

Headteacher's Bulletin

Friday 14th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who has already taken the time to complete the Edurio parent survey. The deadline has been extended to the 21st March. Please take part - <https://edurio.com/poll/wepNBO> . It is so important for us to have your feedback on things we can approve as well as areas we are doing well, and as you'll know from previous surveys we have undertaken we are always proactive in responding to issues raised. So, watch out in the near future for an update.

It's been a busy week at Ivanhoe full of enriching activities this week including a residential trip to Wales, an inspiring visit to De Montfort University and Student Voice activities. Please ensure you and your child keep an eye on upcoming dates to ensure they make the most of everything on offer at Ivanhoe.

Inspiring Young Voices



This week students have been working with Mrs Boussida and Ms Goddard discussing student's classroom behaviour and presentation of student work in books.



The insight that students give about the actions of their peers and teachers in relation to our behaviour policies is always enlightening and allows us to make tweaks to ensure that all students are getting the best learning experience and support where they need it.

Well done to the students who took part on their mature attitudes and excellent communication skills.

National Reading Quiz

On Thursday we had 2 teams competing in the National Reading Champions Quiz. In their regional heat they were competing against 24 other teams in many rounds over multiple hours. We have our fingers crossed that at least one of our teams will make it through to the grand finals in London again this year.



TeenTech Festival



On March 11, 2025, De Montfort University (DMU) in Leicester hosted the TeenTech Festival, welcoming over 250 students from various schools across the region. The event aimed to inspire young minds by showcasing opportunities in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM) industries.

Participants engaged in a variety of hands-on activities, including experimenting with aerodynamics in a wind tunnel, exploring a virtual reality game set within DMU's Gateway building, and learning about hacking and cybersecurity. The festival also featured the

TeenTech City of Tomorrow program for Year 7 and 8 students, encouraging them to design innovative solutions for future urban living. Additionally, Year 9 and 10 students participated in workshops that provided insights into various STEAM careers and the educational pathways leading to them.

By collaborating with industry leaders such as Caterpillar, Pepsico, and Shark Ninja, the event offered students a comprehensive view of potential career paths in the tech sector.

Overall, the TeenTech Festival at DMU served as a catalyst for young learners to explore and embrace the possibilities within the STEAM fields, equipping them with the knowledge and inspiration to pursue careers in these dynamic industries.



Careers

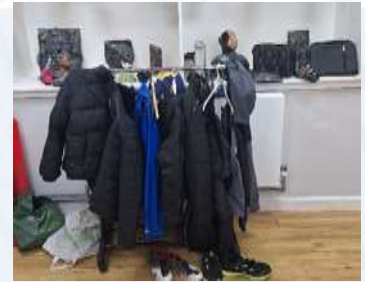


Last week we had form time activities for National Careers Week. Many students engaged with their form tutors about which career they would like to pursue and had discussions about careers not being a 'one size fits all'. Scan the QR code below for more activities and information on National Careers Week.

Next week, we are looking forward to an exciting careers event for Year 7 called 'Guess My Job'. We will have volunteers from different professions coming in to talk to the students about their job roles.

Lost property

We have amassed a large amount of lost property again. If your child is missing anything please ask them to check the rail outside of reception in the first instance.



Comic Relief Friday 21st March



School places available

IVANHOE SCHOOL

- Have you just moved into the area?
- Have your circumstances changed?
- Are you unhappy with your school allocation?

WE HAVE LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS DUE TO START YEAR 7 OR 8 IN AUTUMN 2025.

BOOK A SCHOOL TOUR NOW

EMAIL: A.GRAY@IVANHOE.CO.UK



Do you know anyone who has recently moved to the area or is unhappy with their allocated school.

We have a few places available for next year's Year 7 and 8 available.

Please contact a.gray@ivanhoe.co.uk to book a school tour.

Holiday Activities and Food Easter

We are pleased to share details of the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme for Easter, which provides free holiday club places for children and young people aged 4-16 who are receiving benefit-related free school meals.

These HAF clubs will be run at the following schools and children from other schools can also attend:

- Braunstone Frith
- Countesthorpe
- Desford
- Ibstock
- Winstanley

How Parents can Access their HAF Voucher:

Step 1- Look out for their voucher: Eligible families of children recorded as receiving benefit-related free school meals in your school's data system will have received their HAF Voucher via email or by text from the 6th March. This will be from hello@holidayactivities.com

Step 2 – Find a holiday club: The voucher will include a link to the HAF page where parents can explore their local providers and the activities on offer.

Step 3 – Secure your place: Parents should contact their chosen HAF provider directly to book a place and provide the unique 16- digit voucher code.

Spaces are limited, so parents should book as soon as possible.

Remember: Each eligible child can access up to four full funded sessions over Easter.

The voucher is valid for this holiday period only and cannot be used for future HAF sessions.

What should a parent do if they have not received their voucher

If a parent/carer believes they are eligible but has not received their voucher, ask them to contact you to check if the voucher was issued.

They can also contact the HAF team at HAF@leicester.gov.uk for support.

If a child becomes eligible for FSM after 6th March, parents can contact the school to request a voucher.

Year 8 Girls and Boys HPV Vaccinations – Friday 4th April

To sign your child's consent for this important vaccination that protects against a virus that can cause some cancers click here: www.leicsandrutlandimms.co.uk and use school code **LE138350**.

Full details have been emailed to parents.

Ashby Easter Holiday Club – For students in receipt of Free School Meals

The new Youth Collective on Market St in Ashby has received government funding to support student in receipt of free school meals to attend its holiday club, which will include a lunch.

To make an application please visit:

<https://bookwhen.com/inspireyouthcollective>

Holiday club places are also available to those not in receipt of free school meals, at a small fee.

Visit www.inspireyouthcollective.co.uk to find out more about holiday clubs and after school youth clubs.



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.



	PSHRE Topic	RE Topic
Year 7	Careers Lesson 3	Careers Lesson 4
Year 8	Careers Lesson 3	Careers Lesson 4
Year 9	Contraception	Buddhist Holy Texts
Year 10	Parenthood	Introduction to Ethics
Year 11	Interviews	Beliefs on Life and Death

Ivanhoe Way 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 Kind

Reminder – 2pm Finish for Professional Development of School Staff

All LiFE MAT schools will be finishing early on the following dates to facilitate Cross- MAT professional learning opportunities for our staff.

• 08/05/2025

• 26/06/2025

Finishing the school day at 2 pm offers significant benefits for teachers by providing dedicated time for professional learning that includes both subject-specific training and career development.

What's Coming Up

21 st March	Comic Relief Bake Sale
27 th -29 th March	Year 7 Campout Trip
Friday 4 th April	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
Tuesday 8 th April	Golden Ticket Rewards Event
Friday 11 th April	Last Day of Term

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

Mrs Allford – Headteacher

Community News

Family Bursary for Inspire Youth Collective – Ashby Hub



Bursary Scheme

In this area we provide information on the Ashby Youth Centre's Family Bursary Scheme, which is designed to support young people who are experiencing financial difficulties.

The Ashby Youth Centre is a charity that provides a range of services for young people in the Ashby area, including a youth center, a sports center, and a community center.

The Family Bursary Scheme is designed to support young people who are experiencing financial difficulties, by providing them with a bursary to help cover their living costs.

The bursary is available to young people who are aged 16-25 and who are living in the Ashby area. It is designed to help cover their living costs, such as rent, food, and clothing.

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BECOME A SPONSOR

Why Sponsor?

Support Local Families: Your contribution helps relieve financial burdens for young people.

Empower Young People: Provide access to workshops, games, and social opportunities.

Strengthen Your Club: Show your company's commitment to community and youth development.

How Sponsorship Works: Your company contributes a set amount to the Inspire Youth Fund, which we use to support eligible families.

Options include:

- £100 per month: Covers membership for one young person.
- £200 per month: Supports multiple memberships or buy-in for you or others.
- Custom Amount: Tailor your sponsorship to your company's budget.

Your support is used exclusively to fund membership fees for young people in need. Your impact:

- Sponsor a young person to attend creative workshops, fitness sessions, and more.
- Help them grow confidence and build lasting friendships.
- Be recognized as a champion of youth development in the community.

The new Ashby youth centre is pleased to announce that it is introducing a bursary scheme for families experiencing financial difficulties.

Full details and an application form can be found on our website:

[Ashby Youth Centre- Bursary Applications | Ivanhoe School](#)

They are also looking for more businesses or organisations that would like to sponsor a place for a child to be able to access this great resource.

Again, further information can be found on our website.