

# Weekly Bulletin for Families

## Message from the Head of School

And so we come to the final week of the academic year. In a 12 month period which has seen so many new and unexpected aspects to school life, such as year group bubbles, in-school Lateral Flow Testing and a daily temperature checks, it is both reassuring and exciting to see our traditional end of year events taking place.

Sports Day is a perfect example of a school tradition which, through the energy, imagination and commitment of staff, continues to develop year on year. Our thanks go to Mr Manington and Miss Burgess from the PE Department for a most excellent day, including a full range of track and field events and inter-house tug of war. The enthusiastic participation from all our students was impressive, with a stream of personal bests; as always students' support for each other was outstanding. Our thanks also go to Chef Pilmer and the catering team for providing a delicious take away picnic lunch which students and staff enjoyed together on the grassy bank of our field, in the warm summer sun accompanied by music. The final events of the day were the relays for all year groups, closing with the Inter-House staff relay in which sixteen members of staff battled it out with Mr Spurrier crossing the line for Moore House just ahead of Mr Manington, Coleman.

Today, Monday 5 July, sees some of the first school trips in many months as our Enrichment activities begin. Across the coming days, students in Years 7 to 9 will have the opportunity to work with external providers alongside in-school opportunities including DT, Cookery, Creative Arts, Archaeology and Sport. For Year 10, although they are unfortunately unable to complete in-person work experience at this time, during Monday and Tuesday of this week students will join in activities and meet with external speakers to provide a taste of the world of work across a range of career areas and skill sets.

Wednesday 7 July is our last day in school together, and we are crossing our fingers for fair weather to allow us to join outdoors as a community, separated in year group bubbles, to celebrate the year's end. Wednesday is also a day of celebration for the school as, under the initiation and drive of Year 10 students Jessica and Ciara, we champion diversity and freedom from harassment. For a donation of £1 staff and students across all year groups are invited to come into school wearing their own school appropriate clothes and receive a length of blue ribbon to symbolise their support. Thank you to Jess and Ciara for their work leading this event.

Finally the hardest part of the end of any academic year is the farewells it brings and it is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Haddow and Mrs Kelly, who leave us



Mrs P Parker  
Head of School

to embark on exciting new adventures. We would like to express our gratitude to Mrs Haddow for the extensive contribution she has made to SEND provision both in Forge and our mainstream school. Mrs Kelly has been at the heart of SET Ixworth School for several years now, bringing vitality and innovation to our MFL department along with an unswerving commitment to our students, as reflected in the recent MFL video contest success. Mrs Kelly will be hugely missed as she moves overseas. We look forward to sharing introductions to all our new staff joiners in preparation for the September return.

We wish everyone a restful and healthy summer break; we will be in contact prior to the start of September with updates and information for the 2021/ 22 academic year.

**Mrs P Parker, Head of School**

## **SPORTS DAY IN PICTURES...** *(see p4 for the House points totals!)*







# Sports Day House Totals:

<b>Moore</b>	<b>Coleman</b>	<b>Mandela</b>	<b>Nightingale</b>
<b>687</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>605</b>

## CELEBRATING DIVERSITY AND FREEDOM FROM HARASSMENT

On Wednesday 7 July 2021 (our last day of school), we are inviting you to celebrate diversity and being free from harassment with us. This will give everyone an opportunity to show their personal style and individuality by wearing suitable non-school uniform.

Harassment can be in any form, for example sexual to racial harassment and many others. We would like to raise awareness and bring light to the positive aspect of being free from harassment by giving out blue ribbons for you to wear. You can be as creative with your ribbon as you like: tying to shoe laces, school bags, in your hair or on your wrist as a bracelet are some of the ways we have come up with.

We would be grateful to receive a minimum donation of £1 if you are planning on taking part in raising awareness with us. This will be donated to our chosen charities supporting diversity.

**Jess and Ciara, Year 10**



### SET Ixworth Angels are walking for a good cause!

A group of colleagues from SET Ixworth School are taking part in the St Nicholas Hospice Girls Night Out on 11 September, an 11.2 mile evening walk around Bury St Edmunds. The hospice is an amazing charity offering so much support to local families and now more than ever, following the pandemic, they need all the help they can get.

**You can donate to the [JustGiving](#) page by clicking [here](#).**