

Friday 8th December 2023

# BULLETIN

## Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been absolutely overwhelmed with the support from our students and staff and not forgetting the Ashby Community for the support for our Christmas Appeal.

The spectacular amount of toys and gifts donated will make a huge difference to the lives of young people in Leicestershire. The charity appeal was suggested by a member of support staff, Mrs Deacon, who has been a long-term supporter of Toys on the Table. She realised that there was no local collection point in this area and volunteered Ivanhoe for that role. Our student ambassadors did a great job of spreading the word to local businesses as they set out on foot round town to deliver leaflets.



It was fantastic to see one of our local football teams, Marlborough Rovers donating gifts instead of doing their annual Secret Santa. One of our Year 10 students, Thalia, has even been spending her pocket money on gifts and has asked for gifts to donate on her own Christmas list this year. A big shout out to our receptionist Mrs Murray and Mrs Pearson-Tickle for helping manage the donations as they've flooded into reception. I don't think there is a bigger demonstration of how all of our students embrace the 'be kind' element of our Ivanhoe Way than this.



Here are a few more updates this week:

## LiFE MAT –Admissions Consultation 2025-26

I have emailed all parents directly this week about a consultation from the LiFE MAT in regards to changes to admissions criteria for all of its schools. 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 – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December



I have been persuaded by our Head Students that we should be supporting Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day this year. Originally it wasn't on the plan as we were supporting other local charities but we were keen to get into the festive spirit. We are aware that some students may not have a jumper so we have widened the opportunity to include Christmas jumpers, or Christmas accessories, for a £1 (or more) donation to Save the Children. Jumpers and other accessories like Santa hats should be worn alongside the school uniform (it is not a non-school uniform day), but students wearing a Christmas jumper may leave their blazers at home if they wish. **If possible, please make your donation on Wisepay, or alternatively bring in cash to form tutors.**

Ivanhoe School is part of the  
LiFE Multi Academy Trust



## STEAM Show Launch



We had over 70 students turn up to our first launch meeting for this year's STEAM show. We know it is going to be bigger and better than ever. Rolls Royce will continue to sponsor the event, but the show has also been adopted by Amazon for support too. So, if your child is considering taking part, please encourage them, staff are also on hand to offer additional help to any students that need it.



## Christmas Events:

### Christmas Card Competition – 4<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> December

Could your child design the official Ivanhoe Christmas Card? Students can collect and return an entry form in our school library. Or you could download one to print at home here. All completed entries will receive a small festive treat.



### Christmas Concert -Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 7-9pm



Tickets are now on sale on Wisepay. Tickets include refreshments. There will also be a raffle on the night, please bring cash.

All money raised will go towards improving our music department.

## Active Together launch Physical Activity & Sport Hardship Fund for Young People

Active Together is looking to support young people from Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland, in the greatest financial need, to access physical activity and sport. The Young People Physical Activity & Sport Hardship Fund is aimed at helping young people overcome financial constraints affecting their continued involvement in physical activity and sport as a participant, official, coach, volunteer or talented sportsperson.

In order to apply, young people must live in Leicestershire, Leicester or Rutland and should be aged 21 years or under on 31 March 2024, or up to the age of 25 for young people with special educational needs and disability (SEND). Priority will be given to:



- Applications from young people from low socio-economic backgrounds, ethnically diverse communities and those with a disability or long-term health condition.
- A young person's financial need, including (but not limited to) household income, free school meal eligibility, nature and cost of the sport or activity.
- Young people who have not received funding from other organisations.

Round 1 will close on Sunday 21st January 2024. Click here for more info [Young People Physical Activity & Sport Hardship Fund](#) | [Active Together \(active-together.org\)](#)



## Labour Councillor Meeting



I will be meeting Labour Councillor Amanda Hack next Friday with a small group of students to discuss the Labour pledges for education. It will be a fantastic opportunity for our students to practice their oracy skills and show their political astuteness. We intend to be holding leaders from all political parties to account for putting education as a top priority in their election manifestos. Watch this space for further information for how parents can get involved in ensuring that we change the education landscape to meet the needs of our students. One of our key questions will be about how political parties plan to address the mental health crisis our young people face.

If any parents have any questions, they would like the students to ask on their behalf, please email my PA at [headspa@ivanhoe.co.uk](mailto:headspa@ivanhoe.co.uk)

## Flu Vaccinations

### Do you still wish to get your child vaccinated against flu?

We are able to offer the nasal flu vaccine and the injectable flu vaccine through our community pharmacy partners and our community clinics. Submit a consent form to receive details for next steps.

Visit: [www.leicsandrutlandimms.co.uk](http://www.leicsandrutlandimms.co.uk)

Select Seasonal Flu.

You will need to enter a school code.

For Ivanhoe School the code is LE138350



The form will be reviewed, and further information will be sent to you.

If you already completed a consent form and your child missed the vaccination on the day, you may have already received an alternative offer. Please make sure to check your Junk emails.

## Private Music Lessons

We still have 2/3 spaces for piano lessons with tutor Steph Carmichael, plus spaces for singing lessons. If you are interested, please email Mr Cubitt [c.cubitt@ivanhoe.co.uk](mailto:c.cubitt@ivanhoe.co.uk)

## Year 10 Students 2024-2025 –Options Evening

If your child has applied for a place in Year 10 at Ashby School, the 'Options Process' is now open. Please visit Ashby Schools 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>

If your child is staying with us, our options evening is taking place on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**, with the online form opening shortly after the Christmas 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 on Moodle.

Year 7 – Managing Emotions
Year 8 – What is Hate Crime?
Year 9 – Family Relationships
Year 10 – What is gender stereotyping?
Year 11 – What is privilege?



## 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 on time for school and lessons.***

## 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:

***Year Group Celebrations***

## What's coming up...

Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner Day (Tickets only event)
<b>Weds 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Family Quiz Night (tickets on sale wise pay)</b> <b>Postponed-until after Christmas</b>
<b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Turkey Christmas Rolls on sale in the meal cab
<b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Concert (tickets on sale wise pay)
<b>Weds 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 9 into 10 Options Evening
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	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**