

# Weekly Bulletin for Families

## Message from the Head of School

Welcome back!

With some of the warmer weather seen across this week away from school, it is hard to imagine the sub-zero temperatures we experienced before the break. This week's Bulletin photographs capture some of the fun in the snow students accessing in-school provision had during break time, including an impromptu History lesson creating fortresses and mini-cities under the careful guidance of Mr Jackson.

We are delighted that the coming weeks will hopefully see many more of our student community back in school. With the Government due to share their update today, Monday 22 February, we will continue to work with their guidance to offer the best provision possible for each and every student whilst maximising Covid-safety. We will share school updates promptly via Parentmail.

Prior to any upcoming changes to our in-school provision, we now embark on a further fortnight of remote learning via our Google Classrooms and live lessons. To support students' resilience in re-starting and sustaining their excellent commitment to learning, staff have been sharing some of the positives seen during the first half of the Lent term.

**Mrs P Parker, Head of School**



Mrs P Parker  
Head of School

---

**Creative Arts** at SET Ixworth will be offering a new joint project for students at Key Stage 3. This is in place of the four individual creative subject lessons that were taught weekly last half term. We want to recognise the outstanding creativity that exists within our school community by offering students the autonomy to excel in their chosen field. Therefore, each week students will attend their two designated live lessons and continue to work on a creative project through their choice of Art, D&T, Drama or Music. Staff will be available in the live lessons to guide, model, support and offer feedback on progress of all art forms around the central theme of 'The Future Is Bright'.

Year 7 joint Creative g/c	ociekmg
Year 8 joint Creative g/c	2yuscgf
Year 9 joint Creative g/c	gxdyw3r

**Kathryn Hale, Creative Arts Lead**

## Staff Feedback:

Year 10 and 11 students have been making some excellent guided use of the 'Chat' facility during live lessons to replicate in class discussions or build model written answers.

Students in Year 8 Science have been applying their ideas from discussions in the live lesson to design their own genetically engineered organisms and suggest how they would do this.

MFL have had some very tasty looking contributions and photos sent in under MFL cuisine for Enrichment from students in Years 7 and 8, including some taking up the challenge of making an excellent Croque Monsieur.

The way students have taken responsibility for their own improvement by doing extra live lessons with the 1:1 tutors.

In the first few days of remote learning, any concerns about how students would adapt to online learning and using the multiple platforms were quickly eliminated, the Google classrooms 'Chat' streams have been full of students helping each other, sending links to useful videos or explaining how to submit the work. I have been so proud of the culture of community our school has and it has put a smile on my face despite the challenging circumstances.

The dedication Year 11 have shown on Method Maths has been a highlight with many students completing extra past papers just to push themselves.

The enthusiasm the Year 7 students who are working on the numeracy workbooks have shown.

Year 8 have produced some wonderfully thought-provoking responses to their English work on 'Life's Journey' – with both creative and technical answers, they are a credit to themselves and should be really proud of their writing!

The preparation some of Year 7 have made towards creating a movie for the cross-science competition has been excellent. The competition is a great opportunity for the class to be more creative with scientific communication whilst studying at home.

---

### **Safeguarding note:**

Parents are being warned over the dangers of a popular chat website called Omegle. We feel this site is unsafe for students to access.

Omegle is a virtual chat room that video links users with random people all over the world. Its slogan is 'talk to strangers'. There has been a parent mail sent out today with key information regarding this site, please take some time to look at this with your child.

## In-school students enjoying a snowy break time!



We Love to see photographs of students' work from home!

If families are happy to share photographs please email these to our enquiries email address:  
[ixworth@seckfordeducation.org.uk](mailto:ixworth@seckfordeducation.org.uk)

## Support SET Ixworth with [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

SET Ixworth School are now registered with [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk). This means that, since our fundraising events are on hold, you could help us to raise funds for the school at no extra cost to yourself! When you shop online through [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) you will raise FREE donations for SET Ixworth School. There are over 4,100 popular retailers, including Sports Direct, Currys, M&S, John Lewis & Partners, Amazon, Vodafone and eBay.

It only takes a few minutes to register, then you can begin using the [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) website or app straightaway - simply shop online as normal.

You can find our page here:

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/setixworthschool/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_content=s-e2](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/setixworthschool/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=s-e2)



# Help raise free funds for our school

## every time you shop online

Join [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) today and search for

### SET Ixworth School

Thousands of well-known retailers will give us a free donation when you shop with them - at no cost to you!

Shop at over **4,100** online stores



Download the app



£ Over £31 million raised

★ Trustpilot ★★★★★

👤 1.8 million users

# *Lockdown Poetry and Song Writing Competition*

‘Poetry is when an emotion has found its thought and the thought has found words.’ **Robert Frost**  
**Seckford Education Trust is inviting you to express your thoughts, feelings and Lockdown experiences through the medium of poetry or song.**

Your poem, or song, must not exceed 30 lines.

We will award prizes in each of the following categories: KS2, KS3 and KS4.

The winning entry will be judged on the following criteria:

- Imagination
- Originality
- Flair

## **Top Tips:**

- Read lots! The poet laureate, Simon Armitage, wrote this poem inspired by Lockdown: <https://www.simonarmitage.com/wp-content/uploads/Lockdown-by-Simon-Armitage.pdf>
- Poetry should be heard. Think about how your poem will sound when it’s read aloud. You can listen to lots of different poems here: <https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/>
- Samuel Taylor Coleridge once said that, ‘poetry is the best words in the best order.’ Your poem doesn’t have to rhyme, but you must think carefully about the words you choose. Make sure each and every one serves a purpose.

All entries should be emailed to [amellor@seckfordeducation.org.uk](mailto:amellor@seckfordeducation.org.uk) by the deadline of **1st March 2021**

Good luck!

**Abby Mellor**

**Lead Practitioner for English  
Seckford Education Trust**



# Dates For Your Diary

## Year 7

**Tuesday 30 March:** Progress Checkpoint 3 - reports sent home

**Monday 10 - Friday 14 May:** KS3 examinations

**Thursday 24 June:** Progress Checkpoint 4 - reports sent home

## Year 8

**Tuesday 30 March:** Progress Checkpoint 3 - reports sent home

**Thursday 29 April:** Progress Evening

**Monday 10 - Friday 14 May:** KS3 examinations

**Thursday 24 June:** Progress Checkpoint 4 - reports sent home

## Year 9

**Tuesday 30 March:** Progress Checkpoint 3 - reports sent home

**Monday 10 - Friday 14 May:** KS3 examinations

**Monday 21 June:** Year 9/10 "Is University for You?" Evening

**Thursday 24 June:** Progress Checkpoint 4 - reports sent home

## Year 10

**Tuesday 30 March:** Progress Checkpoint 3 - reports sent home

**Tuesday 4 May - Friday 14 May:** Mock Examinations

**Monday 21 June:** Year 9/10 "Is University for You?" Evening

**Thursday 24 June:** Progress Checkpoint 4 - reports sent home

## Year 11

**Monday 22 February - Friday 5 March:** Mock Examinations 2

**Thursday 25 March:** Progress Evening - mock examination results

**Tuesday 30 March:** Progress Checkpoint 3 - reports sent home

## Parents' and Carers' Open Forum

**Tuesday 16 March:** 9.30 – 10.30am

**Tuesday 4 May:** 9.30 – 10.30am

**Friday 25 June:** 9.30 – 10.30am

## Other Events

**Friday 5 March:** Friends' of Ixworth Race/ Bingo Night

**Friday 25 June:** Friends' of Ixworth Fun Run (5.30 - 8.00pm)

## Year 6 Into 7 Transition

**Wednesday 16 June:** Transition Evening/ Meet the Tutor (5.00 - 7.00pm)

**Tuesday 29 - Wednesday 30 June:** Transition Days



---

**BT's new Stand Out Skills hub:**  
[www.bt.com/StandOutSkills](http://www.bt.com/StandOutSkills)

Free must-have tips, resources and advice for jobseekers at every stage of their search. It has ways to help you discover your potential, make you own luck, write job applications that can stand out from the crowd and advice on how to interview with confidence and stay resilient through it all.