Headteacher

This week we held our Open Evening for prospective Year 7 students in 2025. As usual, our best advert for the school were the numerous students helpers that ensured the evening was a huge success, and they were a shining example to both parents and potential students.

We are aware that we are having issues with homework. The removal of Google Classroom has not been easily replaced by Teams and it has led to confusion and miscommunication, I apologise for this. I have attached a note explaining when homework should be set, and we have identified a way to set homework using Arbor that will be accessible to both students and parents. This will be in place by the end of next week. We are currently trialing it in some Maths and History classes. Further details will follow. If you are having issues, please contact your child’s tutor.

Our new website launched on Thursday afternoon, please be aware that the old website is still visible as it does not belong to the school. We are now working to ensure everything is up to date. The school menu, school day and Staff List has been updated. Form Tutors and their email addresses are accessible via the Staff tab in response to requests from parents. It can be accessed here:

<https://www.ixworthhighschool.org/>

We have had a fantastic start to the year and have received some very positive feedback and also ideas of how we can improve. This is welcome as we look to make Ixworth High School excellent.

Mr Gibb

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Headteacher

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. Some accounts are not showing on our school meal system, we will still provide food for these students and they will be charged retrospectively once the account is visible.

As part of our move to Sapientia our email addresses have changed, all emails sent to staff using the old email address will be forwarded, but some email accounts had not successfully moved across, this has led to delays in answering emails on the enquiries account, we are working through these emails as quickly as possible.

The new restaurant menu has been very popular, in particular the new breaktime hot snacks such as sausage rolls and bacon rolls. We do talk to students about budgeting their accounts at the till, please can parents also remind children of their daily allowances to ensure they have sufficient funds to last the throughout the week.

Information

**Week beginning 9th September is Week B on our timetable**

19th September GCSE Success Evening, all Year 10 & 11, 5-7 pm (Bookings open on Eventbrite)

26th September Year 8 – Year Ahead Briefing, 5-6pm

3rd October Year 9 – Year Ahead Briefing, 5-6pm

14th October Staff INSET Day, school is closed to pupils

17th October School Photographs

26th October Half term commences, school reopens on 4th November

Key Dates

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Homework

Homework will be set as follows:

**All year groups:**

Maths, English and Science up to one hour each week.

**Year 10 & 11**

Options subjects up to one hour each week.

Homework will not be set for PSHE or Core PE.

**Year 7, 8 & 9**

Geography, History and French, a minimum of two homeworks per half term.

Art, Food Technology, Graphics, Computing, Drama, Music, a minimum of one homework per half term.

Homework will not be set for PSHE, RE, Enrichment or Core PE.

Further details of how to see homework that has been set will follow next week.

**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.

Pastoral Notices

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

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

 This year at Ixworth High School, we are running a more dynamic enrichment programme with a greater range of activities via a menu style sign up procedure.

With a much greater volume of staff available for this lesson, we have been able to offer 25 activities throughout the year ranging from Young Enterprise (prescribed for year 9) to Visual Marketing Skills to Lego Therapy and many more. We are also able to offer a main boys & girls sport each term which means we can focus on training for upcoming fixtures.

The activities on offer tie in with the new Enrichment strands: Academic Discovery; Physical Challenge; Teamwork; Creativity and Community. We ask students to choose activities that link in with a range of these strands as they strive to eventually achieve their bronze (2 strands) , silver (4 strands) and gold (5 strands) enrichment awards.

During the course of this week, year 7-9 form tutors have been collating sign-up options from their students. Each tutor group has two prescribed (compulsory) options assigned to them throughout the year. Students will then choose the other four options plus two reserve options in case they miss out of their first choice.

We thank you for your continued support with our ever-improving programme.

Mr Mark Stacpoole

**Director of Enrichment & PE**

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