



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, 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'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'D' and a long, sweeping tail.

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
500 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. 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 2023 the school achieved fantastic GCSE and A Level results.

Across the cohort, 10% more pupils achieved a 9-8 grade than 2022. 54% of GCSE grades awarded were Levels 9-7, with nearly 50% of students achieving at least one Level 9 or Level 8 grade.

Our A Level results are equally as great. 48.6% of our students gained A*-A, over 72% achieved A* - B grades, while 87% achieved A*-C.

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, communication and teamwork experience.

University Progression

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

In 2022, all our pupils gained entry to their first or second choice universities, with two heading off to Cambridge University to read Classics and Archaeology. 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

- Sodexo employee benefits platform including GP access
- 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

- Bupa Employee Assistance (online and telephone support)
- 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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