

Headteacher's Bulletin

Friday 7th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, I have been talking to students in Assemblies about International Women's Day which is on Saturday 8th March. Students have listened carefully to the story of Annie Besant and her work to bring about change for the match girls in the Bryant and May factories.

What else from me? Spring is in the air! I always reflect at this time of year that we get a chance to look back with gratitude and look forward with hope. With the change in season, I reflect that at Ivanhoe we talk about being on a journey following the Ivanhoe Way. Today I am informing you about an important step that I will be taking in my own journey.

After 15 wonderful years at Ivanhoe, I will be retiring from Headship at the end of this academic year. "She can't be old enough", I hear you cry ... well, in fact, I have been in education for over 30 years: 15 years at Ivanhoe with 7 years as the head and it is time for me to take a step back and let Ivanhoe's journey continue without me. Although I'm stepping down from headship, my journey in education continues. I remain committed to shaping young minds and supporting their futures.

Together at Ivanhoe, we've cultivated a culture of inclusivity and support, where every child has the opportunity to thrive. I will look back with great pride at what we have achieved. The friendships formed, the knowledge shared, and the memories created will forever hold a special place in my heart and I will always cherish my experiences of all the students both past and present.

As I say goodbye at the end of the academic year, remember that every ending is a new beginning. LIFE Multi Academy trust and our school governors are already in process of recruiting a new headteacher who will continue the Ivanhoe journey to excellence and move the school forward. We will keep you updated as that process progresses and my successor is appointed.

As I write to you today, my heart is full of gratitude and memories. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to each of you as you have supported your children's journey and contributed to mine.

Warmest Regards,

Alison Allford



STEAM Show



This week saw the return of our amazing STEAM Show for it's 8th year!! What an amazing array of projects we had from the 46 students who took part. A huge thank you to our sponsors this year, HSSP Architects, Inizio Engage, SMB College, The Rotary Club and Rolls Royce whose generous donations help us offer great prizes for the competition element of the STEAM Show.

Our Year 7s all visited the show during the day, giving them the opportunity to find out more about

what's involved in the show, to inspire them to take part next year. They also used their ipads to take part in an interactive quiz, with answers hidden amongst the information in the exhibits.

A huge congratulations to Elizabeth H and Charlotte A who were awarded the coveted Best in Show Award. Check out our Social Media for details of the other winners.



Comic Relief – Friday 21st March



A fond goodbye to a valued staff member

We would like to inform you that Dawn Deacon, Communications Officer, will be leaving Ivanhoe School after 10 wonderful years. We thank her for her dedication and contributions during her time here. Best wishes to her in her future endeavours!

Stake Holder Survey Reminder

Please be reminded that the Parent/Carer survey is available to complete until Friday 14th March. We would really appreciate your feedback to help us make improvements to our school and MAT.

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

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 |
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| Year 7 | Careers Lesson 3 | Careers Lesson 4 |
| Year 8 | Careers Lesson 3 | Careers Lesson 4 |
| Year 9 | Contraception | Buddhist Holy Texts |
| Year 10 | Parenthood | Introduction to Ethics |
| Year 11 | Interviews | Beliefs on Life and Death |

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:

Reflect and Improve

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.

- 13/03/25
- 08/05/25
- 26/06/25

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


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| 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 Bursary Scheme, which is a financial support for young people who are experiencing financial difficulties. The scheme is open to all young people who are currently living in the Ashby area and are aged between 16 and 25. The scheme is run by the Ashby Youth Centre, which is a charity that provides a range of services for young people, including advice, support, and activities. The Bursary Scheme is a way for the community to support young people who are in need. It provides financial support to help them with their living costs, such as rent, food, and transport. The scheme is open to all young people who are currently living in the Ashby area and are aged between 16 and 25. The scheme is run by the Ashby Youth Centre, which is a charity that provides a range of services for young people, including advice, support, and activities. The Bursary Scheme is a way for the community to support young people who are in need. It provides financial support to help them with their living costs, such as rent, food, and transport.

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 contribution is set against the Ashby Youth Bursary 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-in for your business.
- 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:

- Sponsor a young person to attend creative workshops, fitness sessions, and more.
- Help them grow confidence and build lasting friendships.
- Be recognized as a champion of youth development in the community.

How to Apply

To apply, please fill out the Bursary Scheme Sponsorship Form and return it to the Ashby Youth Centre. The form is available on our website. We will contact you to discuss your sponsorship and how we can support your young people.

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.