IVANHOE SCHOOL

Thriving together

Headteacher's Bulletin

Thursday 26th November 2026

REMINDER - SCHOOL CLOSED

Please be reminded that tomorrow, Friday 27th November, is a disaggregated day, and therefore the school will be closed to students.

SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

As we approach the Christmas period, we are supporting a number of charities that provide help and support to families and individuals across our local area.

We would like to remind you that donations for Toys on the Table will be collected on **Tuesday 1st December**.

Our Food Bank Appeal collection date has also been extended, with donations now being collected on **Tuesday 1st December**.

We are also supporting Open Hands and are asking each form group to contribute one shoebox or box of items to help those in need this Christmas. Open Hands is specifically requesting Christmas treats and bags for life to help distribute the donations. The deadline for this appeal is **Friday 4th December**.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our annual Ivanhoe Christmas Concert will take place on **Wednesday 9th December, 7-8pm**. Tickets are free, but to help us plan for audience members, please complete the attendance form by 10am on the day of the concert.

The evening will feature performances from the Rock Band, Dance Club, Choir, and a range of small groups and soloists. Voluntary donations will be welcomed on the night as we work towards our £500 target for a new digital piano.



COMPLETE ATTENDANCE FORM HERE

YEAR 8 MEDICAL MAVERICKS

This week, our Year 8 students took part in an engaging and interactive careers workshop delivered by Medical Mavericks. The session gave students a unique insight into the healthcare sector through a range of hands-on activities, including taking each other's blood pressure, recording ECGs, trying keyhole surgery, and using a real needle to draw "blood" from a model arm.



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THIS WEEK'S ASSEMBLY - STEAM SHOW

This week's assembly introduced our upcoming STEAM Show, which will take place on Thursday 25th February 2027. The assembly explored the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) and highlighted the exciting opportunities the event will offer. We also heard from James, a Year 9 student who entered the last two STEAM Shows with automated models of a hand and a face, who discussed his experiences of taking part in the event. We look forward to seeing the projects our students create and present.



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) • School Choir – Mrs Hall • 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)* • Hockey Club (all years) 3:05-4:05 – Mr BC*
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 Success Unlocked and Revision.

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WHAT'S COMING UP

Friday 27th November	Disaggregated Day – School closed
Monday 30th Nov – Friday 4th Dec	Year 9 Mid-Year Assessments (classroom-based)
Tuesday 1st December	Toys on the Table collection day (have donations in by then)
Thursday 3rd December	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Friday 4th December	Year 10 Fezziwig Party
Friday 4th December	Year 10 & 11 DJ Sappo Masterclass

Mrs Steere – Headteacher