

22 November 2024

Dear parents/carers,

As we wrap up another week of learning, growth, and collaboration, I want to take a moment to reflect on the many wonderful things that have taken place here at Ipswich Academy. This week has been filled with moments of achievement, hard work, and inspiration as our students and staff continue to shine in all that they do. Whether it is through engaging lessons, exciting projects, or community-building events, it is clear that we are moving forward together as a strong and supportive school.

The Baths - Ed Sheeran

On Tuesday, along with three other local high schools, 55 of our students attended an extraordinary event at The Baths, a new music venue in Ipswich. The event was an opportunity to showcase career pathways in the live music industry and to introduce young people to a grassroots music venue in our town. There were local artists playing to inspire the next generation into the music industry, and the role of grassroots venues in music education. There was a surprise visit from Ed Sheeran! He performed three of his songs and did a Q&A session with the students who attended.



[Click here to read the article on the BBC website.](#)

Year 7 Book Look

We had a great turnout at the year 7 Booklook on Monday. Students proudly showed their parents and carers the high quality work within their books. Thank you to all who attended. We look forward to welcoming year 8 parents and carers to their Booklook on Monday 13 January 2025.

Parent survey

Last 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 are 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!

Academy council meeting

Both Miss Torr and myself will be at the next Academy Council meeting on Wednesday 27 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](#).

The agenda for next week's meeting is below.

- Welcome to our new Principal
- School trips
- Homework
- Staffing update
- Canteens
- AOB

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