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Tuesday 17 April 2018

Students Return to School

Wednesday 25 & Thursday 26 April 2018

Year 11 GCSE Art Examination

Thursday 26 April 2018

Year 8 Progress Evening

Friday 27 April 2018

Year 11 GCSE Drama Mock Examination

Friday 4 May 2018

Year 10 Aspire Mock Interviews

Thursday 10 May 2018

Year 10 Progress Evening

W/C Monday 14 May 2018

Year 7 Examinations Week

Tuesday 15 May 2018

Year 11 Examinations Begin

W/C Monday 21 May 2018

Year 8 Examinations Week

W/C Monday 4 June 2018

Year 9 Examinations Week

W/C Monday 11 June 2018

Year 10 Examinations Week

Thursday 21 June 2018

Year 6 into 7 Information Evening

Friday 22 June 2018

Year 11 Leavers' Ball

Safeguarding

Should you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact Mrs Bell, Designated Safeguarding Lead on 01359 234050 or for more information please visit www.ixworthfreeschool.org.uk/safeguarding Ixworth Free School's named safeguarding governor is Mrs Chenery-Morris.

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Headteacher's Welcome

It is, as always, good to see a wide range of different activities featured in this edition of the Ixchange. Congratulations are due to our Book Mastermind Team and Lucy Martin for winning the regional competition and for making it through to the national final. Meanwhile, rehearsals for the stunning performances of Peter Pan, a masterclass with the Suffolk Philharmonic Orchestra and various Young Enterprise activities have involved large numbers of Ixworth Free School students.



Mr Barrow
Headteacher

The most talked about event of the term, and perhaps the year has arrived and been a massive success - I am of course talking about the production of Peter Pan. For me, the passion and total commitment to singing and acting made it more memorable than many professional productions I have seen. Huge congratulations to Miss Van Holland and Mr Spurin in particular, but also to a host of others - the stars on stage, and the many others who helped to make all this possible. I am sure this is a sign of what will be possible in future years!

Finally, as we reach the end of term I would like to thank students, parents and staff for their hard work this term. Much has been achieved. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish Year 11 every success with their final preparations for their GCSE examinations. The Easter vacation is a key time for revision.

Mr Barrow, Headteacher

Latest News

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Website

To keep up to date with the latest news and events from the school, please remember that you can follow Ixworth Free School on twitter: @IxworthFS. Please also check our webpage for regular updates, and we now have a brand new Facebook page, just search for Ixworth Free School on Facebook.

Farewell from the Outgoing Head Boy and Head Girls



Ed:

Since becoming Head Boy a year ago, I have experienced more than I could have ever dreamed of. My favourite thing about being Head Boy has been leading the school council, allowing me to add input into improving the school and meeting a variety of visitors and students across all age groups. In September, I hope to attend Woodbridge Sixth Form to study Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Chemistry. I would like to thank all the students, staff, governors and the friends of Ixworth who have all helped me so much over the last year.

Amy:

I became 1 of 2 head girls at the end of year

10 and it's been a really exciting journey. My favourite part has

definitely been getting involved in all the exciting things the school has done, like the Christmas Fair and fundraiser events. I plan to do English Language, Drama and film studies next year at either King Edwards in Bury or City College Norwich sixth form. I wish everyone at Ixworth the best of luck for years to come.

Maddie:

Representing Ixworth as one of two Head Girls has been an absolute joy; I've loved having the opportunity to give something back to a school that has provided me with so much. A particular highlight for me was our participation in the Remembrance Service; holding the poppy wreath whilst in procession along side men with such admirable bravery was a true honour. Next year I hope to study English Literature, Modern History and Drama at Hills Road Sixth Form College. Thank you to everyone for making my time at Ixworth so memorable.

Community Spirit Shown by Victoria

One of our students showed an incredible act of courage and bravery just before Christmas, when she helped rescue a man who had a road traffic accident in Ixworth. Victoria Campbell and one of her friends were in the High Street when the man had an epileptic fit at the wheel of his car and hit a wall.

Victoria called an ambulance and gave instructions until the paramedic arrived, and with the help of the two girl's mothers, who they had called for help, they forced the car door open and made the man, Mr Ross, comfortable until help

got there. Mr Ross said: "The girls, in my book, were truly fantastic. Things could and probably would have turned out a lot different for me if it weren't for their quick thinking."

Victoria's mum said: "We were so proud of the girls. For them seeing it happen in front of their eyes, keeping calm and dealing with it completely on their own until we got there, was just simply amazing."

Mr Ross was taken to hospital with a dislocated shoulder but has since made a full recovery. Well done Victoria!



Peter Pan - Audience



We have recently been involved in our school production of Peter Pan. Since the start of the academic year we have been rehearsing every Wednesday afternoon during our enrichment sessions as well as multiple after school rehearsals on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. We all enjoyed this experience as it's given us friendship groups which we would have never made had we not been brought together. The cast ranged from the new Year 7s to Year 10; many of us had been in the previous productions.

During this time we all noticed how much we had grown in confidence and how creative many of us really are. The message from this is that being in a school production, particularly at Ixworth, is an amazing experience, even though some people were more hesitant than others at the beginning of it all.

Overall the production was a great success and everyone who was part of it would say that the experience was amazing and one to remember.

Thank you to Miss Van Holland for directing Peter Pan. We wish her the very best of luck in her new school.

Sam Barber and Daisy Beckett



Wowed by Performances!



Farewell to...



Mr Hudson

Thank you to all the staff and students. I will leave with many fond memories of Ixworth Free School. The cold weather that only occurred during Year 11 PE; the amazing Year 8 football team; the faces of the basketball team when they realised we were playing on 10 foot rings and the endless banter with my V-cert PE group. I have got to know so many amazing students and have tried to help and advise whatever the situation. I hope that you can all continue to develop into the successful adults that I know you can be. Remember never settle for second best!



Miss Van Holland

I would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to the Students and Parents. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Ixworth Free School and have grown from my experience here both personally and professionally. I have loved sharing my passion for Drama with our young people in lessons, and delight in seeing their thirst to know and learn more. I am thankful that through the enrichment of school productions (a few of my favourite pictures are below) and extra curricular visits to the theatre, I have been able to show students another side to theatre and the arts. I believe that every student at Ixworth has the opportunity to achieve and become the best versions of themselves.

Finally thank you for your support and encouragement and I wish the school and students every success for the future.



March Masterclass with the Suffolk Philharmonic Orchestra

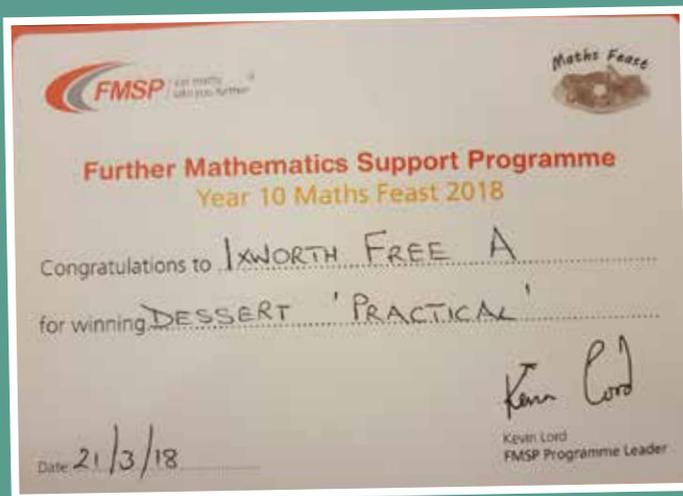


Year 11 Geography Field Trip

Fantastic commitment shown by Year 11 on their GCSE Geography Field Trip. Lots of great Geographical techniques on display....all whilst battling the elements!



Maths Champions



Congratulations to our fantastic Year 10 team who won the recent 'Maths Feast 2018'!

Book Mastermind Winners!



On Wednesday 14th March, four of our students (Matthew Canham, Kadie Hartwell, Larissa Burns and Charley Ennis), and Mrs Campbell attended the Book Mastermind local final to support Lucy Martin - the winner of our school competition. There were 20 schools originally competing. However, it narrowed down to seven schools - Ixworth, Thurston, KEGS, Sybil Andrews, County Upper, Gainsborough and Stowupland - taking part in the 22nd local final; hosted by Sybil Andrews Academy.

Book Mastermind is a yearly event that enables young readers across

Suffolk to be tested on the books they have been reading. In

the local final, there was a total of two rounds. The first round is where students are tested on the books they have been reading. You will be asked 20 questions and will have 2 minutes to answer as many correctly as you can. The second round tests your general knowledge. This round is based on most subjects (English/spelling, Maths, Art etc.) and there are 13 questions, including identifying the picture at the end. Altogether, you can earn up to 33 points - one for each question.

Luckily for us, Lucy was the winner of the local final - scoring a total of 32 points! This means that we are through to the Grand County Final that will be held on 4th May. In that final, there should be a total of 25 questions. Lucy Martin stated after the first round: "I was feeling quite nervous at first, but then relieved when it was over - knowing that I was in the lead." Mrs Campbell added: "I

was extremely proud of Lucy's performance and of the supporters' behaviour."



Overall, the school is very proud of Lucy and we are continuing to congratulate her. Well done Ixworth!

By Kadie Hartwell (Year 7)

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