



# IXWORTH FREE SCHOOL

*"Providing a foundation for life"*

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to a new school year and I hope you have had a very pleasant summer.

I am delighted to have been appointed as Headteacher of Ixworth Free School. My vision is for us to be the best school we can be, developing every aspect of our students to ensure they thrive, flourish and succeed. Excellent teaching, academic success, the best pastoral care and enriching extra-curricular opportunities are the hallmark of an excellent school. By drawing on the expertise within the Seckford Foundation Free School Trust and Woodbridge School's 440 years of outstanding achievement, combining Ixworth's many strengths, it is my aim to lead us to become an exceptional school.

At Ixworth Free School I will expect our students to respect each other and all adults in the school, and do everything with pride and ambition. Our success will be dependent upon having a strong partnership with you, and I look forward to working together to provide your son or daughter with the best possible education and preparation for their adult life. I will write to you again with details of the first Parents' Open Forum and would draw your attention to the Post OfSTED Improvement Plan which can be found on the information for parents page of the website.

As you will have seen on our website, August saw Year 11 students and teachers celebrate considerable success in the school's first ever set of GCSE results. Notable achievements include:

- **71% of students achieving a Grade 4 in English and maths. 6% above the national average.**
- **Last year's Head Boy achieving two grade 9s (equivalent to A\*\*), one A\* and 7 As and securing a place at Hills Road College Cambridge.**
- **Students achieving a pass rate of 77% in English Language – 14.9% above the national average; 82% in English literature – 9.4% above the national average; 71% in mathematics – 11.6% above the national average.**
- **Other subjects with A\*-C pass rates above the national average, including: Core Science; Triple Science; Music and PE.**

There is much to be proud of.

Our website will be further developed over the coming weeks to provide more key information for students, parents and carers and I hope you will find it a useful resource. We will continue to provide



regular updates on the school's Twitter feed and via our newsletters so you can see the wide range of activities that take place within our school community.

My email address is [mbarrow@ixworthfreeschool.org.uk](mailto:mbarrow@ixworthfreeschool.org.uk). Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time if you feel it necessary to do so.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Barrow', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mark Barrow  
Headteacher