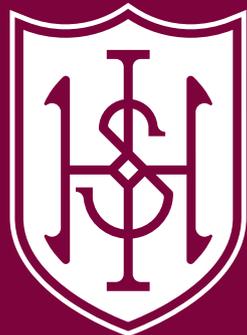


ADVENTURE AWAITS



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The school teaches in a way that is inspirational and motivational, allowing children to develop key skills for later life.

Current IHS parent



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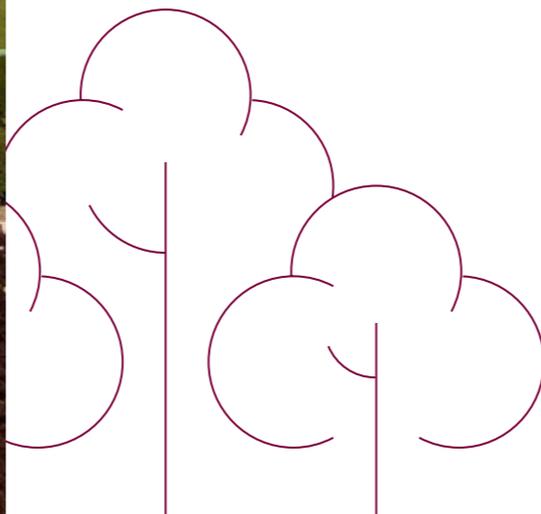
Thank you for considering Ipswich High School for your child. We believe it is an incredibly exciting place to learn and we hope that this prospectus gives you a glimpse of our very special school community.

Ipswich High School has a longstanding reputation for offering an exceptional education but we are so much more than that. Our 140-year history remains fundamental to our identity but we are proud to be a forward-thinking school, taking an innovative and tailored approach to the curriculum and enrichment. Pupils are encouraged to pursue their passions and become the very best versions of themselves.

It is an exciting time in our story. We welcomed boys to the school for the first time in 2018 and opened our first boarding house, The Dairy in 2019. These developments have allowed us to offer our outstanding education and experience to a more diverse range of pupils.

This prospectus is a useful introduction but we encourage you to visit us for an Open Morning or for a personal tour of our beautiful campus. It's difficult for us to demonstrate the passion, motivation and dedication of our staff and pupils within a few pages but, when you walk through our doors, this is overwhelmingly clear to see.

We look forward to meeting you.



# OUR HERITAGE

Ipswich High School has a long and rich history that has paved the way for the modern and progressive school it is today.

Founded in 1878, Ipswich High School was established in response to a growing passion to provide girls with an education and was a defining moment in women's schooling in the region.

Originally located in central Ipswich, the school outgrew two different sites before relocating to its current Grade I listed Woolverstone Hall home in 1992.

Our history set our path as exceptional single-sex educators, but with new aims to broaden our reach to more pupils in a 21st-century environment, we set about welcoming boys to the school in 2018. We have retained single-sex education in the subjects and age groups where it matters most to academic achievement via the Diamond Model (see page 6).

140 years of heritage mixed with our forward-thinking ethos makes Ipswich High School a remarkable place to be.



# A VISIONARY APPROACH

The school's ethos is to put the happiness and success of each pupil at the heart of everything we do.

We value the individual, providing opportunities for growth and nurturing interests, encouraging curiosity and a sense of adventure so that students can truly flourish.

Our vision is to provide an exceptional education and experience for every individual and is underpinned by our pupil values.

## OUR PUPILS

**ARE  
INSPIRATIONAL**  
Inspiring each other to be the best they can be.

**ARE  
COURAGEOUS**  
Pushing the limits of what they think is possible and never scared to try something new.

**ARE  
AMBITIOUS**  
Determined to be successful and to achieve.

**ARE  
RESPECTFUL**  
Fostering a sense of responsibility for themselves and others.

**AND HAVE  
INTEGRITY**  
Acting honestly and with strong morals in everything they do.





# THE DIAMOND SCHOOL MODEL

## Single-sex teaching in a unique, coeducational environment

Ipswich High School's Diamond Model approach to education is unique in Suffolk but is increasingly favoured by leading schools across the country.

By teaching boys and girls separately in core subjects at critical times in their educational journey, our teaching staff can tailor their pedagogy to best suit

the needs of each group, getting the most out of every individual. This enables accelerated learning.

The merits of this model, which recognises the varied ways that girls and boys develop and learn, are numerous from more tailored schemes of work and gender-specific pastoral care to better GCSE performance.\*



At Ipswich High School, we start by splitting out the core subjects from Year 5 to allow the tailored teaching of English, Maths, Science and PE. Further subjects are split at Year 7 and all students come back together for a fully coeducational Sixth Form offering. Whilst taught separately, students share school trips and academic visits ensuring they get the benefits of both a coeducational and single-sex educational environment.

\* Recent ISC data

# SPACE TO GROW



Our 87-acre Suffolk campus provides an idyllic setting which inspires pupils and staff alike. The beautiful rural, riverside location, is only five miles from the county town of Ipswich and just one hour from central London.

The spacious site is home to superb facilities and offers students the space to learn, explore and be adventurous. We make the most of every acre, from the Prep School's Forest and Beach Schools, to cross-country running trails.

Professional theatre



25m competition swimming pool



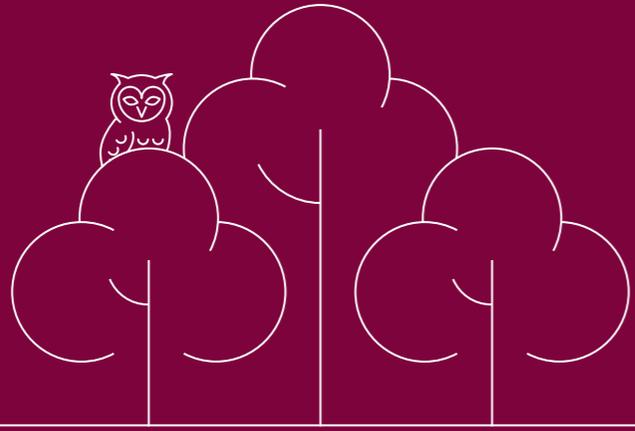
Floodlit AstroTurf



Cookery rooms



Outdoor classroom



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Ipswich High School is a very warm and welcoming school, providing excellent education and pastoral care for their pupils which is enhanced by beautiful surroundings and facilities.

Current IHS Parent





# ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

At Ipswich High School, we motivate and challenge each and every individual to meet their full potential.

We pride ourselves on providing an exceptional education via the Diamond Model and the success of this is reflected in our consistently strong examination results. Students are fully supported at every stage of their studies, from the Pre-Prep curriculum based on play, right through to A Levels in our Sixth Form.

Pupils are encouraged to aim high and be adventurous, which inspires them to continuously grow and achieve more than they thought possible. Our teaching staff are passionate and instill a culture of motivation and support throughout the school, empowering pupils to take responsibility for their learning.

It's no surprise then that our students so often exceed expectations.



## IHS DIPLOMA

Bridging the transition between the Prep School and Senior School is the Ipswich High School Diploma that rewards pupils for their academic and enrichment achievements throughout Years 5 to 8. It gives pupils a goal to focus on, encouraging them to start taking responsibility for their learning, which helps prepare them for the start of the GCSE curriculum in Year 9.



# HAPPINESS AT THE HEART

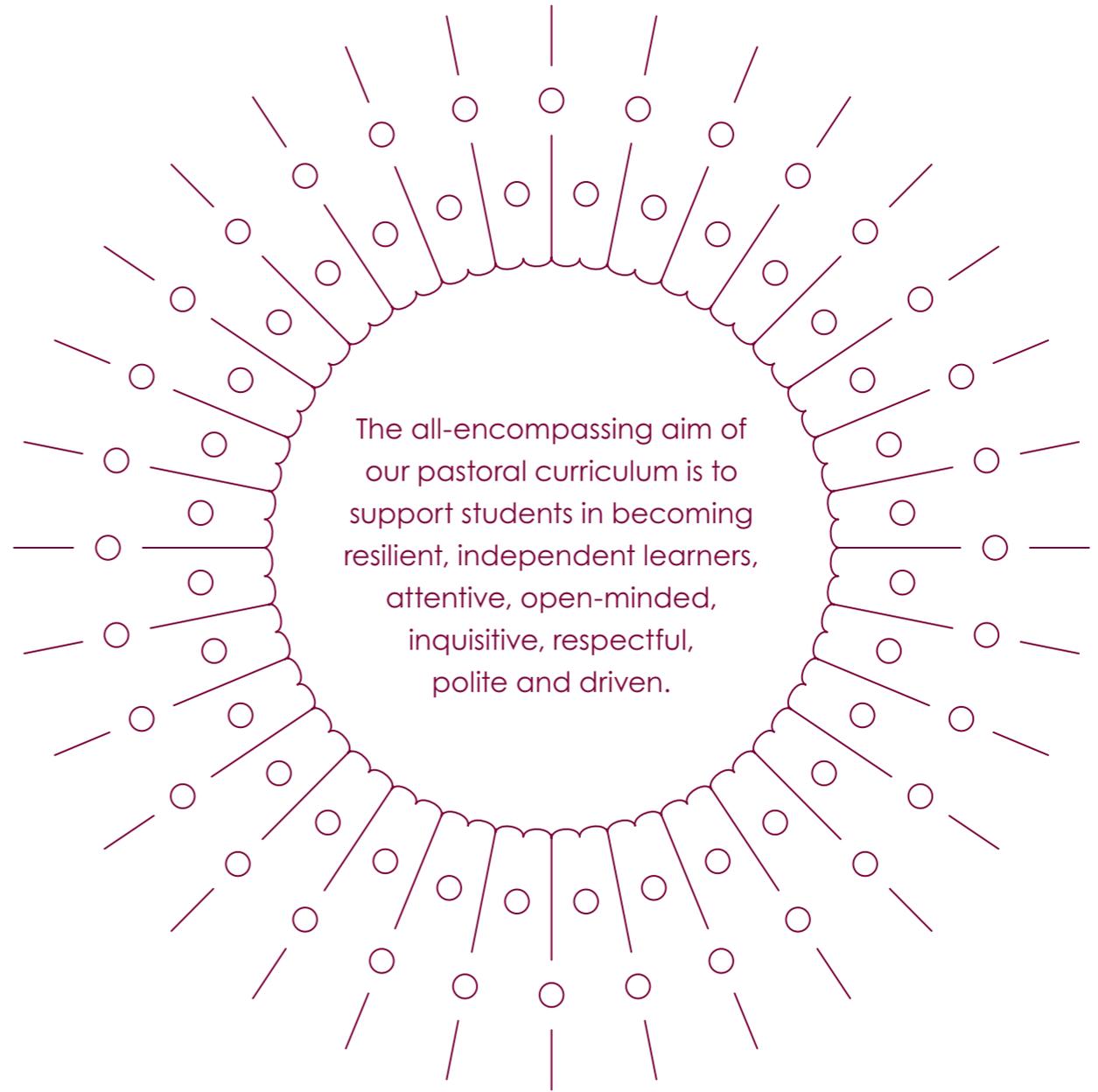
We believe that for any child to truly flourish and achieve their full potential they must be happy.

This is why at Ipswich High School we place so much emphasis on creating an environment in which pupils feel comfortable and confident to be themselves.

The wellbeing of pupils is something we are dedicated to from Pre-Prep all the way through to Sixth Form. At every stage, we set aside the time and space to implement our carefully

developed pastoral curriculum, distinct and appropriate for each age group. In the Senior School, this is known as the 'Flourish' sessions, which includes our PSHE programme, wellbeing initiatives, form time and assemblies. Outside the taught side of pastoral care, openness and talking are positively encouraged, with a support network always available as and when it is needed.





The all-encompassing aim of our pastoral curriculum is to support students in becoming resilient, independent learners, attentive, open-minded, inquisitive, respectful, polite and driven.



# ENRICHMENT

Our extensive Enrichment Programme provides a high-quality, all-encompassing, holistic educational experience that reaches far beyond the classroom. Every pupil has the opportunity to be inquisitive and adventurous.

The school offers individuals a wealth of diverse and engaging enrichment for all ages and interests, with 170 activities to choose from each term. Our timetable allows us to offer students nine enrichment periods a week, with options for academic activities, sport, performing arts clubs and more.

The programme is integral to our students' growth and encourages skills such as problem-solving and teamwork while promoting a commitment to learning and self-improvement. It offers students a fantastic opportunity to discover their talents and develop them further, which helps them to thrive in the academic arena.

“ We believe that the Enrichment Programme is an integral part of the education that our pupils experience at Ipswich High School and that participation in these activities outside the classroom is what allows them to become confident, flexible and resilient young adults, ready to take on future challenges.

Assistant Head (Co-Curricular)



# BOARDING LIFE



Ipswich High boarders live in our beautiful, newly redeveloped boarding facilities, The Dairy and The Barns.

Our on-campus boarding is a home away from home, with experienced, friendly staff who provide outstanding pastoral care for every boarder.

We offer a range of rooms for pupils including twins, singles and ensembles and where possible a choice of boarding options including full-time boarding, weekly boarding and flexible boarding. We foster a supportive and nurturing community, where pupils support one another and build solid friendships. For boarders, there is also an extensive programme of exciting weekend activities, events and opportunities meaning there is never a dull moment!





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I love to see our pupils grow and develop within this remarkable learning environment, which promotes learning beyond the classroom walls. Our location and surroundings provide the perfect setting in which your child will flourish, within a culture of achievement and ambition.

Mrs Lisa Finch, Head of Prep School



## WHERE ADVENTURE BEGINS

We look forward to welcoming you to our Pre-Prep and Prep School, where we sow the seeds of learning that will last a lifetime.

We believe that it is important to nurture each individual child, building upon their strengths and interests and supporting them fully, both academically and pastorally, as they grow and develop through these crucial, formative years. Our exciting curriculum ignites the children's natural curiosity and supports and develops their love of learning, ensuring that their early experiences

of education are engaging, inspiring and purposeful. Not only do we teach core reading, writing and numeracy skills but children in the Prep enjoy Art, Music, Humanities, Sport and Modern Languages at every stage.

The Prep School's Enrichment Programme complements our academic curriculum and offers pupils a wide range of experiences and opportunities which ensure that, when they move on to our Senior School, they do so as well-rounded, articulate and confident children.

We believe that when inquisitive minds are given the chance to explore their curiosity in a variety of ways, whether it's through play, group projects or independent learning, they develop lasting links between different subjects.



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Pupils' knowledge, skills and understanding are strongly developed. This is because they are enthusiastic learners and enjoy applying recently acquired techniques to new situations.

ISI Inspection Report



## A PLACE TO FLOURISH

Our Senior School, with core subjects taught in single-sex groups, is where our pupils realise their potential and challenge themselves to achieve amazing things.

Offering a forward-thinking, innovative and broad curriculum, our small class sizes enable us to be flexible and support the changing needs of each individual as they progress through the school.

Students benefit from a mix of tradition and modernity, drawn from our Diamond Model approach to education, which enables our pupils to experience the advantages of single-sex education in

a coeducational environment. We give students the opportunity to choose their GCSE subjects in Year 9, giving them three years to develop skills and immerse themselves in the curriculum.

We make time for enrichment activities right through the Senior School and maintain the importance of this 'other' element of school life. At this stage, enrichment activities can be chosen to enhance the GCSE subjects, giving pupils the opportunity to select academic options in a range of subject areas.

With some of the strongest GCSE results in Suffolk and beyond, the academic success of our students speaks for itself, but our Senior School is about so much more than academic achievement. Our vibrant school supports students, ensuring they have the chance to explore their interests and talents so when they progress into Sixth Form they do so as courageous, ambitious and positive individuals.



# SHAPING FUTURES

The Sixth Form at Ipswich High School is a creative and inspiring environment. There are a whole host of subjects to choose from, with students given the opportunity to study more of what they love.



Our Sixth Form offers tutorial-style teaching that encourages students to think for themselves, helping them to surpass their A Level expectations, as well as ensuring they are prepared for the independent format of learning at university. The success of this approach has led to students going on to study at many top universities for a wide variety of courses and degrees.

We offer the 'Orbit Programme' which encompasses the A Level curriculum, enrichment activities and skills for life that set our students ahead when it comes to university applications. All of our sixth formers take part in the Sixth Form Escape, an annual European city break helping them to experience a new culture with their friends and teachers.

What is most special about our Sixth Form is the sense of community, warmth and friendship that is felt in the common room. Our students respect and support one another and form lifelong friendships.

When our students leave the Sixth Form, they typically begin degree programmes at their first choice of university across a vast array of interesting and challenging subjects. Recent leavers have chosen to study Medicine, Engineering, Design and Architecture and everything in between.

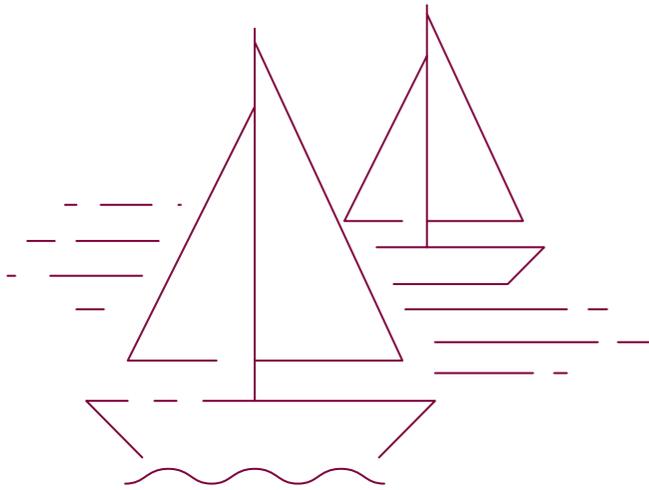
“ Each individual in the Sixth Form chooses their own path with the close support of their teachers. Students are responsible for their own work and they choose when and how best to study for them; perfect preparation for university or the world of work.

Rob Hastings, Director of Sixth Form

# NEXT STEPS

If you would like to know more about joining us, please visit:  
[www.ipswichhighschool.co.uk/admissions](http://www.ipswichhighschool.co.uk/admissions)

Alternatively, get in touch with our friendly Admissions team who would be delighted to advise and assist you:  
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