



IVESHEAD SCHOOL

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WELCOME TO IVESHEAD

Learning together, excellence for all.

I am delighted that you are considering a future at Iveshead School for your child.

It is a very exciting time for our new school. Iveshead has been formed from the merger of two highly respected and successful schools - Shepshed High School and Hind Leys College. The result is the creation of one 'through' school, where students will have the opportunity to study seamlessly from age 11 through to 19, within one extremely well resourced campus.

We will be building on the reputation and results we have achieved in recent years and will continue to provide a caring place of learning for our students. Here they can develop the skills and confidence they need to make their way through to the next stage of their lives whether that is higher education, an apprenticeship or employment.

The character of our school can be defined by our three core values – 'respect', 'enrich', 'succeed'. We offer a supportive and welcoming community environment with respect for all, a dedicated staff and a strong blend of activities, which create an enriching and successful education for all students at Iveshead.

I am incredibly proud to be Headteacher here. I hope that after reading about our school you will want to visit us and I look forward to meeting you.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Parrott".

Matthew Parrott
Headteacher

We will always be grateful to the school for their acceptance, understanding and outstanding education. There is something about this school which is very special. It transformed our son's life and I know that it continues to do the same for other young people.

Parent Survey 2015



Pupils are proud of their school. They are courteous and respectful towards one another and adults and they treat the building with respect. There is a calm and purposeful atmosphere around the school.

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LEARNING TOGETHER

Learning at Iveshead is divided into three distinct phases, with a strong focus on meeting the needs and challenges of students at each stage of their educational development.

'Introduction Phase' (Years 7 – 8)

We ensure a smooth transition from primary school for our Year 7 students who, along with year 8 students are accommodated in a modern, purpose-designed building.

All students follow a curriculum of core subjects over two years, which lays the foundations for their continued learning and progress. Year 8 students make their option choices which allows for an earlier start to GCSE courses.

'Immersion Phase' (Years 9 – 11)

Students in years 9, 10 and 11 follow the GCSE curriculum which offers a broad and balanced range of core subjects and options to ensure that every student can identify and choose subjects to suit their abilities, interests and future career or study paths. The curriculum allows all students to access the English Baccalaureate.

'Independent Phase' (Years 12 – 13 Post 16)

We have a thriving and successful Post 16, with an excellent record of results. We offer a wide range of courses, with our students also taking on a range of enrichment activities including charity work, volunteering and work experience.

Further details are available in our Post 16 Prospectus.

Pupils learn in a supportive environment where their teachers know them well. The range of subjects that the school offers is broad and balanced and promotes pupils' academic achievement and personal development well.

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EXCELLENCE FOR ALL

We are very proud of our academic track record and the excellent progress that all our students make during their time with us. We believe that the teaching and support that we offer is of the highest quality and this plays a major role in the continued success of our school.

At Iveshead we also offer extensive opportunities outside of the classroom, with a vast range of facilities available to our students, including sports fields and pitches, a swimming pool, climbing wall, art gallery, workshops, theatre, dance and drama studios, a recording studio and excellent IT facilities.

Our reputation for 'The Arts' extends across Leicestershire and beyond and with a broad range of extra-curricular activities at their disposal, students can immerse themselves in something they are passionate about, whether that is music, dance, drama or sport.

We have an established and excellent reputation for inclusive education.

Our Enhanced Resource Provision for students with autism is based on campus and is widely recognised for the outstanding work it does and the remarkable levels of support it gives to our autistic students.

Our 'Choices' curriculum offers flexibility for those students who require some specialised and individual arrangements alongside the mainstream curriculum. Students are supported throughout their school journey by a highly professional and experienced team.



Pupil achievement in GCSE at the school is high. Targets set for pupils are challenging. From their start points, pupils make good, and sometimes outstanding, progress.

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LEARNING IN A CARING ENVIRONMENT

Iveshead is a friendly and supportive learning community and pastoral care is a vital aspect of school life here. We believe in the development and enrichment of the whole student and our aim is to ensure that each individual leaves here with the emotional strength and ability to make life choices that serve them well.

As our students progress through each stage of school life, they can be confident that there will always be someone they can turn to for support and advice.

Joining Iveshead

We work closely with colleagues from other schools to ensure a smooth transition, at any age, to Iveshead. Our experienced and caring team of staff ensure that all students settle quickly and adjust well to their new school.

Mentoring

Throughout their time at Iveshead, each student is part of a caring tutor group, which provides them with an important base to establish strong relationships to support their development. Highly experienced counsellors and student support workers are on hand to offer valuable advice and guidance whenever needed.

Beyond Iveshead

We offer excellent guidance to our students as they plan for their future.

Academic Mentor – assigned to each student in the final two years of study to discuss and review target grades, actions and plans for the future.

UCAS Applications – students and parents are guided through the whole UCAS process and receive valuable advice on student finance and budgeting.

Career Guidance – access to a career advisor and participation in workshops and one-to-one guidance sessions to equip students for employment, training and apprenticeships.



Pupils are proud of their school. They have positive attitudes to learning and this has a positive impact on their progress. Parents overwhelmingly agree that their children are kept safe and are well looked after.

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LIFE AT IVESHEAD

At Iveshead, students are actively supported to become involved in all aspects of school life. We encourage them to participate in a variety of activities to help develop their self-esteem and confidence and in turn build workplace and life skills.

Sport - students have the opportunity to play a wide range of sports. There is a programme of lunchtime and after school clubs, with regular matches and tournaments against other schools. We are very proud of our sporting successes. Our teams are frequent winners and finalists in local school league competitions as well as county and area championships.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme - older students can take up the challenge to achieve gold, silver and bronze accreditation

Trips and residential visits – these are a prominent feature in school life. Recent examples include ski trips to France and theatre visits to Nottingham, London and the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford. Curriculum-linked residential take place on a regular basis to a range of destinations e.g. Walesby, Shropshire, Paris and Barcelona. Students in all years are encouraged in their aspirations through visits to universities including Loughborough, Nottingham, Oxford and Cambridge.

Performing Arts - we have an outstanding reputation for performing arts. Our school productions are renowned within the community and have become eagerly anticipated events on the local calendar. Dance students regularly participate in festivals and events and together with our music department, enjoy a tradition of success with talented former students performing in the West End and on television.

Art & Design – the work of our art students is showcased in our state of the art Mark Parker Gallery which we have on campus. We are extremely proud of our art students who achieve recognition through local and national art competitions and contributions to exhibitions.

Just got home from Friday evening's performance of Les Miserables, absolute fantastic. You should be very proud of your students

Parent Feedback 2015





Teachers know the pupils thoroughly and have positive relationships with them. They have high expectations of their classes and are committed to raising pupils' aspirations so that they can achieve their best. As a result, pupils work hard and take a pride in their work.

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Friendly, creative and innovative. A family atmosphere and supportive environment. Our daughter is very happy and well settled here.

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Pupils are well prepared for life in modern Britain and their next stages of education, employment and training.

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My older children have thrived and grown in confidence at the school, academically and socially, so I am very happy for my youngest son to attend next year.

Parent Feedback