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IPSWICH HIGH SCHOOL

VISION 150

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FOUNDATIONS TO FLOURISH

A LOVE OF TRADITION, A PASSION FOR
PROGRESS.



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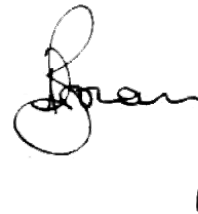
In 2028 we will celebrate 150 years of Ipswich High School. Under the stewardship of Miss Sophie Youngman, the first Headmistress, the school grew from its origins in the Assembly Rooms in Northgate Street, to Westerfield Road and finally to our current home at Woolverstone Hall.

Our heritage has been shaped by educational innovation, a mission for creating equality, two world wars and the passion of all in our extended family of pupils, staff and parents. We include in our heritage the connection with Woolverstone School for Boys that was to be housed here at Woolverstone Hall between 1951-1990 and the London Nautical School who briefly occupied our current home after the Second World War. Going about our daily business, we are reminded by the stunning grounds and buildings of the importance of the Berners family and the rich history of Woolverstone hall – all of this is

interwoven in the story of Ipswich High School. A love of tradition and a passion for progress means that from 1878 to this day, we continue to provide foundations to flourish for pupils.

This booklet outlines our mission and aims for the coming years as well as how you can become involved in celebrating our sesquicentennial anniversary.

Thank you for your support of our IHS family.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Browning', with a stylized, flowing script.

Mr Dan Browning
Head



MISSION STATEMENT



Ipswich High School (IHS) is a historic and highly successful school and we are proud of our heritage dating back to 1878. We recognise the changes that have taken place in our recent history offer unique opportunities to further develop the world class experience we provide for our pupils, such as boys being admitted in 2019 and our boarding houses opening in the same year.

By 2028, our school will have continued to support pupils to make excellent academic progress through a bespoke and connected curriculum and they are immersed in an innovative, high quality enrichment programme that will give them the skills and confidence to grow; we have a love of tradition and a passion for progress.

Our award winning boarding houses are thriving, with pupils from the UK and overseas making a happy global community firmly rooted in Suffolk. We are a friendly, kind and inclusive community within which we all demonstrate our core values every day. Wider developments across our historical campus, Woolverstone Hall, will further enhance the opportunities that we can offer.

IHS is well known locally and internationally for offering boys and girls, from 3 to 18, day pupils and boarders (11-18 years), the very best foundations to flourish.

“ ‘Achievement’, for us, is for a pupil to come out with a broad set of experiences that have contributed to a dynamic and exciting education.

MR MARK SPEAKMAN, DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM & ACHIEVEMENT



**THE SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE
TO GROW.**





**WE BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF A
WELL-ROUNDED EDUCATION.**

ACADEMIC DISTINCTION



Excellence in education is our top priority. Our curriculum is carefully designed to provide a holistic learning experience for every student, preparing them for success in both academics and life.

We believe in the power of a well-rounded education. Our curriculum combines traditional subjects with modern disciplines, offering a wide range of enrichment activities and opportunities. Students have access to an array of extracurricular programs, from arts and sports to community service and leadership development, ensuring their personal growth is nurtured alongside their academic achievements.

We take great pride in our dedicated teaching staff who are passionate about inspiring young minds. With a commitment to small class sizes, each student receives individual attention and personalised support, fostering a conducive learning environment. This approach allows teachers to tailor

their methods and cater to diverse learning styles, enabling students to flourish in their studies.

As part of our international outlook, we actively encourage overseas opportunities, such as exchange programs and cultural exchanges, broadening students' horizons and fostering global awareness.

Our Sixth Form offer is designed to guide students on their path to higher education, with a strong focus on career development, university preparation, and personal growth.

Our students are encouraged to embrace challenges, think critically, and become confident individuals ready to make a positive impact on the world.

“ We believe in holistic education. It's really important that our young people do well academically - it is equally important that they do well in their personal growth, their access to an amazing array of enrichment activities.

MR DAN BROWNING, HEAD

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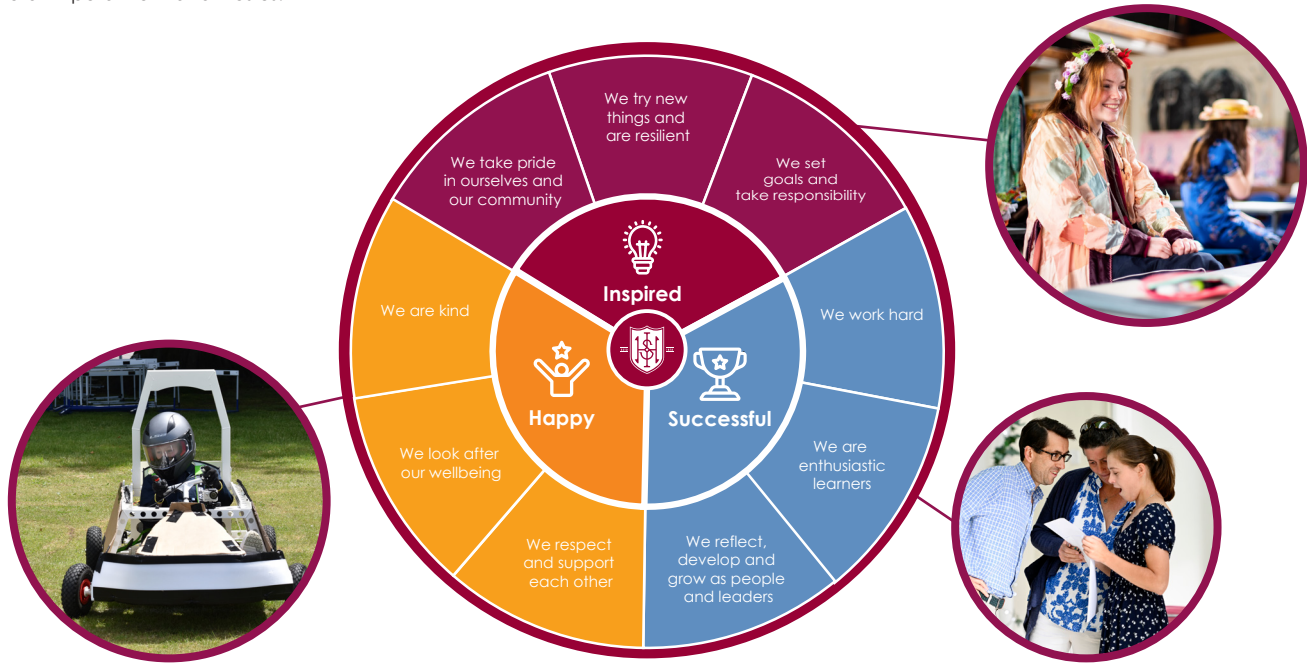
A FLOURISHING COMMUNITY



We value a holistic approach to educating young people. Academic excellence sits carefully alongside a rich and embedded enrichment program that grows and develops based on pupils' needs.

Our community celebrates diversity and values kindness above all else. IHS values, created by our pupils and staff, help to guide us, focus our development and underpin our daily lives.

Through our IHS charity, we partner with the Royal National Children's SpringBoard Foundation to support access to independent education. This is part of the moral imperative that drives us.





**OUR VALUES NURTURE INTELLECTUAL
CURIOSITY.**



School

St Michael's Church

The Dairy House



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SUFFOLK, ENGLAND



INDEPENDENT
SCHOOLS'
ASSOCIATION



BOARDING
SCHOOLS'
ASSOCIATION



The
National
College®



**EVERY INDIVIDUAL IS FUNDAMENTAL TO
OUR SUCCESS.**

PERSONAL GROWTH TO FLOURISH



We prioritise personal growth for both students and staff, recognising that the development of every individual is fundamental to our success as a community. We create an environment that fosters intellectual curiosity, resilience, and self-confidence, allowing students to explore their passions and talents while challenging themselves to reach new heights.

Our dedication to providing a well-rounded education, enriched with diverse experiences, has garnered recognition on the international stage. Our Alumni have become global ambassadors, making us proud as they excel in various fields across the world.

Our Enrichment Programme is an integral part of the school day, which allows our pupils to take ownership of their growth and experiences. Over 600 enrichments offer unrivalled choice and opportunities for pupil leadership.

Our Sixth Form offers a unique stepping stone towards higher education and future careers. With a comprehensive range of subjects and guidance from experienced mentors, students are equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to secure placements in prestigious universities and esteemed institutions worldwide.

We understand the importance of well-being and pastoral care in nurturing balanced and happy individuals. Our compassionate staff ensures that every student feels supported and valued, providing a strong support network. By promoting well-being, we enable our students to thrive academically and personally.

We believe that personal growth is the foundation of success. Our thriving community, allows self-discovery, academic achievement, and global recognition.



We're not just focused on sports, or academic excellence, or performing arts, we let everyone have the space to be who they want to be.



ABBY, YEAR 13 STUDENT

A FLOURISHING ENVIRONMENT



We are custodians of the Woolverstone Hall Estate; 87 acres of beautiful Parkland and Grade I listed buildings. Our plans for the future include a heritage room to mark our 150th anniversary, the development of our outdoor space to include a high ropes adventure course and the transformation of the Stable Block into a Sixth Form centre and to add to the Boarding facilities. To ensure we remain at the cutting edge of technological development we will be introducing a 1 to 1 laptop scheme to support learning and harness the power of AI in teaching and learning.

“ Parents entrust their childrens education
with us here at Ipswich High School
because above all else their child is happy
and we know that happy children thrive.

MRS LISA FINCH, HEAD OF PREP SCHOOL





**STRENGTHENING OUR FOUNDATIONS FOR
TOMORROW.**

SUPPORT US



As part of our 150th anniversary SESQUICENTENNIAL celebrations, we aim to achieve the following:



150 PAINTINGS

New art work created by current and pupils and staff and art works from past pupils and staff celebrated in a special exhibition of events from 150 years.



150 FACTS

A heritage trail around the Woolverstone Estate celebrating the history of our schools, Woolverstone Hall, HMS Woolverstone and the Berners family.



150 MENTORS

Signed up from our community to support and inspire our Y11 and Sixth Form pupils.



150 MEMORIES

A special book produced to celebrate this special occasion with photos and quotes remembering IHS and Woolverstone Hall School.



150 VOICES

A video history of IHS and Woolverstone Hall School.



150 YEARS

A Celebration Fair Heritage Event including themed activities.



150 PHOTOS

To mark the occasion the room currently known as 'The Lounge' will become our 'Heritage Room' with 150 photos and a narrative to celebrate the History of our school.



LESSONS 150

A special series of lessons celebrating and reflecting on our rich heritage and the future that is yet to be written.



150 ALUMNI CAREERS AMBASSADORS

Signed up to attend careers events to help inspire our current pupils.



DINNER DANCE

Celebrating 150 years, our dinner dance will celebrate our history.



150TH CONCERT

A musical History of IHS special concert.



150 LESSONS

A new unit of work for Year 7 History focussing on Woolverstone Hall and our schools rich history.



150 SCHOLARSHIPS

To offer 150 Scholarships to talented pupils across the school community both locally and internationally.



150 YEARS TIME CAPSULE

We assemble a time capsule of memories for future generations.



150 TREES

Planted across the estate to mark this momentous occasion.



150 POEMS

Published in a special book celebrating 150 years of IHS.

150TH CELEBRATIONS IN 2028

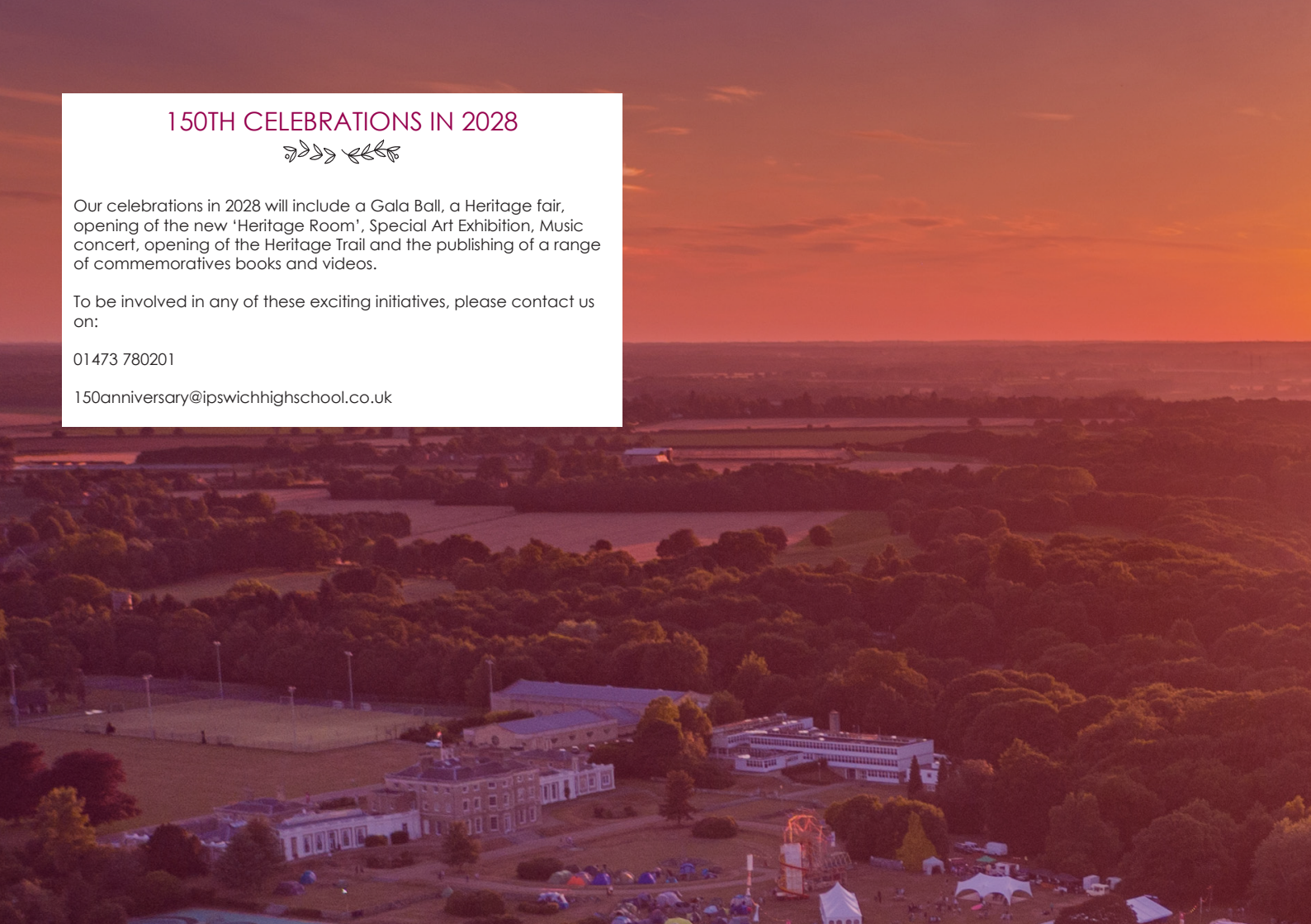


Our celebrations in 2028 will include a Gala Ball, a Heritage fair, opening of the new 'Heritage Room', Special Art Exhibition, Music concert, opening of the Heritage Trail and the publishing of a range of commemoratives books and videos.

To be involved in any of these exciting initiatives, please contact us on:

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