Dear Parents and Carers,

The school year appears to be moving so quickly, who can believe that there is only one week till half term!

Thank you to all parents who have been continuing to support and check that their children are ready to learn – in the correct uniform, on time and with all their equipment. A plea to the small minority who are not supporting our raised standards. Uniform in compulsory and sanctions will be imposed if your child is not following our policy.

As we head towards Easter, we are looking forward to some very exciting events - with our STEAM Show, our school musical Matilda and all the essential curriculum learning as we head into exam season so it is important that students strive to have the best attendance possible. We know that high attendance equals student success, which is why it is central to the Ivanhoe Way. If you need any support with your child's attendance, please do get in touch with our Family Liaison Officer, Fiona Pennington who can offer you support.

A few more updates below:

Reporting Student Absence

We have a number of parents not following our reporting absence procedures, which is causing delays in ensuring our registers are completed correctly. If you child will be absent from school the procedure is as follows:

Any absence should be reported to the Attendance Officer at school by 8.35am

- You can either email studentabsence@ivanhoe.co.uk
- Leave a message on the school voicemail or
- Send a message via the Arbor App.
- Any daily student absence, for which no message has been received, will trigger a text alert to inform you of your child's non-attendance.
- Please do not use the school office email.
- Please do not use the MyED App this is no longer used by school.
- Please download the Arbor App which is our school communication app.

Thank you for you support on this matter.

Safer Internet Day

This week students have had assemblies about internet safety to coincide with Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 6th. We have a particular focus about Online Safety as part of our Life MAT 'It's Not OK!' Campaign for the Spring term.

As a school we have always been passionate about equipping our students with the skills for staying safe online. We teach our students how to behave positively online and help students understand the effects of negative behaviours such as cyber bullying. Sadly, we also have to support students who have been affected by things they have seen or been targeted for online.





The UK Safer Internet Centre says: 'As a parent or carer you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online. You don't need to be an expert on the internet to help keep your child safe online but it is really important to chat with your children on an ongoing basis about staying safe online.'

On our website you will find lots of information about keeping your child safe.



This latest guide for parents of Secondary Students from CEOP contains helpful tips and advice of how to talk with your child about appropriate internet use. INFO SHEET CLICK HERE

Year 7 & 8 Pastoral Re-structure

We have a dedicated student support team for each year group in school who work in partnership with staff, students, parents, carers and outside agencies.

The team are highly experienced and can offer a range of strategies to remove barriers to learning and ensure that students are successful both in the classroom and in life.

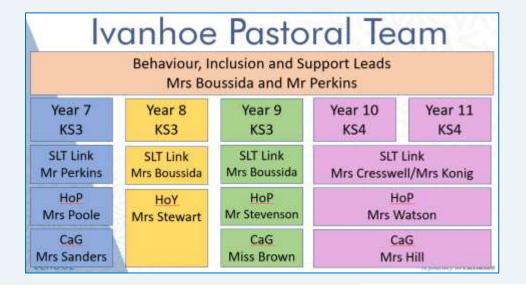
We have recently re-structured our Year 7 and 8 pastoral team with the main changes being:

- Mrs Stewart has been appointed as the Non-Teaching Head of Year in Year 8
- Mrs Poole has moved from Head of Progress in Year 8 into Year 7 to work with our Year 7 Care and Guidance Student Manager, Mrs Sanders.

We communicated these changes to Year 7 and 8 form tutors this morning and held assemblies for Year 7 and 8 students. Mrs Poole spoke to all the students she has worked with particularly closely yesterday in addition to emailing their parents and carers. Finally, you as parents and carers are receiving this information in this afternoon's Headteacher bulletin.

If you do have any questions, please email Mrs Boussida e.boussida@ivanhoe.co.uk.

Here is the overview of the Pastoral Structure for the remainder of this academic year:



Wellbeing Evening



Thank you to everyone who came along to our Wellbeing evening on Monday. A mixture of staff, students and parents enjoyed a range of activities to support their mental health and wellbeing. The picture here is of a candlelight yoga session run by Mrs Thompson. She is a qualified instructor and we are lucky to have her expertise at Ivanhoe.

It was a fantastic event, and the feedback was wonderful. A huge thank you to our staff who volunteered time to run the event. See our newsletter next week for more information.

Careers News - National Apprenticeship Week

An apprenticeship is a paid job where the employee learns and gains valuable experience.

Alongside the on-the-job training, apprentices spend at least 20% of their working hours completing classroom-based learning with a college, university or training provider which leads to a nationally registered qualification at a range of levels up to degree equivalency.



We encourage our students to explore whether an apprenticeship may be the best direct and cost-effective route into their chosen employment as part of their Careers Education. You may be surprised how many industries are now choosing to employ and train people via the apprenticeship route.

Did you know you can also search for apprenticeship online via a government data base? Why not have a look with your child (or for yourself) what apprenticeship opportunities are available in our area: Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Year 11 Prom



Please pay your deposits by Friday 16th February so that we can ensure we will sell enough tickets to afford the venue.

Many thanks for your support.

Sweet Ban

We are aware a number of students are bringing in sweets to eat or trade. As of Monday 12th February, any student caught with any sweets will have them confiscated and not returned

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 – The Ten Commandments
Year 8 – Sikhism in Britain
Year 9 – Lent and Ash Wednesday
Year 10 – Religion and Conflict
Year 11 – What is the soul?



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 resilient and accept help

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:

Resilience & Ivanhoe Superstars

What's coming up...

Sat 10 th – Weds 14 th February	KS4 Belgium Trip
Wednesday 14th February	Year 8 Online Parents Evening
Weds 14th-Fri 16th February	Year 9 Whitby Trip
Friday 16th February	Break up for Half Term
Monday 26th February	Back to School
Tuesday 27 th Feb – Fri 1 st March	Year 9 Plas Gwynant Trip

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

Mrs Allford

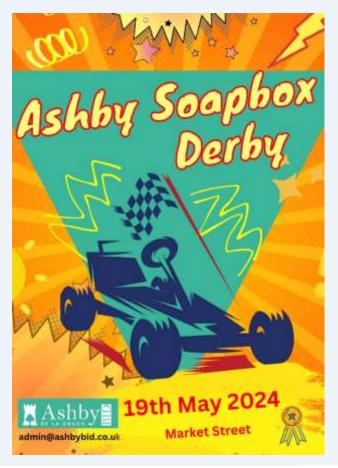
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Community News



Find out more: <u>Girls Into Engineering</u> <u>2024 (residential)</u>

(smallpeicetrust.org.uk)



Email <u>admin@ashbybid.co.uk</u> for more info or to register. Would be great to see some Ivanhoe students taking part.