

IVANHOE SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROSPECTUS



A journey to excellence

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WELCOME



The importance of education and our role as a school in developing our young people can never be underestimated.

At Ivanhoe our students come first. We are committed to the education of the ‘whole person’, where we are confident that the enrichment experiences offered alongside our subject curriculum will ensure that all of our students will leave Ivanhoe as happy, successful, informed, resilient young adults ready to make a positive contribution to their world.

Each student joining Ivanhoe School will be supported in every step on their own journey to excellence, allowing them to fully achieve their full academic potential. We offer a broad KS3 curriculum and a robust GCSE syllabus which prepares students for a life-long love of learning.

Ivanhoe School enjoys an enviable reputation for supporting, nurturing, and successfully developing students through the transition from primary to secondary school. Highly qualified teachers and support staff provide an excellent, caring environment in which students can learn and flourish safely. Our aspirations, expectations and commitment are relentlessly high for all members of the college community.

Working closely with our partners within the LiFE Multi Academy Trust we are able to build on our shared expertise and excellence across all aspects of our teaching and learning community. This collaboration ensures each student receives the very highest quality in education and personal development.

At Ivanhoe School students follow The Ivanhoe Way to success. This ensures that students come to school every day, prepared to learn, equipped to learn, and with the right attitude to learn.

I hope the prospectus alongside your visits to the school support you in your decision for Secondary Education. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Best wishes
Alison Alford
Headteacher

OUR VISION & VALUES

Our vision statement describes us as being on a *'Journey to Excellence'* and we value the unique contribution of each student and are dedicated to helping them achieve their full potential.

On our journey we commit to:

- Providing a rich and creative teaching and learning community
- Providing a safe and caring environment
- Investing in ourselves to ensure everyone achieves success
- Respecting and valuing everyone and embracing diversity
- Building strong partnerships within our local community
- Continually preparing to meet future challenges



We enjoy learning together – not only in lessons but also through the wide range of extra-curricular activities we have on offer. We encourage all students to make the most of these opportunities. We place a strong emphasis on students taking responsibility for their learning and as such our students are highly successful across a broad range of activities – sporting, artistic, musical, cultural, academic and personal – and we enjoy celebrating and rewarding their achievements and successes.

We champion the student voice in all aspects of school life, with a high value placed on Student Leadership both in school and in the community. Our students are encouraged to be ambassadors for social change, developing important practical skills for their future as well as building character and self worth.

Our school community is one where discrimination is not tolerated by staff or students and as such there is a positive atmosphere where students can flourish.

Here we do things

THE IVANHOE WAY

With the right **attitude**
Attending every day
You will **achieve**

With the right attitude means

- Be kind
- Be ready to learn
- Be respectful
- Make good choices

Attending every day means

- Be on time for school and lessons
- Be present and get involved
- Be responsible for managing your time
- Look after your physical and mental health

You will achieve if you

- Work hard and always do your best
- Read every day
- Be resilient and accept help
- Reflect and improve

TRANSITION

Over the last 60 years, Ivanhoe School has built and sustained excellent relationships with teaching and support staff in our local primary feeder schools. Our new students each year benefit from a tailored and personalised transition which creates the firm foundations for the start of their journey to excellence.

Parents and children can feel apprehensive about moving from primary school to secondary school. Our transition programme is designed to smooth the process, alleviate any worries and encourage a feeling of excitement and anticipation.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CHILD

We work hard to find out as much as we can about every student who will be joining our school. We want to understand the things they enjoy and any support they might need before they arrive. We use this information to ensure that your child settles in as smoothly as possible.

SUPPORTING PARENTS

We start building relationships with parents, even before your child gains a place with us. Our comprehensive website is full of all the information you need about our school, from practical help like where to buy uniform, resources to help you navigate our IT and support for your child's wellbeing. We meet regularly with parents and students in the run up to starting Year 7 and our approachable staff are always available to offer support.

WORKING TOGETHER

We understand the importance of trusted relationships and excellent communication between school and home and we ask all of our students and families to sign our 'Home School Agreement' and to embrace our school values to ensure success at Ivanhoe.



OUR CURRICULUM

Education of the ‘whole child’ is at the heart of everything that Ivanhoe has to offer. The Ivanhoe curriculum gives every child access to ‘the best which has been thought and said’ – this means a knowledge rich curriculum which empowers student agency, gives authentic experiences and leads students on a ‘Journey to Excellence’.

Our curriculum offers a range of highly academic options alongside vocational and technical opportunities available for all. Each subject area has a clear curriculum vision, underpinned by the National Curriculum.

In Key Stage 3 as well as placing a strong emphasis on embedding core subjects we offer a broad and balanced curriculum that opens up a wide range of Key Stage 4 options for our students.

Our PSHRE and Careers programmes help our students become responsible, independent, proactive and citizens. We aim to support our students in developing a skill-set for life, centred on a range of topics and activities, enabling them to succeed in life in modern day Britain.

We are proud to be a Reading School; building a reading culture for our learners across all subject areas, and encouraging reading for pleasure. We know that regular reading for pleasure and function underpins success across all academic subjects.

We are a fully inclusive school and we ensure that disadvantaged students and those with SEND are supported to access as broad and ambitious a curriculum as all students. Quality First Inclusive Teaching, Adaptive Practice and tailored support means that these students are able to achieve highly.



KS4 STUDIES

Our KS4 curriculum has been carefully designed to provide students with a breadth of qualifications that will open up a range of opportunities for post 16 study.

To meet this aim students in Year 10 and 11 will have the opportunity to gain GCSE or equivalent qualifications across a range of compulsory and option subjects.

Our 'Quality First Inclusive Teaching' will ensure that we are able to cater to the educational needs of all students, whether they will be pursuing higher level exam papers, or if they have special education needs and require some a more bespoke curriculum.

On their 'Journey to Excellence', alongside striving to achieve academic success, our KS4 students will continue to develop their personal skills, develop self confidence and resilience. There will be further Student Leadership opportunities available as well as a PSHRE* programme which tackles age appropriate challenges that students may face as they age.

You can find our most up to date KS4 curriculum on our website:



** Personal, Social, Heath & Relationships and Religious Education*



SUPPORT & PASTORAL CARE

For each student to reach their full potential they need to feel safe, valued and supported. We are passionate about providing that safe and caring environment which is at the heart of our pastoral provision.

We ensure equality of opportunity for all and have an expectation of kindness and respect between all students and staff as well as in the wider community. We set high standards of behaviour for all students and we reward them for hard work and having a positive attitude.

We recognise that young people may be faced with many challenges both academic and personal during their time at Ivanhoe. We ensure that our students and their families know how to ask for help and we provide a whole range of trusted resources, including on our school website.

All of our staff are trained to support our students and look out for those who may be struggling. Safeguarding and student welfare is of paramount importance. Each child will have a dedicated team for their year group including Form Tutors, Head of Years, School Leaders and our experienced and highly qualified SEND Team.

Our Pastoral Support Team help students navigate through behavioural and emotional challenges by offering a range of support and proven strategies which ensure success in both the classroom and in life outside of the school.



ENRICHMENT

Taking our students out of the traditional classroom and into the real world has numerous, wonderful advantages that should always be encouraged.

The Ivanhoe Curriculum is enhanced by an extensive extra-curricular programme. Clubs, trips, charity and sporting events alongside internal and external competitions enhance our academic offer.

Student Leadership is strongly embedded at Ivanhoe, examples of opportunities include: Student Council, Citizens UK, Sports Leaders, Literacy Leaders, Student Mentors, Stephen Lawrence ambassadors and the Eco Club. Students of all abilities and backgrounds are encouraged to take part not only to develop and showcase their skills, but to show our pupils that at Ivanhoe we value the Student Voice.

We are proud of the large variety of school trips on offer at Ivanhoe, which broaden students horizons, help them learn about other cultures, discover new places or learn new skills.

We can only offer such a wide variety of enriching opportunities because of our amazing staff team who regularly volunteer their time.

CAREERS EDUCATION

At Ivanhoe we know that the impact of a good Careers Education can last a lifetime, which is why we devote a significant amount of time to it. Quality Careers Education is as much about aspirations as it is advice, so we aim to provide many opportunities for students to explore and develop curiosities about careers and Further Education.

In-line with our whole school aims of developing students to achieve their full potential and be prepared for future challenges, students will be mentored to make the most of opportunities which will raise their confidence, build resilience and allow them to take ownership of their choices.

Working with Business Leaders and Learning Providers, we ensure students receive unbiased interactions to help them learn about a range of career opportunities and to highlight the correlations between school subjects, qualifications and their future life goals and employability.

We have a dedicated Careers Advisor to provide the most up to date advice about Post-16 education and career paths.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

We believe ALL young people will go on a journey of Social, Emotional and Physical development that will improve their wellbeing and ability to be active today and for life.

Physical Education, School Sport and physical activity are integral to school life here at Ivanhoe School. The PE curriculum is designed to cater for all of our students needs regardless of their experience or ability.

At KS4, there are a range of sports based qualifications that can be studied alongside our core PE programme.

Our extra-curricular programme is a central to being part of Ivanhoe School community as well as giving students the opportunity to represent the school in both intra and inter-school sport fixtures.

The school benefits from extensive outdoor sports fields, hard court playing surfaces, access to indoor swimming facilities, well equipped gymnasium as well as a new purpose built sports hall.



THE LIFE MAT

We are a medium sized Trust, consisting of six Secondary Schools – Ashby School, Bosworth Academy, Countesthorpe Academy, Ibstock School, Ivanhoe School, Winstanley School and currently four Primary Schools – Braunstone Frith Primary Academy, Kingsway Primary School, Desford Community Primary School and Dove Bank Primary School.

VISION

- We have a compelling desire to provide high quality, personalised and rounded education for everyone, right in the heart of our local community. We believe that no school can be deemed successful unless all those around it are also successful, popular and flourishing. Hence, we believe that dynamic, mutually accountable collaboration and challenge between local schools as members of the LIFE MAT is the cornerstone of our future success.
- Each school is seen as a leader of and vital to its local community; each school is regarded as fundamental to the identity of its surrounding community.

VALUES

- Ensuring that every student achieves positive, life changing outcomes.
- Providing a whole education; academic excellence co-existing with an exceptional commitment to activity beyond.
- The relentless pursuit of excellence by; expecting this of every person, every day; recognising and celebrating behaviours that lead to great progress, and promoting and celebrating elite performance inside school, and in the wider world.
- Valuing the diversity and qualities of our staff and students.
- Ensuring that all students and staff feel known, appreciated and supported.
- Committing whole-heartedly to collaboration within, between and beyond our academies.

MISSION

- Outcomes equal to the best nationally and internationally for every school and every child.
- Every child receives a truly rounded education resulting in a strong moral compass, a globally competitive skill set, and a confident sense of self.
- Every school is a hub for community activities, a centre for extended services, and a source of immense pride for students, their families and other local stakeholders.
- Providing high quality buildings, engaging classrooms and excellent sporting facilities.
- Delivering innovative learning resources and materials.
- Ensuring a well-disciplined and caring environment.
- Exploiting cutting edge technologies to expand the opportunities for students, staff and our community to benefit from learning in a digital age.



Ivanhoe School as part of the LiFE Multi Academy Trust works collaboratively with partner schools in the trust to share best practice, facilities and knowledge to deliver outstanding teaching and learning for all students.

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**IBSTOCK
SCHOOL**
Inspiring our community to thrive

**Ashby
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