



9th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to share some exciting news about a new initiative we are launching at Iceni Academy this year. As I often say, at Iceni we are committed to developing the *whole* student – not just academic success and GCSE outcomes, but the wider skills, confidence and character traits that prepare young people for life beyond school.

After a full year of careful planning, we are proud to introduce our very first **Personal Development Week**, which will take place during the week beginning **29th June 2026**.

During this week:

- **Year 10 students** will take part in a full week of work experience, gaining invaluable insight into the world of work.
- **Students in other year groups (Monday–Wednesday)** will choose a *pathway* aligned to their interests. These pathways are designed to take learning beyond the classroom, offering real-world experiences, deeper subject exploration, and opportunities to develop essential skills such as communication, teamwork, resilience and problem-solving.
- **On Thursday and Friday**, all students will participate in a series of life-skills sessions delivered by both Iceni staff and external professionals, focusing on the practical knowledge and personal skills young people need for the future.

We are incredibly excited to be offering this opportunity to our students. We strongly believe that Personal Development Week will be a memorable and meaningful experience that enriches learning, builds confidence, and supports students' personal growth in ways that traditional lessons alone cannot.

Attached to this letter you will find a booklet outlining all available pathways, including any associated costs and the relevant staff contact details should you have any questions.

We kindly ask that you take the time to discuss these options with your child and submit their pathway choices using the following link:

[PD Week Pathway Selection – Fill out form](#)

Pathways must be selected by **16:00 on Friday 20th February**. If a selection is not made by this deadline, your child will be allocated a pathway where spaces remain available.

Some pathways do involve a small cost. We have worked hard to keep these to an absolute minimum; however, if you are experiencing financial difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact us confidentially so we can offer support.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are very much looking forward to delivering this exciting new chapter in our students' development at Iceni Academy.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Morris & Mr Haymes