

# Headteacher's Bulletin

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

*As we reach the end of a fantastic first half term, I want to take the opportunity to thank our whole school community for the support, encouragement and positivity that makes Ivanhoe such a special place to learn and work.*

*A particular thank you goes to the many parents and carers who have taken the time to contact us to share positive feedback or thank members of staff. Those messages mean a great deal. Our staff are deeply committed to supporting our learners every day and it is always appreciated when that dedication is recognised. Thank you for helping us celebrate the people who make such a difference to young lives.*

*It has been an incredibly busy and successful half term, with learners representing the school with pride both locally and internationally. Our Valencia trip provided a wonderful opportunity for learners to develop independence, confidence and cultural understanding, creating memories that will last a lifetime.*

*We have also enjoyed tremendous sporting success. Across three football and netball tournaments, our teams achieved an impressive record of consistently finishing in third place against strong competition. A special congratulations goes to our Year 11 Girls' Netball team, who were crowned tournament champions. Equally pleasing was the praise they received from coaches at Loughborough Lightning for their outstanding sportsmanship, demonstrating the respect, determination and care that we value so highly at Ivanhoe.*

*Our learners have also embraced opportunities beyond the classroom through the CNAT Outdoor Activities Trip and the two GCSE Geography field trips. These experiences help bring learning to life and develop resilience, teamwork and subject knowledge in meaningful ways.*

*I would also like to recognise our Sports Leaders, who have been exceptional ambassadors for the school. Through leading activities for local primary children, they have demonstrated leadership and commitment to serving our wider community and to congratulate the school's new Student Leadership Team who are taking on the responsibility of being the voice of the learners at school- I look forward to working with them.*

*This half term has also seen a number of highly successful events for families. Thank you to everyone who attended our Open Evening, Year 11 Parents' Evening, Year 7 Settling In Evening, Year 10 Success Unlocked Evening and, most recently, our Year 9 GCSE Kick Start Event. The attendance and engagement at these events has been superb and reflects the strong partnership that exists between home and school. Together, we can provide the very best support for our young people as they progress through their education.*

*Finally, I would like to thank our learners and staff. Our learners have represented the school with enthusiasm, maturity and ambition, while our staff have worked tirelessly to provide a rich range of opportunities both in and beyond the classroom.*

*Thank you for your continued support. I wish all our families a restful and enjoyable half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting and successful term.*

**Jen Steere**  
Headteacher

## LIFE MAT VALENCIA 2026: LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

This year, 41 students from Ibstock School, Ivanhoe School and Bosworth Academy came together for the LiFE MAT Valencia 2026 Trip, enjoying an unforgettable week of learning, culture and friendship.

Students had the opportunity to practise their Spanish in real-life situations while shopping, ordering food and exploring the vibrant city of Valencia.



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## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

18 of our form groups earned a non uniform day this Friday for achieving an average of 95% or more for their attendance this half term. Well done to all of our students who are showing up and positively contributing to their forms average!



## FESTIVE WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

Ibstock School are hosting a wreath making workshop on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7pm. Tickets are £40 and the cash needs to be brought into their school office by 6<sup>th</sup> November. A glass of fizz and festive treats are included but please bring along some gardening secateurs! All proceeds directly support the School Enrichment Fund providing activities, guest workshops, playground upgrades and special events for students.

Anyone is welcome, there are 40 spaces available.



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## THIS WEEK'S ASSEMBLY - YEAR GROUP REWARDS

Congratulations to all the students and forms who received awards this week. Your dedication, effort and positive attitude towards school are paying off, and we are proud to celebrate your achievements.

| FEWEST<br>CONSEQUENCES                                                            | BEST<br>ATTENDANCE                                                                | MOST HOUSE<br>POINTS                                                                |
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## EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

Please find the extra-curricular clubs that we are offering **after half term** below.

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| <b>Monday Lunch</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basketball (all years) – Mr Noble*</li> <li>Music Tech Club</li> <li>GCSE Design and Technology NEA catch up session – Mrs Barlow</li> </ul> | <b>Monday Afterschool</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dance Club 3:05-4:30 – Miss Goddard</li> <li>Rock Band (invite only) 3:05-4:05</li> <li>Year 7 Football 3:05-4:05 – Mr Ripley*</li> <li>Girls Football &amp; KS4 Football 3:05-4:05 – Mr BC*</li> <li>GCSE Design and Technology NEA catch up session 3:05-4:15 – Mrs Barlow</li> <li>Dungeon and Dragon's Club 3:05-4:00 – Mrs Wilkinson</li> </ul> |
| <b>Tuesday Lunch</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keyboard Club</li> <li>KS3 Badminton – Mr BC*</li> </ul>                                                                                    | <b>Tuesday Afterschool</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Wednesday Lunch</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Music Room booking (book by Tuesday)</li> <li>KS4 Volleyball – Mr Noble*</li> </ul>                                                       | <b>Wednesday Afterschool</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drama Club 3:05-4:00 – Miss Goddard and Mrs Birks</li> <li>Year 9 Art Club 3:05-4:00</li> <li>Year 9 Sports Leaders (Invite only) 3:05-4:05 – Miss Jones*</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Thursday Lunch</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Music Room booking (book by Tuesday)</li> <li>Table Tennis (all years) – Mr BC*</li> </ul>                                                 | <b>Thursday Afterschool</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 8 and 9 Boys Football 3:05-4:05 – Mr Noble*</li> <li>Year 7 and KS4 Girls Netball 3:05-4:05 – Mrs Lane*</li> <li>Year 8 and 9 Netball 3:05-4:05 – Mrs Brennan*</li> <li>Year 10 Sports Leaders 3:05-4:05 (invite only – SSP)*</li> </ul>                                                                                                      |
| <b>Friday Lunch</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DJ Club</li> <li>Year 7 and 8 Art Club</li> <li>Board Games Club (H5) – Mrs Turner/Mr Dennett</li> </ul>                                     | <b>Friday Afterschool</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

\*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 the PSHRE topics for after half term.

Our Assemblies focus for the first week after half term is Anti-Bullying Week

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## WHAT'S COMING UP

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| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October          | Half Term              |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October                                    | Back to School         |
| Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November | Year 11 Trial Exams    |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> October                                  | Year 7 Halloween Disco |

**Mrs Steere – Headteacher**