

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

# BULLETIN

## Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a fantastic week at Ivanhoe, and more visitors than we've seen in a long time.

## Challenge Partners

For 3 days early in the week we were lucky to welcome 6 colleagues from The Challenge Partners Network. This group brings together school leaders from across the country to share innovative practices and help schools assess their strengths and weaknesses. It is very important for education practitioners to be collaborative to ensure great practice doesn't become trapped in select schools. By working together and combining wisdom it is shown to have a positive effect on student progress, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds. The group looked at all areas across the school, from teaching and learning, student wellbeing, behaviour and more. Feedback was very positive and we have got some clear plans moving forward too.



## Immunisations

We were very impressed with our student's behaviour and maturity when we hosted 6 nurses to administer the latest vaccinations to our Year 8s and 9s. This was our largest ever number of students being done at the same time. The team fed back that Ivanhoe is one of their favourite schools to visit because they are always assured a large % of consent from parents and students, great organisation of the day by Mrs Gray and excellent behaviour on the day, so well done all involved.

## Citizens UK

We were pleased to be able to step in last minute to help out Ashby School by hosting the latest Citizens UK event. With over 70 delegates from schools and other organisations, it was no easy task to arrange, but it was a



hugely inspiring meeting generating lots of new ideas of how we can support change in our community.



Our next step is to work with our students and those in The National Forest Hub alongside local organisations to develop more opportunities for young people.

## Keeping Safe when walking to and from school

Local residents have raised concerns that students walking to and from school, accessing North Street from Wood Street, are not using the footpath and are choosing to walk on the road, which is extremely narrow and very busy and is also the only access to the Haulage Company.

I went to see for myself yesterday to see how many students use this route to come and go from school and those that do were encouraged to use the footpath for their own safety. As these were not just Ivanhoe Students, I have also passed on the concerns to Ashby School.

Could we ask you to please remind your child about how they can keep safe whilst walking to and from school, such as;

- Keep to the footpaths
- Use pedestrian and zebra crossings wherever possible
- Do not look at your mobile phone while crossing the road
- Don't talk to strangers

Our children's safety and wellbeing is a priority and by supporting each other we can ensure they can grow and learn in a safe environment.

## A visit from the Royal Navy



Today some Year 10 and 11 Food and Nutrition students were visited by two Royal Navy chefs who gave a careers presentation to our students about their roles as well as other roles within the Royal Navy. They talked about their experiences and the entry requirements for joining, inviting our students to ask questions about this career sector.



There was a fabulous buzz in the room as students worked within teams to compete in a MasterChef style competition. They made chicken Kiev served with fondant potatoes and a dessert of sticky toffee pudding. Lots of practical skills were developed and recalled. The competition was then judged by the Royal Navy chefs. A fantastic morning of hands on learning! Well done all!



## Quiz Night



I had a brilliant night at The Quiz night this week. It was great to see so many families and staff in attendance. Our librarian Mrs Wilkinson had written a wonderful quiz that had something for all ages, and our Year 11 Quiz Master Rhys did a great job of hosting. Thank you to all of the staff and young people that helped pull together this event. A big shout out too to the quiz winners who generously donated their prize money back into the student reward fund. We raised a fantastic £208.67

We're looking forward to running another fun night later in the year.



## Ivanhoe Survey

If you haven't yet had a chance to complete Spring Survey to let us know your thoughts on the school, the deadline is **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January**.

As you will know from previous surveys we do listen to parent and student feedback and make changes if needed.

Please follow the link to complete your anonymous survey.

<https://forms.gle/BPTW5TFBio3KQ6RW9>



## Wellbeing and Mental Health Family Event: Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Feb

Keep an eye on your emails next week to let sign up for this event. It is open to all year groups and siblings are also welcome as long as parents supervise.

We look forward to seeing lots of you on what we hope will be a fun and informative event.

## Year 11 Prom -Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June

Venue: Sir John Moore Foundation

Our student committee have been working with staff to finalise the arrangements of the Year 11 prom, which will commemorate and celebrate this special year group who are the first to complete 5 years at Ivanhoe.

An email will be coming shortly about paying a deposit to secure a ticket. Please respond asap so that we can ensure enough ticket sales to secure the venue.

A poster for the 'IVANHOE SCHOOL WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH EVENT'. The poster features the school's logo at the top, which includes a stylized 'I' and 'S' with a heart inside. Below the logo, the text reads 'WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH EVENT' in large, bold letters, followed by 'For students and their families'. The date and time are 'Mon 5th Feb 5-7pm'. The poster also includes a list of activities: 'Grab your comfy clothes and join us for this practical and informative event.', 'Join us for discussions on general wellbeing and for the launch of our new well-being section of the website.', 'Pick and mix from our hands on practical sessions to support wellbeing including yoga, bubble journaling, art and more...', and 'Our Care and Guidance team will also be on hand to help signpost you to specific support for concerns or issues your child may have.' At the bottom, it states 'This event is aimed at all, not just those currently suffering with mental health issues.' There are two small images on the right side of the poster: one showing a collage of drawings and another showing a person doing a yoga pose.



The ticket price will cover the venue hire, decorations, food, entertainment and a photo booth with unlimited prints.

If you have any queries please email Mrs Cresswell at [e.cresswell@ivanhoe.co.uk](mailto:e.cresswell@ivanhoe.co.uk)

## 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 – What is the Trinity?
Year 8 – Sikhism and the Golden Triangle
Year 9 – Ganesh Charthuti and Hinduism
Year 10 – Religious Leaders and Conflict
Year 11 – What is Reincarnation?



## 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:

***Be respectful to staff & others***

## 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:

***Being a good learner***

## What’s coming up...

<b>Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Jan-Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Feb</b>	Y8/9 Man City Trip
<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 5-7pm</b>	Family Wellbeing and Mental Health Event
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Year 8 Face to Face Parents Evenings
<b>Sat 10<sup>th</sup> – Weds 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	KS4 Belgium Trip
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Year 8 Online Parents Evening
<b>Weds 14<sup>th</sup>-Fri 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Year 9 Whitby Trip
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Break up for Half Term
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Back to School
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Year 9 Plas Gwynnant Trip

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

**Mrs Allford**



## Community News

### HEALTH AND WELLBEING ROADSHOW

**Free event**

Friday 23 February  
12pm - 4pm

Whitwick and Coalville  
Leisure Centre  
Stephenson Way LE67 3FE

Scan the QR code to find activities and support offers near you

services.thejoyapp.com

- Suitable for all ages
- Free children's activities
- Taster sessions
- Free health screening
- Free advice from Adult and Children's services

For more information, contact Katie Hayes or Michael Lidwell:  
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### THE SCIENCE OF MALE MENTAL HEALTH

**FREE WEBINAR:**  
Thursday 29th February 2024  
7pm - 8:30pm

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**THE WEBINAR WILL COVER:**

- What science says about male mental health
- Warning signs to be aware of
- Steps men can take to improve their well-being

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Thamesborough Road, Coalville LE67 3TN

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Brooksbury, Mutton Road, LE19 3LJ

**Self Harm & Suicide Prevention Awareness**  
Friday 2nd & Friday 9th February 2024

**Children & Young People's Mental Health**  
Friday 16th February & Friday 1st March 2024

**Behaviour that Challenges**  
Thursday 1st & Tuesday 15th February 2024

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