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The newsletter for Ixworth Free School | *"Providing a foundation for life"*

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Future students creating their Conversion Cocktail at one of our taster lesson evenings.



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Forthcoming events

24 & 25 June 2014

Year 8 Induction Days

Ixworth Middle School
All day

1 & 2 July 2014

Year 7 Induction Days

Ixworth Middle School
All day

15 July 2014

Year 6 Induction Day

Ixworth Middle School
All day

16 July 2014

Year 6, 7 & 8

Transition Day

Woodbridge School
All day

5 September 2014

**New Staff and
Student BBQ**

Come and see your new
school, meet the staff and
other pupils at the BBQ!
5.30-7pm

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is launched!



Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter The Ixchange. Through this publication we hope to keep you abreast of the main news, events and activities that students and staff are involved with at the school.

As we are currently in the pre-opening phase, the main focus over the last few months has been on staff recruitment and welcoming those students who were successfully awarded a place at the school for September 2014 as our inaugural cohort. This edition therefore aims to provide an update on these key areas.



*Dr Rob Cawley
Principal of Seckford Foundation Free Schools Trust*

Meet the staff

We have been busy ensuring the school has the highest calibre staff in place for when we open our doors for the first time in September and so far we have been delighted with our appointments. To date ten staff have been recruited and a brief introduction to each of them is offered on these pages.

Miss King

Headteacher



Miss King has taught for 15 years across a range of schools in Essex prior to being appointed as Headteacher of Ixworth Free School in January 2014. She is very keen to ensure all students at the school test the boundaries of their abilities and realise their full talents.

Mr Ward

Deputy Headteacher



Mr Ward is currently Deputy Headteacher at Saxmundham Free School and so is very aware of what is required during the first few months of opening a new school. He will be a real asset to the new school and is an experienced senior leader.

Miss Hutton

Subject Leader

(English, Literacy and Drama)



Relocating from Hertfordshire back to Suffolk, Miss Hutton is keen to give back educationally to the local area in which she grew up and ensure everyone has the effective key lifelong skills of reading, writing and effective communication.

Mrs Roberts

Science Teacher



Mrs Roberts is an experienced and enthusiastic Scientist that is keen to develop in her students a sense of awe and wonder about how science influences everyday life and helps us test the boundaries of our abilities. Mrs Roberts is a local teacher who is familiar with the area and students at the school.

Mr Tomlinson

Humanities Teacher



Mr Tomlinson is relocating from Germany with his wife and newborn son. Mr Tomlinson is pleased to be shortly settling in Suffolk and using his vast experience of travelling and teaching abroad to widen students' knowledge of the world around them.

Mr Pashby

Music Teacher



Relocating from London with his wife and young family, Mr Pashby is very passionate about Music and keen to encourage others to develop their overt or latent musical talents.

Mr Dawkins

Subject Leader

(Maths and Numeracy)



Relocating from Southend-on-Sea to Suffolk with his wife and young son, Mr Dawkins is an experienced Leader of Maths, with a particular interest in how ICT enhances learning and how students can utilise this in their own studies.

Mrs Villiers

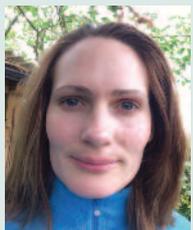
MFL Teacher



Mrs Villiers is relocating from Cambridgeshire, as her daughter is due to start university and so she feels it is the right time to make a move herself. Mrs Villiers is very keen to promote languages with all students, alongside developing their wider cultural understanding and knowledge of different nations.

Mrs Adams

PE Teacher



One of the few staff local to the area, Mrs Adams is an experienced sports practitioner who is looking forward to ensuring students are provided with opportunities to excel both physically and mentally in terms of fitness and health.

Mr Newenham

Maths and PE Teacher



Mr Newenham is a Maths and PE specialist. He is keen to ensure all students attain of their best, as well as learn to work effectively together as a team within the wider community.



Challenge Packs

In order that we can get to know our new students before they start with us in September, a series of challenges have been developed. To date, two of the five challenges have been sent home, the first of which involves students creating a 2-minute video or picture diary that introduces them to staff. The second challenge investigates how effective students are at testing out their own ideas by exploring how they get sunflower seeds to grow for maximum results. We look forward to seeing what students come up with for both challenges.

A reminder for students: don't forget to bring your first challenge with you to your Induction Day later this term and the second challenge with you to the first day of term.

contact us...

We welcome your feedback, news and comments....e-mail us at ixworthfreeschool.co.uk

Governance

Mr Jude Chin



We are delighted to inform you that Jude Chin has been appointed as Chair of Governors for the school. Mr Chin is keen to get to know the school, its students and wider community and as such will be a key person supporting us in the next few years. He has a wealth of experience in terms of education and the commercial field and so will be an asset to the school.

Mr Chin has a degree in Biochemistry from Bristol University and is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. He has extensive commercial and international experience gained from a 30-year career with KPMG.

His experience includes auditing and advising on mergers, acquisitions and stock exchange listings, for public and private companies. He is a governor of the City Academy, Hackney, and the City of London Academy, Southwark. Mr Chin is chair of SSAT (The Schools Network) Ltd, an education services provider and a non-executive director of Colchester Hospital University NHS Foundation Trust where he chairs the audit and risk committee.



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Thank you!

As the majority of interviews were held at Ixworth Middle School, the future site of our new school, many of our new students were able to be involved in the recruitment process by conducting tours, being guides or asking probing questions as part of the student panel. Thank you to all of the students who were involved.

Candidates remarked what a credit you were to your new school and how much they look forward to teaching you in September. Thank you also to Mrs Francis, Headteacher at IMS, and the teaching and support staff teams for their huge support during the recruitment process too.

Taster Lesson evenings

Two busy evenings of Taster Lessons have been held, with in excess of 130 attendees on both evenings. The events enabled our new students to experience what learning will be like at Ixworth in September when they start.

A range of curriculum subjects were on offer for students to try, from Conversion Cocktails and Diabolo Estimates in Maths, dissections in Science – which was certainly not for the faint hearted! – to creativity and performance skills in Drama.

Heartfelt thanks are extended to staff from our fellow Trust Free Schools at Saxmundham and Beccles for leading the sessions for students and their families, as well as to the catering team from the Seckford Foundation for some delicious taster pots of our school food throughout the evening and helping to make the events so successful.



Alice having a go at Diabolo Maths Estimates



Mrs Shervington leading the Music Taster Lesson



Lucas with his father showing their success in making an effective Conversion Cocktail.



Eddie and her father taking part in the Music lesson