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IPSWICH HIGH SCHOOL



**An Introduction to
Ipswich High School**

Welcome



Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to start by thanking you for your interest in working at Ipswich High School. In addition to the information provided with this advertisement, I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce our school to help further inform your application.

This is an incredibly exciting time to join the school. In recent years, the school has transitioned from a girls' school to coeducational and in September 2019 opened its first boarding house, which has gone on to win a national award for the exceptional quality of the facilities.

I joined the school in January 2023 as Head and have ambitious aims to continue to develop the incredible warm, welcoming, and purposeful atmosphere created by the pupils and staff. The school has a tremendously broad curriculum, and this is further supported by an outstanding co-curricular offering, providing every pupil with over 80 different clubs and activities to fill their nine weekly enrichment sessions. Our on-site facilities include a theatre, indoor 25 metre swimming pool, dance studio, dedicated food and design technology area, multiple outdoor sports facilities, fitness suite and a Sixth Form suite based in Woolverstone Hall.

We are an incredibly supportive community and each individual member of staff at the school contributes to our story and plays a crucial role in ensuring the continued quality of education and experience for our pupils and parents. I am enormously proud of our talented teachers and support staff. Every member of our school has access to support and training to help them develop professionally within their role.

I hope that on reading about this position, you will decide to apply. I am sure you will find a truly rewarding and enjoyable journey ahead of you, it is a vital role at a time of exciting developments within the school.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Browning'.

Mr Dan Browning
Head

The School

Introduction

Ipswich High School is a prominent day and boarding school, for boys and girls from Nursery through to Sixth Form, situated in an idyllic 87-acre campus on the banks of the River Orwell.

Founded in 1878, the school has been at its impressive home near Ipswich since 1992. The school has long enjoyed a high profile across the region and is respected for both its academic success year-on-year, and for its superb pastoral care and unrivalled enrichment activity. With feeder schools spread across East Anglia, the school typically sees its greatest demand for places from the counties of Suffolk, Essex, and Norfolk.

Our Location and Campus

We boast a beautiful 87-acre campus at the Grade I listed Woolverstone Hall. The school's rural setting is just a few miles from the vibrant waterfront town of Ipswich.

Our spacious school campus has superb facilities, including a 350-capacity theatre, ICT suites, a 25m indoor heated swimming pool, Sixth Form suite, six science laboratories, dedicated music rooms and floodlit AstroTurf pitches.

Prep School

Our Prep School is an integral part of our all-through school setting. Alongside our incredible classroom experience we provide specialist teaching from Reception in French, Spanish, Dance and Music.

Senior School

We provide an exceptional education and an unrivalled co-curricular programme which gives our pupils wider opportunities, experiences, and skills beyond the curriculum.

Sixth Form

We offer a one-of-a-kind Sixth Form experience, which sets us apart from other Sixth Forms and provides an inspiring learning environment. Our students achieve some of the top A Level results in the region.

Boarding

The Dairy House and The Barns are our two boarding houses. They have been completely renovated and restored to the highest standards and are located on our school campus, a short walk from Woolverstone Hall.

Overview

- Ages 3 to 18 years
- 520 pupils on roll
- Co-educational
- A day and boarding school

Our Teaching Ethos

We are renowned for ensuring our pupils are equipped to be so much more than highly skilled at passing exams through our IHS Way. We believe great results are a by-product of an outstanding education, not its sole focus. We do this by providing them with the widest possible range of experiences, both in and outside of the classroom, to broaden their minds and create new opportunities for every pupil to thrive.



Outstanding GCSE and A Level Results

In 2025 the school achieved fantastic GCSE and A Level results.

Across the cohort, the number of GCSE pupils receiving number of grade 9s has double, 60% of pupils achieved grades 9-8, and the number of pupils receiving grades 9-7 has increased by 50%.

Our A Level results are equally as great. We maintained our historic high levels of A*-B pass rates.

Broaden Their Minds

We offer a wide range of 16 GCSE and 22 A Level subjects, as well as the Higher Project Qualification (HPQ) and Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).

Our Enrichment Programme is a fundamental part of school life at Ipswich High School. All our enrichments are designed to widen pupil's experiences, develop their leadership skills, and inspire new passions. The enrichment activities also provide transferable academic, practical and social skills such as leadership, life skills, and knowledge.



University Progression

Our pupils continue on to great things once they complete their education at Ipswich High School.

80% of our pupils achieve their first choice university with 100% achieving either their first or second choice. Students have gone on to Cambridge, Oxford, Imperial College London, UCL, Bristol, Durham, Manchester, Warwick, and Sheffield universities, to name but a few.

Pastoral Care



We are deeply proud of our incredibly supportive, welcoming, and positive atmosphere created by the pupils and staff at Ipswich High School. Our 'small school' feel ensures that every pupil is known and valued as an individual.

We promote an embedded pastoral ethos across the school campus. We have a school nurse in attendance during school hours to provide support in the medical rooms and contributes to the pastoral care of students.

There is a strong pastoral team who work closely with parents to ensure all pupils are fully supported. This is an important aspect of school life and involves the Heads of Year, Deputy of Sixth Form, the tutors and the school nurse. We also have a professional counsellor to meet with pupils individually and offer youth work sessions



Enrichment Programme

In the Senior School, every pupil has 9 clubs per week built into their timetables and this term alone there are over 110 clubs running for those in Years 7-13. This serves as a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to further extend and broaden their talents, skills and knowledge.



Boarding

Award-Winning Boarding

Our Boarding facilities includes the Grade II listed Dairy House, built in 1870 and The Barns. Both Boarding Houses have been completely renovated and restored to the highest standards and offered accommodation for 55 pupils.

Construction on the site was completed in 2021, and it has already won a national BSA Award. We are still actively recruiting to develop a diverse boarding community of both international and domestic boarders from Years 7 to 13

Located in a privileged position on the school campus, we provide a home away from home experience with a full-time Houseparent



Benefits of Employment

Remuneration

- The salary will be commensurate with the experience and qualities of the successful candidate.

School Fees

- A 50% reduction in school fees (pro rata for part time staff) from Reception class onwards.

Development, Health & Pensions

- The school is committed to staff development with an annual review scheme and regular opportunities for professional development
- Teaching staff are provided with a school laptop/iPad
- All staff have day one access to a Pension Scheme. Teachers are eligible to belong to the Teachers' Pension Scheme and Support Staff to a Workplace Pension Scheme
- Corporate Membership at Ipswich Sports Club, with 25% off advertised membership subscription fees

Free Provision & Discounted Services

- Employee benefits platform including 24/7 access to GP services and a vast range of providers offering discounted products
- Free on-site parking
- All staff can swim free of charge on two evenings per week and, at specified times, have free use of the Fitness Suite. Staff will be required to follow the appropriate rules and regulations that apply for the use of these areas
- All staff are eligible to receive a contribution towards an eye test and glasses as required for working with Display Screen Equipment
- Offer of free Microsoft Office software on devices at home while employed at the school

Wellbeing

- Employee Assistance Package offered through staff wellbeing portal, support available online and telephone support
- Free access to 24/7 online GP support
- Free flu vaccination annually
- Free midday meal each day, Monday to Friday, during term-time
- Free tea and coffee for all staff all day
- Newspapers and fruit in staffroom
- Free access to counselling support

SafeGuarding

All appointments will be subject to two satisfactory references, Enhanced Disclosure check by the Disclosure and Barring Service, medical fitness for this role and evidence of identity and qualifications. All the above checks must be completed before beginning work in the school. In the unlikely event of an unsatisfactory report being received following the issuing of a contract, the offer of appointment will be terminated without notice.

We are committed to the safeguarding of children and child protection screening will apply to this post.



A day in photographs



Application Process

Please complete an application form and return to our HR Manager, enclosing a cover letter supporting your application.

For further information or to request a tour of the school, please contact Linda Marsh, HR Manager at:

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