

6 December 2024

Dear parents/carers,

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the students of Ipswich Academy for their warmth, kindness and welcoming nature since my arrival. It is clear that they are embodying the schools core values of community. This appreciation also extends to the staff, parents and the Paradigm Trust for their continued support and commitment. It is pleasing to see the calm environment in lessons and all the great work undertaken, particularly in careers, personal and social development and the improvements in attendance and behaviour continuing.

As we move into the next two terms in January our focus will be placed upon enhancing students' learning. With 24 years of experience in teaching, including 15 years in senior leadership and directorship roles, I am excited to work alongside the dedicated team here.

I believe that a strong partnership between parents and the school is crucial to the success of our students to ensure that we can create the best possible outcomes for the students, ensuring they thrive academically and personally.



### **Key Moments of the Week**

Students had a great trip to Sizewell C. The careers team are making great connections to provide our students with experiences in the various number of apprenticeships offered, a number of which we are building partnerships to allocate opportunities for our students.



A very enjoyable Charity Quiz Night raised £166.90, a donation will be made to FIND food bank we are delighted to support this local charity. I would like to thank Ms Timothy-Ravencroft for coordinating and everyone who participated.

Some of our students visited the Wolsey theatre to see a pantomime, which has started the festive atmosphere here at school. Mr Forbes has been busy coordinating the Christmas decorations across the school.

We saw a review in our Maths team this week from Paradigm trust who commented on the excellent engagement and purposeful learning environment. I commend the staff and also all of the students for this.

### **Upcoming Items**

The parent survey is open until midnight on 6 December and we would invite you to share your views to support the school's planning for next year. 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 should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete and a random response will be selected to win a £50 shopping voucher.

Finally, this week focussed on Inspirations and Aspirations, I do invite parents/carers to continue the conversations on our students' dreams, goals and aspirations as to what they want to achieve. It could be a small or a large goal as we continue across the school to provide opportunities for them.

It has been a busy first week, however I would like to thank you for your support.

**Miss S Torr**  
Principal