

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

# BULLETIN

Welcome to  
**IVANHOE**  
SCHOOL

A journey to excellence

All visitors please report to reception  
Tel 01530 412756 [ivanhoe.co.uk](http://ivanhoe.co.uk)

## Dear Parents and Carers,

We are well and truly in the swing of the new year. I have been so pleased with how students in all years have settled back into their routines. It has been great to see them already engaging and trying hard. Can you believe we have already given out over 21,000 house points this school year!?

At Ivanhoe we love to reward our students for their effort, attitude and achievements throughout the year. As students collect their house

points they aim to

receive their bronze, silver and gold blazer badges. Some students even go on to receive the platinum award. House points also contribute towards their House Cup total.

In addition, we run termly 'Golden Ticket' events. These reward students who have achieved a set level of attendance and house points, as well as keeping behaviour points and lates below a set level. Each term is awarded individually, so students who miss out one term still have 2 more chances, and we ensure that there is a little wiggle room for students to make mistakes, but improve. Last year's events included a Christmas Movie event and Easter Chocolate Bingo.

It was great for our senior leaders to get back in front of the students for our first House Assemblies of the year. We shared with students our school priorities: our strategic improvement wheel (pictured) focuses on eight priorities this year. At the centre of the wheel you will see our commitment to develop THE WHOLE CHILD.



## Improvements to the school building

A huge thank you to our premises team who have coordinated a number of improvements, redecorations and updates around the school during the summer. Students may have told you about our ongoing programme to improve our student toilet facilities amongst other things.

We have also been really pleased to be able to invite local artist Tom Goddard into school to create a custom street art mural in our Art and Ceramics corridor. With custom imagery to reflect our popular Creative Arts curriculum and school ethos, we hope that it will inspire students' creativity.



## School iPad Scheme- Sign Up Open

We know some parents needed the summer to consider whether to join the iPad scheme.

The new sign up/purchase portal for our iPad Scheme is now open until Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

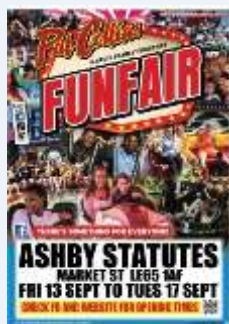
This is for all year groups.

Click here to sign up: <https://www.albion.co.uk/ivanhoe/>

There are many numerous benefits to using ipad technology across the curriculum and our staff regularly make use of interactive activities during lessons. Click on the picture to the right for further details about the benefits as well as costings.

If you have any further questions please email Mrs Konig, Assistant Headteacher [m.konig@ivanhoe.co.uk](mailto:m.konig@ivanhoe.co.uk)

## Ashby Statutes



Ashby Statutes will be returning to Market Street and Brook Street, Ashby de la Zouch this year between Friday 13 and Tuesday 17 September. The fun fair occupies Market Street and Brook Street and the traffic management system impacts on the many roads surrounding the town centre, information as follows:

Roads closed: Market Street and Brook Street

One Way system to include: Lower Church Street, South Street, Bath Street, Derby Road, Elford Street, The Green and North Street.

You may wish to plan extra time for your journeys to and from school during the road closure as the altered traffic system can impact on the flow of traffic in and around Ashby de la Zouch and to avoid Ashby de la Zouch town centre where possible.

**Please also speak to your child about how to stay safe if they will be attending for their first time alone this year.**

### IVANHOE SCHOOL

#### Student iPad Scheme

We believe that digital learning is an essential part of 21st-century education. Our goal is for every student to have an iPad to use in and out of school as an additional learning resource. This does not replace traditional teaching methods, rather it enhances opportunities to learn and allows for a "dip in dip out" approach to technology as and when appropriate.

#### Benefits

Our school iPad scheme has been running successfully for a couple of years and we currently have 100 students in school who have purchased an iPad through the scheme. We recommend that all students have their own iPad where possible so allow them to easily access all of the learning opportunities available to them both during lessons and out of school. In the new school year we will also be closing to a new online homework app via iMatter and again, having the ability to be able to easily access and submit assignments will be of huge benefit.

Other benefits of being part of the school iPad scheme include:

- Our paid IQ wellbeing app to target set and monitor wellbeing
- Ensuring equality of access to the Internet at school and at home
- Preparing students for working and living in a digital age
- Supporting self-led research and problem-solving
- Building resilience and independence
- Providing new, engaging and innovative ways for students to learn
- Providing a more personalised learning experience. For example, to support students with special educational needs and disabilities

#### How do we ensure security?

All iPads will be fixed with a MDM (mobile device management system) which will allow increased student safeguarding and control. During the school day, your son/daughter will not be able to use a variety of non-educational apps including social media and games. If your son/daughter would like to bring in his/her own iPad this is possible, but we will expect to control the iPad to our MDM software. Older iPads may not be suitable for the MDM and we will need to assess these on a case by case basis.

#### What's included in the bundle?

with Case Bundle:

- iPad 10th Gen 64GB
- Yuxuan Alliance Case
- Xuan Seals (total Damage Cover £15/24/36 month cover)
- iPad School Personalisation

#### How much does it cost?

(Purchases available via our 3-year finance package depending on the student's year group), or available to purchase for a one-off fee. One paid fee they remain the property of the student.

Year	7, 8 & 9	10-11	12
36 Month Scheme	£15 per month or £540 one off payment	£22 per month or £792 one off payment	£28 per month or £1,008 one off payment

#### When can I sign up to buy?

There is a sign up 'portal opening window' between 24th May and 28th June which will ensure delivery by the start of school.

The next portal after this will be after the start of the school year.

Full FAQs and sign up available here:

Monthly payments are managed by Albion on behalf of Ivanhoe.



## Art & Design Contribution 2024/2025

To enable the Art and Design & Technology Departments to continue to provide a wide variety of opportunities for students to make and take-home products they design, we continue to ask for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of materials.

Parents have always been happy to provide a voluntary contribution of one annual payment of:

- £17 for KS3 paid each year to cover the cost of products made in **Food Technology, Resistant Materials, Product Design, Textiles, Graphics, Art and Ceramics**

In particular for Food Technology, parents have told us they find it more cost effective and less stressful to not have to buy and remember to send ingredients for each practical lesson. There will still be the opportunity for those enthusiastic students wishing to develop their skills further to bring in additional toppings/ingredients for some lessons.



Key Stage 4 for students taking a design option (not food):

- £17 for Year 10 (or £37 one off payment for KS4)
- £20 for Year 11

Payments should be made on WisePay, where it can be found under the 'Trips and Visits' tab. If absolutely necessary, we can accept cheques made payable to Ivanhoe School with your child's name and form on the reverse or cash in an envelope clearly marked Design Contribution and your child's name and form.

If your child currently receives pupil premium funding, their products can be paid for by the school. Please tick the box on the form linked below if this applies to you.

For our records, please complete the Key Stage 3 Art, Design & Technology Contribution 2023/2024 form, which will only take 1 minutes to do. Please follow the link below:

KS3 – <https://forms.office.com/e/b6P7bijjyw>

Ks4 – <https://forms.office.com/r/QjVvW2xRRk>

Ks4 (Year 11 ONLY – for those who only paid £17 last year) – <https://forms.office.com/e/34LT2nbJHX>

## Free School Meals Funding

There are many benefits to claiming your free school meal entitlement, not least a delicious and nutritious meal at lunch, or instead breaktime snacks. However, even if your child does not want lunch/breaktime food from school it is still important that you register your entitlement to it.

In addition to your meal costs, the school receives additional funding which help support students in other ways, and in the times of declining school budgets these funds are much needed.

If you think you might be eligible to apply, or your financial situation has changed please make an application here.

[Synergy Home \(servelec-synergy.com\)](http://Synergy Home (servelec-synergy.com))

The main thing that parents can do is to keep us informed about any change in circumstances. We only receive extra funding if students are registered or identified on our systems by the time of the school census. We treat every case in complete confidence.

There is also an additional funding category regarding those children who have been adopted from care (called Post-LAC) . If your child falls into this category (i.e adopted), please could you contact the school so that we can make sure that we are receiving the extra funding for your child.

All information provided will be treated confidentially.



**Do I qualify to claim free school meals?**

**The current criteria to qualify for free school meals are:**

- A parent or guardian claiming Income Support (IS)
- A parent or guardian claiming Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (JSA)
- A parent or guardian claiming Employment and Support Allowance Income Based
- A parent or guardian claiming Child Tax Credit, provided the annual taxable income, as assessed by the Inland Revenue is not in excess of £16,190. Families who also receive an award of Working Tax Credit do not qualify to claim for free school meals
- A parent or guardian claiming The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- A parent or guardian claiming support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Children who receive Income Support (IS) or Income Based Jobseekers Allowance in their own right are also entitled to receive free school meals
- Universal Credit, annual income less than £7,400

**Temporary qualification for free school meals**

From 1st May 2009 where a parent has been entitled to Working Tax Credit during the four week period immediately after their employment ceases, or after they start to work less than 16 hours per week (24 hours as a couple), they will be eligible to claim free school meals over that period.

**Claimants MUST complete a hard copy application form and send it to us with a copy of their Tax Credit Decision Notice**, which will be issued immediately by HMRC to a claimant who has notified them that they have stopped working.

Applications will not be accepted without this document and free school meals authorisation will not be granted prior to the date of application, or extended beyond the end date shown on the Tax Credit Decision Notice. In order to qualify for free school meals after that date the claimant will need to be in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits listed in the previous section, and evidence of this provided.

**No other benefits qualify for free school meals**

## Reminder:

## Have you set up the Arbor Communication App

The Arbor app can be used by parents to check on your child's timetables, **homework**, house points, consequences and more.



Every parent has an account set up for you. To finish creating your account you just need to set a password. Your username is the email address you have given to school. Go to <https://login.arbor.sc> and click 'Forgot your password?' to finish setting up your account.

We have put together a help page with more information for you [HERE](#). If you have any queries or difficulties logging in please contact [arborhelp@ivanhoe.co.uk](mailto:arborhelp@ivanhoe.co.uk)

The Arbor App can be downloaded from either the Play Store on android phones or the Apple Store on iPhones. Please note you will not be able to log into the app until you have followed the instructions above to set up your account.

## Ivanhoe'Accessit' E-Library

As well as our amazing in school library, run by our experienced librarian Mrs Wilkinson, we also have an excellent online library for students to access. Accessit is our online library system that offers access to the school library from a computer, phone or tablet.



Students are be able to reserve, renew, review and read books online. [Click for more information](#)

And there's even more that they can do.....

- check out ebooks
- access weblinks for research and revision
- write book reviews
- see the latest news
- do fun activities like word searches.



**PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO LOGIN ASAP TO START ACCESSING ALL THE BENEFITS.**

## Tech 4 Youth Laptop Grant

We want to draw your attention to a grant that may be available to some of our families. If you or your child are 11-19 years old, based within North or West Leicestershire, and your family doesn't have access to a computer, you can apply through us for a laptop – not as a loan or a rental, it's yours, for good.

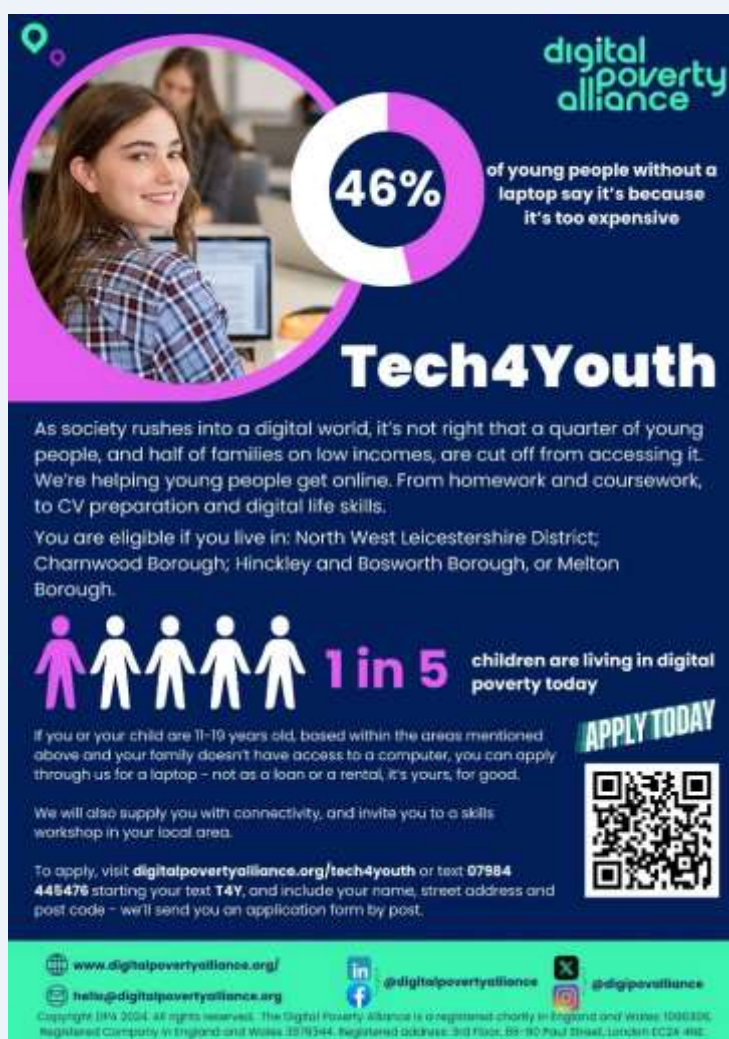
You are eligible if you or your child doesn't have access to a computer, they do not means test but will ask you to nominate a verifier who can confirm that the laptop would be of benefit.

### How it works

They will ask a few short questions and someone from the community (like a teacher or councillor) will just need to agree to also tell us them you need a laptop.

As this project is supporting young people in their home, you must either be the parent or care giver of the young person (who must be aged 11-19) – or you can apply yourself if you are aged 16-19 – and you must not have access to a suitable device.

*You may also be eligible for mobile internet support. Please bear with us while we arrange it and get it to you. We hope it provides you access to the online world for years to come. This project is kindly funded by the Barratt Foundation.*



**digital poverty alliance**

**46%** of young people without a laptop say it's because it's too expensive

## Tech4Youth

As society rushes into a digital world, it's not right that a quarter of young people, and half of families on low incomes, are cut off from accessing it. We're helping young people get online. From homework and coursework, to CV preparation and digital life skills.

You are eligible if you live in: North West Leicestershire District; Charnwood Borough; Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, or Melton Borough.

**1 in 5** children are living in digital poverty today

If you or your child are 11-19 years old, based within the areas mentioned above and your family doesn't have access to a computer, you can apply through us for a laptop – not as a loan or a rental, it's yours, for good.

We will also supply you with connectivity, and invite you to a skills workshop in your local area.

To apply, visit [digitalpovertyalliance.org/tech4youth](https://digitalpovertyalliance.org/tech4youth) or text **07984 445476** starting your text **T4Y**, and include your name, street address and post code – we'll send you an application form by post.

**APPLY TODAY**

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[To find out more and to apply please click here](#)

## Operation Encompass



We are an **OPERATION ENCOMPASS** school. We work with Leicestershire police force to ensure that **ALL** children attending Ivanhoe who experience domestic abuse receive timely interventions, along with nurturing support so they understand and feel confident that school is a safe place for them where their voice can be heard.

Children are negatively impacted by experiencing domestic abuse and without early intervention and support this negative impact can last through a child's life course. Domestic abuse can impact upon social, psychological, physical, emotional and behavioural outcomes with an often negative impact upon a child's academic success. Experiencing domestic abuse has been identified as an Adverse Childhood Experience.



In every classroom **1 in 5 children** will have experienced domestic abuse at home by seeing, hearing or being a victim of emotional or physical abuse themselves.

Being informed of these incidents enables us to prepare to give them targeted support in school by providing an environment which is kind and welcoming and most importantly non-judgemental.

**See our website [www.ivanhoe.co.uk/operationencompass](http://www.ivanhoe.co.uk/operationencompass) for further support and advice**



## 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](mailto:c.gee@ivanhoe.co.uk). The curriculum resources for these all lessons are available for parents on request.

	<b>PSHRE Topics 02/09/24 – 13/09/24</b>	
	<b>PSHRE Topic</b>	<b>RE Topic</b>
Year 7	Intro lesson/First Impressions	World Religions Intro
Year 8	Intro lesson/First Impressions	Islam Intro
Year 9	Intro lesson/First Impressions	Judaism Intro
Year 10	Intro lesson/First Impressions	Judaism Intro
Year 11	Intro lesson/First Impressions	Judaism Intro



## 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:

***Work hard and always do your best***

## What's Coming Up

Ashby Statutes – Please allow additional time for travelling	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September
Open Evening – for 2025	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 5-7pm
Year 7 Settling in Evening (more details to follow)	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October
Break up for Half Term	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October

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

**Mrs Allford – Headteacher**

## IVANHOE SCHOOL

Please join us for our  
**Year 7 Open Evening**  
**Thurs 26th Sept 5-7pm**

for students due to start Secondary School in Autumn 2025

Take the opportunity  
to explore our school  
and discover more  
about the exciting  
educational  
'Journey to Excellence'  
at Ivanhoe School





## Community News

### GoLearn!

Leicestershire Adult Learning Service

## Family Learning

### Building your Child's Resilience

This is a free, 5-week online course for parents/carers. (Adults only)

During the 5 sessions you will gain confidence to support your children's social and emotional needs to help them build **resilience**. You will explore:

- Recognising, expressing and managing emotions
- Building self-esteem and confidence
- Recognising how mindfulness, exercise and being outdoors can help the development of **resilience**
- Discover different ways to support your child with ideas for engaging, practical home activities

**Free Course**

**Venue:**  
Online via Microsoft Teams

**Programme Dates and Time:**  
5 weeks starting Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024, 7:00 to 8:30pm

**Course Code:**  
**24SN105P**  
Use the FREEphone number or website below to enrol quoting the course code. The tutor will contact you once you have enrolled with further information about the course.

Call FREEphone 0800 988 0308  
www.GoLearnLeicestershire.ac.uk | /LeicsGoLearn

## Leicestershire Local Offer Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Roadshow

**Thursday 26th September**  
5.00pm – 7.30pm  
Leicestershire County Council, County Hall, LE3 8RF

**Come along with your child / young person to have a go at activities and find out about Local SEND services and support available**

The Roadshow brings together information and services which support families of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) all in one place. A chance to meet and chat with representatives from Leicestershire County Council and its partners.

We are **inviting children and young people** to come along to this Roadshow to have a go at some activities on offer. These include:

- ▶ Music Sound and Sensory
- ▶ Positive Mental Health
- ▶ No Bake Food
- ▶ Cricket
- ▶ Cinema showing of 'Save Me'

Please book your FREE tickets via  
[https://leicestershirecc-self.achieveservice.com/en/service/Local\\_Offer\\_SEND\\_Roadshows\\_2024](https://leicestershirecc-self.achieveservice.com/en/service/Local_Offer_SEND_Roadshows_2024)

Free parking available

**To find out more about the SEND Local Offer in Leicestershire please visit**  
[www.leics.gov.uk/send](http://www.leics.gov.uk/send)

Scan here to book tickets

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## Family Learning

### Level 1 Award in Mental Health Awareness

This is a free, 7 week online course for parents/carers (adults only)

During the 7 online sessions you will increase your knowledge and awareness of mental health. The course will help you to develop your awareness of issues surrounding mental health and to know the signs of those with mental health issues. You will:

- Describe what is meant by mental health
- Understand the impact and effects of mental health and recognise the social and personal impact
- Recognise and list the responses to mental health issues
- Identify cultural diversity in relation to mental health issues

You will be required to complete an initial assessment writing activity before starting the course, produce a portfolio of evidence and complete assignments at home to achieve the qualification.

**Free Course**

Format	Programme Dates and Times	Course Code
7 sessions Online via Microsoft Teams	Wednesday 7:00 – 8:30pm Starting 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	24SN106

Use the FREEphone number or Website below to enrol quoting the course code. Your tutor will contact you prior to sharing with further information and to carry out initial assessment as we will need to check you can complete the work via computer and be able to access the course online.

\* This course is free if you fulfil the following criteria:  
Currently live in England and aged 19 or over by August 2024; must have been living in the UK or EEA for the last 5 years; must not have previously studied the course you are applying for or another course where the content is similar; must not currently be enrolled on another government funded education programme, other than the Skills Network or any other provider.

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