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Forthcoming events

15 July 2014

Year 6 Induction Day

Ixworth Middle School
8.30am to 3.10pm

16 July 2014

Year 6, 7 & 8

Transition Day

Woodbridge School
All day

17 July 2014

Uniform Collection

Ixworth Middle School 3.30pm
to 6pm

5 September 2014

**New Staff and
Student BBQ**

Ixworth Free School
5.30pm to 7pm

8 September 2014

**First day of school for
all students**

Apologies...

There was a typographical error in Issue 1 of the Ixchange under Governance. It was meant to read 'Jude Chin is a non-executive director of Colchester Hospital University NHS Foundation Trust'.

Message from the Headteacher Designate



Miss King
Headteacher Designate

We now have only a few months left before we officially welcome students to Ixworth Free School and become fully open for business. It is therefore both an exciting yet busy time as we ensure the final 'bits and pieces' are ready and in place.

In this edition of the Ixchange we aim to provide you with an update on our support staff recruitment, as well as sharing news of some of the events and activities we have been busily undertaking.

Building Plans



Willmott Dixon has been successfully appointed to oversee our building developments for the school.

Not only will key spaces be refurbished and modernised, such as the main

classrooms, hall and kitchen, but we will also have a new entrance area, restaurant, sports hall and additional science labs.

Due to the need to settle students into the school during the autumn term, the larger building works will take place from February 2015 in readiness for a September 2015 opening. Willmott Dixon are the contractors that refurbished and built the new Creative Arts Centre at Saxmundham Free School and will be working on the new Beccles Free School site. They are therefore very familiar with the Trust and its expectations.

Dr Cawley and Miss King are working very closely with the contractors to

ensure that there will be little or no disruption to the operation of the school during the period they are working with us.

During the summer period an evening is to be arranged so that families and interested groups can come and view the architectural plans for the school and meet with the construction team. We will keep you posted when this is likely to arise, once plans have been finalised.

Support Staff

Since the last newsletter we have turned our attention to the recruitment of our support staff and we are delighted to have appointed some highly effective individuals. Though this remains an on going process over the next few months, below is an overview of who will be joining us to date.

Mrs Haynes

Science Technician



Mrs Haynes is joining the staff after a career break to raise her family. Prior to this she was a clinical scientist and holds a degree in Biochemistry. Mrs Haynes is looking forward to supporting Science within the school to ensure students extend their curiosity in the world around them.

Mr Fox

Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA)



Mr Fox is joining the team after completing his degree in Sports and Exercise Science at University Campus Suffolk. Mr Fox wants to ensure that barriers to learning are removed so that all students, regardless of starting point, make rapid progress across the curriculum.

Mrs Brackley

School Administration Manager (SAM)



Mrs Brackley will be well known to many of you as she is currently employed at Ixworth Middle School as the Senior Office Administrator. She is very keen to ensure all students that join us settle in smoothly, together with ensuring they reach their potential and that their families are supported at this important time with the transition to secondary.

An introduction to some of the staff that work centrally within the Seckford Foundation Free Schools Trust is also included as you are likely to have regular contact with them, either in person or over the phone.

Mrs Lambert

PA to the Principal Dr Cawley



Mrs Lambert will often be the person who many of you speak with when you call the central office at Seckford Street, Woodbridge. Not only is Mrs Lambert PA to Dr Cawley, she also oversees all administrative and support staff across the three schools in the Trust. Mrs Lambert is keen to ensure the support infrastructure enables all of the schools to run smoothly and efficiently so that the best outcomes are achieved for all.

Mr Baker

Timetable and Data Manager



Mr Baker is based at the central office in Woodbridge. He will be vital in ensuring we monitor students' progress effectively and set targets that appropriately stretch and challenge students to maximise their abilities. Prior to working with us Mr Baker worked for Suffolk County Council as a Data Information Officer.



Books Wanted

At Ixworth Free School we understand the importance of encouraging our students to read regularly, as it stimulates children's imagination, accelerates their emotional development and fosters natural curiosity. The more books a child reads, the faster their vocabulary is also expanded.

With this in mind we are trying to ensure we have as many books as possible in the library for when we start in September. Therefore, over the summer period should you be tidying and find any books you no longer need but think might be suitable to pass onto us, we would welcome your contribution. Books can be handed to staff on duty at the student induction days later this term or into Ixworth Free School reception from 3 September 2014. Alternatively, books can be handed into the Trust head office at 1 Seckford Street, Woodbridge.

contact us...

We welcome your feedback, news and comments....e-mail us at enquiries@ixworthfreeschool.org



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Friends of Ixworth Free School

When we open in September a major part of the work we will undertake within the wider school community will be through the Friends of Ixworth Free School. This group will be vital in aiding us to set up a social programme at the school for families, staff and the community to get together; raise important funds to enhance the provision for students in the school whilst developing important links between home and school.

Therefore, we are looking for anyone who would be interested in getting involved with this initiative to contact us on enquiries@ixworthfreeschool.org to express an interest and provide their contact details by 14 July 2014. This will enable us to call an initial meeting later this term to explore ideas for the new academic year.



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Congratulations...

Saxmundham and Beccles Free Schools graded Good with
Outstanding features by Ofsted

Principal Rob Cawley with David Lees and John Lucas, respective Headteachers of Saxmundham and Beccles, celebrating their schools' success.

We are delighted to report that Ofsted has praised Saxmundham and Beccles during the two-day inspections of both schools on 21 and 22 May 2014.

Both inspection teams were highly complimentary of the schools, giving them deserved recognition for what they have achieved since opening in September 2012.

Congratulations go to all of the staff, students, families and wider community

that have worked so hard since the schools opened to make both Saxmundham and Beccles Free Schools a place where students enjoy going to school, are taught extremely well and have a high standard of education. We are very proud to know that the same emphasis on high aspirations and expectations, and quality of learning, progress and achievement of students will be a feature of education at Ixworth Free School.

Uniform Measuring Events



Mrs Lambert and Miss Jones overseeing the uniform fittings held at The Pykkerell Inn, Ixworth on 10 May 2014.

Three successful events for students to come and be measured for their new school uniform were held earlier this term. Mrs Lambert and her team ensured everyone is to be suitably attired for the start of the new academic year. Uniform will be ready for collection from Ixworth Middle School on 17 July 2014, between 3.30pm – 6pm.

If for any reason you missed out on these events, have joined the school more recently, or are unable to make the above collection date, please contact the Trust at the head office in Seckford Street, Woodbridge, on 01394 386768 to arrange an individual uniform appointment.