



Things to look forward to in year 7

The current year 7 students are getting excited about their visit to Boulogne-Sur-Mer in France which will take place in July as part of a celebration event. Celebration events are organised yearly, as students reach the end of year 7. France this year; what and where will it be next year...?

There are lots of subjects on offer at Ipswich Academy such as art, drama, music, design technology and food technology lessons; we will take a closer look at these subjects in the next newsletter.



Extra-curricular activities include music and singing. iDrum is the name of Ipswich Academy's premier drumming group which performed at the world-renowned Snape Maltings in March 2018 to a hugely positive response. iDrum has since been invited to play community events in Ipswich as well as the Ipswich Academy summer concert and a huge concert with over 2000 children at the Troxy in London, along with Ipswich Academy's Live Lounge band and iSing choir!

All groups rehearse every week at lunchtime and after school - new members are welcome each term.



Welcome from the Principal



Thank you for choosing to come to Ipswich Academy. The students and staff are really looking forward to meeting you properly on Wednesday 4th July.

We are sending this newsletter to give you a flavour of the activities that take place at the academy and we have much more on offer for you which we will share with you on your transition day.

We are very excited about your year 7 curriculum which will include art, drama, music, information

technology and physical education. You will also study design technology and a brilliant new food course that we introduced this year called nutrition and fitness.

At lunchtimes and after school we run a variety of activities for you to get involved in from drumming and dance to basketball and science.

Later this term, we will be launching a new student leadership programme which our students are designing themselves. Our student leaders will be asking for volunteers from year 7 to take part in the programme so I hope that you put yourself forward!

We are all ready to make sure that you have the best possible school experience at Ipswich Academy on your transition day and over the next five years.

Helen Winn
Principal



Uniform requirements



The school uniform consists of the following:

- Plain black trousers - no jeans, leggings or skinny trousers
- Plain white shirt - no logo or motif
- Ipswich Academy school tie
- Black blazer with Ipswich Academy logo
- Black shoes - no boots or trainers
- Black or white socks

PE uniform:

- Plain black trousers
- Plain black shorts
- Purple Ipswich Academy polo shirt
- Black or white socks
- Trainers or plimsolls

Uniform is available to purchase from **PMG Schoolwear, 40 Westgate Street, Ipswich** or online at pmgschoolwear.co.uk

Messages from a current year 7 to a new year 7



From Isobelle Creamer

"The first few days of year 7 were very exciting; there were so many new people to meet and so many new places to go. It took me and my friends a few minutes to find our base group as it was on the other side of the school. The first lessons were incredibly fun and I made lots of new friends that I still hang out with.

It's not too bad being the youngest!

I have enjoyed the year lots and have taken part in lots of activities including book club, book mastermind, iDrum and having my own band.

I have also loved science because of all the experiments we do and also English and music because of all the instruments that we can play and we can hire out the practice rooms.

I have also enjoyed French because we learn so much more than we have done in primary school.

I am looking forward to welcoming the new year 7s because it will be nice to see some new faces and to see some of my old friends from primary school again that I don't have any contact with anymore. It will also be good to see some new people in clubs and be able to show them to their classrooms as we know how it feels."



From Maisie Walker

"I was extremely scared at the thought of moving up to secondary school but there was nothing to be afraid of. I thought I would get lost, but lots of students from other years helped me and I found my way around in a few days.

I made lots of new friends and I am still making new ones.

Year 7 has been amazing. It is very different from primary school as we have many new subjects and clubs.

Science is so much fun because we have brilliant equipment to do experiments with.

There are so many clubs; football, basketball, art and book club. We also participate in a yearly book mastermind event; it is a quiz on a book of your choice against other high schools in Suffolk.

I look forward to meeting the new Year 7s because there will be many new people in school. It will also be great seeing new people in clubs."



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