

4 April 2025

Dear parents/carers,

This week we have had the Shrek musical, I am very excited to see this tonight. I have been presenting Principal Awards this week to those who have most improved across the half term. I am very proud of all our students at Ipswich Academy, their warmth and caring nature always shines through. I know that as families you will also be proud of them.

You will be aware that Paradigm trust has completed a recruitment process for a permanent Principal. I have been very privileged to lead the school for, which was always to be until the summer term, and support Ipswich Academy's improvement journey. We had a very positive external monitoring visit in March showing how much the school had improved in all performance areas. It has been such a joy to work with the staff and students and I remain committed to continue these improvements in the summer term.

A reminder that after the Spring holidays, the price of a lunch card will be £1 - our suppliers raised their prices last year. Please encourage your child to look after their lunch card!

The inset days for 2025/2026 have been confirmed. These will be:

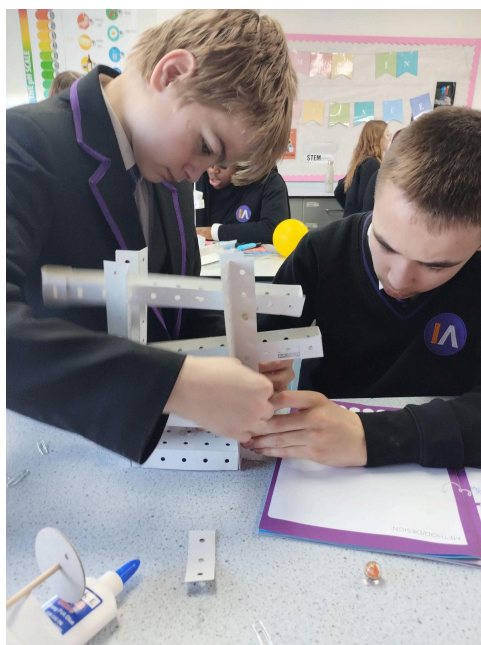
1st Sept 2025
2nd Sept 2025
5th Jan 2026
13th April 2026
20th July 2026

All information about term dates for next year can be found on our website [here](#).

On Tuesdays between 10am and 10.30am, our Admin team will be having a regular meeting. This means that the reception may not be manned between these times, and any phone calls will go to voicemail. Please leave a message, this will be picked up once the meeting has ended.

Key Moments of the Week

Recently our students took part in a workshop using Techcard to complete mechanical engineering challenges including building air-powered cars, winches and marble runs. The goal was to engage and motivate students by seeing STEM in action beyond the normal classroom science curriculum and show the opportunities Sizewell C will provide for young people in this region. Pupils had to learn from mistakes and increase their problem solving skills, critical thinking ability, and resilience to complete the challenges. Pupils showed team-working, communication skills, adaptability, and confidence.



Upcoming Items

Rock the Academy - Tuesday 19 June at 5pm. We are accepting applications from performers for this event, any genre of music is welcome, students can perform with a backing track or a live band. Please encourage your children to take part! Tickets are £2 each and are now available via the MCAS app.



Useful tips for parents	
Safeguarding	Watch for Isolation: If your teen is spending too much time alone, they might be feeling low or anxious. Encourage time with friends or family and open up a conversation. Keep the school informed so we can offer additional support.
Attendance	Be a Role Model: Show your child that you value education by being positive about school and prioritising it in your daily routine. Children often reflect their parents' attitudes towards school.
Reading/Literacy	Make Reading Fun: Turn reading into a game by creating challenges like "Can we finish this chapter together?" or "Find three new words today!" Making literacy fun keeps them engaged.

Non-prescription medication

If your child is bringing **non-prescription** medication to school to self administer you need to complete the following.



1 - Fill in this form with details of the medication for each day they will bring this into school.

2 - Write a note in the student planner to confirm the above.

This information is available on the [contact us](#) part of the Ipswich Academy website. Please note that students should only bring enough medication on site for their needs that day.

Wishing you all a lovely break.

Miss S Torr
Principal