Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very cold week in Ashby with temperatures set to turn colder over the coming weeks, a quick reminder again, **please ensure that your child has a suitable winter coat** as breaktimes will still be outside unless it's raining.

In the event of snow, where it is safe to do so, we will always endeavour to keep school open. However, in the event of a snow closure we will send a text message to parents and put a banner on our school website. As with previous closures there will be some work emailed to students to complete at home. Students will also be encouraged to revise previous topics or for upcoming tests.

You may have noticed that we have had an increase in events for students and parents, such as our GCSE evenings and parent forums and our upcoming quiz night. In the next few weeks we will be hosting another parent forum to get feedback on homework, in particular homework apps for parents and students, and a student and parents wellbeing event. Keep an eye out for the dates.

It is really important for us to build relationships with our students and their families as research shows that strong and trusted relationships between schools and parents have a positive impact on student outcomes.



I ask a favour that you take a couple of minutes to complete our Spring Survey to let us know your thoughts on the school, so that we know what areas you think are working well, and what areas you think we can improve on. You will know from previous surveys that we do listen to parent feedback and make changes if needed.

Please follow the link to complete your anonymous survey.

https://forms.gle/BPTW5TFBio3KQ6RW9

Deadline is Monday 29th

January.

A few more notices from me this week.

Support and Wellbeing - Website Resource



We know that young people face lots of challenges as they grow up: academic, emotional, personal and we offer a range of support in school via our Care and Guidance, SEND and Year Group Teams.

We have also spent some time updating our website, for parents and students, with a huge range of trusted organisations that can help support young people, or just give them practical advice with how to deal with personal challenges.



Life Multi Academy Trust





There are some downloadable guides for general wellbeing and dealing with things like exam stress or anxiety. You will also find videos on managing emotions such as anger and sadness.

The page also includes a link for parents or students wanting to self-refer to the Leicestershire Teen Health 1:1 sessions.

Please make sure you take the time to explore the page. Support and Wellbeing | Ivanhoe School

There will be a parent/student wellbeing event coming soon.

Family Quiz Night – Wednesday 24th January 2024



Tickets for our Quiz night are now on sale on Wisepay.

The winning team will receive a cash prize of half of all the entry fees up to a maximum of £100!!!

Stand up Sit Down Bingo and Call me Maybe Games £1 per go. Refreshments: snacks 50p, drinks 60p

There will also be a prize for Best Team Name, so get your thinking hats on!!

We hope you can join us for this fun event.

Vaccinations - Tuesday 23rd January 2024

Year 8 – HPV / Y9 – Teenage Boosters & Meningitis ACWY

If you have not yet completed consent for your child's vaccination the deadline is Monday 22nd January 2024.

To complete the online consent form for your child's vaccination please visit: **www.leicsandrutlandimms.co.uk**

Select the appropriate vaccination for your child's Year Group and enter the school code: LE138350



You will receive confirmation when the form is submitted.

You can find out more information on our website: HPV Vaccinations | Ivanhoe School

Get in to Teaching Event- This Weekend.

Join the LiFE MAT Initial Teacher Training Team for an information event for those interested in becoming a teacher and joining the training course for Autumn 2024.



The event will take place 10am-12pm on Saturday 20th January in the Ivanhoe Coffee Lounge. No need to book a place.



Supporting Students with SEND

Have you had a look at our SEND Padlet? Our virtual platform offers access to valuable resources, updates, and information related to SEN. It's a handy hub for parents to stay informed about how staff support students in school, find links to external agencies and helpful tips for supporting your child at home. We believe in the power of collaboration, and the Padlet is a fantastic tool for us to connect, share insights, and work together to ensure the best possible educational experience for your child. Your active engagement on the Padlet is greatly appreciated as we navigate this journey together.

Ivanhoe School SEND Parent Padlet

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

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 27th January.

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. The curriculum resources for these all lessons are available for parents on request.

Year 7 – Midyear Review	
Year 8 – Midyear Review	
Year 9 – Midyear Review	
Year 10 – Midyear Review	
Year 11 – Midyear Review	



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:

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:

Holocaust Memorial

What's coming up...

Saturday 20th January	Get into Teaching Event
Wednesday 24th January	Family Quiz Night Tickets on sale on WisePay
Tuesday 23 rd January	Year 9 Vaccinations
Tues 30th Jan-Thurs 1st Feb	Y8/9 Man City Trip
Wednesday 7 th February	Year 8 Face to Face Parents Evenings
Sat 10 th – Weds 14 th February	KS4 Belgium Trip
Wednesday 14th February	Year 8 Online Parents Evening
Weds 14 th -Fri 16 th February	Year 9 Whitby Trip
Friday 16 th February	Break up for Half Term
Monday 26th February	Back to School

Community News



For more information visit https://b-buddies.com/

There will also be monthly Cycle Hubs taking place, including at Ashby
Leisure Centre and Lido First Tuesday of every month from 3-6pm
Pop along for FREE bike checks, minor repairs, cycling advice and much more.





Ashby School Musical – We Will Rock You.

Ticket available from school reception during school hours. Please ensure correct change.

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

Mrs Allford