



IPSWICH HIGH SCHOOL

WOOLVERSTONE HALL
SUFFOLK, ENGLAND

An Introduction





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 be joining the school. In recent years, the school has transitioned from a girls' school to coeducational and in September 2019 opened its first boarding house.

I joined the school in the Summer of 2020 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 centre based in Woolverstone Hall.

We are an incredibly supportive community and every 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.

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Mr Mark Howe
Head

The School

Introduction

Ipswich High School is a prominent day and boarding school, for boys and girls from Reception 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 theatre, ICT suites, a 25m indoor 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 Enrichment Programme which gives our pupils wider opportunities, experiences, and skills beyond the curriculum.

Sixth Form

We offer a unique pathways approach to our curriculum and this sets us apart from other Sixth Forms and provides an inspiring learning environment.

Boarding

Our Grade II Listed Boarding House has been completely renovated and restored to the highest standards and opened to our boarders in September 2019. The Boarding House is located on our school campus.

Overview

Ages 5 to 18 years
441 pupils on roll (340 in Years 7 to 13)
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. 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.



Diamond Model

We offer a Diamond Model approach to education, which is unique in Suffolk and is increasingly favoured by leading schools across the country.

The term Diamond Model refers to the shape of the educational journey; with boys and girls being taught together in the lower years of the Prep School, separately for some subjects from 10 to 16 years old and together again in the Sixth Form.

Broaden Their Minds

We offer a wide range of 21 GCSE and 23 A Level subjects, as well as our IHS Diploma, the Higher Project Qualification (HPQ) and Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).

Outstanding GCSE and A Level results

In 2020 the school achieved outstanding GCSE and A Level results.

A significant 62% of GCSE results were awarded at grades 7-9 with an impressive 40% of results being awarded at grades 8-9

Our A Level results are equally impressive, with 48% of pupils being awarded an A or A* and 94% of students achieved A*-C grades.

University Progression

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

In 2020 our pupils gained entry to their first choice top class universities, with over 40% attending Russell Group Universities. Past pupils have gone on to study at Oxford and Cambridge Universities, Imperial College London, UCL, Bristol, Durham, Manchester, Sheffield, and Warwick universities, to name but a few.

Benefits of Employment

Remuneration

The salary will be commensurate with the importance of the post and 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 is available to staff.

Development, Health, Pensions & Union

- 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 teachers are eligible to belong to the Teachers' Pension Scheme
- All staff are able to join NEU union membership with free on-site advice available from the NEU representative
- Corporate Membership of Ipswich Sports Club, at 30% off advertised Membership Subscription Fees

Free Provision & Discounted Services

- Mid-morning refreshments and a midday meal during term time
- 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 undertaking a free eye test will be offered £40 towards the cost of new reading glasses
- Offer of free Microsoft Office software on devices at home while employed at the school

Wellbeing

- Half price flu vaccination
- Cooked lunch each day (term-time) and sandwiches/fruit during parent evenings
- Free tea and coffee for all staff all day
- Newspapers in staffrooms
- Fruit in staffroom

Safeguarding

All appointments will be subject to two satisfactory references, 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.



Appointment Process

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

For further information, please contact the HR Officer at:

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A day in photographs





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