

Headteacher's Bulletin

Friday 25th September 2026

OPEN EVENING SUCCESS

Our Open Evening on Thursday 24th was a tremendous success and provided a fantastic opportunity to showcase to prospective families what an amazing school we are and the wide range of opportunities available to our students.

A special mention must go to our Student Leaders, who were outstanding throughout the evening. They represented the school exceptionally well, demonstrating confidence, professionalism, and pride in all that we do. Click the 'READ MORE' button for more information and pictures!



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SUMMER READING CHALLENGE WINNER

Over the summer, the English department invited all students - including the Year 6s about to join - to participate in a Summer Reading Challenge. The Challenge was to read at least six books over the summer holiday. It was great to see so many students getting involved: house points were awarded and there was a prize drawer for completed challenges. The winner was one of our Year 7s, Ruby Langton! Ruby told us that she is a big fan of anime books. We are fortunate to have a school library that has anime books, short reads, non-fiction, e-books, audio books as well as a great range of fiction books. We encourage our students to use the library and to enjoy reading!



MUSICAL TALENT

We are very proud of one of our year 7 students, Sophia Page, who competed in a piano competition last weekend and came away with two certificates.

Sophia performed three duets in the competition: one piece with her teacher and two pieces with her friend. All of the pieces she performed were from different countries, including Farewell from Zimbabwe.



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IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

You must let us know if your child will be absent by 8:30am, on each day of absence. Call school and leave a message at 01530 412756 or report it through Arbor.

Holidays & Term Dates - please always check our [website](#) for Term Dates, Holidays, Disaggregated Days and Early Finish dates as they may differ from other schools in Leicestershire. If a pupil arrives after 9:05am and there is no acceptable reason for the lateness, they will be marked with a U code. This is an unauthorised absence and applies to the entire morning session.

Medical Appointments - wherever possible please can medical appointments be made outside of school hours. Where this is not possible, we ask that time out of school is kept to a minimum please, with students attending for at least part of the day, especially in the case of dental appointments.

BECOME A PARENT GOVERNOR

In our school, we have provision for three Parent Governors and there is one vacancy. No special qualifications are needed, and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the Governing Body's work. You could help guide the strategic direction of Ivanhoe School and make a real difference to our children, their education and our school community.

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ASHBY YOUTH THEATRE

The Ashby Youth Theatre has a new musical theatre group for young people. This is an opportunity to build confidence, make new friends and be part of exciting shows, workshops and more!



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DUKE OF EDINBURGH INFORMATION EVENING - YEARS 9 AND 10

Wednesday 7th October 6-7pm

This session is for students and parents who wish to find out more about the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Ivanhoe. How it works, how much it costs, what level of commitment is required. The Bronze Award is for Year 9 students. The Silver Award is for Year 10 students who have completed (or have almost completed) their Bronze. In rare circumstances, we can allow for 'Direct Entrance' to the silver award in Year 10, but this involves a much larger time commitment than if you have your Bronze to begin with. Please complete the super short Microsoft form below. (if you have already completed the form Mrs Lane's email, don't complete it again).

[Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Parent/Student Information Evening – Fill in form](#)

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THIS WEEK'S ASSEMBLY - READING

This week, Mr Bonsell delivered an inspiring assembly highlighting the importance of reading and the many benefits it can bring. Students learnt that reading regularly, even for a short amount of time each day, can have a positive impact on their education, health, wellbeing and future opportunities.

At Ivanhoe, we are proud to offer a range of opportunities to encourage a love of reading. Students can join one of our book clubs, explore the wide selection of books available in the library, or access our eBook library to discover their next great read. We encourage all students to make reading a regular part of their daily routine.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

Please find the extra-curricular clubs that we are currently offering below.

Monday Lunch	Monday Afterschool
• KS3 Basketball – Mr Noble* • Music Tech Club • GCSE Design and Technology NEA catch up session – Mrs Barlow	• Dance Club 3:05-4:30 – Miss Goddard • Rock Band (invite only) 3:05-4:05 • Year 7 Football 3:05-4:05 – Mr Ripley* • KS4 Football 3:05-4:05 – Mr Green* • GCSE Design and Technology NEA catch up session 3:05-4:15 – Mrs Barlow
Tuesday Lunch	Tuesday Afterschool
• Keyboard Club • KS3 Badminton – Mr BC*	• Basketball (all years) 3:05-4:05 – Mr Green*
Wednesday Lunch	Wednesday Afterschool
• Music Room booking (book by Tuesday) • KS4 Volleyball – Mr Noble*	• Drama Club 3:05-4:00 – Miss Goddard and Mrs Birks • Year 9 Art Club 3:05-4:00 • Dodgeball (all years) 3:05-4:05 – Mr Green* • Girls Football 3:05-4:05 – Mr BC* • Year 9 Sports Leaders (Invite only) 3:05-4:05 – Miss Jones*
Thursday Lunch	Thursday Afterschool
• Music Room booking (book by Tuesday) • Table Tennis (all years) – Mr BC*	• Year 8 and 9 Boys Football 3:05-4:05 – Mr Noble* • Year 7 and KS4 Girls Netball 3:05-4:05 – Mrs Lane* • Year 8 and 9 Netball 3:05-4:05 – Mrs Brennan* • Year 10 Sports Leaders 3:05-4:05 (invite only – SSP)*
Friday Lunch	Friday Afterschool
• DJ Club • Year 7 and 8 Art Club • Board Games Club (H5) – Mrs Turner/Mr Dennett	

*All sports clubs:

- Are free! No sign up, just turn up.
- Please organise a safe way to get home.
- The timetable will change each half term to include different sports

Please bring your PE kit if it isn't your PE day.

PSHRE AND ASSEMBLY FOCUS

Use the link below to discover more information on next week's PSHRE topics.

Our Assemblies next week will be focusing on Trips for Years 7, 8 & 9 and

Success Unlocked for Years 10 & 11.

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WHAT'S COMING UP

Monday 28 th September	Year 11 Sports Studies Trip
Wednesday 7 th October	Year 9 & 10 Duke of Edinburgh Information Evening
Thursday 8 th October	Year 7 Settling in Evening
Thursday 8 th October	Year 11 Mock Interviews
Friday 9 th October	Year 11 Mock Interviews

Mrs Steere – Headteacher