



NEWSLETTER

Merry Christmas
to you and your
Family.



Dear Parents and Carers,

We've made it! It's been a long half term for students and staff, but I have been so impressed with everyone's continued enthusiasm and hard work right until the very end of term - well done everyone.

This week we've also been celebrating student success in house assemblies, with treats and prizes being awarded. We also reflected on how much we have achieved: from concerts to competitions to charity events. It really has been a fun term.

It was fantastic to see our first big scale celebration events of the year, with the 'Golden Ticket Movie Event', celebrating the hard work of over 250 students. We hope the opportunity of another event in the Spring term will really motivate our students to strive to win that next Golden Ticket.

Thank you to everyone who donated to our end of term non-uniform day—this will contribute to our student reward fund. Did you guess who would be on the gate collecting the money? Thanks to Mrs Boussida and Mr Priestland for giving our students a good laugh on the last day.

Our forms have had great fun taking part in our first ever week of Christmas Challenges. From present wrapping, tree decorating, quizzes and more, with a live grand final on Friday afternoon. It has given a great festive buzz to the school, so a big thank you to all the form tutors and staff for making that happen.

This Christmas we are saying good bye to 2 very long term employees who have dedicated between them over 50 years to being part of the Ivanhoe community. Mrs Gill Shepherd, our Maths department assistant since 1995 who has had a huge impact on the lives of many of our young people past and present. Thank you also to Mrs Ruth Smith who has been part of our catering team since 1999. We wish them all the best in their well earned retirements,

Don't forget to take a look at our accompanying pastoral hub bulletin, which includes tips for online safety, including setting up those newly gifted devices this Christmas.

From myself, and all the staff at Ivanhoe we hope you all have a safe, fun and restful break this Christmas, and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2025.

Mrs Allford

Headteacher



INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE

- Student Rewards
- Ivanhoe in the Community
- Festive Photos
- Fundraising updates
- Christmas card winner
- And more

CHARITY UPDATE – AUTUMN TERM



£405



169.45KG



£204.89



**100'S OF GIFTS
DONATED**



Thank you to everyone who supported our charity appeals this term. As always your generosity was phenomenal and appreciated.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Well done to everyone who gave such fantastic performances at our 'not so' Christmassy Concert.

It certainly got us in the Festive mood!



CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION



Congratulations to Anora Bottrill in Year 10 who was the winner of this year's school Christmas Card competition.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



CAROLS ON MARKET STREET

Christmas Eve at 3pm



Holy Trinity, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
23h

CAROLS ON MARKET STREET

3.00pm on Christmas Eve

Outside Boots and WHSmiths on Market Street, Ashby

Join us in the town centre, on the afternoon of Christmas Eve, when we will be gathering for 15-20 minutes, to sing carols around the tree!

Whether you are planning to be in town meeting friends, running errands and shopping for a few last minute gifts, or would like to make a special trip to Market Street; we'd love to invite you to join us.

All welcome, whether you'd like to sing along or would prefer to just come along and listen, as the night before Christmas draws in...



**PLEASE FOLLOW THIS LINK FOR DETAILS
OF HOW TO GET HELP FROM THE ASHBY
FOODBANK SHOULD YOU NEED IT THIS
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**

[How to get help | Ashby Foodbank](#)

IVANHOE AND THE COMMUNITY

North West Leicestershire Police have asked us to let parents and students know that cracking down on the illegal use of E-scooters will be one of their 2025 key priorities in the Ashby and surrounding areas.

It goes without saying that e-scooters are never to be used for students travelling to and from school, or on the school site.

Let's work together to keep our young people and others in our community safe on the roads and pathways in town.



Electric Scooters

It is currently against the law to ride an e-scooter on a public road or pavement. We understand that buying an e-scooter can be tempting, especially as you can buy them from many popular retailers.



Current law
You can buy an e-scooter, but you cannot ride it on a UK public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on a private land.

Why is this?
E-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs), so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements such as:

- MOT
- Licensing
- Tax
- Insurance

As e-scooters do not have numberplates, signalling ability and do not always have visible rear lights, they cannot be used legally on the roads.

What happens if I'm stopped by the Police
The Police will advise you of the current law about how to use an e-scooter legally and ask you to take it home. They may however still penalise you depending on the nature and gravity of the offence.

E-scooter trials
The UK Government is currently taking part in 'Future Transport Zone' trials for e-scooter hire, with a view to making them legal to use on the roads. Enquire with your local authority for a trial closest to you.

Further information
Further details can be found on the following government website:
Powered transporters - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)



Many people can feel overwhelmed, especially at this time of the year. If you or your children are experiencing difficulties and need someone to talk to the following agencies may be of reassuring support.

- [Childline | Childline](#)
- online support provided by the NSPCC
- [Home - Kooth](#)
- **Kooth** is your **online** mental wellbeing community. Access free, safe and anonymous.
- [Health For Teens | Everything you wanted to know about health](#)
- **Health For Teens** is a website that provides up-to-date and reliable information on various topics of health for young people, such as body image, sex, social care, knife crime, immunisation and anxiety.
- www.samaritans.org
We're here, day or night, for anyone who's struggling to cope, who needs someone to listen without judgement or pressure.

If you have a **safeguarding concern** during the Christmas Break, please do the following;

- If you think it needs a same day response, call Children's Duty at the local authority on 0116 3050005
- For other non urgent issues you can email them at childrensduty@leics.gov.uk
- If it is an emergency dial 999

You're not alone this CHRISTMAS

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|  03444 775 774 www.anxietyuk.org.uk |  116 123 www.samaritans.org |  0300 123 3393 www.mind.org.uk |
|  0800 068 41 41 www.papyrus-uk.org |  0800 1111 www.childline.org.uk |  0808 2000 247 www.refuge.org.uk |
|  TEXT YM to 85258 www.youngminds.org.uk |  0300 330 0630 www.switchboardlgbt |  here for you 24/7 TEXT SHOUT to 85258 www.giveusashout.org |
|  0800 58 58 58 www.thecalmzone.net |  0808 801 0677 www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk |  0800 9177 650 www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk |

Other support organisations are available
Please don't suffer in silence

Cruse Bereavement Support *You're not alone*
0808 808 1677 www.cruse.org.uk

ENGLISH TRIP



Our Year 11 students were fortunate to be able to go and see a fantastic performance of A Christmas Carol at Derby Theatre in the last week of term.

Bringing to life one of their GCSE texts, it is a fantastic way for students to deepen their understanding of the text.

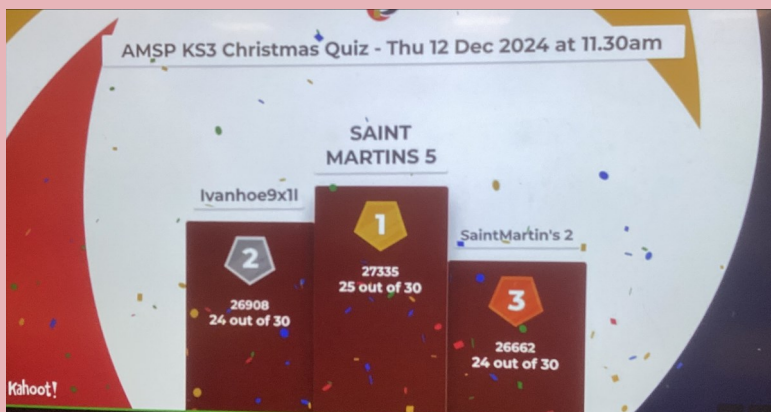
A range of props and costumes were on display as well as a close up look at the set.

Their behaviour was a credit to the school too!!



MATHEMATICAL CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Some of our Year 9 students took part in a Mathematical Christmas Quiz organised by the Advanced Mathematics Support Programme. They competed online against other students across the Midlands and one of the teams even reached the podium! The final results are in and Erin, Abi and Reagan came 18th out of 682 competing teams. What an achievement, well done!



A journey to excellence

FESTIVE FUN WITH FOOD

To celebrate the festive season students have created some great festive treats whilst developing their practical skills.

Year 7 made Christmas pudding biscuits

Year 8 and 9 students made mini Christmas cakes and decorated them. There were some excellent examples produced. The practical developed student's numeracy skills in weighing and measuring ingredients, combining ingredients, zesting citrus fruit etc. Undoubtedly though the part that was most enjoyable for the students was the chance to be creative when decorating their cakes.



Year 10 have created some Yule logs which they enjoyed decorating. This was a great opportunity for students to extend their skills in using techniques such as the whisking method to make a fat less sponge, the food science behind aeration and adding volume into a mixture, they also learnt how to fold in flour to avoid removing the air added. They rolled the yule logs, made a ganache to fill them and also decorated them.

We also made some savoury items, a festive vegetable or sausage, cranberry and onion garland. The learning focused around handling raw meat, shaping and forming, making shortcrust pastry and using it to make a lattice effect.

This fitted in with Year 10's current GCSE food preparation and nutritional learning on factors that affect food choice such as festivals, cultures and seasonal foods and traditions.



Looking ahead to the New Year!

Watch this space for an exciting project on food sustainability as we have been fortunate enough to be selected to take part in the National Fish heroes programme and will be receiving free rope grown mussels to use to develop students repertoire of skills as we will encourage them to try new and unfamiliar foods to broaden their culinary experiences.

The New Year ahead!

STUDENT REWARDS

It's really important for us to recognise and reward those students who consistently show a fantastic attitude towards their learning. That means striving for great attendance, trying hard in lessons, having a pro-social attitude and grasping every opportunity to do well.

This year we have continued our popular Golden Ticket Events, with a Christmas Movie and treats. Over 250 students from Year 7 to Year 11 were rewarded for excellent behaviour, good attendance and attitude to learning.



It was fantastic to reward such a large group of students, and we look forward to rewarding students in Spring and Summer with another reward event, so watch this space.

We also celebrated our form group efforts in our Year and House assemblies. Well done to all of those forms and students that got a mention this time.



| | YR7 | YR8 | YR9 | YR10 | YR11 |
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| Best Attendance | 7WNA | 8ASY | 9FSS | 10WRD | 11FRJ |
| | 7EMG | 8EEG | 9ECT | 10AKL | 11AJN |
| | 7ENM | 8ECG | 9WRB | 10WKH | 11ANB |
| Highest Average House points | 7ENM | 8EEG | 9EDJ | 10WKH | 11WRT |
| | 7EMG | 8EKW | 9FSS | 10AKL | 11ANB |
| | 7WNA | 8ASY | 9WRB | 10ELD | 11AJN |
| Fewest Consequences | 7ENM | 8ASY | 9ATB | 10WRD | 11WRT |
| | 7WNA | 8ECG | 9FSS | 10WKH | 11FRJ |
| | 7FLP | 8EEG | 9WRB | 10AKL | 11AJN |



STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Joseph Allsop in Year 7 who is the December Student of the Month for his commitment to community causes.



UPCOMING DATES

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| Mon 6th January | Back to School |
| Thurs 16th January | Cross MAT 2pm early finish for staff training |
| Fri 24th January | Year 9 Booster Vaccinations |
| Thurs 30th January | Year 8 Face to Face Parents Evening |
| Weds 5th February | Year 8 Online Parents Evening |
| 12-14th Feb | Year 8/9 Whitby Trip |
| Fri 14th Feb | Break Up For Half Term |

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

Deputy Headteacher