

Friday 15th December 2023

# BULLETIN

Welcome to  
**IVANHOE**  
SCHOOL  
A journey to excellence  
Please report to reception  
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## Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a very festive week at Ivanhoe. It has been wonderful to see students and staff supporting our Christmas jumper day, enjoying a Christmas dinner and also to hear so many of our students taking part in the annual Christmas Concert.

In other news today, our head students in year 10 and 11 met with the Labour parliamentary candidate for North West Leicestershire - Amanda Hack and gave her a grilling about how the labour party would address the issues which are affecting them.



They asked questions about mental health, the living wage, food banks, racial equity, housing and the environment. Amanda Hack was so impressed with our students' political astuteness that she has promised to return with a Labour shadow cabinet minister so that Ivanhoe Students can continue to hold all politicians to account for what happens in schools and our community.

Here are a few more updates this week:

## Rewards Assemblies – First attention to best conduct.

This week and next week in assemblies, we are running our termly rewards assemblies recognising achievements of form groups and individuals. I also wanted to reward our students for such a fabulous first term, and so I am allowing all students to come in festive non-school uniform on the last day of term. We will be raising money for our Ivanhoe rewards scheme so we are asking for a donation of at least £1.00 to wear festive non uniform on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

Don't forget that on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> school will close at 1pm, changes to buses have been made, but if your child walks home, or gets picked up by a parent, please ensure arrangements are made.



## Year 9 into 10 Ivanhoe Options Evening – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 6.00pm-7.00pm

Please join us next Wednesday if your child in Year 9 has made the choice of staying at Ivanhoe. This is an invite for both parents and Year 9 students, for a short presentation about our KS4 Options choices. There have been some changes made for next year, so information will be different if you have already got a child in Year 10 or 11.

## Students moving to Ashby School next year – reminder of Options Deadline.

If your child has applied for a place in Year 10 at Ashby School, the 'Options Process' is now open. Please visit Ashby School's website for further details. The deadline for completion is 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023. Should you have any questions or require further assistance, please contact [KS4Options@ashbyschool.org.uk](mailto:KS4Options@ashbyschool.org.uk)

<https://www.ashbyschool.org.uk/transition-to-ashby/year-10-options-choices-for-2024-entry>



## Child on Child Abuse

We have put together a guide (attached along with the bulletin) to offer support and guidance for parents about 'Sexting' and what to do if their child is involved. Unfortunately, there is an increase in young people across the country sharing consensual and non- consensual 'youth produced sexual imagery' better known as **nudes**. Social media and peer pressure are normalising these behaviours and children are not understanding the risks they are putting themselves at. The Police also consider this a criminal offense and formal charges may be made.

**A message from me as both a Headteacher and a parent to read the full guide here: [Sexting - Child on Child Abuse | Ivanhoe School](#)** and please monitor your child's online activity at all times.

Don't forget we are here to help. If you suspect your child is engaging in sexting please contact our designated Safeguarding Lead ASAP [e.boussida@ivanhoe.co.uk](mailto:e.boussida@ivanhoe.co.uk) and we will support you and your child.

## Reminder LiFE MAT –Admissions Consultation 2025-26

The LiFE MAT consultation in regards to admissions criteria is open until the end of January. Please take some time to read the proposed changes as some do affect Ivanhoe and other schools in the area. If you have any comments or feedback, please email [admissionsconsultation@lifemultiacademytrust.org.uk](mailto:admissionsconsultation@lifemultiacademytrust.org.uk)



We have included full details on our website which can be accessed here:

<https://www.ivanhoe.co.uk/news/admissions-consultation-2025-2026> The closing date for consultation is Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January.

## Christmas Jumper Day



Thank you to everyone who took part and donated to our Christmas Jumper Day.

The atmosphere in school was lovely and we raised £246.62 for Save the Children.

Well done Ivanhoe! If you forgot to pay on Wisepay on that day, please send in a donation towards Save the Children and we will pass it on

## ‘The Big Ambition’ Young Person Survey

Dame Rachel De Souza, Children’s Commissioner for England is inviting the children of England (and their parents) to take part in a short survey to tell policy makers what is important to them ahead of the next General Election.



It is so important that the voices of our young people are heard, so please encourage them to log on and share their views. [https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/the\\_big\\_ambition/](https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/the_big_ambition/)

## PSHRE and Wider Personal Development

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 for parents on request.

Year 7 – Christianity Introduction
Year 8 – Sikhism and Guru Nanak
Year 9 – What do religious festivals have in common?
Year 10 – The Crusades
Year 11 – Islam, Christianity and the Afterlife?



## Ivanhoe Way – Magic Monday Focus

Throughout the year in form time we look at practical ways that the ‘Ivanhoe Way’ can be applied to help students achieve and be happy learners. Next week we will be focussing on:

***Work Hard and Always Do your Best***

## 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:

***House Celebrations***

## What’s coming up...

<b>Weds 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 9 into 10 Options Evening for those staying at Ivanhoe
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Non-school Uniform Day. Early finish for last day of term – 1pm finish.
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Back to School

That’s all for this week. Have a lovely weekend.

**Mrs Allford**