

Attendance Newsletter



Ixworth High School

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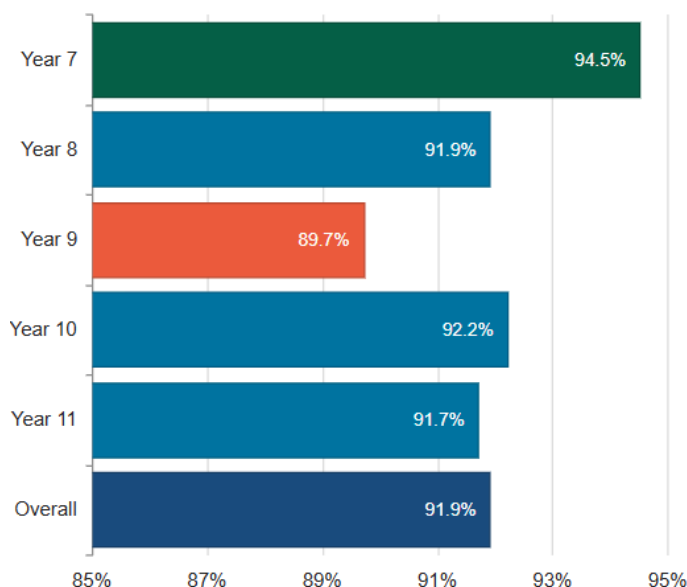
Well done!

A huge well done and thank you to all our students and their parents and carers for the effort you've put into improving attendance this term. Your commitment and support really do make a difference, and it's great to see the impact of everyone working together. We're really pleased to have finished the spring term above the national average, with an improvement of 0.6%—a fantastic achievement for our whole school community. Keep it up!

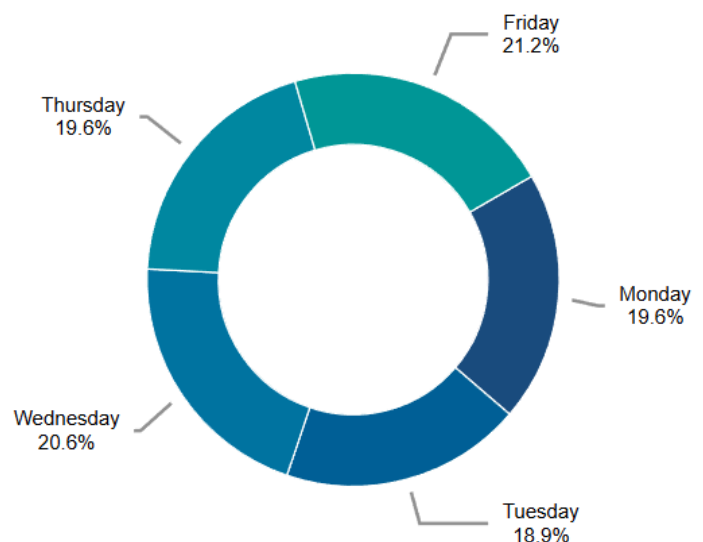
Current Attendance

Current whole school attendance = 91.9%

Year Group



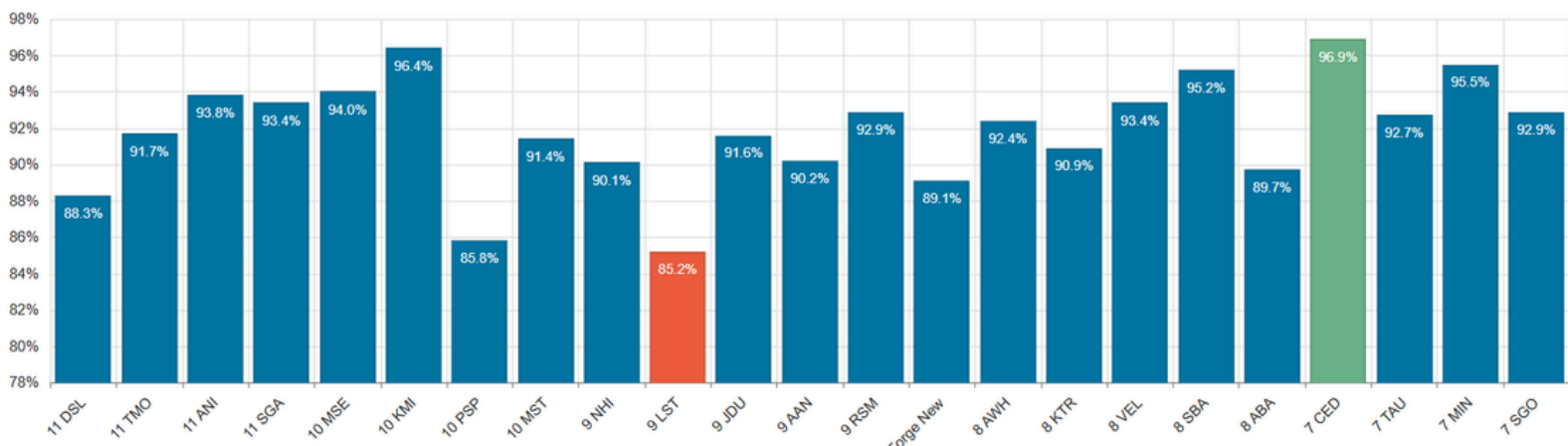
Day of the week



Congratulations to year 7 who have consistently been at the top of the leader board!

There has been an amazing effort to improve attendance across the school, with years 7, 8, 10 and 11 all finishing the term above national average.

Tutor group attendance



Current standings:

First - 7 CED

Second - 10 KMI

Third - 7 MIN



Quick tip

A child who is absent a day of school per week misses an equivalent of two years of their school life.

Supporting your child's school attendance

Good school attendance habits are best started early. Children learn from those around them and you as parents/carers set the standards and expectations for your child. Showing your child the importance of attending school every day not only helps your child to settle quickly when starting school but helps them to keep and maintain friendships and enjoy the school environment.

Be organised, have a plan, be consistent and involve your child.

You should:

- create good routines for mornings at home so that your child can arrive punctually and they are properly equipped; this will also mean your mornings can start calmly too
- make time to encourage and show interest. Chat to them about the things they have learnt, what friends they have made and even what they had for lunch! Remember children can be tired when coming out of school, so a short chat over a snack or later that evening may produce a better result than a long list of questions
- read all school communications. A home/school diary can help with communication only when all parties use it as intended

- attend school open evenings and functions
- check your child understands the homework and that it has been completed. Support them in completing homework by creating a calm space for them to work in and set specific times during the week when homework should be done
- avoid absence from school wherever possible – try to make doctors and dental appointments out of school hours. Absence means your child will miss out on the academic studies and will also learn that education is not the main priority within the family. This can have a lifelong effect

Decoding the ‘attendance jargon’

Your responsibilities as a parent

By law, all children of compulsory school age (normally five to 16) must receive a suitable full-time education. As a parent, you have a legal responsibility to make sure this happens – either by registering your child at a school or by making other arrangements to give them a suitable, full-time education. Once your child is registered at a school, you are legally responsible for making sure they attend regularly. This means your child should not have sessions of unauthorised absence.



Section 576 of the Education Act 1996 defines parent as:

- all natural parents, whether they are married or not
- any person who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person
- any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person

Having care of a child or young person means that a person with whom the child lives and who looks after the child, irrespective of what their relationship is with the child, is considered to be a parent in education law.

The Attendance Team

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Ambitious learners
attend every day.

Resilient students
keep showing up.



Responsible choices
start with attendance.



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