

25th October 2024

Dear parents/carers,

As we reach the end of this half term, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the remarkable achievements of our students. Their dedication and hard work have truly shone through in every aspect of school life. By embodying our core values of integrity, community, and excellence, your children have not only excelled academically but have also made significant contributions to our school environment. Their commitment to doing their best, supporting one another, and upholding our shared values is commendable and plays a vital role in making our school a vibrant place for learning and growth. Thank you for your ongoing support; together, we can continue to inspire and encourage our students as we move into the next term.

### **Sporting successes**

A huge congratulations to our Year 8 boys football team who beat Claydon 8-0 this week. An incredible effort from all the team with some stand out performances, especially from man of the match Dylan M.

Our Year 11 boys team beat Holbrook on penalties in a thrilling game earlier in the week. The game finished a 1-1 draw followed by a 5-4 win on penalties! Goalkeeper Aaron H making some amazing saves at critical times for IA. We are now through to the next rounds in both cup games!

Unfortunately our Y7 boys football team suffered a loss in yesterday's 3pm kick off. The team played incredibly well and showed exceptional resilience and valour throughout, we are proud of their efforts and wish them the best of luck in their next game.



## **Trips**

This academic year we will continue to run as many trips as possible. However due to changes in the process, we are now not able to fund all trips in school. As such some trips will need payment and may not be able to run if we do not get these payments in. There are two categories of trip Hinterland trips - These trips will ask for voluntary contributions to the cost of the visits.

Non-Hinterland trips - These trips will ask for full payment for the costs of the visits.

## **Lockdown and Invacuation Drills**

Next half term we will be conducting lockdown and invacuation drills in school. These are standard operating procedures that are in line with Government guidelines (similar to a fire drill). We will ensure that students and staff are clear on what they need to do in the situations, we will also share this with parents/carers too.

## **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 in 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.

## **Halloween**

A reminder about the concerns that have allegedly involved our students from previous Halloweens. We were made aware of groups of youths that were using 31st October as an excuse to deface and cause criminal damage in the area. If we hear of or have evidence to suggest that any of Ipswich Academy's students are involved in future events such as this, we will use the sanctions available to us in our behaviour policy. We do not condone this type of behaviour or any association with it.

## **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](#).



Thank you for your ongoing support, I hope you have a happy and safe half term. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Tuesday 5th November.

Yours sincerely,

Samuel Fox  
Co-Principal