

# Transition Bulletin

## Message from the Head of Year 7 and 8

Dear our newest member of Ixworth,

We are very excited that you will be starting at SET Ixworth School in September and hope you are too. Being a long serving teacher of the School, I know you have made a great choice. We are incredibly proud of our supportive culture and the School is moving in a really positive direction with lots of exciting opportunities for you during your secondary School education.

This year is rather extraordinary but here at SET Ixworth School we still want to offer you the very best transition process so you are confident about starting in September. I hope this Bulletin reassures you that you will get an opportunity to meet staff and students; get to know the building and help us learn a little about you as well.

The time between now and September might be a little different but one thing that hasn't changed is our commitment to giving you and your family the right support at this really important part of your education. Please read and enjoy your first family Bulletin which has important information about your next steps.

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## First Challenge

Over the next few months, we will be setting a series of fun challenges for you to complete. These offer an opportunity to show off your skills and individuality by introducing yourself in a creative way!

Your first challenge allows you to be as creative and as imaginative as you want. The task is to teach us a little about you. We want to learn two or three things about you and you can do this in any way you wish. Some examples are; a picture, painting, slide show, video, song, sculpture, dance or news report. If you do not do this on a computer, you can take a picture or video. When we are back at School, please bring it and we will display these in School.

Please email your challenge to [rpitcock@seckfordeducation.org.uk](mailto:rpitcock@seckfordeducation.org.uk)  
by Thursday 30 April 2020.

## Key Members of Staff

Here are some of the staff you will hear about, meet and get to know over the coming months.



### Mr Barrow – Executive Headteacher

**Favourite book:** Theory of Justice by John Rawls

### Mrs Parker – Head of School

**Role in the school:** I lead the School on a daily basis. You will see me in assemblies and in your lessons.

**Favourite book:** The Catcher in the Rye by J D Salinger

**Most interesting fact:** For a person to be truly invisible they wouldn't be able to see anything either.



### Mr Pitcock – Head of Year 7 and 8

**Role in the school:** I look after Year 7 and 8 and teach Science and Maths to all year groups.

**Favourite book:** The Lost Symbol by Dan Brown

**Most interesting fact:** You can change the way particles behave by observing them! To find out more, look up "The Double Slit Experiment".

### Mr Jackson – Head of Year 9 and 10

**Role in the school:** I look after Year 9 and 10 and teach History and Geography.

**Favourite book:** I do not really have one. I read a lot of historical research; I specifically enjoy looking at the Ancient world, mainly Greek and Roman. I did particularly enjoy 'The Gallic wars' by Caesar, 'The Art of War' Tzun Tzu and 'Waterloo' by Bernard Cornwall.

**Most interesting fact:** The Great Wall of China was not so great in that many people have invaded China passing through the gaps in the wall! It is also the first known example of composite mortar using standard Lime mortar with a mixture of Sticky rice. This gives it many features including making it extremely durable.



### Mr Hale – SENCO and Inclusion Lead

**Role in school:** I am responsible for supporting all of our students to achieve the very best outcome, particularly with any students who have a special educational need or other obstacles. I will be overseeing the new specialist centre (The Forge).

**Favourite book:** Lord of the Flies by William Golding

**Most interesting fact:** A mantis shrimp can fire two of its claws forward with the same velocity as a gunshot from a rifle...if we could throw our

arms at that speed then we would be able to throw a cricket ball into space. They are an amazing creature, perhaps you could do some research on them over the summer?



### Mr Beales – Senior Teacher and Enrichment Lead

**Role in the school:** Senior Teacher, Head of Maths, Enrichment Coordinator.

**Favourite book:** Alex's adventures in Numberland by Alex Bellos

**Most interesting fact:** I have done the London marathon five times.



### Mr Cooper – Designated Safeguarding Lead and Pastoral Support

**Role in the school:** Pastoral Support/Designated Safeguarding Lead.

**Favourite book:** Shantaram by Gregory David Roberts.

**Most interesting fact:** Plants panic and protect themselves when it rains.

### Ms Ward-Ashton – Pastoral Support

**Role in the school:** Pastoral Support. I am here to offer support and care to all students.

**Favourite book:** Shawshank Redemption by Stephen King

**Most interesting fact:** The average height of adults in Indonesia is 5'2 compared to UK at 5'9 and Netherlands at 6'0.



### Mrs Campbell – HLTA and Inclusion Support

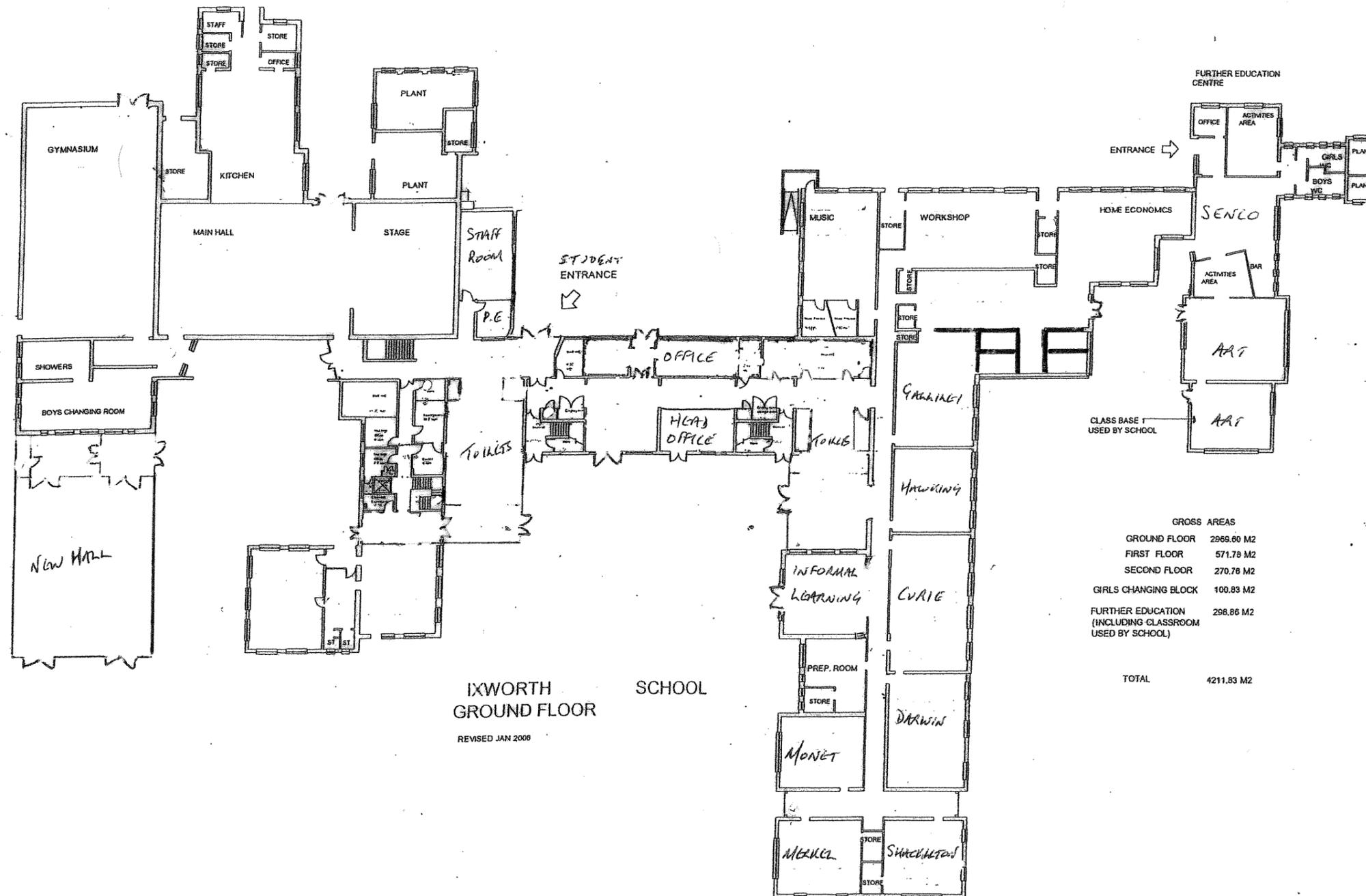
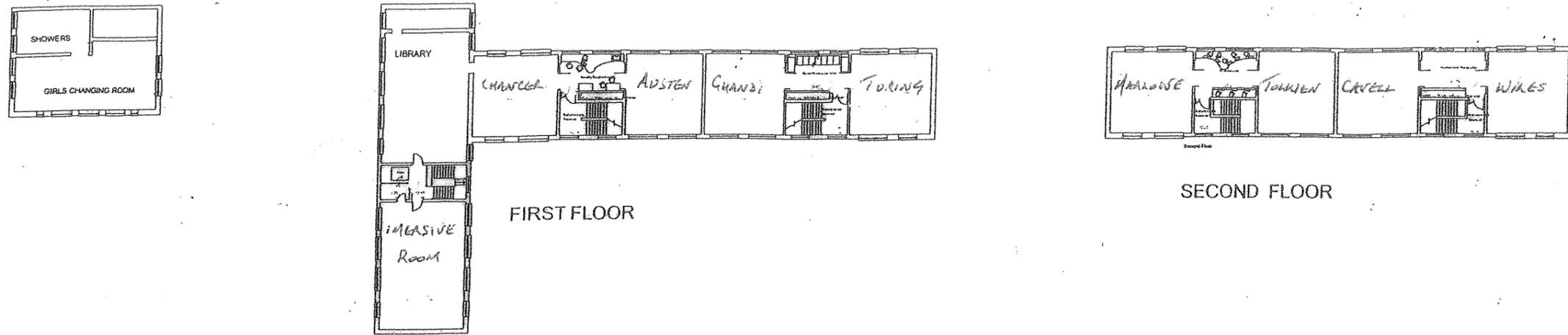
**Role in the school:** I deliver interventions for literacy, numeracy to students who wish to develop in these areas and support SEND students. I also deliver social skills lessons and British Sign Language enrichment.

**Favourite book:** The Fault in Our Stars by John Green

**Most interesting fact:** The world's smelliest fruit is the durian. It is popular in Asia but has been banned from public transport in Thailand, Japan and Hong Kong because it smells sooooo bad! But the custardy flesh actually tastes sweet.

# Site Map

Please do not worry about finding your way around the School; we put lots of support and help in place over the first few weeks! But if it helps, you can take a look at this site map:



**IXWORTH  
GROUND FLOOR**  
REVISED JAN 2008

GROSS AREAS	
GROUND FLOOR	2969.00 M2
FIRST FLOOR	571.78 M2
SECOND FLOOR	270.78 M2
GIRLS CHANGING BLOCK	100.83 M2
FURTHER EDUCATION (INCLUDING CLASSROOM USED BY SCHOOL)	298.86 M2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4211.83 M2</b>

## Frequently Asked Questions



### 1. How will I meet my tutor if School is closed until the summer break?

On Wednesday 10 June, we will hold a meet the tutor event. If the School remains closed, this will be organised as an online live event where you can meet your tutors as well as other key members of staff.

### 2. What happens if School remains closed until summer?

If the School remains closed, you will still get all the information you need via the internet or post. You will also get a chance to see the School at least once.

### 3. Will I get to meet anyone in my year before I start?

We are working on a way to connect you with your future classmates via Google Classroom. This will be set up by May half term. Through Google Classroom, you will be able to introduce yourself and chat with other students in your tutor group.

### 4. What is a form tutor?

A tutor is a member of staff whose job it is to take care of their tutor group. You will be in a tutor group with around 24 students and you will have a Year 7 form tutor to make sure you are ready to succeed at School. They are the person your parent contacts if they need any information or help.

### 5. How long is the School day?

The School day begins at 8.30am but most people arrive around 8.00am to get some breakfast; the day ends at 3.55pm.

### 6. What will my first day be like at SET Ixworth School?

On your first day, you will be met as you arrive and will immediately be in the care of teachers and our older students. They will make sure you get some breakfast and know where you are going. Following on from that, you will go to your tutor's classroom to get to know them, find out any information you need and to get your timetable. After a few hours, your lessons will start and your secondary School experience begins.

### 7. How will I find my way around School?

For the first few days of School, you will be shown around the School by some older students who have the job of making sure you know where to go! It's quite easy to learn your way around once you've been here a couple of days.

### 8. Will I need my PE kit on the first day?

Yes. You will receive your timetable on the first day and our PE staff like to start teaching you straight away so please make sure you have your PE kit with you. Once you have your timetable, you will just need to bring it on the days you have PE.

### 9. Will I get a locker?

Yes, you will get a locker come September. This will be big enough to store your coat, bag and PE kit.

### 10. What if I forget something?

Although our expectations are very high, we do know that this is a big step. For the first few weeks, our teachers will understand that it takes time to adjust. If you do forget something important, please talk to staff and we can often help.

### 11. Am I allowed my mobile phone?

We understand that students will have their phones with them but they are to be switched off and remain in your bag throughout the School day. They may only be used before and after School but never on the school site.

### 12. Will I get a lot of homework?

You will get weekly homework in English, Maths, Science and MFL (languages). You will also get an extended project once a half term which will be a project covering multiple topics.

### 13. Are there extra-curricular clubs?

Over the first few weeks of secondary School, you will be told about our extra-curricular opportunities and how to sign up to these. Some examples are: DT workshop, Music lessons, Sports clubs.

### 14. When and what can I eat?

You can get food and drink three times throughout the School day:

- Before School: Breakfast (toast, fruit, squash and cereal)
- Break: Breakfast (toast, soup, fruit, squash and cereal)
- Lunch: A rotating menu of hot food including options for anyone with dietary requirements as well as a fantastic salad bar.



## Looking Ahead

We still have many exciting steps in your transition process and these include:

1. Finding out who your tutor is via our live online "meet the tutor" event.
2. If the School remains closed between now and the summer, we will create an online classroom so you can meet your new classmates.
3. A visit to the School in the near future and before you start in September.