

8th November 2024

Dear parents/carers,

We've had a fantastic first week back after the half-term break, and it has been wonderful to see our students returning with such a positive attitude and readiness to learn. Throughout the week students have shown impressive effort across a variety of subjects, with strong engagement in lessons and a commitment to doing their best. Teachers have shared examples of excellent work and progress, and it is clear that our students are starting this term with a focus on growth and achievement. We are very proud of the hard work students are demonstrating and are grateful for your ongoing support in helping them succeed. Let's keep up this momentum as we continue the term together!

### **Update - New Principal**

It was announced this week that Samantha Torr has been successful in her application for the position of Interim Principal. Ms Torr has worked for many years as a senior leader, with substantial secondary experience, and is excited by her appointment in leading Ipswich Academy. From this Monday, Ms Torr will spend her time getting to know the students, staff, parents/carers and school. Ms Torr will also spend time working alongside myself and senior leaders, to ensure a smooth transition to take up her position as Interim Principal on Monday 2nd December.

### **Year 7 Book Look**

We have our Year 7 Student Booklook taking place on Monday 18th November from 3:20-4:30pm. This is an opportunity for our students, parents and carers to come along and have an informal look through your child's books to see the great work they have been completing. We look forward to seeing you there!

### **Parent/carer survey**

Our parent/carer survey will be going live from the 12th November. One person will be drawn at random from the entries to win a £50 shopping voucher - the survey is anonymous but there will be a final question - only accessible by Edurio - which will ask for the respondent's name if they want to be entered in the draw - then at the end of the survey period Edurio will draw one name out of the hat per school. Please make sure you complete this section to be in with a chance





to win! The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete and your feedback is highly appreciated.

### **Lockdown and invacuation drills**

This 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.

### **Academy Council Dates**

The next Academy Council meeting date for Autumn term 2024/25 is Wednesday 27th November. We will run this again at 5:30pm 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.

Yours sincerely,

Samuel Fox  
Co-Principal