

Headteacher's Bulletin

Friday 17th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week in school we have been talking with students about 'Community'. What does it mean to be part of a community, what are the benefits? Obviously as a school we all feel the benefits of a strong community every day, as we interact with each other, and work together; as staff, students and parents. But at Ivanhoe it is also really important for us to ensure our students are confident members of the wider community, of Ashby and of the world as a whole. This could be as simple as thinking about how our personal actions impact others: acting with kindness, not littering, supporting charities and so on. However, we want our students to think bigger than that. We want them to be confident in themselves to speak up, speak out and champion change.

Next week we launch our next student listening campaign to find out what's on their mind...what do they want to speak out about? And we will then support them, through the power of community organising, and the principles of Citizens UK, to take action. Keep an eye out over the coming weeks as we ask parents and families to join us on some important campaigns.

citizensuk

Inspire Youth Collective, Ashby Youth Hub – Opening Sunday 19th January.

I would love to draw your attention to the new Ashby Youth Centre opening this Sunday on Market Street.

It would be great to see students and their families checking out what is on offer and supporting them as they start out. It is a not for profit organisation offering a free drop in space alongside a paid membership which allows young people to access a range of additional activities and workshops.

They have also been approved as a local school holiday meal provider for free school meal secondary students.

We are really excited to see them develop and we will continue to work and support with Emma Armstrong, the Centre Manager, as she grows this provision. It really will be an asset to Ashby and the surrounding area.

You can find out more about them on their website: [Home Page](#)



Year 9 Options Evening 6.00pm -7.00pm



Join us on Monday 20th January to find out about all of the GCSE options available to your child next year and details about the application process.

After a short presentation beginning at 6pm there will be an opportunity to talk with faculty staff should you need to.

Following the event, you will be able to access the presentation and options booklet on our website.

Year 11 Careers

This week our Year 11 students who have expressed an interest in pursuing an apprenticeship as a Post 16 option have been lucky enough to take part in an 'Ask Programme' workshop.

Full of tips about the application process and information about the different opportunities and qualifications available, which will be invaluable to our young people.



Ivanhoe STEAM Show



If you work at, or know of any businesses that might be interested in getting involved in our 8th Annual STEAM show, with the opportunity to engage with young people about their projects, network with local businesses and dignitaries and attend our celebration evening please email: d.deacon@ivanhoe.co.uk for more information.

Don't forget – To complete your consent form for the Year 9 '3 in 1' Teenage Booster Vaccinations – Friday 24th January

The school consent system will close 2 working days before the vaccination session. You will also have received an email with these details.

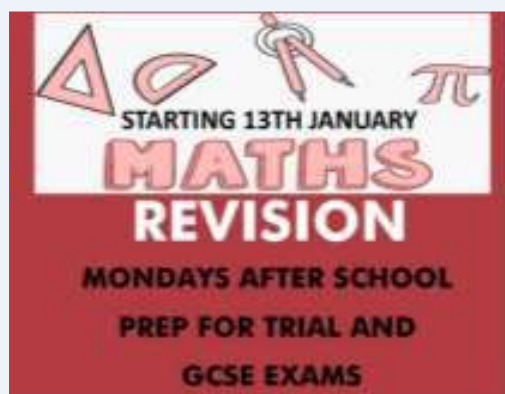
How to give your consent decision for the vaccinations

- Make a note of the code for your school. For **Ivanhoe College** the school code is **LE138350**
- Visit www.leicsandrutlandimms.co.uk or scan the QR code using your smartphone camera to go straight to the website.
- Select **3-in-1 teenage booster and Meningitis ACWY** and enter the school code.
- On the consent decision page, please select:
 - I want the young person to have one or both of the vaccinations.
 - I do not want the young person to have any of the vaccinations.
- You will receive a confirmation email when the form is submitted.



Year 11 Revision Sessions

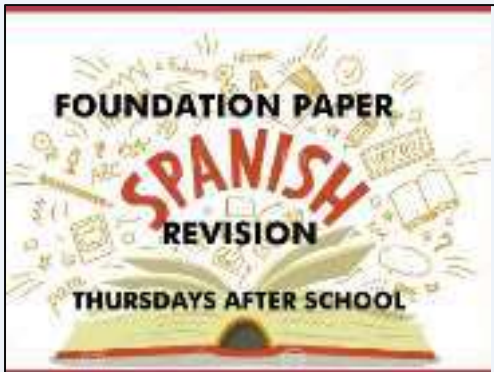
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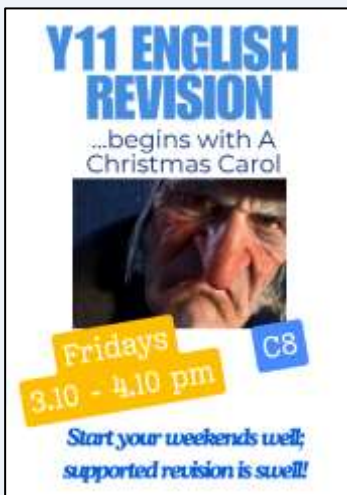
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Reminder – 2pm Finish for Professional Development of School Staff

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

- 13/02/2025
- 13/03/2025
- 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.

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.



w/c 20 & 27 Jan	PSHRE Topic	RE Topic
Year 7	Personal Safety	Christianity Introduction
Year 8	What is Sexism	Who was Abraham?
Year 9	Marriage and Civil Partnerships	Hindu Holy Texts
Year 10	What is Sexual Harassment	How can a loving God allow suffering?
Year 11	Global Climate Issues	What are Bar and Bat Mitzvah?

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:

Read Every Day

What's Coming Up

Monday 20 th January	Year 9 Options Evening
Friday 24 th January	Year 9 Teenage Booster Vaccinations
Thursday 20 th January	Year 8 Face to Face Parents Evening
Weds 5 th February	Year 8 Online Parents Evening
Weds 12 th – Fri 14 th Feb	Year 8/9 Whitby Trip
Thursday 13 th February	2pm finish for staff training
Friday 14 th February	Break up for Half Term

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

Mrs Allford – Headteacher

Community News

SEND FRIENDS COFFEE MORNING

You are warmly invited to our SEND Support Group for parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs/disabilities who live in North West Leicestershire

Safe & friendly environment

Complimentary hot drinks & biscuits

Guest speakers

First Thursday of every month 10am-11:30am across North West Leicestershire

6th February 2025 Castle Donington Family Hub
6th March 2025 Greenhill Family Hub
3rd April 2025 Measham Family Hub
1st May 2025 Castle Donington Family Hub
5th June 2025 Greenhill Family Hub

Contact Ellie Marsh, SEND Family Support Worker for more information
elleanor.marsh@leics.gov.uk

Leicestershire County Council

SEND Parent Support Group

LEICESTERSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Winter WATER SAFETY

EVERY YEAR CHILDREN ARE AT RISK WHEN THEY ARE TEMPTED TO PLAY ON THE ICE FORMED ON OPEN WATERS AND ADULTS FIND THEMSELVES AT RISK AS THEY ATTEMPT TO SAVE THEM. OVER 80% OF ICE RELATED DROWNING INVOLVED AN ATTEMPTED RESCUE OF ANOTHER PERSON OR A DOG.

TOP TIPS

- Keep away from the edge of the water
- Only walk in well lit areas
- Keep dogs on their leads
- Walk with an adult or group of friends
- Never go on the ice under any circumstances

WHAT TO DO IN DANGER

- Shout help and call 999. Use your what3words location
- Never go onto the ice to try and rescue a person or animal
- Keep an eye on the person in danger
- If possible lie flat to spread your weight
- Wait for the emergency services