

HEADTEACHER'S BULLETIN

Friday 16th May 2025**Dear Parents and Carers,**

It's been another full week this week with the continuation of GCSE examinations and the Book Fair being two key focuses.

The Year 11s have been focussing hard and doing a great job – keep up the good effort!

Important highlights:

- **Year 7 Parents Evening online next Wednesday**– please book a slot. Check your emails for further details.
- **GCSE exams** – great effort so far – check out the reminders below.

Year 11 Exams - Wishing our students the best

We have been very proud of how the Year 11 students have applied themselves to the GCSE exams and processes this week. Great job and keep up the good work!

Some reminders:

- Arrive early enough to take a comfort break before the start of the exam to ensure optimum exam taking time
- Bring a clear pencil case
- Bring a clear water bottle
- Bring a calculator for Maths or Science exams
- to check their room and seat on the timetable ahead of each exam
- Gather on the tennis courts before each exam



All the best class of 2025 – you've got this!

Book Fair – Last Book Orders

We have had a great time this week at the book fair. We value reading highly at Ivanhoe school and believe that reading broadens your horizons and also sharpens your mind. As the famous quote states; *"The best moments in reading are when you come across something – a thought, a feeling, a way of looking at things – which you had thought special and particular to you. Now here it is, set down by someone else, a person you have never met, someone even who is long dead. And it is as if a hand has come out and taken yours."*

There's still time to [purchase a book](#) if you haven't got around to it yet. Enjoy reading all!

Pay for books here



Gold medals at Leicestershire County Championships



A huge congratulations to sisters Anora and Saoirse for both winning gold medals at the weekend at Leicestershire County Championships!

Anora won the u17 Javelin and Saoirse the u13 javelin. Both county champions, 2 years in a row for Saoirse, 3 for Anora.

We are so proud of you, great effort!

Blazers Non-Essential for next week

The weather looks forecast to be hot again next week. Blazer will be non-essential for the week to ensure students are comfortable in the warmer weather. Full uniform, beside the blazer, is expected and other non-uniform jackets, cardigans or hoodies will not be acceptable in replacement of a blazer. School jumpers are acceptable in place of a blazer, but may be too warm next week.

Mission Transition for new Year 7s

Our staff met with the Year 6 primary school teachers this week. We are really excited to welcome the Year 6s on Monday 16th June for Mission Transition!

Recommended Resource: Autism Space

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust partnered with the Solihull Approach back in 2023 to offer a range of free courses to support parents, carers and professionals called [Autism Space](#). The courses provide advice and support about physical and mental health, understanding children's feelings, how to build better relationships – as well as issues that affect children with additional needs, learning disabilities and autism. In the past two years, we have seen **over 2,000 people** access the courses, with the feedback being overwhelmingly positive;

“Really helpful courses and easy to access. Really found it beneficial whilst I was waiting for my son to be seen by CAMHs.”

“Loved the course. It really gave me an insight into brain development and how that impacts on my children.”

“I have really enjoyed reading and learning to coping mechanisms and strategies to do with mine and my daughters behaviours and responses. I would love come back and read over this Information often so that I can absorb it more each time

[View Autism Space](#)

Year 10 Options Open Evening, Burton and South Derbyshire College

Our staff Year 10 students, along with their parents/guardians, are invited to an [Options Open Evening at Burton and South Derbyshire College](#). This will take place at their Town Centre Campus on Wednesday 2nd July from 5pm-7pm. The purpose of this event is to support students with advice and guidance around post-16 options.

Highlights include:

- Guidance on post-16 pathways including BTECs, T Levels, and apprenticeships.
- Information on how vocational and academic routes both lead to university or skilled careers.
- Advice on UCAS Tariff points and qualification routes.
- Tours of our industry-standard facilities
- Opportunities to meet tutors and ask questions
- Personalised guidance to support confident decision-making

[Book your place here](#)

Aerosol Burn Social Media Trend Warning

It has come to light that there is a current social media trend when people use an aerosol spray can to make a burn on their skin. This is clearly dangerous and harmful and it would be appreciated that your child is aware of this and understand that participation is in no way appropriate.

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 Responsible for managing your time

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.

	PSHRE Topic	RE Topic
Year 7	What is Organ Donation?	What is Christian Stewardship?
Year 8	What is 'Privilege'?	What is Hanukkah
Year 9	Careers Education 4	Careers Lesson 5
Year 10	Careers Education 6	Careers Lesson 6/Finish off Careers
Year 11	Independent Revision	Independent Revision

What's Coming Up

Monday 19 th May	British Library Trip
Wednesday 21 st May	Year 7 Parent Evening online
Monday 26 th May – Friday 20 th May	Half term – school closed
Monday 2 nd June	Back to school
Thursday 12 th June	KS3 Awards Evening
Monday 16 th June	Mission Transition
Thursday 26 th June	2pm school finish (staff training)

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

Mrs Allford | Headteacher

COMMUNITY NEWS

InspireYouth Half Term Activities for 10-16yr olds

Please see the below from the InspireYouth Collective for half term activities. The rate is £10.50 per day including activities and food allowance.

HALF TERM FUN

Day 1: Wednesday 28th May (11:00am – 4:30pm)

11:00am – 12:00pm | Board Games, Watercolours
12:00pm – 3:00pm | Picnic & Summer Sports (Bath Grounds)
3:00pm – 4:15pm | Vision Board Creation
4:15pm – 4:30pm | Tidy Up

Day 2: Friday 30th May (11:00am – 5:00pm)

11:00am – 1:00pm | Clay Modelling, Board Games, DIY Tie dye totes
1:00pm – 3:00pm | Group Activity: Escape the Hub (Escape room clues)
3:00pm – 3:30pm | Break (snack and relax)
3:30pm – 4:30pm | Workshop: Jewellery Making
4:30pm – 5:00pm | Tidy Up

