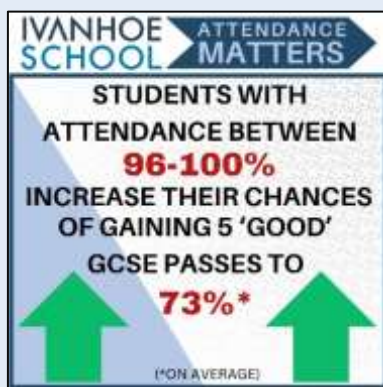


Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

# BULLETIN

## Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been having to remind our students about the importance of attendance, as sadly our attendance percentages have seen a decline over this year.



We know excellent school attendance is a bedrock to achieving success for students, which is why it is at the heart of the Ivanhoe Way.

Over the years there has been lots of research into how poor attendance can affect GCSE outcomes, and thus life chances.

On average if a child has between 96-100% attendance their chance of achieving 5 'good' GCSE passes is

around 73%. This is the very minimum we would want for our students to help them make those next steps to success.

So whilst we accept that genuine illnesses cannot be avoided, we ask all parents to encourage your child to follow the 'Ivanhoe Way' and 'attend everyday'.

If your child is having regular difficulties with wanting to come into school, for whatever reason, we have an excellent pastoral team that can offer support to students and work with parents.

Please get in touch with your child's form tutor in the first instance.

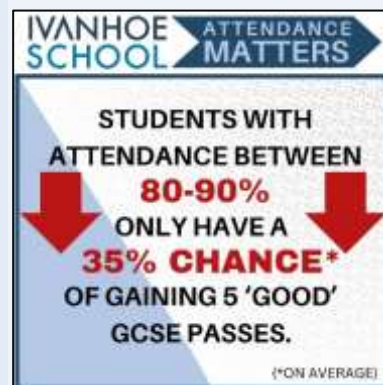
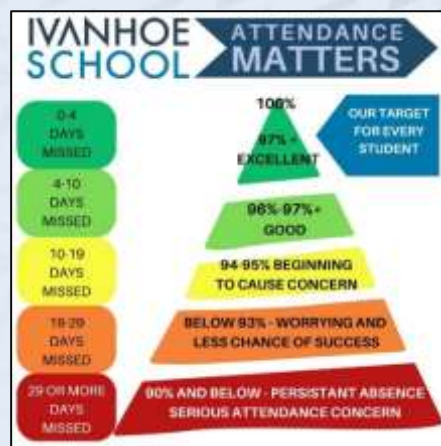
We remind parents that as a school we must report all unauthorised absences to Leicestershire County Council and they do issue fines, particularly for holidays during the school term. (Ivanhoe School does not receive any of the money from fines)

We have asked students to work in their form groups to work together and support each other in creating an attendance pledge. Remember we can't educate an empty chair.

A few more updates from me this week:



**Bank Holiday Monday – School is closed to staff and students on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May**



## Exam Season

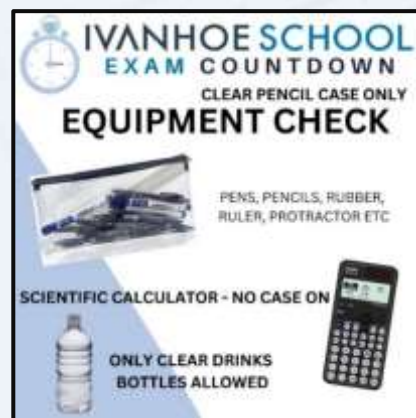
Our GCSE exams have now started, with MFL Languages and Art already have taken place. The first written exam for Year 11 is next Friday.

Please familiarise yourselves with your child's exam timetable and the equipment that they need. [KS4 Exams and Revision | Ivanhoe School](#)  
If an issue arises that may see your child miss or be late for an exam you MUST let the school know ASAP.

## Tips to Helping Your Child Revise KS3 & 4

There are a number of things you can do to help your child through revision, whether for GCSE's, Yr 10 trial exams or tests in KS3.

1. Encourage your child to make a revision timetable – and stick to it.
2. Make sure your child has a quiet space to work, with no distractions.
3. Help to find the method of learning and retaining information that works best for them. It could be reading and making notes, using flash cards or Post-it notes, looking at video clips, playing back recordings of their own voice, mind mapping or perhaps a mixture of these.
4. Check the exam specifications. All exam boards publish these, along with practice papers and mark schemes too.
5. Search out revision apps and online resources – such as BBC Bitesize – to clarify areas your child feels less confident about. Teenagers sometimes concentrate on their best subjects and leave their weaker ones till the end but it is a good idea to tackle weak areas early on.
6. Be around as much as possible. You don't have to be at their side 24/7 but children like parents taking an interest in their revision (but not taking over).
7. Keep the kitchen cupboard stocked with delicious food. When the going gets tough children really appreciate a cup of tea, a plate of biscuits or their favourite meal.
8. Encourage them to break revision into manageable chunks and to take regular breaks in between revision sessions. It's far more effective to do 30 minutes of successful revision – rather than plough on for hours on end and not get anywhere. This is backed up by research by academics at the University of Sheffield who found that learning is more effective when spread out over stretches of time.
9. Exercise, fresh air, healthy food and lots of sleep are crucial.
10. Most important of all, help your child to keep everything in perspective. Remind them that the better they prepare and the more confident they feel in their subject knowledge the less stressed they will feel when the exams start. But by the end of June the exams will be over and it will nearly be the start of the long summer holidays.



## 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 – Sleep Hygiene
Year 8 – What is Extremism?
Year 9 – Careers Education Lesson 4
Year 10 – Careers Education 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 focussing on:

***Read Every Day***

## What’s coming up...

<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Bank Holiday – School Closed
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Yr 7 Face to Face Parents Evening
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Yr 7 Online Parents Evening
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	End of Term
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Back to School

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

**Mrs Allford**



## Community News

### Ashby Arts Festival 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> May

Events being hosted at Ivanhoe. Please visit [www.ashbyartsfestival.co.uk](http://www.ashbyartsfestival.co.uk) to find out more or book onto course shown with a B. Please note some are free, and some are paid activities.



**Pop Up Arts Centre**

AT: Ivanhoe School, North Street, Ashby

**11th & 12th May 2024**

### SAT 11TH

Arts & Crafts Fair	Arty Pants	B
Photography Exhibition	Confident Communities	B
Pride Crafts	Red Riding Hood Show	B
Rootbeetjam (Drumming)	An Evening of Music	B





### SUN 12TH

Arts & Crafts Fair	Jak's Art Workshop	B
Photography Exhibition	The Sid Bowfin Show	
Pride Crafts	Guitar Workshop	B
Confident Communities B	Red Riding Hood Show	B

[www.ashbyartsfestival.co.uk](http://www.ashbyartsfestival.co.uk)

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Please see our website