

Headteacher's Bulletin

Friday 19th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We trust this finds you well. This week we wanted to highlight how proud we are of our students' positive engagement with attendance and behaviour, particularly to those who have received awards for either outstanding attendance or improved attendance from last year. Here are a few shots below of students collecting their award and small treat. Let's keep up the good effort – knowing that showing up every day pays off in the long term with strong results setting your child up for success in life.



Road Safety reminder

As the nights draw in, we wanted to remind all students about road safety. It is really important that our young people are not on their phones when crossing the road. It is also important that they enter site safely, dismounting from bikes or scooters and walking along the footpaths wherever possible. Hi-viz items and lights on bikes are also advised.

There is some helpful advice if you would like further support here: [Advice for parents and families | Brake](#).

Year 7 Parent Digital Awareness Sessions – Monday 22nd September

The Year 7 team and our DSL Vicky Sharp are running a **Digital Awareness session for Year 7 parents** aimed at supporting families in keeping their children safe online and preventing some of the safeguarding incidents that can be avoided through education and school-parent collaboration.

The sessions will cover:

- Monitoring phones and devices
- Social media use
- Screen time and its impact on sleep

This is on **Monday 22nd September**, with two opportunities for parents to attend:

- **Session 1:** 3:30pm
- **Session 2:** 4:15pm

No sign up needed, please turn up to a session that best suits you.

Ivanhoe School Musical 2026 | Last chance!

We are giving both students and yourselves the opportunity to vote for which show you think we should put on for the Ivanhoe School musical performance. Last chance to vote as the form will close at midnight tonight!

[Check out the options here](#), and cast your vote!

[Make my vote](#)

Year 11 Commitment to Success Evening

We wanted to thank all the parents, carers, family members and students who attended the Year 11 Commitment to Success evening last night. We are thoroughly impressed with the positive attitude and focus our Year 11 students are taking towards this vital year of their educational journey. We are looking forward to doing all we can to support you to succeed in your GCSE preparations.

[Some helpful resources can be found on our](#) website and linked below! A printed copy of the revision guide is available for Year 11 students pick up from their form tutor on Monday.

[Download revision guide](#)

[Download Commitment to Success presentation](#)



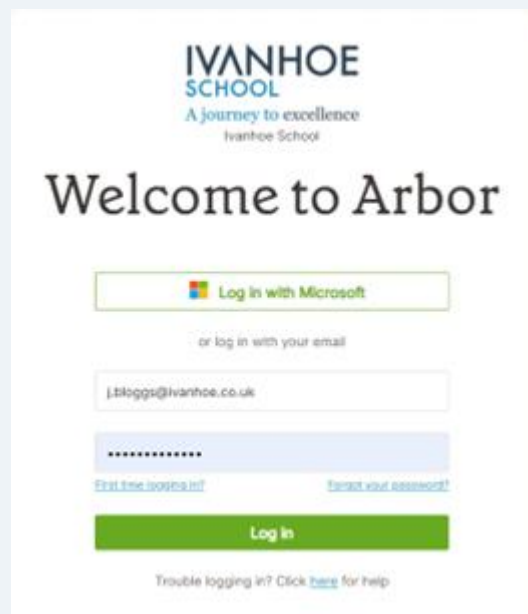
School Apps

There are a range of different apps that we use at Ivanhoe, which I know can be a lot to keep track of! I hope the guide below will help with some of the basics.

Arbor

Arbor is the system that we use for communications, and setting homework, as well as taking the register and issuing house points in lessons.

- **Arbor for parents**
 - As a parent, you can access Arbor online, or download the app. These will allow you to view your child's timetable, attendance, house points and consequences, as well as any homework that they have been set. Reports will also be available in the Arbor app. Full details for accessing this can be found here: [Arbor Guide for Parents | Ivanhoe School](#)
- **Arbor for students**
 - Students can access Arbor to view the same types of information, either by going through Moodle (see below), using a browser or the Arbor student app.
 - **If your child does not know their log in for Arbor**, they can click the 'forgot your password' link to have instructions sent to their school email address.
- **Single sign on for Arbor**
 - Please note that the 'Log in with Microsoft' button does not work for parents or students. This is an Arbor issue and nothing that the school can change at present.

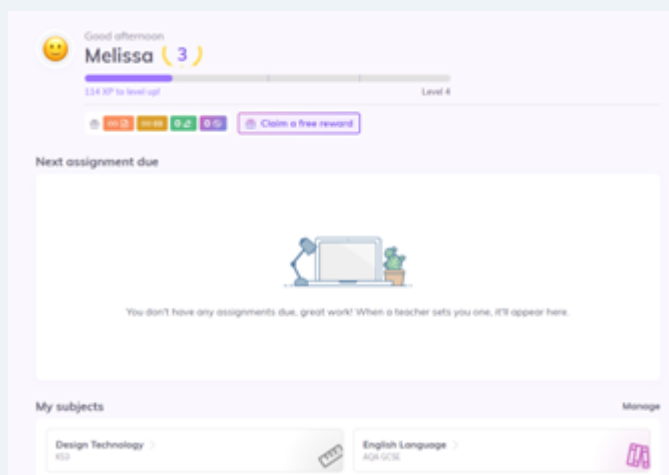


Seneca

Seneca is new to Ivanhoe this year, and is a platform that allows homework to be set for student, and also allows students to access content to test and quiz themselves. It can be [accessed here Seneca - Learn 2x Faster](#) or you can download an app. As we become more familiar with this platform, we will share more information.

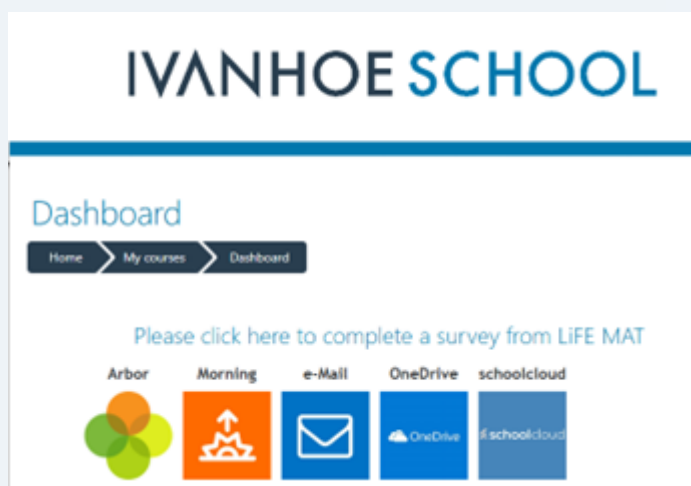
- **Seneca for Parents**
 - You may have received an email inviting you to sign up – signing up allows you to link to your child and view the homework that has been set for them.
- **Seneca for Key Stage 4 students**
 - Students will have an email in their school inbox with details of how to log in. Simply follow the instructions to set up Seneca with the courses you are doing.

- We have paid for Seneca School Premium for all Key Stage 4 students, which allows them access to a range of content for revision, quizzing and self testing.
- **Seneca for Key Stage 3 students**
 - Students in year 7, 8 and 9 will have received an email with a log in for Seneca. They have access to all of the basic features, and may be set homework through Seneca.
- **Upgrading Seneca**
 - You or your child may see areas of the Seneca site that mention upgrading to Seneca Premium as an individual. This allows access to more of the revision and quizzing features and is personal choice – **there is no requirement by the school for you to upgrade and nothing set by school will require any paid features.**



Moodle

Moodle is the schools VLE (Virtual Learning Environment). There is a link to Moodle on every school device, and the homepage will include links for Arbor, student emails, daily messages, and to curriculum resources for the subject your child studies. **Only students can access Moodle using their normal school email and password.**



Coming soon:

- Details from subject teams about other apps and software used in their subject areas, and how they can be used for homework and maximising progress.
- More information for Key Stage 4 students about how to use Seneca to boost revision.

Year 6 Open Evening

We are very excited about our Open Evening for students starting secondary school in September 2026 which will be held on Thursday 25 September 5-7pm. Please do [pass the below sign up link to anyone](#) who may be interested in attending this event. We are also holding a competition where the top 3 entries will win a voucher – details below and on the [Sign up page](#).

[Sign up here](#)

IVANHOE SCHOOL

OPEN EVENING

For Students starting Secondary School in 2026
5pm-7pm
Thursday 25 September
Ivanhoe School, LE65 1HX

Sign up at www.ivanhoe.co.uk/openevening



IVANHOE SCHOOL

COMPETITION

Design a SuperStar award and win a £20 High Street voucher!

We are looking for designs for our SuperStar awards postcards to celebrate students following the Ivanhoe Way (Attitude, Attend, Achieve).

THE IVANHOE WAY
With the right **attitude**
Attending every day
You will **achieve**

Submit entries on Thursday 25 September in the box at our Open Evening with child's name and Primary school on back.

Top 3 designs selected will be printed and students will win a voucher. Example designs below.



Year 6 Taster Sessions

We are also running two subject taster sessions for Year 6s and their parents – details below. The students will get to experience Science, Design, Art and PE and the parents will be able to have a tour of the school from Senior members of staff.

- **Wednesday 1st October**
- **Monday 6th October**

[Please pass the below sign up link anyone who may be](#) interested in attending this event as it's going to be a lot of fun, and give the students a great insight into what school life at Ivanhoe is like.

[Sign up here](#)

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 present and get involved

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	What is Racism	Tradition Belief and Fact
Year 8	Managing Mental Health	Five Pillars of Islam
Year 9	County Lines	Hindu Holy Texts
Year 10	Personal Safety in the Wider World	God and Suffering
Year 11	Careers Education	Careers Education

What's Coming Up

Monday 22 nd September	Year 7 Parent Digital Awareness sessions
Thursday 25 th September	Open Evening
Tuesday 30 th September	Duke Of Edinburgh Awards Celebration
Wednesday 1 st October	Year 6 Taster event
Monday 6 th October	Year 6 Taster event
Thursday 9 th October	Year 11 Geography trip
Thursday 9 th October	Settling In Evening with Year 7 Tutors
Thursday 16 th October	Year 9 GCSE Kick Start
Monday 20 th October – Friday 24 th October	Half term break

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

Mrs Steere – Headteacher

COMMUNITY NEWS

Work experience opportunity with Severn Trent| Half term

Severn Trent have opened applications for a work experience placement for Monday 20th October to Thursday 23rd October in half term. Severn Trent's 4-day Work Experience Programme gives students a hands-on look at both the operational and office-based sides of their business.

[See all here.](#)