

Weekly Bulletin for Families

Message from the Head of School

Enrichment: the action of improving or enhancing quality or value, the process of making someone wealthier in life experience.

One of the core elements of provision at SET Ixworth School and across our Trust is Wednesday afternoon Enrichment. Extra-curricular Enrichment activities are scheduled as part of the school's curriculum timetable to extend the range of educational experiences for all our students, helping them to discover new knowledge, interests and talents. Enrichment supports our young people in their personal development and well-being, providing an environment within which students can build their confidence, take on new challenges and work co-operatively with their peers.

For the first half of the Trinity term students will have the opportunity to take part in a series of two sessions each Wednesday afternoon across the six week period. For students in Years 7 to 9 this means that they may be taking part in an exciting range of activities including some of the following:

Cricket – focusing on cricket skills and small-sided striking and fielding games;

Devising Drama – working in response to stimuli to create new performance pieces;

Ultimate Frisbee - the opportunity to learn more about this unique, non-contact sport and participate in small-sided activities and matches that develop hand-eye co-ordination, as well as the various throwing and catching skills needed to propel and receive the Frisbee;

British Sign Language – introduction to the basics of sign language including greetings, colours, finger alphabet, emotions, family and places;

Awesome Oceans – an exploration of some of the amazing aspects of ocean life on our planet;

Post-War Social Change – structured debate and discussion of the importance of post-war social change and its impact on current issues facing young people today using music of the time;

Game Play and Design – playing outside games to develop teamwork and problem solving and designing games given tight criteria over equipment, space and context to develop collaboration and creativity;

For students in Year 10, Enrichment in the Trinity term has been tailored to best support their transition to the final year of secondary education. Personal development is supported either through participation in the structured programme of the highly celebrated Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme or a series workshop sessions centring on careers and post-16 routes, personal skills and completing applications including for the School's senior year student leadership team.



Mrs P Parker
Head of School

Year 11 students are maximising their final weeks in school with Enrichment time firmly focused on supporting GCSE attainment and transition to their chosen post-16 destination. To this end, during Wednesday afternoons, Year 11 will be able to access a number of academic sessions such as Triple Science GCSE lessons, Maths, English and Computer Science support lessons alongside careers support for post-16 applications.

As the weather continues to grow warmer we are delighted that during our Enrichment afternoons students will have plenty of opportunity to work outdoors and we look forward to sharing photographs from our Enrichment time in the coming weeks.

Mrs P Parker, Head of School

THE WEEK IN PICTURES...



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Year 7 Looking at Plant Reproduction



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Year 7 Music. #cooperation

THE WEEK IN PICTURES...

Year 10 Drama. #commitment



Working hard in Year 11 Maths. #commitment



And some shot put. #challenge

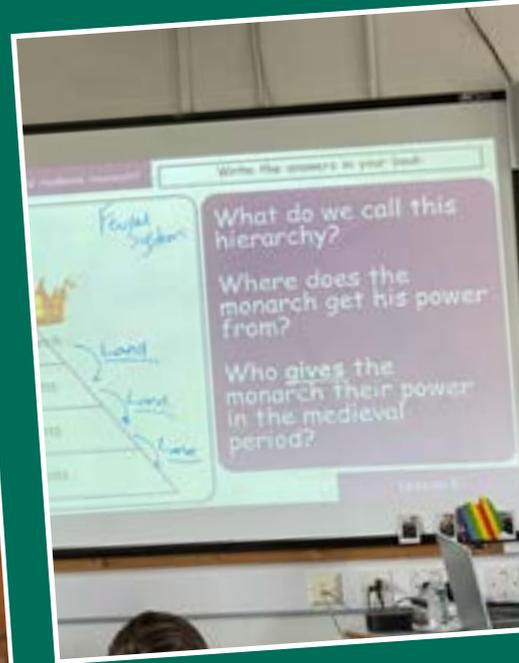
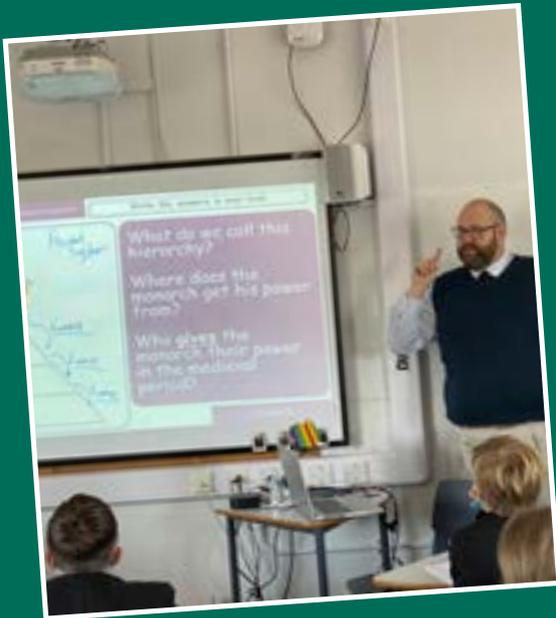


Separate bubbles outside enjoying the space. #community



THE WEEK IN PICTURES...

Interesting discussion across Years 7 and 8.
#cooperation



Year 9 working hard. #commitment

Forthcoming Events

There are many upcoming events in the Trust calendar this term, including a few necessary changes, and I wanted to take a moment to write to you all to clarify and explain what will be happening and the reasons behind these events.

This academic year has been like no other any of us have known before - students, parents and staff alike. As such, we need to ensure that the way we assess our students allows us to measure progress in subjects and identify gaps in knowledge but importantly also protect the well-being and enhance exam confidence of our learners. This has all been discussed in great detail by the leaders across the trust to ensure we strike the right balance for our students.

PCP4 deadline

The PCP4 deadline has been moved to the last week of term. This move allows for additional time between assessments and relieves some of the pressure associated with assessment week. It also allows for staff to have half term and 3 additional weeks to mark assessments and submit the data and reports.

KS3

We have made the decision not to go ahead with a formal KS3 exams week to support the wellbeing of our students. To ensure that we can still get an accurate picture of how our students are performing, internal classroom assessments will take place in preparation for PCP4. These will be in the form of topic tests and lesson feedback.

Year 10

Y10 Mock exams will be sat 2 weeks before May half term (week commencing 17th May) and will be spread over these last 2 weeks. Exams will be predominately in class with access arrangements in place if the student has been assessed to require these. We hope that these exams will give students the crucial experience of completing exam questions, be supportive and boost their confidence after the disruption caused due to lockdown.

Mr J Pentney, Trust Assistant Head of School - Progress and Standards

Dates For Your Diary

Year 7

Monday 10 - Friday 14 May: KS3 examinations

Thursday 24 June: Progress Checkpoint 4 - reports sent home

Year 8

Thursday 29 April: Progress Evening

Monday 10 - Friday 14 May: KS3 examinations

Thursday 24 June: Progress Checkpoint 4 - reports sent home

Year 9

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

Thursday 22 April: Progress Evening

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

Parents' and Carers' Open Forum

Tuesday 4 May: (time to be confirmed)

Friday 25 June: (time to be confirmed)

Other Events

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