

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Welcome back to Ivanhoe School**

We are looking forward to welcoming your child back for the new term! Staff are already back in school and currently celebrating a great set of GCSE results. Well done to our outgoing Year 11.

I am writing today with some key information about the school day and other important information for return to school next week.

All students will return on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2026 – in **full blazer uniform** - not PE uniform.

#### **Daily Routines**

Students should arrive on site between 8.15 – 8.25am. Staff will be on site to greet them. We require all students to be in their Form Group line ups at the back of the school on the first day back by 8.30 to ensure a smooth start. Thank for your support with this.

- Year 7 and Year 8 students will assemble on the Playground as they did on induction days.
- Year 9 will assemble on the tennis courts.
- Year 10 and Year 11 will assemble on the astroturf.

#### **Uniform and equipment needed**

We expect all students to be in full school uniform including school shoes which comply with our uniform policy. [Uniform | Ivanhoe School](#)

A gentle reminder that all shoes must be plain black leather or leather look and be able to be polished. We DO NOT accept trainers or canvas shoes.

Your child will also need a warm waterproof coat for breaks and lunches as the weather changes. We do not accept hoodies as an alternative to a school coat and we will be asking for these to be removed. It is advisable to purchase the V neck Ivanhoe jumper to wear beneath the blazer or warm underwear so that your child remains at a comfortable temperature when the weather turns colder. However, the school jumper should never replace the school blazer which is a compulsory item.

New year 10s, don't forget to replace your KS3 tie with the KS4 gold stripe tie. These are available from any of our uniform suppliers found on here: [Uniform Approved Stockists | Ivanhoe School](#).

#### **PE Uniform**

On the days when your child has PE we will expect students to come to school in their Ivanhoe PE Uniform **except on the first day of term and school photo day**. Our school photo day will be Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August for Years 7 and 10. If your child does have PE on this day please wear blazer uniform but bring your trainers.

## **Equipment**

Your child must bring to school every day a school bag (large enough to fit an A4 folder) with the following equipment:

- **A reusable water bottle**
- **Your charged Ivanhoe School iPad (if you have one)**
- **A notebook**
- **A pencil case** equipped with a black or blue pen plus spares, pencil, rubber, ruler, pink pen and calculator (no sharpeners please)
- **An age appropriate reading book.** At Ivanhoe, we are a reading school and our recent research into what contributes to best progress and learning in all subjects has meant that reading is a priority in this next academic year and ongoing.

## **Mobile Phones**

**We would like to remind parents and carers of the government guidance regarding mobile phones in schools.**

In line with our school expectations, mobile phones should **not be seen, heard or used anywhere on the school site** during the school day. If a mobile phone is seen, heard or used, it will be confiscated in line with our school procedures. On the second occasion, the student will no longer be permitted to bring their mobile phone into school or will be required to hand it in at the start of each day until the end of the half term.

We ask for your support in reinforcing this expectation with your child so that we can maintain a calm, focused and disruption-free learning environment.

## **During the school day**

## **Timetable**

Your child will receive a paper copy of their timetable on the first day and thereafter will be able to see it on Arbor. You will also be able to see it **on the Arbor app**. <https://www.ivanhoe.co.uk/arbor-guide-for-parents>. New parents to Ivanhoe will be sent a signup link for the Arbor app. Thank you to those parents of new Year 7s who are already signed up.

Students will have an extended form time during Period 1 with their tutor, focusing on key school routines and expectations. This will then be followed by subject teachers explicitly teaching the behaviour curriculum within their lessons, ensuring students understand the behaviours and expectations required to be successful in each subject.

We run a two-week timetable – Week A and B. When we return on Tuesday it will be Week A.

## **Breaks and Lunches.**

All students will have break at 11.05 – 11.25 and lunchtime is at 12:25 – 1:05. If your child is in Year 7, they will have an extended lunch and break to start with, while they get used to our systems.

Our lunch break is 40 mins which may be a shorter lunch than your child will be used to if they are new to secondary school. Parents of new Year 7 students, please discuss with your child how they will spend their time at lunch – if they attend a lunchtime club or play astro football, a packed lunch may be advisable.

We run a cashless system so parents need to add funds to their child's account on Wisepay.

## **WisePay**

WisePay is a secure online payment service that allows parents and guardians (and extended family members), to make payments to their academy using their debit or credit cards. Payments can include meals, trips, tickets, uniform purchases, book purchases, clubs, bus payments, sports or music payments.

### **Benefits to Parents**

- Quick and easy to use
- Payments can be made when the academy is closed
- Safe and secure to use
- Own private account history available at anytime
- Balances can be viewed 24/7 Quick and easy way to find information
- No more searching for cash

### **How to log on for the first time**

- Go to [www.wisepay.co.uk](http://www.wisepay.co.uk)
- Click on 'PARENT SIGN IN'
- Select 'IVANHOE' in the school/college section
- Select 'FORGOT PASSWORD'
- Complete the requested information

### **For further Information**

Please visit Ivanhoe School website: [Wisepay | Ivanhoe School](#)

## **Staying in touch**

### **Contact with school**

We aim to support and nurture your child. Your child's tutor will be the first port of call for any queries and concerns. If you need further support, then please contact the pastoral team as seen in the grid below. Please make sure that we have your most up to date contact details.

| <b>Pastoral Support and Safeguarding Team</b> | <b>Overall Responsibility – Mrs Emma Boussida</b><br><a href="mailto:e.boussida@ivanhoe.co.uk">e.boussida@ivanhoe.co.uk</a><br><b>Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mrs Vicky Sharpe</b><br><a href="mailto:v.sharpe@ivanhoe.co.uk">v.sharpe@ivanhoe.co.uk</a> |                              |
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| Year Group                                    | Head of Year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | SLT Link                     |
| 7                                             | Mrs Stewart                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Mrs Watson and Mrs Boussida  |
| 8                                             | Mrs Harding                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Mrs Lane and Miss Neeson     |
| 9                                             | Mrs Hill                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                              |
| 10                                            | Mrs Sanders                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Miss Konig and Mrs Cresswell |
| 11                                            | Mrs Woodyatt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                              |

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday!

Kind regards,

Mrs Steere

**Headteacher**