IVANHOE SCHOOL

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Headteacher's Bulletin

Friday 20th November 2026

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

To celebrate what makes us all unique and to raise awareness, we kicked off Anti-Bullying Week 2026 with an Odd Socks Day, followed by an assembly focused on the theme of kindness. This year's national campaign, Break the Silence, encourages children, young people and adults across the UK to start conversations about bullying, speak up, listen and take action together.



FIND OUT WHO YOU CAN TALK TO HERE

YEAR 11 RESULTS OPENING

Our Year 11 students received their trial exam results in an envelope this week to reflect the process they will go through when receiving their GCSE results in August. The experience has hopefully prepared them for next summer, giving them a better understanding of what to expect on results day.





FOOD NEWS

Have a look at some of the delicious dishes created across the year groups in Food and Nutrition this week:

Year 7 - Couscous salad and cookies

Year 8 - Focaccia and breadmaking

Year 9 - Meatballs, pasta and ragu sauce

Year 10 - Learning how to make an emulsion by preparing Hollandairse sauce for Eggs Benedict



BASKETBALL SUCCESS



Our Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 basketball teams competed in three separate tournaments this week, with both our Year 8 and Year 9 teams coming out on top and winning their respective tournaments.
Well done to all of the students who respresented our school!

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

As some of you may know, one of our computer rooms (D7) was out of action on Wednesday. The school community wanted to say a huge thank you to the colleagues from the Premises Team, IT, the Trust, and the Design and Technology Team who responded so quickly; their hard work meant the room was repaired, reset and ready for learning again in less than 24 hours. A really impressive turn around that minimised disruption - thank you!

THIS WEEK'S ASSEMBLY - KINDNESS

This week, Mrs Boussida delivered an assembly on the importance of kindness and the impact it can have on others. As part of Anti-Bullying Week, students were encouraged to consider how their words and actions affect those around them and highlighted the importance of treating everyone with respect. Mrs Boussida also reflected on the kindness shown through supporting charities including our recent Children in Need fundraiser and upcoming collections for Toys on the Table and the local Foodbank.



CHARITY COLLECTIONS

We are currently collecting donations for both our local Food Bank and Toys on the Table. Please see below for further information:

- Interhouse Food Bank Hamper Competition - every form group is collecting donations to be made into hampers for our local Food Bank. The final day to contribute is **Thursday 26th November**.
- Toys on the Table - we are collecting donations of new toys and gifts in Reception for children and young people who may otherwise not receive anything during the festive season. Toys on the Table will be collecting our donations on **Tuesday 1st December**.



YEAR 10 CAREERS ASSEMBLY - CONSTRUCTION

On Monday, Year 10 welcomed Saad Amin, a member of the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) and a Construction Planner at Laing O'Rourke, for a careers assembly. Saad spoke to our students about the wide range of roles and career pathways available within the construction industry, as well as the many sectors that construction encompasses. The session provided a valuable insight into the diverse opportunities available in this evolving field.



CIOB Aspire

FIND THE ASSEMBLY PRESENTATION HERE

ATTENDANCE SHOUT OUT!

Celebrating our weekly attendance achievements.

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FULL FIVE: 619 students entered into the £10 prize draw for this week, the winner will be announced on Monday.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

Please find the extra-curricular clubs that we are offering this half term below.

Monday Lunch	**Monday Afterschool**
• Basketball (all years) – Mr Noble* • Music Tech Club • GCSE Design and Technology NEA catch up session – Mrs Barlow	• Dance Club 3:05-4:30– Miss Goddard • Rock Band (invite only) 3:05-4:05 • Year 7 Football 3:05-4:05 – Mr Ripley* • Girls Football & KS4 Football 3:05-4:05 – Mr BC* • GCSE Design and Technology NEA catch up session 3:05-4:15 – Mrs Barlow • Dungeons and Dragons Club 3:05-4:00 – Mrs Wilkinson
Tuesday Lunch	**Tuesday Afterschool**
• Keyboard Club • KS3 Badminton – Mr BC*	
Wednesday Lunch	**Wednesday Afterschool**
• Music Room booking (book by Tuesday) • School Choir – Mrs Hall • KS4 Volleyball – Mr Noble*	• Drama Club 3:05-4:00 – Miss Goddard and Mrs Birks • Year 9 Art Club 3:05-4:00 • Year 9 Sports Leaders (Invite only) 3:05-4:05 – Miss Jones*
Thursday Lunch	**Thursday Afterschool**

• Music Room booking (book by Tuesday) • Table Tennis (all years) – Mr BC*	• Year 8 and 9 Boys Football 3:05-4:05 – Mr Noble* • Year 7 and KS4 Girls Netball 3:05-4:05 – Mrs Lane* • Year 8 and 9 Netball 3:05-4:05 – Mrs Brennan* • Year 10 Sports Leaders 3:05-4:05 (invite only – SSP)*
Friday Lunch	**Friday Afterschool**
• DJ Club • Year 7 and 8 Art Club • Board Games Club (H5) – Mrs Turner/Mr Dennett	

*All sports clubs:

- Are free! No sign up, just turn up.
- Please organise a safe way to get home.
- The timetable will change each half term to include different sports

Please bring your PE kit if it isn't your PE day.

PSHRE AND ASSEMBLY FOCUS

Use the link below to discover more information on the PSHRE topics for next week.
Our Assemblies focus for next week is the STEAM Show.

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WHAT'S COMING UP

Tuesday 24th November	Year 8 Medical Mavericks
Friday 27th November	Disaggregated Day – School closed
Monday 30th Nov – Friday 4th Dec	Year 9 Mid-Year Assessments (classroom-based)
Tuesday 1st December	Toys on the Table collection day (have donations in by then)
Thursday 3rd December	Year 11 Parents' Evening

Mrs Steere – Headteacher