

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 as part of the <u>Brave Generation</u>
<u>Academy</u> Learning Hub. In addition to the information provided with this advertisement, I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce our school and Brave Generation Academy to help further inform your application.

Brave Generation Academy (BGA) is transforming education for the modern world, empowering learners to pursue globally recognised qualifications through a flexible and personalised model. At the heart of BGA is the belief that education should adapt to the learner, offering choice, independence, and the opportunity to develop real world skills alongside academic achievement. We are proud to host the first BGA Learning Hub in the UK, where pupils can select from three academic pathways, including the chance to begin university level study from the age of 16. Learners are guided by subject experts and supported by a dedicated Learning Coach within a dynamic, collaborative environment that inspires ambition and growth.

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 onsite 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 and our partnership with Brave Generation Academy.

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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 lpswich 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 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, communication and teamwork experience.

#### **University Progression**

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

In 2025, all our pupils gained entry to their first or second choice universities, with many heading to 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.



In 2025, Ipswich High School began an exciting partnership with Brave Generation Academy (BGA), an innovative international education provider redefining how young people approach their studies. Through the Powered by BGA model, we host a dedicated BGA Hub within our school, giving Learners access to a modern and flexible learning model while remaining part of our thriving school environment.

#### A Flexible, Hybrid Model

BGA offers a unique approach that combines engaging online content with in-person support from qualified Learning Coaches and Course Managers based within our Hub. Under the pillars knowledge, skills, and community, BGA's model allows Learners to set meaningful goals, tailor their studies to their ambitions, and progress at a pace that suits them—all while continuing to participate fully in the wider Ipswich High School community.

#### Internationally Recognised Curricula and Pathways

The partnership gives our Learners access to prestigious and globally recognised qualifications. BGA offers the British International Curriculum, accredited by Pearson Edexcel, and the American Curriculum through Forward International Academy. BGA's international qualifications have opened doors to world-renowned universities, with past Learners progressing to institutions such as the University of California, Berkeley, the University of London, and the University of Amsterdam, among many others.

From age 16, Learners can also enrol in BGA's Unique Pathway (UP) programme, enabling them to begin university-level study early, with degrees available in Business Management, Computing, Hospitality Management, and Sports and Leisure.

#### Meeting the Needs of More Learners

This collaboration enables Ipswich High School to cater to a wider range of learning styles and aspirations without compromising our heritage, values, or traditions. Whether a Learner is highly academic, pursuing elite sports, or seeking a more flexible pace of study, this model allows them to thrive.

#### Part of a Global Network

BGA operates a growing network of Hubs across Europe, Africa, and the Americas, creating opportunities for our Learners to connect with peers from around the world and gain valuable international exposure.

This partnership represents a shared commitment to providing every Learner with the tools, flexibility, and support they need to succeed—academically, socially, and personally—while remaining an integral part of the Ipswich High School family.



# **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 is available to staff.

#### **Development & 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

- Sodexo 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

- Sodexo Employee Assistance Package (online and telephone support)
- Free flu vaccination
- Free midday meal each day during term-time
- Free tea and coffee for all staff all day
- Newspapers and 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 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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