



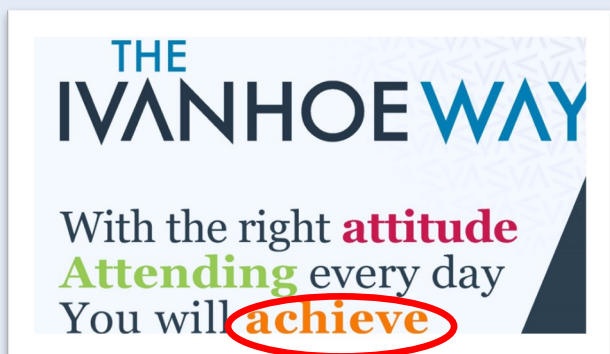
Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to our Year 8,9 and 10 and for the very first time Year 11 parents. Also a very warm welcome to our new Year 7 parents. It always makes me feel proud to see the students coming back through the gates at the beginning of term. It is a time for fresh faces, fresh uniforms and fresh starts.

I am pleased to say that our Year 7s have settled in even quicker than normal, thanks to so many of you taking up the extra transition activities last year. The students seem confident with staff and around the school and are already building firm friendships. Well done Year 7!

Most weeks I will send you a bulletin that contains a mix of updates from the Senior Leadership Team, information from departments and a round up of things that have happened during the week. We would also encourage you to follow us on social media, for further updates, links and pictures.

As we continue our development to an 11-16 school, we are now focussed on the '5 year journey'. With most of



our students now being part of the school for the full 5 years covering all of their KS3 and KS4 education, it is more important than ever for us to be working together and nurturing the supportive and collaborative relationships between staff, parents and students.

We have made a small changes to our Ivanhoe Way this year to acknowledge our move to 11-16. We have changed "succeed" to "achieve". We still remain very

focussed on the education of the whole child', but our aim as educators should always be for students to achieve the best they can, and we will support them to do this.

As part of the LPPA Award (Leading Parent Partnership) which we achieved at the end of last year, and in response to your feedback we will be looking at new ways to involve parents and carers in the life of the school, and to take part in joint learning activities with your child, such as the first aid training we ran last year. We are excited at this new initiative for Ivanhoe.

We are just finalising our school clubs and sports practices and these will be released as soon as possible. Please encourage your child to try something, even if it is something brand new to them.

Please look out for a survey, early next week, regarding possible transportation for after school clubs

Please see below for further updates



Arbor – Our Communication App

We know some parents have had a few difficulties logging into our Parent Portal/ Arbor App. Every parent has an account set up for you.



To finish creating your account you just need to set a password. Your username is the email address you have given to school. Go to <https://login.arbor.sc> and click 'Forgot your password?' to finish setting up your account.

We have put together a help page with more information for you [HERE](#). If you have any queries or difficulties logging in please contact arborhelp@ivanhoe.co.uk - please do not reply to this email directly.

The Arbor App can be downloaded from either the Play Store on android phones or the Apple Store on iPhones. Please note you will not be able to log into the app until you have followed the instructions above to set up your account.

School Meals

As you know, this year we have made the decision to move to a slightly shorter lunch time, this brings us in line with many schools in the area. As part of the introduction we have allowed Year 7s to come out of lessons a little earlier for lunch to allow them to get used to the lunch routines.



Slight delays in serving this week has been caused by a proportion of parents not adding money to their child's wisepay account, which created additional admin jobs for our catering staff to record the meals each child had. However going forward we are confident this issue will be resolved.

As per our communication last year, please note that a meal deal now costs £3 ([click here for further information](#)), so please ensure that your child has adequate funds on their account. Please also talk to your child about their daily limits for spending, as some students are spending at break and not leaving adequate funds for what they want to buy at lunch, again causing delays. If your child is entitled to free school meals, they will receive a £3 daily limit, which can be spent at break or lunchtime. This is reset every day.

[You can find further details about our school meals, including pricing by clicking here.](#)

Assessment

All students will be having some initial tests over the first few weeks. Reading, spelling tests and CATs (Cognitive Ability Tests) primarily. These are nothing to be worried about: they provide a baseline for us to diagnose strengths and areas to develop. If you have any queries about assessment, please contact M.konig@ivanhoe.co.uk

Uniform



We have been impressed with the standard of uniform so far, let's keep it up through the year! If you are still struggling and in need of some extra uniform, please email Mrs Boussida e.boussida@ivanhoe.co.uk as we do have some spare donated items.

From next week please ensure that your child is wearing P.E. kit on their P.E. days. On other days they must be in full blazer uniform. Incorrect uniform will trigger a message home. Thank you for your support on this matter.

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.



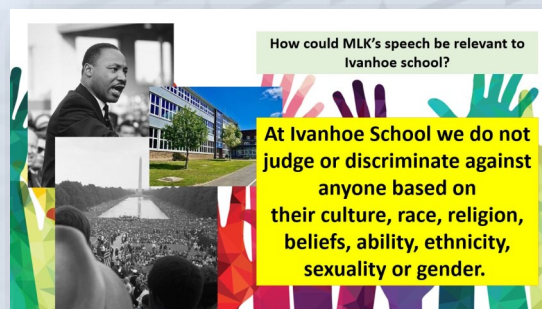
Year 7 -Introduction to World Religions
Year 8 - Introduction to Islam
Year 9 - Introduction to Hinduism
Year 10 -God and the Devil
Year 11 - Careers Education

Diversity Calendar

Each week Ivanhoe School will celebrate or acknowledge events that are personal to the Ivanhoe community such as hobbies, religions, cultures, school subjects/topics and ethnicity. The calendar has been developed to demonstrate a visible, educational and supportive role in which Ivanhoe School is committed to respecting and celebrating the diversity in our community. Each event on the calendar was put forward by students, parent/carers or staff members.

This week the focus is on equality and recognises the anniversary (28th August 1963) of the 'I Have a Dream' speech by Martin Luther King Jr. The speech was delivered during the march on Washington before more than 200,000 people in front of the Lincoln Memorial. Martin Luther King's call for equality and freedom, became one of the defining moments of the civil rights movement and one of the most iconic speeches in history.

During form time students have listened to the speech and discussed how he it could be relevant today and to the Ivanhoe community. [You can watch the speech here.](#)



Upcoming events this term:

Week beginning the 4th September – East and South Asian contributions to the UK

Week beginning 11th September – International Stand up to Bullying Week

Week beginning 18th September – Recycle Week

Week beginning 25th September - Inclusion Week/European Languages Day

Week beginning 2nd October – Start of Black History Month/Dyslexia Awareness Day

Week beginning 9th October - World Mental Health Day

Assembly Focus

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

House Assemblies—Students will be introduced to their House Leader

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

That's all from Ivanhoe this week. Take care and enjoy the weekend.

Mrs Allford, Headteacher