

Attendance Newsletter



Ixworth High
School

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Who we are

Mrs Morris - Assistant Designated Safeguarding Lead & Attendance Lead



I am part of the safeguarding and attendance team at Ixworth High School having joined in January 2023. I have worked in schools since 2014, following my graduation from university.

As the school's attendance lead and ADSL, my role is to help students come to school regularly and feel safe and supported. I work closely with students, families, and staff to understand any worries or challenges that might be affecting attendance and to put the right support in place.

As an ADSL, I also help make sure that any concerns about a student's safety or wellbeing are listened to, recorded properly, and acted on, working with other professionals where needed so every student can learn and thrive in school.

School values



“**Ambitious** learners attend every day.”

“**Resilient** students keep showing up.”

“**Responsible** choices start with attendance.”



Quick tip

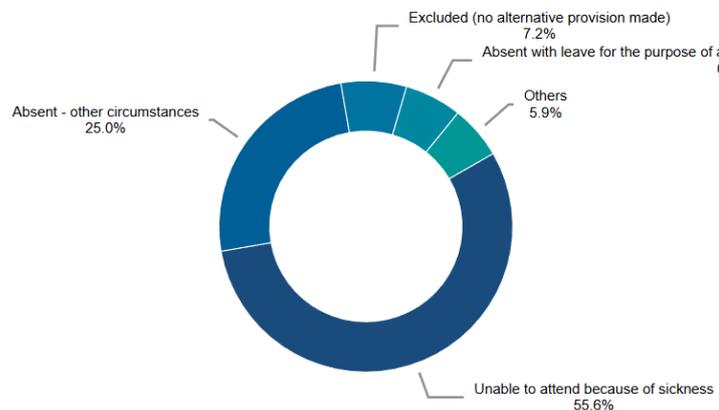
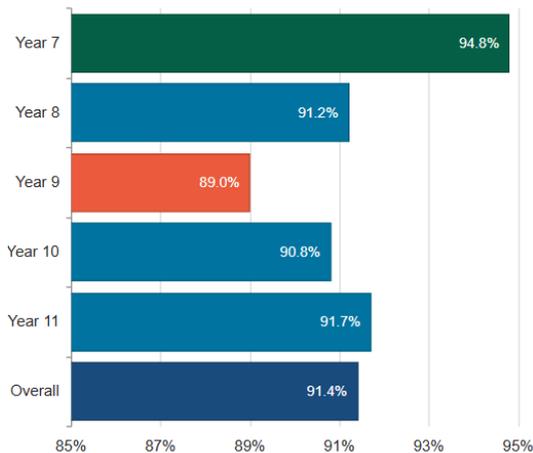
Missing just 1 day of school a week can cost up to £7,500 in lost lifetime earnings — every day in school really does pay off

Current Attendance

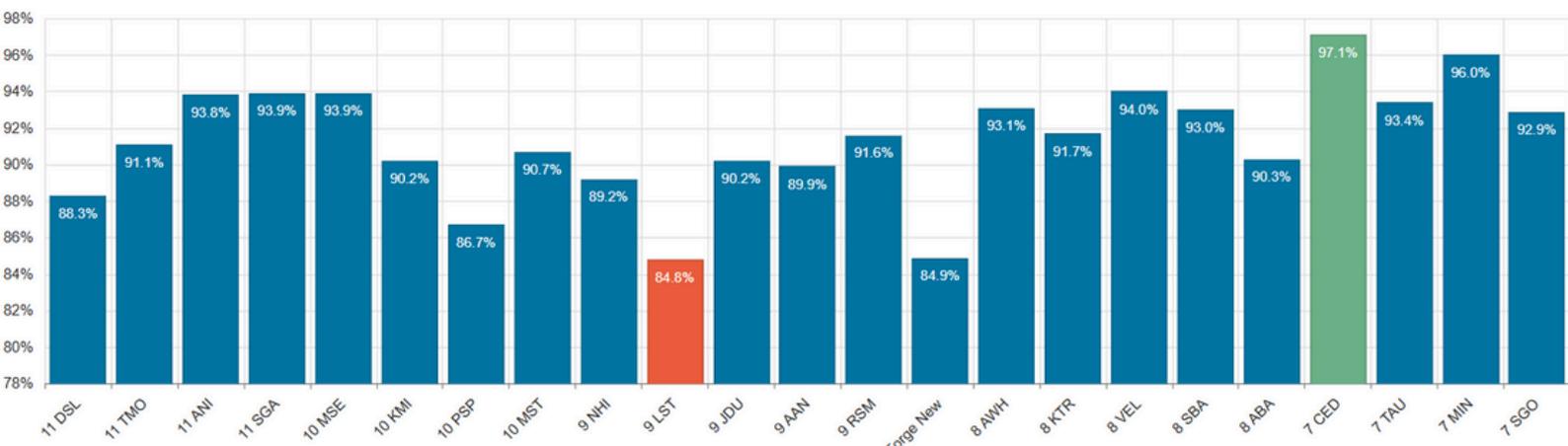
Current whole school attendance = 91.4%

Year Group - well done year 7!

Absence by week day



Tutor group attendance



Current standings:

First - 7 CED

Second - 7 MIN

Third - 8 VEL

Why is attendance important?

It's good for your mental health!

Routine supports wellbeing – regular school attendance provides structure and predictability, which helps reduce anxiety and improve emotional stability.

Connection reduces isolation – being in school helps students maintain friendships and trusted relationships with adults, protecting against loneliness and low mood.

Early support is easier to access – attending school means concerns about mental health can be noticed and supported sooner.

Confidence grows with consistency – regular attendance helps students feel more capable, reducing stress linked to falling behind or returning after absence.

School is a safe, supportive space – for many young people, school offers stability, pastoral care, and access to wellbeing support that promotes positive mental health.

Decoding the 'attendance jargon'

What does "severely absent" mean?



A student is considered **severely absent** if their attendance falls **below 50%**, meaning they miss more school than they attend. This level of absence can have a serious impact on learning, wellbeing, friendships, and future opportunities. If attendance drops to this level, schools work closely with families and, where needed, other support services to help remove barriers and support a return to regular school attendance.

A graphic with a dark blue background and green accents. It features three horizontal banners with icons and text. The top banner has a graduation cap icon and the text 'Ambitious learners attend every day.' The middle banner has an icon of two students high-fiving and the text 'Resilient students keep showing up.' The bottom banner has an icon of an alarm clock and a smartphone with a calendar icon, and the text 'Responsible choices start with attendance.' To the right is the Ixworth High School logo, a shield with a windmill, and the school's name in white and green text.

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