

Headteacher's Bulletin

Friday 24th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,



This week we have had a reviewed focus with students on the importance of reading. Recent research from the National Literacy Trust shows that reading for enjoyment is at an all-time low amongst children and young people, with just 1 in 5 students reading daily – the lowest recorded in almost two decades.

But reading has so many benefits, in particular ones that help students make tangible progress in school. Good reading ability is the gateway to access all subjects in school, and for a whole host of life long opportunities.

Showing just a small improvement in reading level can make such a big difference in GCSE level because the format and vocabulary of the questions themselves require at least an average reading ability. In addition, most subjects will award a % of marks for students who demonstrate that ability to read fluently, accurately, and with an understanding of key vocabulary, even subjects such as Maths or PE!

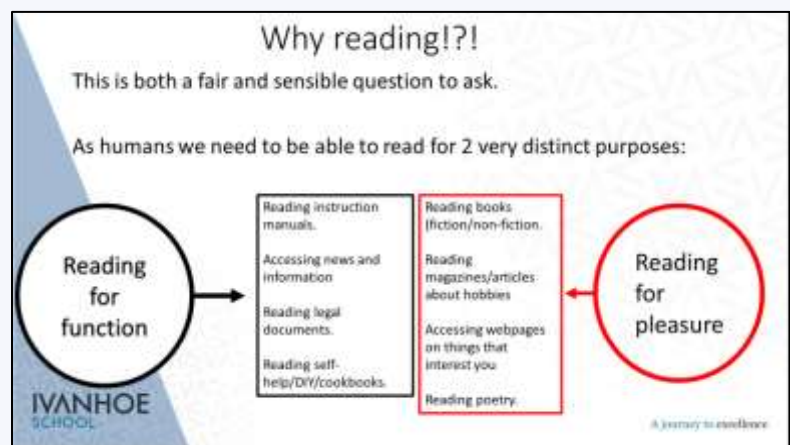
In school we are continually trying to encourage students to read more. We truly believe that in addition to reading for a specific purpose, that reading for pleasure is a huge positive in creating healthier minds, and broadening students' horizons to experiences and relationships.

We ask that parents join us in this mission to help our students enjoy reading, or at the very least see the benefits of making small changes to their reading habits that will have a long-lasting impact on their education and their lives.

Please encourage your student to spend at least 20 minutes a day reading – this can be in any format – fact or fiction – with a physical text or online. It will all make a difference.

Talk to your child about what you enjoy reading, or how your reading skills help you in day to day. This might be in your job, or for practical home reasons like reading a new recipe, reading a bill etc.

Encourage them to use our fantastic school library or e-library. [Access It Library System | Ivanhoe School](#)



Year 8 Parents Evening – Booking is now Open



Please use the school cloud system to book your appointments. [SchoolCloud - Ivanhoe College](#)

Feel free to use a mix of in person and online appointments.

If you need further guidance on booking the appointments online, see our handy guide: [Parents Evening Booking Guide | Ivanhoe School](#)

Year 11 Revision Sessions

| DAY | LUNCHTIME | AFTER SCHOOL |
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| MONDAY | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maths (Higher & Lower) French |
| TUESDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maths (Higher) Maths (Lower) – Week B Only Computer Science (IT2) IT (IT1) | |
| WEDNESDAY | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art Science |
| THURSDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maths (Lower) – Week B Only | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spanish Geography |
| FRIDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> History | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Enterprise (M4) |

Student will begin more in-depth work on revision techniques and planning revision timetables over the next couple of weeks. We will share information directly with parents. Please encourage your child to start thinking about their revision now and attend the revision sessions where they can.

Design students will be contacted directly by their teachers about NEA (GCSE Project Work) catch up sessions.

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
- 08/05/2025
- 13/03/2025
- 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 27 January | 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:

Be respectful

What's Coming Up

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| Thursday 20 th January | Year 8 Face to Face Parents Evening |
| Weds 5 th February | Year 8 Online Parents Evening |
| Thursday 6 th February | Year 9 Touring Production |
| 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



WWW.INSPIREYOUTHCOLLECTIVE.CO.UK

IYC HUB
Open

YOUTH CLUB ★ CAFE ★ SAFE SPACE ★ ACTIVITIES

50, Market Street,
Ashby-De-La-Zouch

Hot food served after school
everyday.

Ashby's new youth hub is now open

Check out their facebook [\(1\) Facebook](#)

Or website for more info [Home Page](#)



**POP-UP
SNACK
SHACK**

SANDWICHES CAKES DRINKS

HOT FOOD
SERVED FROM
3:30PM

**11:30AM-
5:30PM
WEEKDAYS**



**MOVIE
AND GAME
NIGHTS**

Thursdays 6-8pm

Free to members.
Not a member?
Grab a day membership for
£4.50 and come join us!

Free Snacks!



**Extracurricular
WORKSHOPS**

- SIGNATURE
- CRAFTS
- FITNESS/STRETCHING
- LIFE SKILLS
- ACADEMICS
- PERFORMANCE ARTS

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.

Complimentary
hot drinks
& biscuits

Safe & friendly
environment

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 Melsham 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
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Winter WATER SAFETY

EVERY YEAR CHILDREN ARE AT RISK WHEN THEY ARE TEMPTED TO PLAY ON THICK 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**