

# Headteacher's Bulletin

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

## Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge welcome to Year 7 parents and carers, and a welcome back to all carers with students across Years 8 to 11. We've had a fantastic start to the new term and it's been great to see all the students' looking very smart and being ready to learn. Thank you to all of you who are behind the scenes supporting the students and helping set them up for success at the beginning of the school year.

Please do give high praise to your students for their brilliant focus and effort this week and encourage them to keep up the good work!

Our assemblies have focused on making a positive start, reminding them of the key elements of the Ivanhoe Way: with the right attitude, attending every day, you will achieve.

## Welcome & welcome back to all students

A few shots of the students at break time this week – it's great to have you back!





## Year 11 Parents Evening

Save the date: Year 11 Parents Evening is coming up on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September. It's a brilliant opportunity to let you know how your young person is getting on and how we can support them together to achieve their next steps. We know how important this year is for your child's education and future and we are looking forward to working together to help them focus and thrive from the get go. We fully appreciate how busy schedules are at the start of term, and this appointment is an important milestone to setting each student up well for the year.

A letter to Year 11 Parents with booking instructions will be with you next week.

## Open Evening

Our Open Evening for Students starting secondary school in September 2026 will be held on Thursday 25 September 5-7pm. Please [pass the below sign up link to anyone](#) who may be interested in attending this event.

[Sign up here](#)

## Year 7 Parent and Carer Drop In Sessions

We fully appreciate the gravity of transition it is for students from a primary education setting to a secondary environment. We are holding a parent and carer Drop In Session for you to ask any questions or have a chat with some of Head of Year 7 or some of our SLT about the transition process. This will take place on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September between 3.30pm-5pm in the Dining Room. No need to sign up, just come along with your queries.

## 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. These sessions are aimed at supporting our students to become more resilient, independent, fulfilled learners through the REAL Life curriculum.

You can read more about [the Real Life curriculum, CREW, and how it works in other LIFE MAT schools here](#): Introducing The Real LiFE Curriculum. Mr Cubitt will be sending out more information about how we are introducing this at Ivanhoe in next week's parent bulletin so watch this space.

[Read more here](#)

## New Teaching Staff introductions

As you know, we have an excellent team here at Ivanhoe and I wanted to introduce you to some of our new teaching staff this term:

- Mrs Otuya | Science
- Mr Ford | English
- Mr Noble | PE
- Mr Ripley | Science

A very warm welcome to you and thanks to your contribution to the team already!

## 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:

***Be on time for school and lessons***

## PSHRE and Wider Personal Development

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

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Year 11 Geography Trip
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 10 WEX Meeting for Parents
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

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

**Mrs Steere – Headteacher**