

Headteacher's Bulletin

Friday 28th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Assemblies this week have focussed on our termly behaviour reset; following the Ivanhoe Way, achieving great attendance, wearing the correct uniform and upcoming rewards.

As you will have read in our end of half term newsletter our Anti-bullying Ambassadors took feedback from drop-in sessions and discovered that incidence of unkindness and fall outs are more common than bullying. In response to this we have a renewed emphasis on the 'Be Kind' message in the Ivanhoe way.

Students were reminded this week that swearing doesn't belong in school because it shows disrespect and can hurt others' feelings, making the environment uncomfortable. It can also **lead to arguments** or conflicts, which disrupts learning for everyone.

Using kind and respectful language creates a **positive space** where everyone feels **safe and supported**.

Students can **use words positively** in school by encouraging their peers, offering kind compliments, and showing appreciation for others' efforts. They can also support each other by giving constructive feedback and resolving disagreements calmly and respectfully.

Positive language helps create a welcoming and supportive atmosphere for everyone.



Ivanhoe in the 'House of Commons'

Great news this week when Ivanhoe School was mentioned in parliament with regards to a recent netball fundraising even in the sports hall.

Follow the link to hear Amanda Hack our MP talking about Ivanhoe School.



<https://www.facebook.com/AmandaHackMP/videos/1725547165049290>

75 Hour Netball Marathon

A huge congratulations to all from Ashby Netball Club who took part in the 75 hour Netball Marathon/ World Record Attempt and Fundraiser for the Kids Village Charity.

Our very own Year 9 student Isla L and other ex students took part in the event which was hosted in the Ivanhoe Sport hall.

So far, the team have raised over £54,000. What an achievement!!



Stake Holder Survey

We would like to offer you the opportunity to express your opinion on parent and carer engagement within the Life MAT and your overall confidence in Ivanhoe School's strategy. Our goal is to open up a communication channel where your voice is heard and organised in such a way that we can create the best learning environment for your child.

Surveys are completely anonymous and confidential, though the responses will be aggregated for the purpose of analysis. Please note that the survey needs to be completed in one sitting. The survey will be available until 14th March 2025 and the survey should take no more than 15 minutes to complete. Your opinion and honesty are much appreciated

To complete the survey, click here:
<https://edurio.com/poll/wepNBO>



Careers Education

Throughout the year we aim to provide a range of careers-based experiences for students in all years, which when combined with lessons in PSHRE create an engaging and aspirational offering over their 5 years at Ivanhoe.

We know that the impact of a good Careers Education can last a lifetime which is why we devote a significant amount of time to it.



Opportunities for students to explore and develop curiosities about careers and Further Education help them develop to their full potential as well as raising confidence, building resilience and allowing them to take ownership of their choices.

This week in conjunction with the LEBC (Leicestershire Education Business Company) our Year 9s had the opportunity to take part in a Dragon's Den style task. Working in teams the students developed and presented a business proposal for an app aimed at young people. The task allowed students to develop skills in problem solving, design, communication and team work.

Well done Year 9.

Year 11 Prom

We are delighted to be running our 2nd ever Year 11 prom this summer.

The event is a perfect celebration of your 5 years at Ivanhoe and to commemorate the hard work during the exam period.

Tickets are now on sale on Wisepay – with a £15 minimum deposit due by Friday 7th March to secure a place and to allow us to finalise numbers with our suppliers.

Unfortunately, as this is not an educational activity, pupil premium funding support is not available, however payment in instalments is available for all students.



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,

School Closes at 2.00pm for Staff Training on Thursday 13th March 2025



Please make arrangements for your child to get home on this day.

Buses have already been arranged for those students accessing school transport.

Staff training across the MAT is important for teachers so that we can train and retain the best staff possible

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 1	Careers Lesson 2
Year 8	Careers Lesson 1	Careers Lesson 2
Year 9	What is consent?	What do Buddhists believe?
Year 10	What is domestic abuse?	Beyond our Dimensions
Year 11	Employability Skills	Islam, Christianity and the Afterlife



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:

Look after your physical and mental health

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.

- 13/03/2025
- 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.

What's Coming Up

Thursday 27 th February	Year 10 Face to Face Parents Evening
Wednesday 5 th March	Year 10 Online Parents Evening
Thursday 6 th March	STEAM Show
11 th -14 th March	Year 8/9 Plas Gwynant Trip
Thursday 13 th March	2pm School Closure
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.

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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 Ashby Youth Centre 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 one year ahead.
 - 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:

- Support a young person to attend creative workshops, fitness sessions, and more.
- Help them grow confidence and build lasting friendships.
- Be recognised 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.