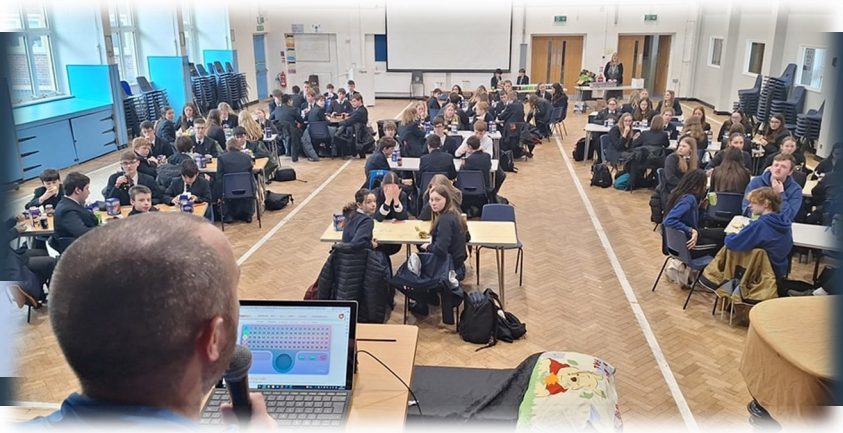


MARCH 2024

IVANHOE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had such a fantastic half term, I still can't believe how much we have fit into only 4 weeks. From Year 11 trial exams, STEAM Show, a musical performance and not to mention the trips it really has been an amazing time for students to get involved in everything Ivanhoe has to offer.

We have continued to develop our rewards programme, and you will have seen many of our students sporting their new House Point stars on their blazers, and lots of Superstar awards being given out. We also had our second Golden Ticket Event of the year on the last day of term, with 226 students reaching a target standard in house points, behaviour and attendance rewarded with a chocolate bingo event. Well done to all of the students who continue to do their best and follow the Ivanhoe Way.

Our Year 11s ran a successful student led fundraiser today, 'Soak the Teacher' which was great fun for all involved. The funds raised will help support some of our disadvantaged students attend the school prom, with any additional money being put back into the main student reward fund.

Next week (Easter hols) we will be running some Year 11 GCSE revision sessions. You will have had direct emails about this, but just a reminder that there will be construction work at the front of the school so please enter the building at the bottom gate by the dining room and through the dining room door.

We say good bye to 2 members of staff this term, Ms Hodgetts from drama and Mrs Proctor from Maths. We wish them both lots of luck for the future.

We have had a few people getting in touch about foodbank referrals. If you need any additional support please email our Family Liaison Officer Mrs Pennington who will get back to you as soon as she can. f.pennington@ivanhoe.co.uk

We hope that everyone has a lovely break this Easter and comes back relaxed and refreshed and ready to excel.

Alison Allford

Head teacher



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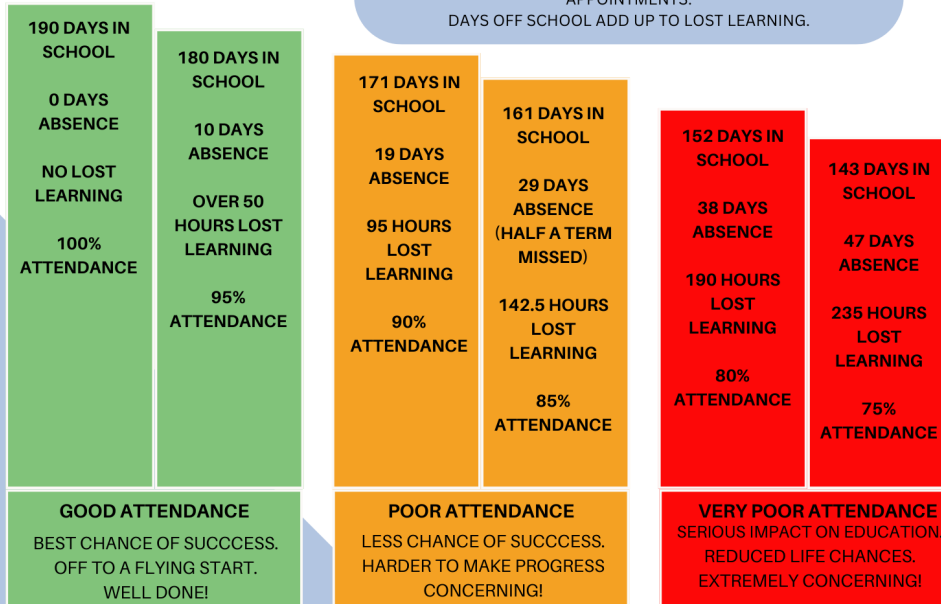
EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE EDUCATION YOU DESERVE!

190 DAYS IN A SCHOOL YEAR

THERE ARE 175 NON-SCHOOL DAYS DURING THE YEAR TO SPEND ON FAMILY TIME, HOLIDAYS, SHOPPING, HOUSEHOLD JOBS, OTHER APPOINTMENTS.
DAYS OFF SCHOOL ADD UP TO LOST LEARNING.

365 DAYS IN A CALENDAR YEAR



Children with attendance between 90-80% at KS3 & KS4 have (on average) ONLY a 35% chance of gaining 5 'good' passes at GCSE.

Between 100-96% this raises to a 73% chance of gaining 5 'good' passes.

Why is good attendance so important?

Being around teachers and friends in a school or college environment is the best way for pupils to learn and reach their potential. Time in school also keeps children safe and provides access to extra-curricular opportunities and pastoral care.

There is proven evidence that students with lower attendance not only achieve less well in school, but that it has a negative effect on future life chances.

Students with lower grades are less likely to be accepted in to their preferred choices in further education, training or jobs thus creating barriers for them to do what they want in life.

We have an amazing team of teaching and support staff that can support students and families who are struggling with schooling or other issues, but we can only give the best support if students are attending regularly.

Students and families we ask you to remember - attendance matters!

ROTARY CLUB SPONSORSHIP

A huge thank you to the Ashby Rotary Club who are generously sponsoring our KS3 Awards Evening this year. We are looking forward to sharing later in the year our revamped awards, and hope that Sylvia Williams from Rotary will be able to speak at the event about why Rotary have chosen to support us.



On Tuesday 12th March Ivanhoe School held it's 7th STEAM Show event. This annual event, in a competition format, gives students across all year groups and working at all abilities to showcase a project completely of their choosing. Working either in a small team or on their own students work in their own time to research, investigate, experiment, or create, a complete project to be presented to their peers, local businesses and the judges. A record 69 students took part in the event which is more than we hoped for - let's see if we can make it even bigger next year!



STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths. Unlike many schools that focus only on STEM, the inclusion of arts and design in our competition adds an additional component, which our business links tell us is an important aspect of the creativity they look for in the changing employment market.

On the day students spent the morning setting up their stalls and completing the finishing touches to their displays, as well as taking a chance to practice their presentations. After break all of Year 7 had the opportunity to visit the show and interact with the competitors; taking part in an online quiz, asking questions about the projects and even having a go at some of the interactive exhibits.

The evening celebration event is what makes the Ivanhoe STEAM Show really special. Students have the amazing chance to present and converse with representatives from a range of businesses, local dignitaries such as the Ashby Mayor, Avril Wilson, alongside members of the district and town council about their projects. In addition there is an open invitation to families and school staff to share in the success of the students hard work.

This year we have been very fortunate that a number of businesses have wanted to further involve themselves with the show by offering sponsorship, allowing us to offer fantastic prizes to the students. A huge thank you to Amazon who were our overall show sponsors. Their extreme generosity at a time when schools are really struggling for money has really helped us make this year's show a success. The lucky winners of the awards will all be treated to a visit to Rolls Royce head office in Derby in June, (in addition to their amazon vouchers and trophies) as part of Rolls Royce's longstanding partnership of the event.

Feedback from the visitors has been overwhelming with heaps of praise for the students and amazement at the huge range of projects. Students clearly demonstrated their passions and as a school we couldn't be more proud of the students whose amazing projects showcased their hardworking attitudes, ingenuity and oracy skills.

Award Winners:



Science Award - Sponsored by Inizio Engage (previously called Ashfield Helathcare)

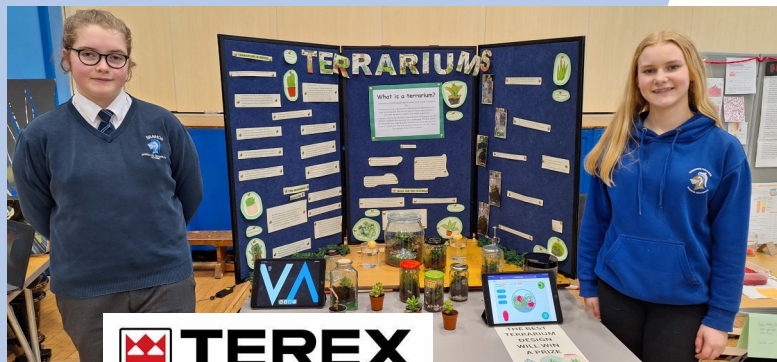
Sasha and Hannah with their project about the impacts of smoking and vaping.



Computing, IT and Enterprise Award

Amy, Jace and Ronan who developed an online game using Scratch.

STEAM SHOW



Design Award - Sponsored by Terex UK

Flo and Matt with a project about the design and maintenance of terrariums.



Creative Arts Award

Emilia, Eva-Joan and Sophie with a project about dinosaurs featuring amazing hand-drawn artworks.



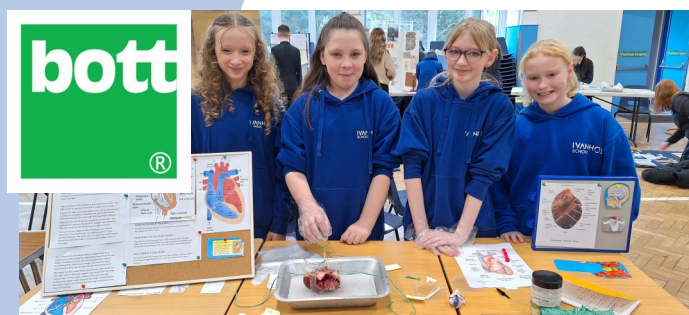
Visual Impact Award

Isla, Jessica and Seren with a striking display accompanying their research into how modern crime solving methods might have caught Jack the Ripper.



Innovator Award - Sponsored by SMB College Group

Connie with a project investigating the effect of PH levels on plant growth.



Team Work Award - Sponsored by Bott Ltd

Ashleigh, Charley and Robyn with a project all about the workings of the heart.



Best in Show Award - Sponsored by Rolls Royce

Charlotte and Ellie wowed us with their 'Investi-cakes' project which took us on a journey from a science investigation about raising agents and cake recipes all the way through to a fully calculated business plan including costings, packaging and logos.



Thank you to our show sponsors



YEAR 9 PLAS GWYNANT TRIP

This half term saw the return of the Plas Gwynant trip. We took a group of our year 9's to one of the most stunning locations in Wales, where they had the opportunity to push themselves out of their comfort zones and try things that they wouldn't have ever expected themselves to be capable of. The groups climbed mountains, clambered up waterfalls, canoed across vast lakes, explored mines, and even slid down the side of a very snowy mountain. Students had the chance to experience things that they never have before, develop new friendships and make memories to last a lifetime. Staff had the privilege of seeing a whole new side to this group of students as they all grew in confidence and overcome obstacles day after day.



Thank you to everyone who came along and supported out students in the production of Matilda Jr the musical this week. The students involved have spent many hours rehearsing after school to make the show a success. As well as putting on 2 evening performances , they delighted local primary school children with a matinee production on Thursday afternoon.

It was great to see everyone's hard work shine through. Well done to all involved.



YEAR 8 LONDON TRIP

Our Year 8s had an amazing time on their trip to our country's capital. On the first day they racked up their steps by taking in all the sights, including Trafalgar Square and Buckingham Palace and a River Cruise before a trip on the London Eye to view the cityscapes and a few scares on their visit to the London Dungeons.

On day 2 after a good night's sleep students had the chance to visit both the Natural History and Science Museums as well as a chance for a little bit of shopping.

Trip Leader Mrs Gray said, "These were a great group of students to spend time with. We had lots of fun and they really were a credit to the school with their excellent behaviour."



YEAR 9 WHITBY TRIP

Our Year 9 trip to Whitby is an excellent trip for building friendships, having fun and enjoying some of our traditional seaside coast line. The activities just do not stop on this trip, with visits to the Whitby beaches and Whitby Abbey and the ancient City of York. There are physical challenges like high ropes and bowling and fun opportunities like chocolate making and train rides and arcades.

This trip really offers something for everyone, and combined with the opportunity to stay in the unusual Boggle Hole Hostel it is not hard to understand why this trip is over subscribed every year. See our facebook page for even more photos.



Sports Hall Athletics Competitions

This half-term has seen the return of the North West Leicestershire Sports Hall Athletics competition for our Key Stage 3 students.

Our Year 7 team participated with great energy and enthusiasm throughout the event finishing in 3rd place overall.

The Year 8 team worked fantastically together and showed great teamwork throughout securing a 3rd place finish also.

The Year 9 girls and boys both won their competitions convincingly. The trophy was brought back to Ivanhoe for another year!! The students involved were amazing and showed great character to win both events and were a credit to the school. Well done

Keep your eyes peeled for Athletics club starting after Easter in preparation for the upcoming Saffron Lane competition in the Summer term.



Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Year Groups</u>	<u>Gender</u>
19/3/2024	Girls Football	Yr 7/8	Girls
WC 22/4/2024	Girls Football	Year 8 & 9	Girls

WORLD BOOK DAY

As Ivanhoe is a reading school and to further promote the joys of reading, we marked this year's World Book Day with a scavenger hunt for students who had to solve daily clues to locate golden tickets which were hidden around the school site. The golden tickets were then exchanged for a book of student's choice.

Our student Literacy Leaders also held a Book Swap in the library.



What a great catch!

We have been fortunate enough to receive another free consignment of fish from the national Fish Heroes programme, an organisation whose mission is to educate and facilitate the supply of fish into schools to allow our young people to broaden their culinary experiences and explore new tastes and ingredients. Previous deliveries of wild Alaskan pink salmon and fresh rope grown mussels have had a really positive impact on learning within the food classroom encouraging our students to try foods such as fish that they had never eaten or prepared before, learning how to cook it in different ways and experiment with recipes that were new to them. Our most recent fish delivery is in canned form and is pink salmon which will be combined with potatoes, cheese, vegetables and herbs to make fishcakes within lessons. This will allow our students to shape, form, combine ingredients and coat and enrobe with a breadcrumb texture. Watch this space for our delicious results!



British Science Week

Food science is a big part of our curriculum and specification for GCSE Food and Nutrition and as such we marked the recent British Food Science Week learning about food science in action. For example, Year 9 students demonstrated gelatinisation when making a roux sauce when the starch molecules burst open when heated which cause the sauce to thicken. Year 10 students made Swiss rolls which incorporated whisking of the sugar and eggs to create a stable foam and manual sifting of the flour to add air into the mixture. We also used the technique of folding too and discussed the science behind use of manual and chemical raising agents within our food. We have demonstrated caramelisation, dextrinisation, denaturation of proteins as well as enzymic browning through the recent practical sessions we have conducted- always learning through doing.



Well done to blah and blah who won this year's STEAM Show Best in Show Awards with their food science based project.

Spring /Easter Baking

As we approach the Easter break, we have experimented with making an enriched dough in the form of Easter bread wreaths. This practical activity involves lots of skills such as combining ingredients to form a dough, kneading, proving, shaping, forming, zesting, measuring, decorating with icing or chocolate eggs and as well as all of this- they tasted delicious!



UPCOMING DATES

Mon 8th April	Back to School
Tues 16th April	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
Thurs 18th- 20th April	Year 7 Campout Trip
Mon 6th May	Bank Holiday School Closed
Thurs 16th May	Year 7 Face to Face Parents Evening
Tues 21st May	Year 7 Online Parents Evening
Fri 24th May	End of Half Term
Mon 3rd June	Back to School

CONCERNS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS

We seek to do everything we reasonably can to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students. I am sure you will appreciate that there are limits to this outside of school hours and especially during the holidays.

We would therefore recommend that you:

- Monitor closely your child's activity on social media. Most of the problems we have to deal with at the start of each term relate to antisocial behaviour that has taken place online during the holidays. If your child is being seriously abused online, contact the police. <https://www.ivanhoe.co.uk/protecting-your-child-online>
- Let us know if there have been any issues that we need to be aware of as soon as possible so we can respond promptly and appropriately when school reopens. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to respond to emails etc. out of school hours.
- Contact Social Services if you feel they should be aware of an issue.

You can call the Social Services Central Duty Team on 0116 305 0005 or

make an online referral via the following link <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/community-safety/report-abuse-or-neglect-of-a-child>

- Contact the police on 999 straight away if you believe a child is in immediate danger.

Thank you for your support on this matter.

Emma Boussida

DSL/Assistant Headteacher