

Dear Families,

Please find below the parent bulletin for week commencing 19 January 2026.

All Years



Digital Lives Guide

A new guide, What I wish my parents or carers knew: A guide for parents on managing children's digital lives, has been published by the Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza. Written with direct input from children and young people in England, the guide offers practical insight into managing children's everyday online habits and setting safe, supportive boundaries in an increasingly digital world. It reflects young people's views on online safety, screen use and the importance of firm, informed guidance from adults. Parents and carers may find this a helpful resource when navigating their child's digital life. [Digital Lives Guide](#)



Chat Apps

Following an increase in WhatsApp misuse, we are sharing the following NSPCC link, which provides clear guidance on chat apps, explains age restrictions such as WhatsApp's 13+ rating, and offers practical advice to help keep children safe online - [Help children stay safe on chat apps](#)



Consultation on LiFE Multi Academy Trusts admissions arrangements for 2027 – 2028

Please visit our website to read the letter regarding [Consultation on LiFE Multi Academy Trusts admissions arrangements for 2027 – 2028](#)



Grab Bag Order Form

Beat the Queue. Order your cold food grab bag via the online link by 9am on the day required. Collection from the hut at lunchtime - [Grab Bag Order Form](#)



Opportunities Programme

At Ibstock School, we are committed to provide an education that extends beyond the classroom. As part of this commitment, please see our opportunities programme for after Christmas [Opportunities Programme](#)

All Years

Independent Learning Timetable

If your child is directed to work at home, the Home Learning Timetable can be found on our website. It is important that when students are not at school, they keep up with the work their teacher has set for them -

[Independent Learning Timetable](#)

Seneca Learning Guide

We have put together a 'Seneca Learning – How to guide' to support students if they experience any difficulties accessing their account. Please refer to the guide for clear, step-by-step instructions to help support your child. Thank you for your continued support - [Seneca Learning – How to guide](#)


Year 9
Year 9 Progress Evening - Save the Date – Thursday 5 February 4pm-7pm

On Thursday 5 February we will be holding the Year 9 Progress Evening, this will provide the opportunity for parents, carers and students to discuss progress in subjects with teachers.

Appointments will be booked through the Arbor Parent Portal; information regarding booking will be sent out via email or can be found on our website - [Year 9 Progress and Options Evening – Thursday 5 February 2026](#)

Year 10
HSB Workshop

Year 10 engaged well in a workshop focused on Harmful Sexual Behaviours. Some of the topics we they covered are: misogynist behaviours, what actually is consent, what a healthy relationship is and the legalities around these topics. Our students were respectful at all times and found the workshop useful.

Dates for your diary...

Thursday 5 February 2026 – Year 9 Progress & Options Evening

Friday 6 February 2026 – Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

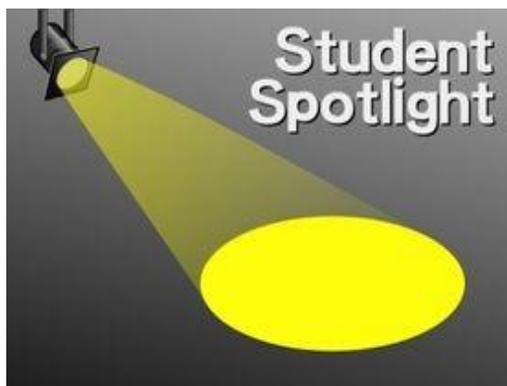
Thursday 12 February 2026 – 2pm Finish

Friday 13 February 2026 – Last day of term

Saturday 14 – Saturday 21 February 2026 – Piancavallo Ski Trip

Monday 16 – Friday 20 February 2026 – Half Term

Monday 23 February 2026 – School re-opens



Student Spotlight – Evie, Year 8

We are incredibly proud of Evie, who was recently featured in a BBC article recognising the remarkable support she provides to her brother, Vinnie. The support Evie gives in enabling Vinnie's independence and confidence has also been recognised by national disability charity **Sense**, which highlights young people who support their siblings with complex needs. Her compassion, patience and dedication truly reflect our school values of **Opportunity, Understanding and Responsibility**. Evie is a wonderful role model and a real credit to the Ibstock School community. In recognition of this, she has received a letter of congratulations from Mr White and been awarded 10 positive Head of School Award points.

[Take a look at the article here](#)

Well done, Evie!

ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION 18B

514 students with
100% attendance
this week

Top CREW for each year
group for attendance
this week:

7SCA, 8CSH, 9RMO,
10KTA & 11RSH

Top CREW for each
year group for lowest
late marks this week:

7SCA, 8BFO, 8CSH,
9AMI, 10JAR & 11RSH

Current Vacancies

Our website has more information on current vacancies we have at school - [ibstock school](https://www.ibstockschool.co.uk)
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