

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

# BULLETIN

## Dear Parents and Carers,

We're well and truly in the swing of the school year now with most students confident with their timetable, and the routines for the new year. We're pleased to see so many students starting to take part in our extra-curricular clubs both after school and at lunch times. Thank you to those of you who took the time to complete our bus survey, we are now reviewing the responses to see how we can proceed.

## Open Evening

Next week we will be opening our school to prospective students in Year 7 and Year 10 for our annual Open Evening, we are really proud to be able to showcase everything the school has to offer.

If your child is in Year 9, please come along to hear more about our extensive option choices, and find out how supportive and enriching staying at Ivanhoe can be for your child. There is no need to apply for a place if your child is currently a student here in Year 9. Year 9 parents should have received a letter with regard to next steps today, please contact [headspa@ivanhoe.co.uk](mailto:headspa@ivanhoe.co.uk) if you have not been contacted or visit our website [Planning for next year and Year 10 Admissions | Ivanhoe School](#)



Some students will also be approached to be student ambassadors and subject helpers for the evening. Please ensure you complete the permission slip if your child is taking part so we know they can get home safely after the event.

## New website Launch



As part of our ongoing development of the Ivanhoe School brand, we are very pleased to have launched our new look website.

[Welcome to Ivanhoe School | Ivanhoe School](#)

Now incorporating a new area for KS4 as well as new easier to use menus, and a more responsive look on mobile devices. We hope that you will continue to find our website helpful and informative.

Please bear with us as we iron out any little gremlins that may arise following the transfer. Thank you to our web

provider Peter Bourne for his support on the project, it is always a pleasure for us to work with local businesses.

## Citizens UK – Community Organising

We continue our partnership with Citizens UK as we strive to give our Young People a strong voice in the world.



Our Stephen Lawrence ambassadors continue to work with other schools and organisations to tackle Racial Injustice within Education, and our local focus group will be working in the North West Leicestershire area to help identify and establish more activities for young people in the area.

**Citizens UK General Election Manifesto Launch on 20<sup>th</sup> September:** This is an event in school where we show our support for the 7 manifesto items on the agenda as we approach the next election. These are the 7 areas where Citizens UK and students at Ivanhoe intend to **hold all parties to account** in order to bring about real change in schools and our communities:

The manifesto agenda – the big 7:

1. Climate Justice
2. Mental Health - in schools and beyond
3. Racial Justice
4. Migrant Justice
5. Housing and homelessness
6. Living Wage
7. Democracy and Devolution

Here at Ivanhoe, we intend to do a series of assemblies over the week raising awareness of the issues. I am sure that our students will be more than happy to call politicians to account under these 7 key headings. Young people's voices can be very powerful. Go Ivanhoe!

## Forest School

Last Friday we offered students the opportunity to pick some fresh fruit from our Forest School area.

Students went home with bags full of apples and plums - some lucky students also got to take some of our spring onions, kale, broccoli, raspberries and strawberries home too.



## Year 7 Design



Students in Year 7 have already made a great start in their practical lessons. Here some Year 7 students get to grips with the soldering iron in Product Design with Mrs Watson.





## Celebrating Diversity

Last week we shared details of how students were looking at East and South Asian Heritage Month. Students have been looking further into individual countries in their form groups. Here form (7)WAR have been learning about Asian countries, specifically Japan. Their form tutor Mr Rose brought in a number of items to share with the group about the culture of the country including a in a paper lantern (Chōchin), traditional costume (Jinbei) and a fan (Sensu). The group produced a poster exploring topics such as languages, sports, famous buildings and people, food and festivals.



## SPARX Maths Reminder

An email has been sent with reminders and support regarding SPARX Maths homework, this includes a help sheet for logging in.

This link will take you to a short video explaining how SPARX work and the benefits: [Parents \(sparx.co.uk\)](https://www.sparx.co.uk/parents)

The Maths Dept has agreed to streamline the day in which SPARX homework will be set, as of today homework will be **set on a Friday** and **due the following Friday**, we hope this can support all students and parents alike and remove any confusion that may have existed last year.

## Music Lessons

Calling all Musicians and students who would like to start Instrumental Music Lessons at Ivanhoe School We offer lessons a wide range of instruments including Trumpet, Trombone, Horn, Violin, Viola, Drums, Piano, Flute, Saxophone, Singing, Guitar and more....

For more information and teachers contact details please go to Moodle – Music – General – Instrumental Lessons. Alternatively, please email Mr Cubitt on [c.cubitt@ivanhoe.co.uk](mailto:c.cubitt@ivanhoe.co.uk)

Lessons are taught throughout the school day and prices vary dependant on instrument, so please contact the teacher for information on prices and timetables.

We have concerts and performances throughout the year to allow students to show off their skills, so even if you attend music lessons out of school please consider joining our choir and orchestra to share your talents with the school, or one of our other diverse and friendly creative arts clubs.

IVANHOE SCHOOL EXTRA CURRICULAR CREATIVE ARTS CLUBS	
MONDAY LUNCH CLUBS	
Early Lunch- Steinberg Music Tech Club	
Early Lunch Week B Singing group 12.40-1.05	
Late lunch Week A Singing Group 1.40-2.05	
MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS	
Rock Band (Invite only 3.05-4pm)	
Ceramics Club (D1)	
Art Club (C2 Y10 and 11)	
Drama Club (PTVA)	
The Band (Paid Sessions 4-5pm and 5-6pm)	
TUESDAY LUNCH CLUBS	
Early Lunch Week B - DJ Club	
Late Lunch - Singing Group 1.40-2.05	
Late Lunch Week A - DJ Club	
THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL	
Ivanhoe Orchestra 3.05-4.15 (MR2)	

## Relief Catering Assistant

We are looking for a Relief “as & when” Catering Assistant who can help us cover in our School Kitchen during busy periods and for any unexpected staff absence. The duties could include: preparing food; preparing the service points for break/lunch; serving the children; clearing the halls after the lunchtime period; sweeping/mopping the floors; washing up; bringing trays/supplies between the service points and the kitchen.

Previous catering experience and a food hygiene certificate is desirable, but not essential, as full training will be given.



Visits to the school are warmly welcomed. Please contact us to arrange a visit. Application forms and Job Descriptions can be downloaded from our website. Please contact [headspa@ivanhoe.co.uk](mailto:headspa@ivanhoe.co.uk) if you require any further information about the school or the role, or if you would like an application pack posting to you.

## Opportunities for Conversations

**Each week we'll let you know some of the topics being discussed in school so you can share conversations about them with your child.**

### PSHRE

Please find below information about next week's topics for PSHRE. If you have any queries regarding these, please contact our subject leader Claire Gee on [c.gee@ivanhoe.co.uk](mailto:c.gee@ivanhoe.co.uk).

The curriculum resources for these all lessons are available on Moodle.



Year 7 – Tradition Belief and Facts
Year 8 – The Five Pillars of Islam
Year 9 – Hindu Holy Texts
Year 10 - Suffering and Religious Beliefs
Year 11 – Careers Education

## Assembly Focus:

We run a mix of House and Year Group Assemblies throughout the year. Next week's assemblies will be in houses and about:



Recycle Week and community action

## What's coming up...

Weds 20th September 5-7pm	Open evening for Yr7 and 10 Autumn 2024 starters
Sat 23rd September	Ashby School Campus Tours for students interested in joining the sixth form in 2024
Tues 3rd October	Current Year 7 Settling in Parents Evening 3.20-5.20
Sat 7th October	Ashby School Campus Tours for students interested in joining the sixth form in 2024
Weds 11th October	Year 9 Face to Face Parents Evening
Friday 13th October	End of Half Term

**That's all for this week.**

**Mrs Allford**