

15th November 2024

Headteacher

This has been a tricky week with staff absence due to illness, we also missed Mr Spurin who was been called for jury service, thank you for your patience with this. Our Year 11s also completed their mock exams this week.

We held our act of Remembrance on Monday and hosted the Royal British Legion, the weather held and we were able to hold the ceremony outside. There were a good array of different uniforms worn by our students and I have included some photographs at the end of this bulletin.

This week we have recruited a new Art teacher, a Maths teacher and a new Head of Maths, next week we are interviewing for a new Exams Officer.

We are in discussions with Aspens a leading contract catering company that only specializes in school food services. We are looking into a move because, although the quality of our food and service is amazing, we are struggling to maintain prices at a reasonable level, last year our catering budget was in a significant deficit. The additional buying power of a larger organisation will help maintain prices at a reasonable level. Our Catering Manager, Mr Pilmer, has been to visit City Academy Norwich that uses Aspens, and the initially feedback is good, we will keep you informed.

Wishing you a restful weekend.

Mr Gibb

Admissions consultation 2026

Our proposed admissions policy for 2026 was included in last weeks bulletin and is now available on the 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 20th December 2024. If you wish to comment on the policy, please contact the Headteacher via enquiries@ixworthhighschool.org.

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

Key Dates

Week beginning 18th November is Week A on our timetable

9 th December	PD day, school closed to pupils
12 th December	Christmas Lunch
13 th December	HPV Vaccinations
19 th December	Presentation Evening
20 th December	School closes for Christmas Holidays
6 th January 2025	PD day, school closed to pupils
7 th January 2025	PD day, school closed to pupils
8 th 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.

Safeguarding

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Hale, she is contactable via the school office.

