

Weekly Bulletin for Families

Message from the Head of School

One of the many impacts of the last twelve months and lockdown has unfortunately been the loss of in-person events at school. One of these is our annual post-16 fair where Years 10 and 11 have the opportunity to meet with a wide range of providers covering different local areas and educational offers such as apprenticeships, A' levels and vocational courses. We are delighted that in place of our post-16 fair this coming Wednesday, 5 May, Year 10 will be participating in live virtual presentations about college: the courses, college life, extra-curricular activities and future possibilities. Year 10 students will also have a presentation giving an introduction to T-Levels which Mr Rearden has explained in further detail as part of his careers' update below.



Mrs P Parker
Head of School

Careers education, information and guidance (CEAIG) is embedded in the learning journeys of all students throughout their time at SET Ixworth. Across the curriculum, Tutor times and in PSHE, students are learning the essential career management skills of resilience, curiosity, self-knowledge, preparation, planning, networking, researching and presentation, to name but a few. A lasting legacy of lockdown is the GCSE Forum in Google Classrooms to which all Year 11 students have had access. There is a goldmine of links to events, videos, information and all the brilliant new content being created online to inspire and inform. Every week this is added to, so students should take a regular look for booking information on gaming events, virtual work experience and lots more. In the coming week Year 10 will also be invited to join the GCSE Forum and access the wealth of careers resources available.

Another key area of home school communication which we recognise has been heavily affected by Covid-19 and lockdown has been our Progress events and reporting schedule. Online Teams meetings have been an effective replacement for Years 8, 10 and 11; there will be further updates detailing additional dates for the calendar for similar online events for Years 7 and 9 during the Trinity term.

The SET Ixworth MFL department are proud to announce that last week they submitted our first ever entry to the Institut Francais music video competition. The Institut Francais will shortlist per region, with the winners of the regional round going forward to the national finals and the results being announced at the Fete de la Musique event on the 21 June. Many congratulations to our Year 9 students who have worked with Mrs Kelly on this new activity. Finally a reminder of the easy way in which to support SET Ixworth Friends by clearing out the cupboards at home and donating any unwanted items to the Bag2School fundraising scheme. A Covid-safe, sheltered collection area has been set up just inside the school gates and donations are welcomed up to and including Thursday 13 May.

Mrs P Parker, Head of School

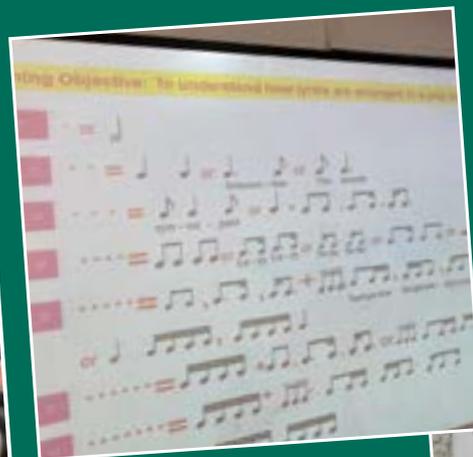
Careers Update

As we head closer to Year 11 moving on to the next stage of their education, many of them continue to meet with our Careers Advisor to plan for their post-16 options, and next week Year 10 will be attending post-16 live virtual presentation, including T-Levels, which are equivalent to 3 A levels. These 2-year courses, which launched in September 2020, have been developed in collaboration with employers and businesses so that the content meets the needs of industry and prepares students for work, further training or study. Students now have a wide range of pathways open to them when they complete their GCSEs and these introductory talks will give them a flavour of what options are available. We will also continue to develop our career guidance for KS3 so that they too will have the information to help them make the right choices as they learn with us.

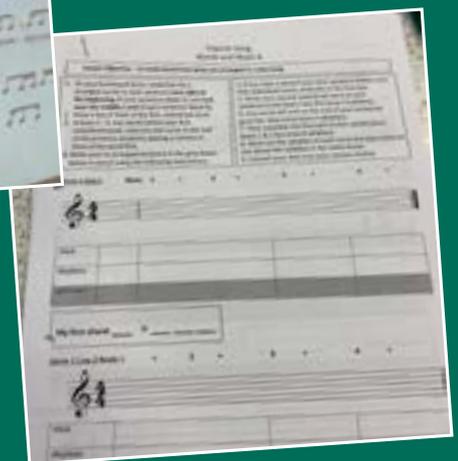
Mr P Rearden, Careers Lead

THE WEEK IN PICTURES...

Y10 beginning making their clay Acoma inspired seed pots.
#challenge

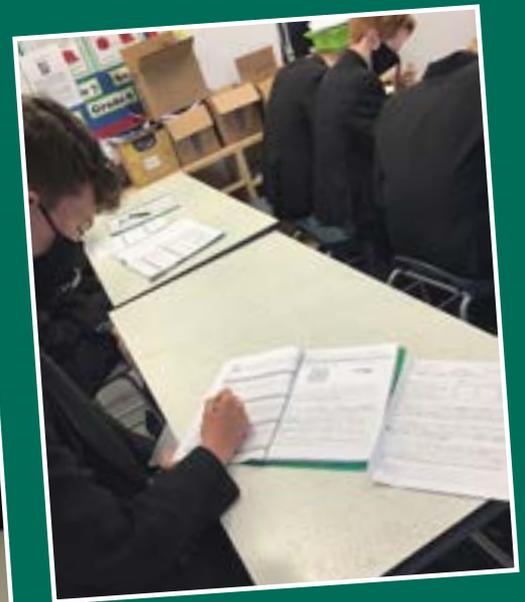


Year 9 working on song composition.
#challenge



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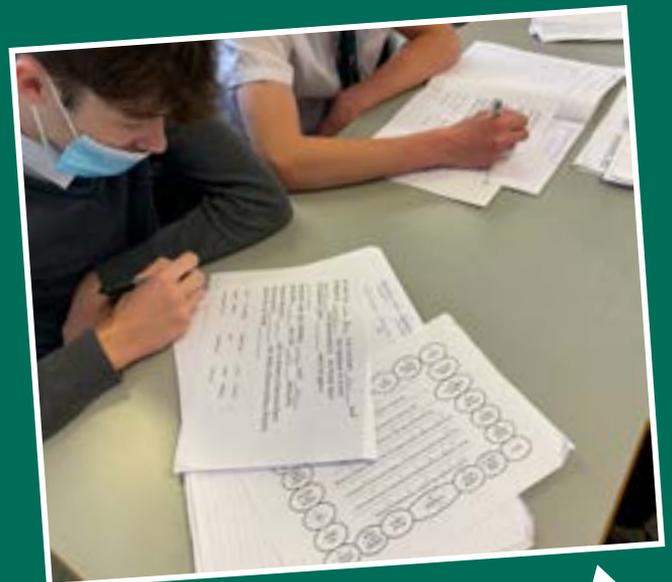
Year 9. #commitment



Over the holidays Felix and his brother and sisters set themselves a challenge to go for a walk each day in their village and litter pick - they picked in 20° and in the snow and are very proud of their efforts!



Confirming skill development in DT.
#commitment #celebration

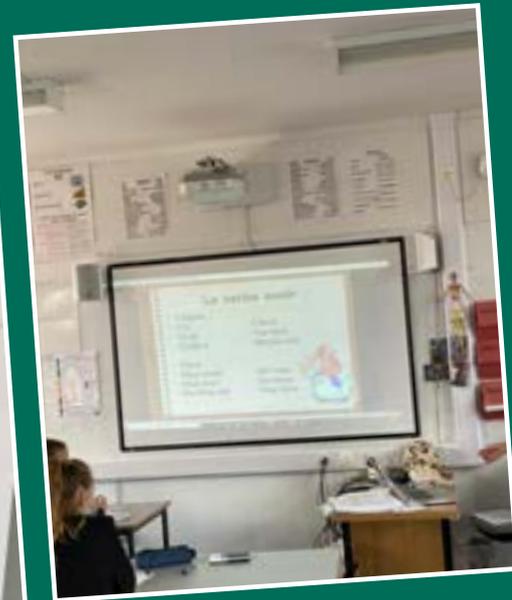
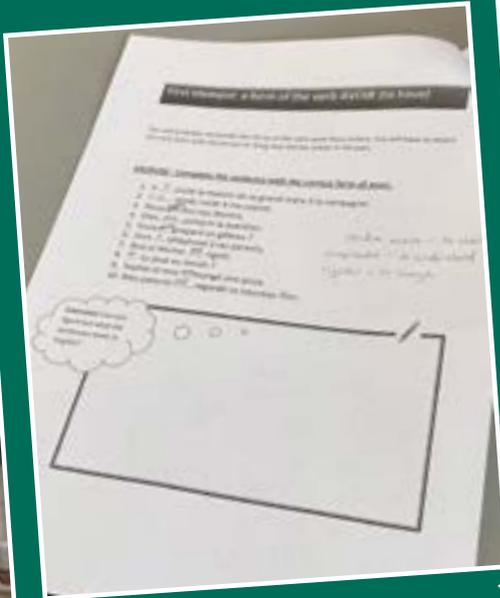
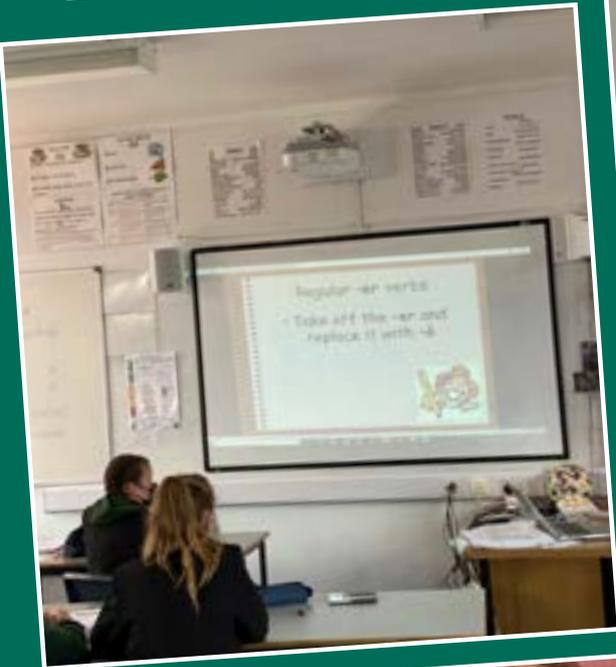
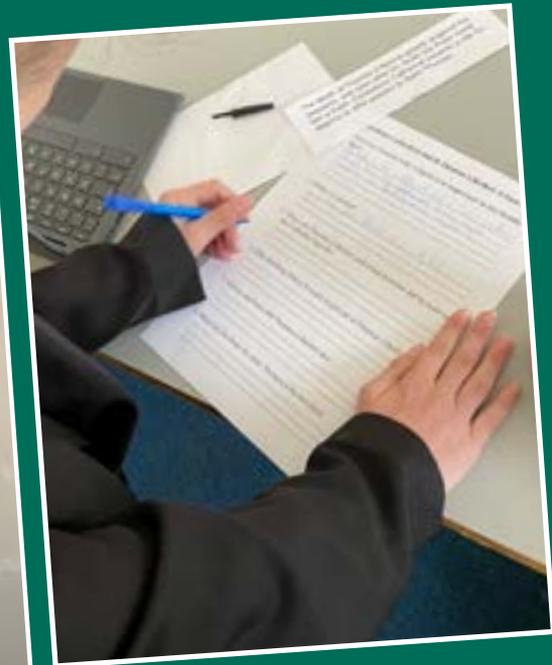
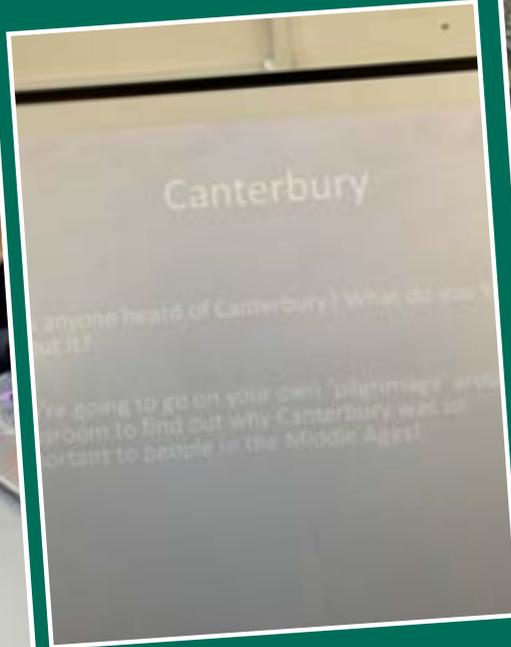


Year 11 German students working on translation activities. #challenge



THE WEEK IN PICTURES...

Carousel work in English. #cooperation



Year 8 French 'boot camp'. #challenge



Congratulations to Leah on representing England! #celebration #commitment

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you are entitled to Free School Meals, you will be receiving vouchers to cover the May half term.

If you believe you should be entitled to Free School Meals and are not already receiving them please use the link below to make an application:

[Apply for FREE SCHOOL MEALS](#)

Invitation for Parents:

Success Beyond School

Free, expert advice on guiding your child to a successful career.

We are delighted to announce the latest in our Success Beyond School series; free-of-charge, 'Live Online' seminars designed to help parents supercharge their children's career potential.

Tuesday 11th May: Own The Room

Power up your child's public speaking skills; vital for any career

Wednesday 9th June: Success in the City

How to land a top job in the City: law, finance, consultancy and more

These events are for parents of students aged 12-18 and free to attend.

[Register Now](#)

Dates For Your Diary

Year 7

Friday 25 June: Progress Checkpoint 4 data entry deadline (all years)

Monday 28 June: Progress Checkpoint 4 checking week

Monday 5 July: Progress Checkpoint 4 - reports sent home

Year 8

Friday 25 June: Progress Checkpoint 4 data entry deadline (all years)

Monday 28 June: Progress Checkpoint 4 checking week

Monday 5 July: Progress Checkpoint 4 - reports sent home

Year 9

Monday 21 June: Year 9/10 “Is University for You?” Evening

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Year 10

Monday 17 May - Friday 28 May: Mock Examinations

Monday 21 June: Year 9/10 “Is University for You?” Evening

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Year 11

Monday 19 April - Friday 14 May: Y11 assessments

Monday 24 May: Data capture point 1. CAG – all subjects

Wednesday 26 May - Friday 28 May: School and Trust Q&A scrutiny of CAGs

Wednesday 10 June: Final data entry

Tuesday 16 June: Head of school signs off CAG grades

Wednesday 17 June: CAG grades submitted to the exam board

Parents' and Carers' Open Forum

Tuesday 4 May: 9.30 – 10.30am

Friday 25 June: 9.30 – 10.30am

Year 6 Into 7 Transition

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

Tuesday 29 - Wednesday 30 June: Transition Days