

**MAY 2024**

# IVANHOE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the last half term of the year in school, we are starting to reflect on the achievements of our students across this year. I have been really pleased with the positive impact our changes to the rewards policy have had on recognising such a huge proportion of our students for excellent conduct, attitude and achievement. The number of Superstar Awards and House Point Badges given and worn with pride has been fantastic to see. Next half term we will also be running our annual awards events to recognise those students with outstanding subject achievements which I am really looking forward to. A huge thank you to Rotary Club for providing some sponsorship towards this.



In addition we will be running another fantastic Golden Ticket Reward Event, so please remind your child that maintaining great attendance, upkeeping uniform standards and working hard next half term is still key to gaining that invite.

Your KS3 child may have already started some of their end of term assessments, with more happening when we return. Now is a good time for them to start learning skills and techniques for revision that they can build on when they eventually take their KS4 GCSE exams. There are lots of revision resources on Moodle and don't forget the BBC bite size app we have recently shared.

After the holidays we will be taking nominations for Year 9 House Leaders and KS4 Head Students. Thank you to our current Student Leaders for sharing their experiences and offering encouragement. Please encourage your child to put themselves forward, these opportunities are open to all students and we encourage applications from students who may not have been involved in anything before to still put themselves forward, their voice counts.

We have had a few questions about regarding the last day of Summer term, in particular travel arrangements. To avoid any speculation I wanted to confirm now that the schools in the LiFE MAT will be running a full day on Weds 10th July, Ivanhoe will finish at the usual 3.05pm, so parents need not worry about students needing lifts home at different times.

I hope you all have a fantastic break.

Alison Allford - Headteacher

### LOST PROPERTY

We have lots of lost property in the reception area, please ask your child to check and collect their items ASAP. After half term we give students a small window to collect and then we will be donating unclaimed items to the charity shop. Thank you for your support on this.

### INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE

- Mental Health Awareness
- Ivanhoe iPad Scheme
- Eco Club
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Police Update
- And More....

# MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK



Last week we marked Mental Health Awareness Week in school. This year's theme was 'Movement: Moving more for our mental health'

One of the most important things we can do to help protect our mental health is regular movement.

Our bodies and our minds are connected, so looking after ourselves physically also helps us prevent problems with our mental health. Exercise releases "feel good" hormones, that reduce feelings of stress and anger. It also helps us feel better about our bodies. It can improve our sleep too. If it involves other people, like being part of a team, a class or group we see regularly, that can also boost our mental health.

Despite these benefits, so many of us struggle to move enough. We know there are many different reasons for this, but we wanted to encourage our students to think about what physical activities they were doing each week as part of our form group 'Active Minutes Challenge'. Well done all who took part.

**Have a think about what physical activities could you do this half term to give your Mental Health a Boost?**

The Active Minutes inter-house results were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Earth

2<sup>nd</sup> Fire

3<sup>rd</sup> Water

4<sup>th</sup> Air

## IVANHOE SUPPORT AND WELLBEING DIRECTORY

Many of our students are going through periods of immense change at the moment. Those teen and pre-teen years are full of challenges that can affect the mental health of even the most resilient young people. The challenges of puberty, friendship group changes, exams, transitioning to new year groups or even new schools can leave students and their families unsure of where to find tips for coping. Some of our young people may be facing even more extreme challenges.

We are really proud of the support and wellbeing section of our website, which has gathered together all of the best and most trusted resources and organisations for a huge range of issues. Have a look this week with your child to see if there are any that could benefit them. [Support and Wellbeing | Ivanhoe School](#)

They include:

- Exam stress management
- Vaping risks
- Wellbeing Support
- Coping with Bereavement
- Counselling service for young people
- Depression and Anxiety
- Dealing with Divorce
- Internet Safety and More



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**Don't struggle to cope on your own -use the resources available.**



# 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 500 students in school who have purchased an iPad through the scheme. We recommend that all students have their own iPad where possible to 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 moving to a new online homework app via Arbor 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 youHQ 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 fitted 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 enrol the iPad into our MDM scheme. 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?

10th Gen Bundle:

- iPad 10th Gen 64GB
- Tucano Alluno Case
- iCare Accidental Damage Cover (12/24/36 month cover)
- Jamf School Perpetual License

### How much does it cost?

iPads are available on a 2 or 3 year finance package (depending on the student's year group), or available to purchase for a one off fee. Once paid for they remain the property of the student.

**Year's 7, 8 & 9 - 36-Month Scheme**  
£15 per month or £540 one off payment

**Year 10 24-Month Scheme**  
£22 per month or £528 one off payment

**Year 11 12-Month Scheme**  
£38 per month or £456 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.

**Albion**

Apple  
Authorised  
Education Specialist

Monthly payments are managed by Albion on behalf of Ivanhoe.

Full FAQs and sign up available here:

<https://www.albion.co.uk/ivanhoe/>





## Food for Life

We have had a visit from a Food for Life ambassador who came to speak to us about the work we are doing with Eco schools and within food lessons towards the Food For life award that we are working on for Ivanhoe. The Food for Life award recognises the work that is being done in schools to promote healthy eating choices, the impact on school meal choices for students, gaining knowledge about nutrition, students making their own food within lessons as well as creating opportunities for growing and then eating their own food.

We have been provided with some resources for our school to use to secure the development of this work-such as seeds, gardening gloves, knives and chopping boards- watch this space for more news!

We have already started growing some vegetables and herbs from seeds on the food room window sill which we have utilised within our food lessons to use as garnish enhancing the presentation of our dishes. The pea shoots, grown speedily from dried peas have been amazing to watch grow! We have also contributed and taken part in Plant and Share month and National Gardening week too!



## Mental Health Awareness Week

We have been growing and planting for Mental Health awareness week by offering students the chance to sow a sunflower seed and be part of a summer of growing. The benefits of growing and planting are great for our mental health and wellbeing. This could be as simple as watching a seed start to grow or spending time in the garden enjoying the outdoors.



## Interhouse Growing Competition

Following the success of this, this will now be extended to an Interhouse form competition as some form tutors take on the challenge of a growing the tallest sunflower competition.

There will be other opportunities this summer to get outdoors, hopefully developing the school garden and growing a wider range of food that we can use within our food lessons. If you have any spare small gardening equipment that could help us with this or any local contacts this would be a great community partnership for our students to become involved in! Please contact Mrs Thomas or Mrs Deacon at school.

Following on from the sunflower seed planting, some students have expressed an interest in getting involved in more sowing and growing so a small group of students have been setting herbs, strawberry plants, tomato plants etc. Our tomato planters have been created by recycling empty tins from the food room and planting the up to ensure that we are being as environmentally friendly as possible and recycling- re using and re purposing items that may usually just be thrown away.



Mrs Thomas

Eco schools co-ordinator



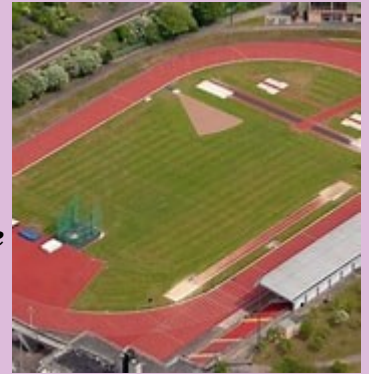


# PE NEWS

On Wednesday 22nd May we took 52 students to saffron lane to compete in athletics. Thirty-five of those students took part in the track events and 15 competing in the field events. It was a tough day of competition due to the wet weather. Despite this all of the students involved were a credit to the school and showed great team spirit.

Mrs Gray who was supervising the trip said, ***“It was so heart warming to see how the students behaved on the day. They were amazing at cheering each other on, with no differentiation between those coming first or those coming last. They motivated each other and made their peers feel proud of their performances. Despite the awful weather there was no whinging, their behaviour was impeccable at the stadium and on the coach. I was really proud to be able to spend the day with them all.”***

Results will be released shortly. Well done all!!



## X BOX FIELD TRIPS

For some, gaming is seen as just a form of entertainment. But studies show it can help foster important life skills like problem solving, team building, communication and analytical thinking. Xbox Field Trips is a first-of-its-kind series of audio learning journeys that helps children to develop important soft skills.

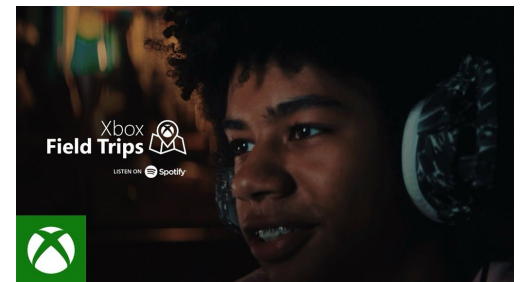
Check out this [Youtube video](#) to see the story of Max, Connor, Taffie & Aliyah as they embark on virtual Field Trips into the world of Xbox and begin a new journey to learning.

Xbox Field Trips are a series of podcast episodes that can be played alongside gameplay (on Xbox or PC and some other consoles too) .

They are designed to get young people to think about what they are doing, as well as including some interesting theme-based knowledge.

The game play accompanying podcasts for games such as Sea of Thieves and Minecraft amongst others can be found on spotify:

[Xbox Field Trips - playlist by Xbox | Spotify](#)



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH

We have had another amazing round of expeditions for our Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Awards students. It is fantastic to see such great team work and motivation from the students despite walking up to 40km across the weekend, as well as making their own camps and cooking their own meals. Well done to our Duke of Edinburgh Coordinators too for helping to make it all a huge success, we have been informed that we have the highest pass rate for any organisation in the area!





# FOOD NEWS

## Free fish to support learning opportunities in lessons

We have again been fortunate to receive a very generous donation of free fish from the national Fish Heroes programme. We received a case of tinned pink salmon and used this to create some delicious fishcakes with year 7!

This session taught them not only to identify and work with new ingredients such as herbs, lemongrass, mint leaves, and chilis, but to use a very wide range of skills and processes such as coating, breading, enrobing, shallow frying, oven baking, peeling, boiling and mashing. We discussed the issue of sustainability and responsible fishing to ensure that our rivers and seas are not over fished and that supply of this food can be maintained. This developed Year 7 knowledge of Food provenance, understanding where our food comes from and how it is processed. As our focus is always on considering how we can make our food as nutritious as possible we included diced peppers, spring onions, sweetcorn, within our fishcakes and chatted about which additional ingredients could be added to boost the nutrition of our fishcakes such as using wholemeal breadcrumbs to increase the fibre content further too.

This was also a great opportunity for students to work together within a team, delegating tasks amongst the team members and working collaboratively to present up a final dish in Masterchef style at the end of the session. Here are some of the results of the Year 7 practical- fishcakes served with mayonnaise or sweet chili sauce. Look how good their finished outcomes look!

### Coming up!

Next month we explore Healthy Eating week which runs from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June and look ahead to creating some traditional dishes from other cultures as we enter the European Football championship competition and create some European dishes from these participating countries.

Mrs Thomas

Teacher of Food and Nutrition



## POLICE UPDATE—ASHBY CASTLE

Within the past month or so there has been a rising number of incidents within the Ashby Castle grounds of young persons entering the site. This has involved children attending the area, more-so after the closing times of the shop, to which the children have been involved in Anti-Social behaviour and have also caused criminal damage.

The Ashby Castle staff are requesting that children are NOT to attend the site unless accompanied by an adult, as per the entrance policy. Additionally, entry gained to the site after it is closed is an offence. This will be reviewed and progressed, as there are a number of CCTV appliances in place that have identified three involved children already.

Most importantly, some of the risks posed of falling or similar within the site are a high possibility. Should this behaviour continue it will lead to a serious injury or death.'

**Ryan Lang PC 4516 Lang**

**Neighbourhood Police Officer: NN4601**

## UPCOMING DATES

Mon 3rd June	Back to School
Thurs 13th June	Year 9 Awards Evening
Fri 14th June	STEAM Show Winners Rolls Royce Trip
Weds 19th June	Year 11 Celebration Event
Thurs 20th June	Year 10 Taster Day to Ashby School
Thurs 20th June	Summer Concert
Mon 24th-Fri 28th June	Sports Days All Week
Weds 26th June	Yr 6/10 Transition Days

## 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/Deputy Headteacher