



IXWORTH FREE SCHOOL

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WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR FAMILIES NEWS UPDATE Week ending 22nd September 2017

Message from the Headteacher

This has been another pleasing week. Enrichment activities began on Wednesday and I was delighted to see the positive student response to some of our new initiatives such as Young Enterprise and Debating. Auditions for this year's whole school production also took place on Wednesday afternoon and the first House competition and Cross Trust Poetry Competition have been launched. My interviews with Year 10 students continue and I was encouraged to see so many of them at last night's Sixth Form Fair. In addition, we are in the process of inviting Year 9 and Year 10 to take part in the nationally recognised 'Brilliant Club' <http://www.thebrilliantclub.org/the-brilliant-club-for-schools/the-scholars-programme/>. The Brilliant Club affords students the opportunity of studying academic subjects based on their PhD tutor's research; they will also complete weekly homework assignments, submit a final written assignment and then attend a graduation ceremony. The programme starts and finishes with a trip to a university, where our students will have a campus tour, meet undergraduates and receive guidance from university admissions staff. Our students will visit the University of Cambridge and UEA.



Finally, after half term we will be introducing a new Achievement, Behaviour and Uniform card for Years 7-11 to help support every student in maintaining our high expectations with achievement, uniform and behaviour. This will be launched in assemblies in October and I will write to you with more detail in due course.

Mr M Barrow
Headteacher

THE WEEK AHEAD: KEY EVENTS

25 th September 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1:1 Year 10 interviews with the Headteacher
26 th September 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1:1 Year 10 interviews with the Headteacher• Kitchens of the Globe Week 1 – Cambodia• European Day of Languages
28 th September 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Poetry Day: 'Freedom'• 1:1 Year 10 interviews with the Headteacher• Open Evening (5-7pm)
29 th September 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MacMillan Coffee morning (10.45 am – 11.45 am)• 1:1 Year 10 interviews with the Headteacher• Year 11 Drama Othello Trip to Ambassador Theatre London (10 am – 8.30pm)

MacMillan Coffee Morning

We are delighted to be supporting the World's Biggest Coffee Morning on Friday 29 September 10:45 – 11:45. You are all warmly invited to join the students and staff at the school for a hot beverage and a slice of cake. If you are a keen baker we would be delighted to receive delicious donations but equally happy with bought delights. The children will be allowed to bring money into the school on Friday so they can purchase cakes and join in the fun.



Mrs C Steed

School Administration Manager

Open Evening

We have an exciting open evening planned on Thursday 28 September; please do share this event with your family and friends as we would be very happy to see you.



Open Evening
Thursday
28 September
2017
5pm - 7pm
Save the Date

New Bus Routes Available

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Fantastic First Set of GCSE results at Ixworth Free School

- 71% of students achieved a good pass in English and mathematics
- Of those students, 40% achieved the top GCSE results in 2017
- We achieved above National average for English Language, English Literature and Mathematics



We beat the National average in English and Maths results

- Students achieved 77% in English Language - 14.9% above National average
- Students achieved 82% in English Literature - 9.4% above National average
- Students achieved 71% in Mathematics - 11.6% above National average

Moving to secondary school in September 2018?

Come and see our amazing new facilities, including the exciting 4D immersive room and new science labs.

Experience life at Ixworth Free School, with fun subject demonstrations and talk to current students and staff.

Thursday 28 September 2017

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Headteacher's introductory talk at 5.30pm



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