

15th November 2024

Dear parents/carers,

As we come to the close of another busy and rewarding week, I want to take a moment to reflect on all the hard work, great learning, and exciting events that have taken place here at school. It's been a week filled with both academic achievement and memorable experiences, from classroom lessons to school trips, events and fixtures that have brought our community together.

Our students have demonstrated resilience, enthusiasm and a commitment to their personal growth, and we couldn't be more proud of their efforts. I am excited to share some of the highlights from the week, as well as a look ahead at what's to come.

Remembrance Day

On Monday, thirteen Year 9 students joined veterans and community leaders at the Service of Remembrance in Christchurch Park. Students laid poppy wreaths and placed symbols of Remembrance at the Ipswich War Memorial on behalf of Ipswich Academy. A huge thank you to the following students for their outstanding representation of our school and our community: KeeganLee L, Tudor A, Samuel M, Riley C, Aleeza A, Ava PK, Layla M, Daniel B, Thomas C, Senalya M, Alfie F, Yashika K, and Tanzil M.

UK Power Networks

On Tuesday, Year 10 students participated in a mock assessment and speed network session designed to improve their employability skills as well as giving them an insight into the engineering sector. Students really enjoyed meeting professionals from UKPN and had the opportunity to apply for work experience with the organisation.



British Aerospace

On Tuesday, all Year 7 and 8 students attended a STEM roadshow presented by British Aerospace. The roadshow was designed in response to the Government's acknowledgement that there is already a shortfall of 'home grown' scientists and engineers to meet the needs of the country and this roadshow will capture the interest of some young people. The roadshow focused on energy and the content of the show was closely aligned to the science curriculum to support learning in schools. Students and teachers really enjoyed the experience.

Parent survey

This week we opened a new survey which will give you the opportunity to express your opinion on parent and carer engagement at Ipswich Academy and your overall confidence in the school's strategy. Our goal is to open up a communication channel where your voice is heard and organised in such a way that we can create the best learning environment for your child. To help us with this we're working together with the Edurio survey platform. To complete the survey, please [click here](#).

Surveys are completely anonymous and confidential, although the responses will be aggregated for the purpose of analysis. Please note that the survey needs to be completed in one sitting. The survey will be available until 29 November 2024, should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete and a random response will be selected to win a £50 shopping voucher.

Your opinion and honesty are much appreciated, if you have any questions or concerns please get in touch with us. We look forward to your feedback!

Update - New Principal

We have been delighted to welcome our new Principal, Samantha Torr, into the school this week. Miss Torr has been getting to know the students, staff and school. Both Miss Torr and myself will be at the next Academy Council meeting on 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](#).



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!

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.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Samuel Fox
Co-Principal