

7 February 2025

Dear parents/carers,

This week's assembly continued to follow our manners, etiquette and kindness curriculum. We discussed what we are grateful for and how gratefulness can help our mental health and happiness. Students contributed to the discussions on how they were grateful to their base tutors, families and friends as examples.

We have seen some lovely examples of progress in students' books in geography this week focused on physical landscapes, key vocabulary and progressive teaching.

We are working alongside Suffolk County Council to develop additional specialist education places which would be supported by one of our schools. Places would be offered as part of a dedicated group, within Ipswich Academy. These places would be in addition to the school's current PAN (planned admission number). This means that there would not be a reduction in the number of places available in the usual admissions round. Allocation of specialist places would follow a separate admissions process and would be for pupils with an education, health and care plan.

We are proposing this development in order to provide more pupils with education which meets their individual needs at a location in their area. Please follow this link to the [consultation question](#).

We wanted to share news of an excellent project. Isiah is a really exciting young photographer; he is also a youth worker for Outreach Youth. He is running a photography project for 15-19 year olds at Spill's Think Tank (near the Museum) and the first session starts during half term (Wed 19 Feb). It's free and great for developing skills and confidence. Please follow [this link](#) for further details.

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

Please follow this [link](#) to an update letter from Ms Thorrington.



## Upcoming Items

The next Academy Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 12 February at 5.30pm at the school. Please follow [this link](#) to the agenda for the meeting.

Useful tips for parents	
<b>Safeguarding</b>	<b>Monitor Social Media Use:</b> If your teen is spending too much time on social media, they might be feeling the pressure of online life. Encourage a balance between screen time and other activities. If things seem too much, speak to <a href="#">Kooth</a> for advice and let the school know.
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Make School a Priority:</b> Explain the importance of attending school every day and how missing lessons can affect their learning. Show them that education is the foundation for their future.
<b>Reading/Literacy</b>	<b>Encourage Daily Writing:</b> Support your child in keeping a daily journal or writing short stories. Writing regularly boosts literacy skills and helps them express themselves creatively.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

**Miss S Torr**  
Principal