

Headteacher's Bulletin

Friday 7th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will have seen in the news recently the impact that knife crime can have on young lives. The recent knife crime incidents affecting schools and young people across the UK are shocking to read about. These tragic events are a stark reminder of the urgent need to work together—schools, parents, and the wider community—to protect our young people from the dangers of knife crime.

As a school, we are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of every student. We will continue to educate our pupils on the devastating impact of carrying weapons. However, we cannot do this alone. We urge you to have open and honest conversations with your children about the dangers of knife crime and the importance of making safe choices.

Let us stand united in tackling this issue every young person feels safe, valued, and supported. Together, we can make a difference.



Uniform Standards

**IVANHOE SCHOOL
UNIFORM SUPPORT**

SEE MR PRIESTLAND
IN THE DINING ROOM
EVERY MORNING
8-8.30 AM
IF YOU ARE MISSING
OR WEARING
INCORRECT UNIFORM.



**STUDENTS WHO CHOOSE NOT TO GO,
BUT ARE FOUND TO BE WEARING
INCORRECT UNIFORM WILL BE ISSUED A
C2 AND A BREAKTIME DETENTION.**

With the right **attitude**

At Ivanhoe we believe that our school uniform is important. By wearing the correct attire students are showing respect and pride for being part of our school community. A school uniform promotes a sense of belonging amongst students, ensuring everyone feels included and equal. Unfortunately, some students feel that uniform rules do not apply to them and so we will continue to hold students to account for uniform infringements and consequences will be given.

In our dining room every morning, 8 -8.30am students can see Mr Priestland at our Uniform Hub, if they are missing uniform or wearing incorrect items to avoid consequences for the day.

As we come up to half term it is a good time for parents to check that uniform and shoes still fit correctly, and if replacements are bought that they meet the school uniform requirements. In particular can families be reminded that **school trousers at Ivanhoe must be grey, and school shoes must be black.**

We are clear in our expectations, shoes must be polished black leather or leather look, but still some students think they can come to school wearing other footwear, which is not acceptable.

We are also cracking down on those students who think they can get away with wearing their PE kit on non-PE days. Again, this is not acceptable and staff will be challenging it, and consequences given. Finally, can we ask parents to speak with students about manners and etiquette in school in regards to coats indoors. Coats are not to be worn in classrooms and staff should not be expected to waste lesson time asking students to remove them.

Thank you all for your support on this matter.

Safer Internet Day -February 11th 2025



Ahead of Safer Internet Day next week, student have had an assembly from Mr Thornewill all about this year's theme: Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online.

Keep an eye on our social media and next week's newsletter for more information.

Creative Arts – Extra Curricular Opportunities.

IVANHOE SCHOOL EXTRA CURRICULAR CREATIVE ARTS CLUBS	
MONDAY LUNCH	MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL
	Ceramics Club—Mr Samuel/Mrs Steel—D1
	Rock Band (Invite Only) Mr Dejonghe—MR2
	'The Band!' (Sign up required) Mr Cubitt/Mrs Poole
WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL	
	Dance Club—Mrs Poole and Miss Brown—Hall
THURSDAY LUNCH	THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL
Ivanhoe Singing Group—Mrs Poole—MR1	Orchestra—Mr Cubitt and Mrs Poole—MR2
Music Tech' Club—Mr Cubitt—MR3	
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All clubs (except 'The Band!'), are free! No sign up, just turn up. All lunchtime clubs run 2.30pm—1pm. All after school clubs run 3.15pm—4.15pm. Please organise a safe way to get home. The timetable may change each half term. See your club leader for more information. 	

Please encourage your child to attend our Creative Arts Extra Curricular Clubs.

If your child plays a classical instrument at Grade 2 or above, please ask them to come and join our fantastic Orchestra.

Orchestra, Ivanhoe Singing Group and Dance Club will all be performing in our amazing Summer Festival this year - details to come. Thanks for your support.



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



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

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

Year 11 Half Term Revision Sessions

We have a small selection of additional Year 11 revision sessions taking place this half term:

- Mon 17th 10-3pm – Design – Textiles, timbers and graphics
- Monday 17th 12.20-2.30pm – Spanish
- Friday 21st 10-12pm Science – Combined and Triple – Foundation and Higher
- Friday 21st 12.30-2.30pm – English



Year 8 Reports

All year 8 parents have been emailed a copy of their child's report. If for any reason you have not received it please email m.konig@ivanhoe.co.uk

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	Sleep Hygiene	Who was Jesus?
Year 8	What is Extremism?	What is The Torah?
Year 9	Forced and Arranged Marriage	Polytheism
Year 10	Sexualised Imagery and the Law	Plato's Cave
Year 11	Exams and Wellbeing	What do Heaven and Hell mean?

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 resilient and accept help

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.

What's Coming Up

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
Monday 24 th February	Back to School
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

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

Mrs Allford – Headteacher

Community News

Family Bursary for Inspire Youth Collective – Ashby Hub



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.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING ROADSHOW

**FREE
EVENT**

Friday 21 February | 12pm - 4pm
Whitwick and Coalville Leisure Centre, Stephenson Way LE67 3FE

Looking for new activities in 2025?
Curious about health, wellbeing, finance, or education?
Need support for yourself or someone you care for?
Searching for family activities during half term?
Come to the Health and Wellbeing Roadshow!

Scan the QR code to find activities and support offers near you or visit [LLRJoy.com](#)

- 50+ stalls with something for everyone, whatever your age!
- Free health checks and vaccinations
- Advice and support for:
 - Physical and mental health, carers, education, employment and much more...
- Activities and services for children and young people.

For more information please contact Katie Hayes at katie.hayes@nwleicestershire.gov.uk

FREE return transport provided by The Marlene Reid Centre to the event.
Call to book:
01530 512 456

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