

April 2016



Uniform Update

Uniform reminder

As we are starting to get a few warmer days we wanted to just issue a reminder about our uniform policy.

Full school uniform, including sweatshirts must be worn in the corridors, assemblies and around the school. They may be taken off in the classrooms if the room is particularly warm but must be put back on before students enter the corridors.

As the weather warms up we will make a decision, probably around half-term, that 'summer rules' for uniform apply and that sweatshirts will not need to be worn. We will then inform staff, students and parents clearly about this.

Thank you for your support on this matter.

The Senior Leadership Team



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Y7/ Y8 and Y9 Examination timetable 2016

All year groups are having summative examinations this year. Below is a breakdown of the timetables for each year group. A revision guide for students is available on our school website. [Click here to view.](#)

Week 1 – Year 9 Exams 23 rd – 27 th May	Time	Examination Dates	Venue
Maths	2hr	Tuesday 1 and 2	Hall and FLC
DT	50mins	Tuesday 3 and 4	Hall and FLC
MFL Written and Reading	2 x 1hr	Wed 3 and 4	Hall and FLC
Week 2 – Year 9 Exams 6 th June - 10 th June	Time	Examination Dates	Venue
Humanities	2 x 1hr	Wed 1 and 2	Hall and FLC
Science	1hr 45 mins	Thursday 1 and 2	Hall and FLC
English	1hr 45 mins	Thursday 3 and 4	Hall and FLC
Art Option Exams*	1hr	Confirm Either Tuesday 3 – 5/Wed 3 - 5	FLC
Drama Option Exams	4 hr prep 3 perfor- mance 1hr written	Tuesday 1 – 4 (prep) Wed 3 – 5 (perf) Thurs 5 (written)	PTVA PTVA FLC
Music Option Exams*	1hr	Confirm Either Tuesday 3 – 5/Wed 3 - 5	FLC
French Listening Exams	1hr	During this week in lessons	Class- rooms
Week 3 – Year 9 Exams 13th June - 17 th June	Time	Examination Dates	Venue
Computing	45 mins	In lessons	ICT class
French Speaking Exams	10mins per student	TBC	TBC

*FLC = (Flexible Learning Centre)

Science Enrichment Day

Year 8 Ash students engineered towers from spaghetti and marshmallows to try to hold a cream egg without breaking. They also shot time lapse videos of the process.

[Click here to watch one of the videos.](#)



Reporting Schedule for Summer Term

Year 9 reports

Published to parents week beginning 11th July.

Year 9 report is an exit report. It will contain FFT D GCSE number, teacher pathway, summative assessment pathway with exam percentage and final reading age.

Year 8 reports

Published to parents week beginning 16th May.

Year 8 report is a full report, including tutor comment. It includes Teacher pathway, target progress statement and a progress indicator along with usual Attitude to Learning and Homework grades.

Year 8 Exam Results

This information will be published to parents separate from the report.

Year 7 reports

Published to parents Friday 8th July.

Year 7 report is an interim report. No tutor comment. It includes Teacher pathway, summative assessment pathway and progress indicator.

For info: The reports for 7 and 8 will contain information to parents about the change of pathway colours. Parents need to understand that the GCSE number predications remain the same (e.g a child predicted a 5 is still predicted a 5 – just the colour has changed from yellow to green) as below. More details to follow on your child's report.

From next year 2016/17, pathways will be as follows:

Attainment colour	Attainment descriptor	Heading for a GCSE grade of...*
	Highest	9,8,7
	Exceeding	6
	Secure	5
	Growing	4,3
	Foundation	2,1

ICT/Moodle Update.

Since late November last year Moodle users may have been experiencing issues. After a lengthy investigation with our Moodle partners, Webanywhere, we have established the root cause of the issue, in short an update was created to add new functionality for all Moodle users and not long after it's installation did the issues appear. We've asked Webanywhere to write to us to explain cause and effect of the problems and in the letter they said;

"Webanywhere apologies for any inconvenience caused to your school, pupils and parents during this period."

Working with Webanywhere, we have put in place some safeguards to mitigate against the cause of our issues in future.

We would like to thank all parents/guardians for their patience during the past 4/5 months and hope that they will continue to contact us via email moodleparents@ivanhoe.co.uk with any issues/problems they are having with Moodle.

Year 8 & 9 Ski Trip



Passo Tonale Ski Trip - A Trip That Noone Will Forget - by Ciaran Keenan

There I was in Italy, sun shining, zooming down a mountain. I couldn't believe it!

Personally, this trip was one of the best holidays I have ever had. It was exhilarating, amazing and hilarious; not many things could have improved it. One thing that I think everyone enjoyed was, there never was a dull moment. It was always busy and kept you on your toes. The skiing lessons themselves were absolutely fantastic. The group instructors were funny, but helpful and the slopes that we had access to were a blast.

The fun didn't end after the skiing though; the evening entertainment was just as fun. One event that I loved was bowling due to the fact that you were with friends and it was a major laugh.

All of the teachers were a big help too, they were phenomenal. If there was ever a problem, which was very rare, they'd help and they were incredibly funny too. I'm very sure that this will be a treasured memory for everybody who went on the trip as it was simply a magical experience.

[See what trip coordinator Ms Hull had to say about the trip by clicking here.](#)

[Click here to see a slideshow of photographs](#)



ENRICHMENT DAY UPDATE

Year 7 Superhero Design Work

As part of April Enrichment Day Year 7 students worked with their design tutors on a range of projects based around the theme superheroes. This included creating mask, 3d characters and comic strips and cakes.



Year 9 Dreadlock Alien - Performance Poetry Workshop



As part of the April Enrichment Day, Year 9 students worked with performance poet Richard Grant, Better known as the Dreadlock Alien.

Students looked at hard hitting issues such as 'the war on terror', teen suicide, mental health and sexual discrimination to produce their own performance poetry on these topics in groups. The students showed real maturity and respect for the topics, as well as working really well in their groups to put on performances for their peers.

[We hope you will enjoy watching some videos of the performances by clicking here.](#)

Year 8 Play in a Day



As part of Enrichment Day in April, Year 8 Elm students worked with an outside production company called Splats, to put together as 'Play in a Day'. This time round it was Treasure Island.

In such a short amount of time it was amazing to see the performance the students put together, which also included making props.

[Click here to watch the performance and see more pictures](#)

PGL Trip 2016



Another year, another fantastic year 7 PGL trip. I think the only weather we missed out on was a thunder storm; as we woke up to snow, climbed up the trapeze in hail, went tunnel trailing in the gusting wind and completed the zip wire in the sunshine. I must say though, no weather, come rain or shine could stop the 97 students or 9 staff members that attended the trip. There was fantastic determination and effort from all, with lots of laughs and giggles along the way. A truly brilliant weekend making great new memories.

Ms Howick



National Schools' Handwriting Competition

We are pleased to announce that one of our Year 8 pupils, Jack Roe, has been awarded 3rd place in his age category in the National Schools' Handwriting Competition, run by the Cambridge University Press.

The competition is a great opportunity for all students of all abilities, who submit a poem set by the judges, in

their best handwriting.

Keep an eye on our website in the next week, when we will publish more details about Jack's entry and his prize.



The National School Photography Awards

For the second year running we are delighted that one of our students has made it through to the finals of the National School Photography awards. Year 8 student submitted this photo entitled 'First Steps' to the category 'Aspirations'.

Let's hope she can repeat the success of last year's winner, Amber Badger. Judging takes place at the end of April.



Musical Instrument Appeal

Do you have any unused musical instruments at home just gathering dust?

Then please consider donating them to the Ivanhoe music department.

All instruments welcome from trumpets to guitars to bongos.

Please send, with your child, to Mr Cubitt, Head of Music.



BROWNDOG
Helping people with cancer



We are very proud to be supporting the efforts of two members of our support staff, Mrs Wildgoose and Mrs Moreland who will be undertaking an overnight 20mile moonwalk across Exmoor on 3rd June.

Mrs Wildgoose said, "Browndog is such a wonderful local charity that raises money for local people and hospitals to

support them in the fight against all cancers. They are currently raising money for the Leicester Royal to install an early detection machine for womb cancer."

cancerbrowndog.co.uk/



If you would like to donate to this cause please click the link here, or send any money to the school reception.

[Click to donate](#)

Year 9 Dance

Weds 13th July

Time: Arrival from 6.30pm to start at 7pm - leave 9.30pm

Location: Ivanhoe Main Hall

Ticket Price: £7.50 or 200 House Points

Tickets will be available from the 27th May on Wise pay and the 6th of June in school.

Tickets purchase with house points must be purchased at break only from reprographics on the following days:

TUESDAY - FIRE

WEDNESDAY - EARTH

THURSDAY - AIR

FRIDAY - WATER

Tickets paid in cash can be purchased from student support at break only.

Additional Information

- Ticket Price will include some snacks on the evening
- Tickets purchased with house points include a free drink
- Drinks and light food will be available to purchase at a very reasonable cost
- A professional photographer will be at the dance. Each 8'x6' print will be priced at £5 which is payable on the night. Photo's will be delivered to school before the end of term.
- A reminder that no time off is allowed for Beauty appointments. Any medical appointments that day will need to be verified with proof of appointment at main reception.
- Tickets will be issued to students on the day of the dance.

SPORTS RESULTS

Date	Sport	Year Group	Opposition	Result
Monday 14th March	Boys Rugby	9	Hastings	Won 25-19
Wednesday 16th March	Netball	7,8,9	Castle Donnington	N/A
Thursday 17th March	Girls Rugby	7,8,9	Mixed	(7/8) = 2nd Place, (9) = 5th Place
Thursday 17th March	Girls Football	8/9	Newbridge	Lost 7-0
	Boys Rugby	7		Won 20-14
Tuesday 22nd March	Girls Football	7, 8/9	South Charnwood	(7) Lost 6-0, (8/9) Drew 1-1
	Boys Rugby	8,9		(8) Lost (9) Won
Tuesday 22nd March	Boys Rugby	7	Mixed	-
Wednesday 23rd March	Swimming	KS3	Mixed	6th Place
	Indoor Rowing	9		8th Place
	Indoor Athletics	7		Boys = 3rd Place, Girls = 9th Place
Wednesday 13th April	Boys Rugby	9	Brookvale	4th Place
Friday 15th April	Boys Rugby	8	Lancaster School	5th Place
Wednesday 20th April	Girls Rugby	7/8	Market Harborough RFC	7th Place
Wednesday 20th April	Boys Rugby	8	Thomas Estley	Runners Up
		9	Soar Valley	Joint Winners



SPORTS FIXTURES

Date	Sport	Year Group	Home/ Away	Venue/ Opposition
Tuesday 3rd May	Boys Cricket	9	A	Newbridge/Bardon CC
Tuesday 10th May	Boys Cricket	9	A	Brookvale
Wednesday 11th May	Boys Cricket	7	H	Ibstock
Thursday 12th May	Boys Softball	KS3	H	Mixed
Tuesday 17th May	Boys Cricket	9	H	South Charnwood
Tuesday 24th May	Boys Cricket	9	H	Bosworth Academy
Wednesday 25th May	Mixed Tennis	7, 8	A	Ashby Tennis Club/ Mixed
Thursday 26th May	Boys Cricket	7	A	South Charnwood

Rugby Update

Well done to the Yr 8 rugby team who participated in the ES Orton tournament at Lancaster School last Friday. Their performances showed much to be proud of as did their attitude and behaviour off the pitch. The team won 2 games and lost 2 games finishing 5th out of 8. Well done to all involved

Year 8 & 9 Cup Finals (Rugby)

Well done to the year 8 and 9 rugby players who took part in finals night last night. Year 8 lost to a very very strong Thomas Estley team and the pleasing thing was that every player kept working hard and didn't give up.

Year 9 had a 12 all draw against Soar Valley with the team performing brilliantly to come back twice to get the draw and looking the stronger team throughout. Well done to everyone involved.



Tamworth BMX Club

Well done to Year 7 students Izzi Byrd and Tyler Wheatcroft on their achievements with the Tamworth BMX Club. In 2015 they qualified for the British Championships.

This year they are hoping to qualify again for the Nationals and also the World Championships in America.

Leicestershire Schools Golf Tournament

Seb Cave and Owen Tweed competed in the Leicestershire Schools Golf tournament on Wednesday 20th April.

Seb was awarded best Nett for the Boys and has now been entered as part of team of 4 into the Midlands championship.



Beauty & the Beast

Following the spectacular performances of Beauty and the Beast on Weds 27th and Thursday 28th April, videos of the performances and lots of photos will be available on the school website from the first week in May.



Thank you to all the students and staff who took part and to those who came to support the musical.

Latest
News
and
Events



Don't forget to follow the Ivanhoe College Twitter page, as well as visit our new website for up to date news and events from the school throughout the month.

www.ivanhoe.co.uk

<https://twitter.com/>

Events Calendar

Event	Date
May Day Bank Holiday	2nd May
Year 8 Summative Assessment Begin	3rd May
Enrichment Day	5th May
Year 8 Survival Skills Trip	13th-16th May
Year 9 Summative Assessments	23rd May
Break up for half term	27th May
Return to School	6th June