

Headteacher's Bulletin

Friday 26th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another great week here! Our Year 8 netball team took part in the year 8 CVL competition which is a tournament between schools in our area. The team played against Ashby School and Newbridge School. The girls beat Ashby 4-2 and Newbridge 1-0 and **were crowned overall winners.** Brilliant teamwork and spirit amongst the girls; they are a credit to Ivanhoe School. Here's a photo of them with the trophy. Huge congratulations!



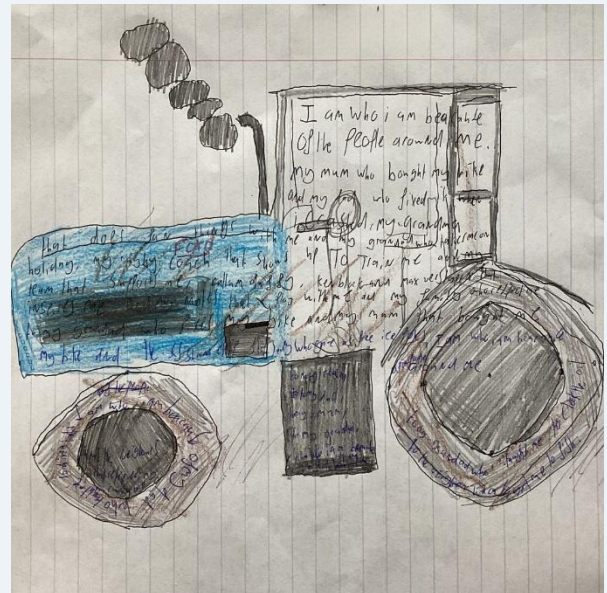
Year 7 Parent Settling in Evening and Student Showcase

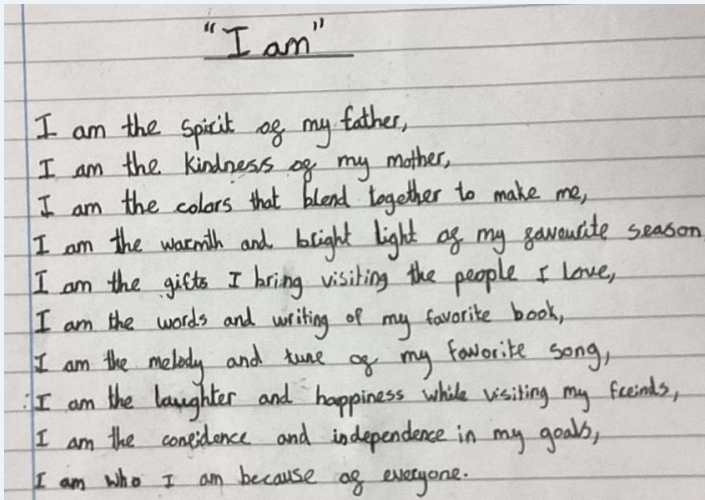
Save the date for our Year 7 Settling in Evening on Thursday 9th October, 4-6pm.

This will be an opportunity to meet with your child's form tutor in person. You will also be able to see a showcase of your child's work for the Coaching, Reflection, Enrichment and Wellbeing sessions. Your child will present their work to you and you can celebrate their achievements with them. We will be in touch soon with further details of how to book your appointment.

Over the first two lessons, students have been learning 'All About Me'. They have been introduced to the Japanese concept of 'Ikigai' (Ikigai is a Japanese concept blending passion, talent, purpose, and fulfilment) learning about student agency and creating a profile delving into information 'All About Me'.

These lessons are designed to build student agency and independence that will get them in the right mindset and give them valuable skills to give them the best possible opportunities when they get to their GCSE exams and beyond.





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.

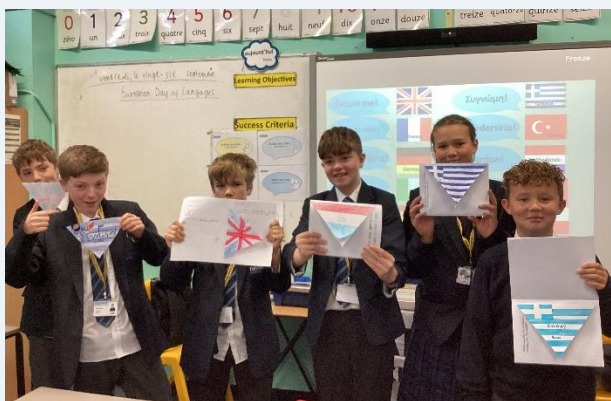
- **Wednesday 1st October**
- **Monday 6th October**

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](#)

European Day of Languages

Today schools across Europe celebrated the European Day of Languages, an initiative to celebrate linguistic diversity and promote language learning. To mark the occasion, students participated in an inter-house competition, taking part in a fun quiz during form time. Winning form to be revealed next week! Throughout the week, our languages classes have been buzzing with discussions about the importance of languages in a globalised world, and students have engaged in a variety of language-related activities to deepen their understanding and appreciation of different cultures. Years 7 and 8 students also showed off their quick thinking in a lunchtime French sudoku competition.



At Ivanhoe, we have embraced European Day of languages in Food and Nutrition this week by developing student's awareness of dishes from European countries. Some exciting cross curricular links have been forged between food and MFL during this week which has culminated in students across all year groups making a European dish or watching a demonstration of food being made from European countries.

This week we have made tarte tatin, croque monsieur, patatas bravas, Spanish tortilla, Spanish savoury rice, fruit clafoutis and potato dauphinoise as well as Bruschetta! Below is a selection of the results. It has been a great opportunity for students to discuss different dishes that they may have tried on holiday and to discuss the origins of different ingredients. Some students have also been using the names of some ingredients in European languages!

Bon Appetit!



Year 7 Science Space Project

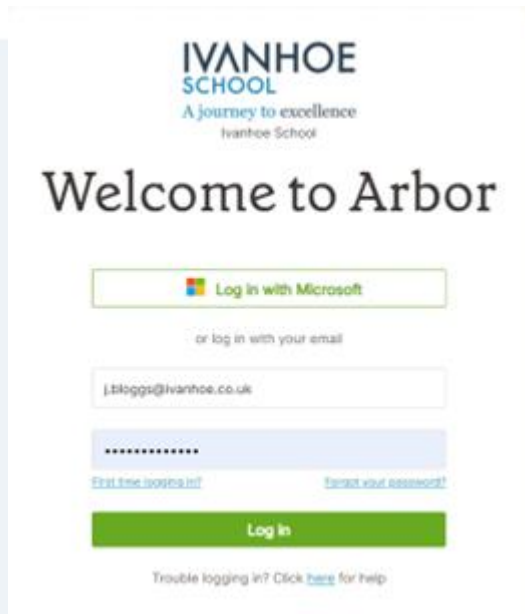
The year 7s have done space project where they research into space and present their research however they want. They were asked to also research a space scientist that had overcome a barrier. These are some of the projects produced. Brilliant effort!



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.

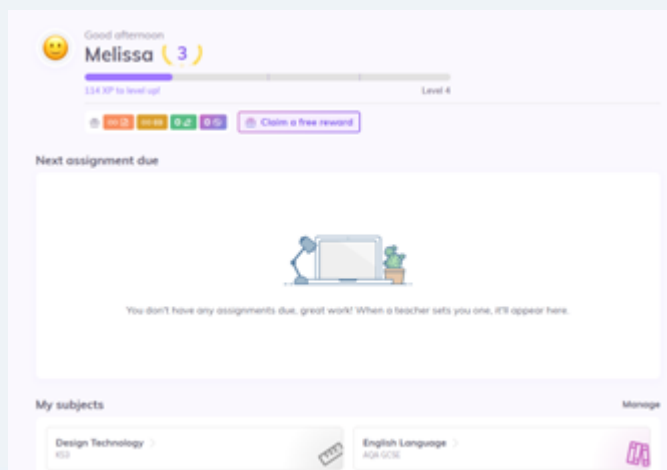
- **Arbor for parents**
 - As a parent, you can access Arbor online, or download the app. These will allow you to view your child's timetable, attendance, house points and consequences, as well as any homework that they have been set. Reports will also be available in the Arbor app. Full details for 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

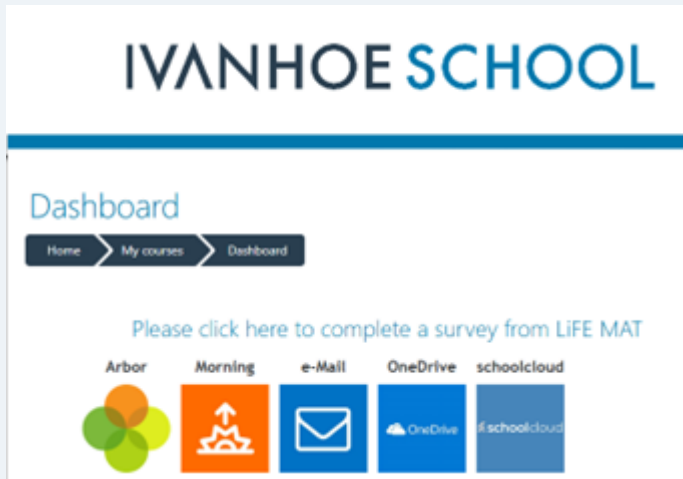
Seneca is new to Ivanhoe this year and is a platform that allows homework to be set for student, and also allows students to access content to test and quiz themselves. It can be [accessed here Seneca - Learn 2x Faster](#) or you can download an app. As we become more familiar with this platform, we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

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:

Read every day

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.

	RE Topic	PSHRE Topic
Year 7	Belief in God	Being an Anti-Racist
Year 8	What is the Quran	Managing Mental Health
Year 9	What is Polytheism	Dangers of Alcohol and Drugs
Year 10	Plato's Cave	Peer Pressure
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.](#)