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Dear parents/carers,

We are writing to share a few highlights and important messages from this week at Ipswich Academy. We have been impressed by the dedication and focus of our students, who have demonstrated a strong commitment to their learning. The quality of work produced this week has been exceptional, and we are proud of the progress our students are making.

### **Academy Council Dates**

The next Academy Council meeting date for Autumn term 2024/25 is Wednesday 27th November. We will run this again at 17:30 with the option to join virtually or in person. Minutes from our previous meetings can be found [on our website](#).

### **LCA & IA**

Luke Chambers and his Football Academy coaching staff came into school this week to do some football coaching sessions with our year 7 and 8 students. The day was a huge success and the staff commented on how engaged, polite and positive our students were - congratulations to all those involved!

### **My Child At School App (MCAS)**

After half term we will be setting up an automated messaging system to contact parents/carers letting them know if their child is not wearing the correct uniform or does not have the correct equipment. Please ensure that you have downloaded the MCAS app, details of which can be found on our website.

### **Non-prescription medication**

We have updated our self administering medication procedure. If your child is bringing **non-prescription** medication to school to self administer you need to complete the form on the [contact us](#) part of the Ipswich Academy website. Please note that students should only bring enough medication on site for their needs that day.



### **Keeping your child safe online**

Our safeguarding trainers, ECP safeguarding, have a website which is dedicated to upskilling parents and carers in their knowledge of apps, games and parental controls on mobile devices. They have a user-friendly web page which I encourage you to have a look at. The app and games sections are particularly interesting and helpful - especially the age ratings on the apps! Please click the link below to view the site.

<https://www.kidsonlineworld.com/parents--carers.html>

### **Monday 4th November - PD day**

A reminder that the last day of this half term is Friday 25th October. The first day back in school for students is Tuesday 5th November.

Thank you to all those who have reached out following my announcement this week that I will be stepping down as Principal in January. I will continue to support the running of the school in my substantive position as Assistant Principal, and look forward to continuing the positive start we have had to this academic year as a school community.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Samuel Fox  
Co-Principal