O’C, Flynn D and Justin A. Solid performances from all.

The team put into practice what was worked on the training pitch. It was a positive start to the football season. Coaches’ players of the day were Jacob B, Christian O’C and Kayleb C. Players player of the day was Captain, Hardy W. Many thanks to Mr Hendry for assisting the team!

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.

Office Notices

Student Appointments

Please may we remind all parents that proof of appointments must be emailed to enquiries@ixworthhighschool.org. You may also cc your child’s form tutor, but the office needs to have proof for our files on the enquiries email.

Student Illness

If as student is feeling unwell, they must come down to the office to ask a member of staff to call home. We are having many students ring parents/carers from their own phones, and this is breaking school rules and may result in a B1. This also encourages students to not have their phone out.

The office staff are here to support your child’s needs, so please encourage them to knock on the window to ask for support at any time.