IVANHOE SCHOOL

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Headteacher's Bulletin

Friday 6th November 2026

THIS WEEK'S ASSEMBLY - REMEBRANCE DAY

This week, Mrs Wild delivered our Remembrance Day assembly, with the theme this year focusing on community and the connections Ashby has to the First World War. While we remember all the lives that were lost, Mrs Wild spoke specifically about the life of Lieutenant Colonel Philip Eric Bent, as well as the nine men from The Callis and Holywell Terrace, including two sets of brothers, aged between 23 and 33, who all lost their lives.

Over 100 years later, the Ashby community continues to come together through acts of remembrance, including church services, the parade and the laying of wreaths. This Sunday, staff members and our Head Students will represent Ivanhoe at the parade and take part in the wreath-laying ceremony.

OUR REMEMBRANCE DISPLAY

Look out for our Remembrance Display in Reception, where you can the names and photographs of family members of our staff and students who have served, or are currently serving in the Armed Forces.



FOOD NEWS

To mark Black History Month, our year 10s have made an array of dishes inspired by different countries such as Jamaica, the Caribbean, Africa, and India.

In year 9, students have made Bonfire-inspired gingerbread cakes to mark Bonfire night this week.





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REMINDERS FROM THE CAREERS TEAM

Year 11s: Your college and sixth form application deadline is **Tuesday 1st December.** We are currently working our way through the students who have yet to have a careers appointment. If you have not yet been seen and would like an urgent appointment, please let us know.

Year 10s: Your deadline to complete and submit your 'Self Placement Form' on **Unifrog** is **Monday 11th January**.

DIWALI 2026

Today marks the beginning of Diwali, the Festival of Lights, celebrated by millions of people around the world. This special festival symbolises the victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and hope over despair. We would like to extend our warmest wishes to all members of our school community celebrating Diwali and hope that this joyous occasion brings happiness, peace and prosperity to your and your families. Happy Diwali!



YEAR 7 PARENT/CARER COFFEE MORNING - AOT SUPPORT

We would like to invite our Year 7 parents and carers to an AOT Coffee Morning with Ashley Harrison from Autism Outreach.

This will take place on Monday 9th November from 9-11 am.

Any Year 7 parent/carer is welcome! The morning will be an opportunity to have a coffee and a chat about any challenges your child may be experiencing as they settle in to year 7. The team will be able to share practical strategies and ideas around transition anxiety, homework and routine etc.

Any questions, feel free to contact a.samuel@ivanhoe.co.uk



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ATTENDANCE SHOUT OUT!

Celebrating our weekly attendance achievements.

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FULL FIVE: 683 students entered into the £10 prize draw for this week, the winner will be announced on Monday.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

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

Monday Lunch	Monday Afterschool
• Basketball (all years) – 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* • Girls Football & KS4 Football 3:05-4:05 – Mr BC* • GCSE Design and Technology NEA catch up session 3:05-4:15 – Mrs Barlow • Dungeons and Dragons Club 3:05-4:00 – Mrs Wilkinson
Tuesday Lunch	**Tuesday Afterschool**
• Keyboard Club • KS3 Badminton – Mr BC*	
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 • 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 the PSHRE topics for next week.
Our Assemblies focus for next week is World Kindness Day and Children in Need.

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WHAT'S COMING UP

Monday 9th November	Year 7 AOT Support Parent/Carer Coffee Morning
Wednesday 11th November	DofE Awards Evening 2026
Thursday 12th November	2pm Early Finish
Monday 16th November	Odd Socks Day
Thursday 19th November	Year 8 Parents Evening
Friday 20th November	Children in Need
Friday 20th November	Yr 11 Trial Exams Results Envelope Opening

Mrs Steere – Headteacher