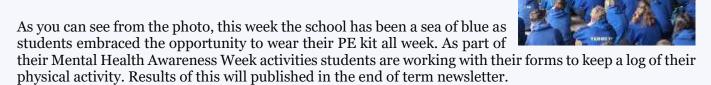
#### **Dear Parents and Carers,**

This week I have been really proud of our Year 10 Student Leaders who have led assemblies all week to inspire their peers in year 8, 9 and 10 to consider putting themselves forward for new leadership posts coming up. It's fantastic to hear their amazing communication skills as they share their leadership experiences and motivate others to get involved. There will be more in next week's end of half term newsletter about the House Leader and Head Student application process and what's involved in the role.



With only one week to go until the end of term may I say a huge well done to everyone who has been involved in our GCSE exams so far. Not only to the exam team and staff, but to the students in all year groups who have really understood the importance of keeping the school calm and quiet in exam areas, this really does make a huge difference.

A few more updates from me this week:

#### School iPad Scheme

Our school iPad scheme has been running successfully for a couple of years and we currently have 500 students in school who have purchased an ipad through the scheme. We recommend that all students have their own ipad where possible to allow them to easily access all of the learning opportunites available to them both during lessons and out of school.

The next buying portal will be open from Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May until Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June, further details will be emailed about how to sign up, so please keep an eye out for that in your inboxes.

In the new school year we will also be moving to a new online homework app via Arbor and again, having the ability to be able to easily access and submit assignments will be of huge benefit.

Other benefits of being part of the school iPad scheme include:

- Our youHQ wellbeing app to target set and monitor wellbeing
- Ensuring equality of access to the internet at school and at home
- Preparing students for working and living in a digital age
- Supporting self-led research and problem-solving
- Building resilience and independence
- Providing new, engaging and innovative ways for students to learn
- Providing a more personalised learning experience, for example, to support students with special educational needs and disabilities





iPads are available on a 2 or 3 year finance package (depending on the student's year group), or available to purchase for a one off fee. Once paid for they remain the property of the student.

This is what's included in a bundle:

#### 10th Gen Bundle:

- iPad 10th Gen 64GB
- Tucano Alluno Case
- iCare Accidental Damage Cover
- Jamf School Perpetual License

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### Yr 11 Updates

#### **Exam Season - Half Term Revision Sessions**

Students will need to make their own way to and from school. A space will be provided to eat lunch if staying all day, but they will need to bring their own food as catering facilities will be closed. Students can attend in non-uniform but clothing does need to be school appropriate.

Students have been sent a sign up link to their email so please encourage them to take a look and put their name down for any sessions they would like to attend.

	Session 1 (10am – 12pm)	Session 2 (12:30pm – 2.30pm)
Monday 27th May		
Tuesday 28th May	GCSE PE (Miss Jones)	English Language Paper 2 (Miss Kiteley/Mrs Longhurst)
Wednesday 29th May		Design Core – Timbers and Textiles (Mrs Cresswell)
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Chemistry (Miss Neeson and Miss Gee)	Food and Nutrition (Mrs Thomas)
Friday 31st May	Geography (Mrs Turner)	

#### Exam Season – After School Revision Sessions

Monday	20th May	Computer science
		French writing
Tuesday	21st May	Physics
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	English Lang
Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Spanish
		History
Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup> June	Geography
Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup> June	English Lang
Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup> June	Biology
Monday	10 <sup>th</sup> June	Chemistry
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup> June	Physics
		Geography
Monday	17 <sup>th</sup> June	Design and technology
Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup> June	Food Nutrition

#### **Hoodies**

We are offering all Year 11 students the opportunity to purchase a 2024 Alumni Hoodie printed with the names of all the students in Year 11. The hoodies are available in a choice of 5 colours and various sizes, as shown below. The grey and light blue hoodies will have navy writing and the black and burgundy hoodies will be printed with white text. Please check measurements carefully as unfortunately you will not be able to try these on.

#### Colours available: Cornflower, Navy smoke, Heather Grey, Candyfloss pink, Steel Grey



The hoodies cost £15 each. Our preferred method of payment is Wisepay but we can still accept payments by cash or cheque (made payable to "Ivanhoe School" with your child's name, form and "hoodie" written on the back). Payment must be made in full using one of these options; we cannot accept part payments from different methods.

Payment and choices should be made via Wisepay, unless you are paying by cash or cheque then you should use the slip on the back of this letter and return it along with your payment to reception. The final day for orders and payment is Friday 24th May.

#### **Prom**



Can all parents ensure that the balance of your prom ticket is paid by  $24^{th}$  May. Thank you for your support.

## **Safeguarding Update for Parents – Moemate**



As you know we like to keep you up to date with new sites and tech developments/issues that could cause harm to our young people. We would like to draw your attention to a site called Moemate. **Moemate** is a website and app where you can create your very own ChatBot. Artificial Intelligence allows the user to craft and customise their

own companion that has a mix of advanced functions, characteristics and image.

The intention is to stimulate human characteristics such as humour, emotional intelligence and personal relationships. This is an AI that can build lifelike engaging relationships providing comfort to the creator and alleviating loneliness. It is an imaginative playground and the possibilities are boundless.

With all this in mind it can be a dangerous tool if not monitored responsibly. Although the site states that it is not intended for the use of anyone under the age of 18 and there is a monthly fee to subscribe, it is easily accessible and you are able to chat with characters that have already been created by others.

Their featured bots have all kinds of dangerous characteristics which could easily draw vulnerable young minds into believing they have a new 'best friend' allowing them to create a virtual world in isolation.



Traits that are advertised in their personas;

- Abusive language
- Emotionally unstable
- Depressive
- Physically Aggressive
- Obsessive behaviour
- Sexual language

- Coercive
- Controlling
- Sexualised Image
- Self-Harm
- Suicidal thoughts / intentions
- Adult Fetishes

In short anything you want them to be.

#### Keeping your child safe online.

We need to protect our young minds and support them in healthy growth enabling them to learn and be creative in a safe environment whilst using the latest technology.

Using parental controls and privacy settings on the devices in your home and actively monitoring your child's screen time will support them in learning how to use technology safely and responsibly.

#### Here are some of the things you can do at home;

- Plan what time of day your child can go on line and how long for
- Talk to your child about what is and isn't appropriate.
- Create content filters to block any apps/sites that may contain inappropriate content

The NSPCC has a vast library of advice for parents. You can use the following links to get further information;

#### **Online Safety Top Tips**

<u>cso\_toptips\_jan2022.pdf (nspcc.org.uk)</u>
<u>Use Parental Controls to Keep Your Child Safe | NSPCC</u>
<u>Teaching Your Child about Internet & Online Safety | NSPCC</u>

## **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 <a href="mailto:c.gee@ivanhoe.co.uk">c.gee@ivanhoe.co.uk</a>. The curriculum resources for these all lessons are available for parents on request.

Year 7 – Catch Up Week/Revision		
Year 8 – Catch Up Week/ Revision		
Year 9 – Careers Lesson 6		
Year 10 – Careers Lesson 4		
Year 11 – Revision and Exam Prep		





### 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 focusing on:

"be responsible for managing your time"

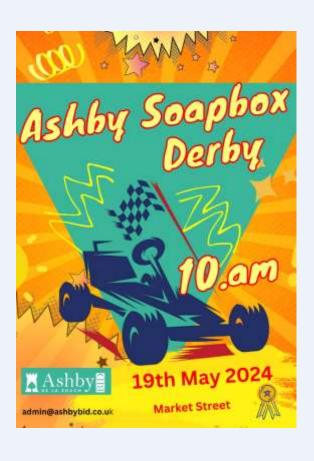
## What's coming up...

Tuesday 21st May	Yr. 7 Online Parents Evening
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	End of Term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Back to School

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

**Mrs Allford** 

## **Community News**





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