

# Headteacher's Bulletin

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to pass on some of the feedback we had from the photographers who visited last week. They were blown away by how polite, confident and how well presented our young people were. This included around site as well as in the hall. It was wonderful that they sought staff out to praise our young people. Please encourage your child to keep up their strong effort in this area.

This week our Year 11 Geographers visited Edale in the Peak District. We investigated the river processes and patterns. We had a great time taking our learning out into the real world. We were very proud of the way they represented the school.





## Year 7 and 10 photo orders

Please order Year 7 and Year 10 photos by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Your child should have received an order slip with order instruction with a unique barcode number and password attached.

[Order photos here](#)

## Year 11 Parents Evening

Thank you to everyone who has made appointments already. A reminder that bookings close on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> at midnight. If you are struggling to make an appointment with a teacher you would really like to speak to, please reach out to the school so we can arrange a call.

## Year 6 Open Evening

We are super 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](http://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).

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 1<sup>st</sup> October**  
**Monday 6<sup>TH</sup> 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](#)

## Online Safety Resource

We are sharing an Online Safety Resource which is [What Parents & Educators need to know about VPNS.](#)

[View here](#)

## Coaching, Reflection, Enrichment and Wellbeing sessions

For Year 7 and 8 students in 2025/26, we are excited to introduce Coaching, Reflection, Enrichment and Wellbeing time, which has been a huge success across other schools in our trust. The Real LiFE Curriculum is a new style of teaching and learning that is based on the latest global educational research and aims to equip our learners with the knowledge, skills and values they will need to thrive in the 21st century. It is designed to make learning relevant and more engaging by bringing topics to life, and by coaching students with the skills they need to take more control of their own learning so that they can really learn to make a positive difference not only to their own lives, but also to the world around them.

The Real Life Curriculum is coming to Ivanhoe School over the next two years, in three stages.

Stage 1 - C.R.E.W Mission lessons for Year 7 and 8 students - Thursday Period 1 (already begun)

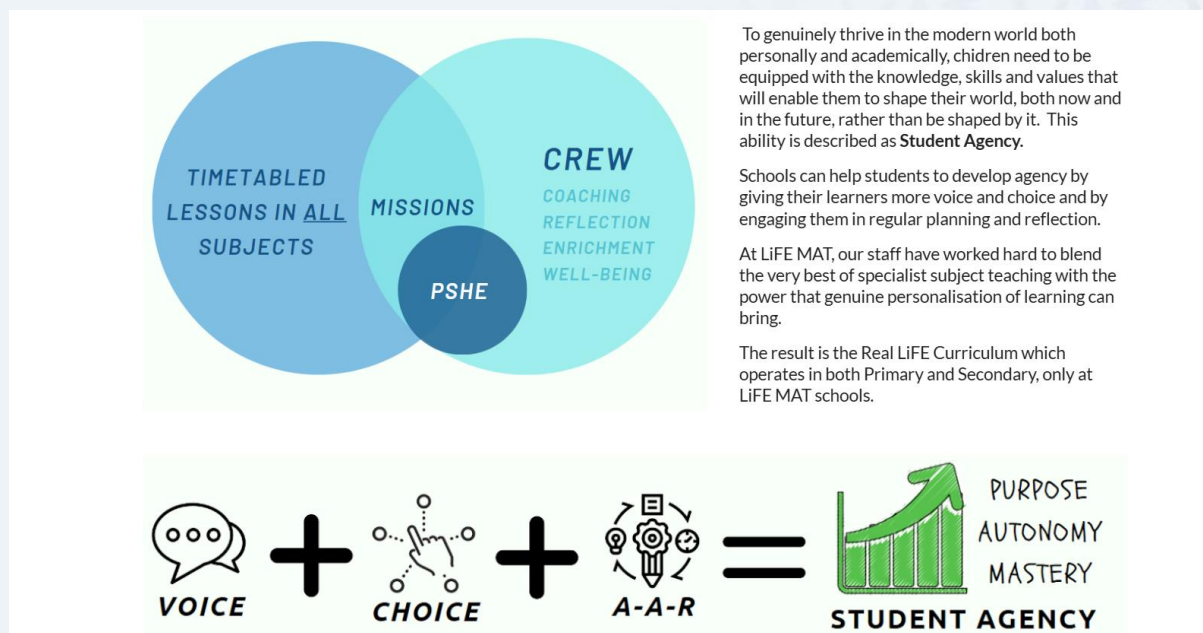
During C.R.E.W Mission lessons students embark on various engaging missions to build knowledge and skills while growing student agency.

Stage 2 - C.R.E.W time during form time for Year 7 and 8 - Introducing target setting and personalised learning from 15th September.

Students will set personal weekly targets to give them ownership of their learning and build agency, with an initial focus on Reading, developing to include behaviour, attendance and more.

Stage 3 - Cross-curricular Missions - Currently in the planning stages, being introduced from next school year.

Most will have had their first sessions so please ask the young people about their learning.



[Read more 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:

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

## PSHRE Wider Personal Development

and

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.

	PSHRE Topic	RE Topic
Year 7	Healthy Friendships	World religions
Year 8	Balanced Diets	Intro to Islam
Year 9	Personal Safety	Intro to Hinduism
Year 10	First Aid	God and the Devil
Year 11	Careers Education	Careers Education

## What's Coming Up

Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 11 Parents Evening
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 11 Commitment to Success Evening
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Open Evening
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 6 Taster event
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Taster event

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

**Mrs Steere – Headteacher**