



### **Dear Parents/Carers and the Ibstock Community,**

It has been an incredibly positive and energetic term at Ibstock School, and I am delighted to share just some of the many achievements that showcase the spirit, determination and community values that define our school. This is despite an incredibly, damp, cold and grey start to 2026, the wettest on record in fact!

Our commitment to strengthening our relationships with families and the wider community continues to be a central priority. The recent Offer Day Welcome Evening was a particular highlight so well attended, warmly received, and a wonderful way to begin the transition journey for our new students.

The end of the Autumn term saw a spectacular Christmas Concert, involving over 50 students and even our very own seven strong boyband, setting the tone for a year full of talent and joy. This momentum carried into the Spring term with a joyful spring concert with some outstanding group and individual performances. The term has been rich with Progress Evenings, curriculum discussions, GCSE Options guidance, and a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities. Our ski trip to Italy stood out as a truly memorable experience, with exemplary behaviour and glowing parental feedback an incredible testament to both students and the staff who made it possible.

We are exceptionally proud of the four students who recently won the regional final of the LCFC Inspires programme with their thoughtful and powerful presentation on mental health. They now progress to Liverpool for the national final. Good luck girls.

Our Year 11 students have shown excellent maturity during their second PPEs, with exam invigilators praising them as the best cohort they have worked with. Their attitude and focus speak volumes about the high expectations they set for themselves.

This term has also included vital workshops on Harmful Sexual Behaviours and Knife Crime, with external facilitators commending our students' conduct as among the best they have encountered. These sessions are an essential part of ensuring our young people are informed, safe and confident in the wider world.

On Young Carers Day, we recognised the registered Young Carers within our school as well as those across the country, supported daily by a committed team. It is extremely rare for a school to identify so many, and it speaks to the robust, compassionate systems we have in place.

As we move into the final part of the year, I want to thank our students, staff, parents and OUR community for their unwavering positivity and support. Ibstock School continues to thrive because we tackle challenges together, celebrate success together, and always put OUR young people first.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break, take care.

Ben White  
Head of School



## Harmful Sexual Behaviour Workshops

At the start of the year, Year 10 students took part in a series of Harmful Sexual Behaviour workshops delivered in school. These sessions are an important part of our ongoing safeguarding and relationships education.

The workshops gave students the opportunity to learn about healthy and unhealthy behaviours within relationships, helping them to recognise warning signs and red flags across different types of relationships, including friendships, romantic relationships and online interactions. Students explored these topics in small, age-appropriate discussion groups, allowing for thoughtful discussion and peer learning in a safe and supportive environment.

Local police have advised that there has been an increase in harmful sexual behaviours in our area, making it vital that young people are equipped with the knowledge, language and confidence to recognise concerns, set boundaries, and seek support when needed.

As always our aim is to empower students to make informed, respectful choices and to ensure they understand how to keep themselves and others safe. Support from Mrs Staley was available throughout the sessions, and students were reminded of who they can speak to in school should they have any worries or questions following the workshops.

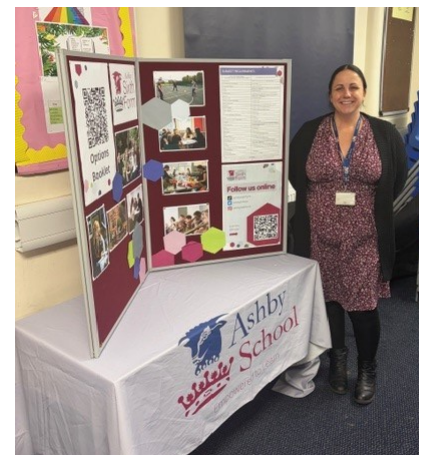


## Year 9 Options Afternoon/ Evening

Our Year 9 students have embarked on their exciting journey towards their GCSE selections. The Year 9 Options Evening provides students with the crucial information and guidance needed to make informed decisions about their future academic pathways and career aspirations. The atmosphere was buzzing with engagement and enthusiasm as students explored a range of subjects on offer. A huge thank you to all the staff who were on hand to share information, and talk to parents to support them in this journey.



A big thank you to Vikki Rundle-Brown, from Ashby School, who joined us to showcase the exciting opportunities available in their sixth form, giving our students a glimpse into their post-16 options.



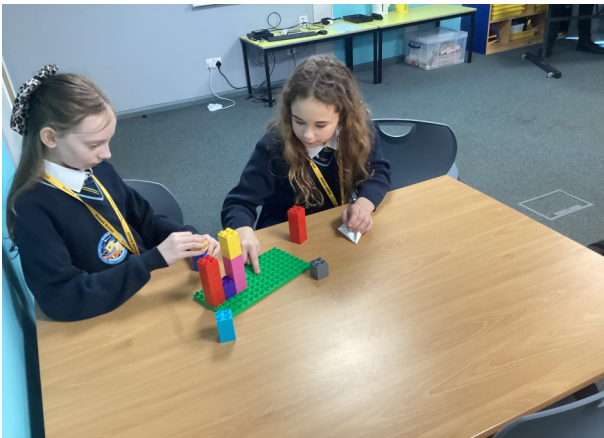
We were also delighted to welcome the PCSOs from the Bardon Beat, who were on hand to offer advice and guidance on community safety and local initiatives.

## Y7 Science Trip



A group of year 7 pupils took a brilliant trip to the National Space Centre in Leicester, where curiosity really took off. The day began in the planetarium with the inspiring show "We Are the Guardians", which invited students to think about how satellite technology can help us look after the planet.

Three career talks gave pupils a clear picture of real-world routes into science and conservation. AstroScale explained their work tackling space junk in Earth orbit, the Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust outlined the many roles within a conservation charity and how young people can get involved, and the National Centre for Earth Observation showcased the many ways satellites monitor our planet's health. In between, students took part in a hands-on session building scale cityscape models using satellite data — a brilliant blend of creativity and tech.



Pupils also enjoyed free time exploring the galleries. They were impeccable ambassadors for the school, asking thoughtful questions and showing genuine enthusiasm. Huge thanks to the staff and hosts who made the day possible — and well done, Year 7!



## World Book Day 2026

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What a truly magical World Book Day we had at Ibstock School. Our corridors and classrooms buzzed with excitement as students and staff alike celebrated the joy of reading.

It was wonderful to see so many of our staff members embracing the spirit of the day, transforming into beloved characters from their favourite books.

The creativity didn't stop there! Students put their detective skills to the test with our hugely popular "Guess the Staff Bookshelf" competition.



Throughout the day, many of our fantastic staff volunteered to read extracts from a diverse range of books to students. These captivating sessions transported listeners to new worlds, sparked curiosity, and reminded us all of the power of a good story told well. And for those seeking a bit more adventure, our library hosted an incredible escape room challenge! Teams worked together, solving puzzles and riddles, all while immersed in a thrilling literacy mystery.



# Piancavallo Ski Trip 2026

During the February half-term, 60 students from Year 10 and Year 11 travelled to the Italian Dolomites for the annual school ski trip. Throughout the week, our students were exemplary ambassadors; their immaculate behaviour reflected a deep sense of responsibility, representing the very best of our school community on an international stage.

The week was characterised by perfect skiing conditions. The air remained crisp and the snow held firm, allowing the group to gain a true understanding of the Alpine environment. This environment challenged everyone to step out of their comfort zones, and the results were outstanding.

While every group made significant progress, this trip marked a historic milestone: for the first time, a student group successfully reached the mountain summit. This achievement was a testament to their persistence and their willingness to embrace every opportunity the mountain provided, from the technical nursery slopes to the highest peaks of Piancavallo.



The après-ski programme was packed with highlights that kept the energy high long after the lifts had closed. Students took to the local sports hall for an evening of competitive games and braved the speed of the Alpine Coaster.

A final thank you must go to the staff for their meticulous organisation and to the students for making this one of our most successful and enjoyable trips to date.



However, the definitive highlight of the week was the Torchlight Descent. This spectacular event saw over 100 skiers—including a large number of our own students and Mr Ball—descend the mountain at night, guided by fire torches and choreographed to music. The evening was capped off with a brilliant fireworks display over the resort, providing a fitting celebration of the week's achievements.

From the first tentative turns to the final run down from the peak, the trip was an undeniable success. We returned home with new skills, stronger friendships, and a genuine sense of accomplishment.



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## Knife Crime Workshop

What a vital day at Ibstock School. Yesterday, our Year 9 students engaged in a hugely impactful Knife Crime Workshop, expertly led by Danny from Street Whyze Project. It was fantastic to see our students participate so thoughtfully, reflecting on crucial lessons around personal safety and the severe dangers associated with knife crime.

These powerful discussions are absolutely essential for empowering our young people with the knowledge and confidence to make safe choices and positively contribute to our community. We're incredibly proud of their engagement and willingness to explore such important topics.

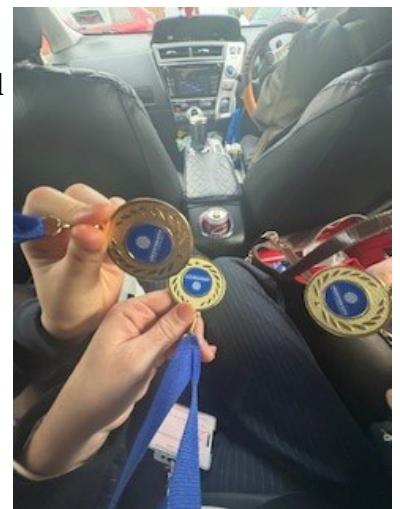


## LCFC Inspires Winners

Ibstock School is bursting with pride! Huge congratulations to Poppy, Layla, Liv, and Scarlett who absolutely smashed it at the Leicester City Inspires mental health and wellbeing day which took place on Wednesday 11th Feb.



They not only represented Ibstock School with pride but also went on to win the whole competition with their fantastic presentation, highlighting the importance of Mental Health. A fantastic achievement girls!



# Comic Relief 2026



**FRIDAY 20 MARCH**

What a day of fun and community spirit we had at Ibstock School on Friday 20th March.

Our students truly outdid themselves for Comic Relief 2026, embracing the spirit of giving. The school was a colourful sea of students in their own clothes, each sporting a touch of red to mark the occasion.

The day also included an engaging CREW quiz, where students collaborated brilliantly, working on general knowledge but also deepening their understanding of the incredible work Comic Relief does here in the UK.

Adding an extra layer of hilarity to the day was 'The Great Joke Hunt.' Students were tasked with finding out the punchline to a number of jokes and to find out which staff member they belonged to.

Our talented Year 7 and 8 bakers stole the show with their magnificent cake sale! The array of beautiful cakes on offer at break and lunch was simply stunning, and we were so impressed by the effort and creativity shown by our younger students. Their delicious treats certainly proved a hit!

All in all, it was a truly memorable day for an incredibly important cause. Thank you for the enthusiasm and generosity of OUR whole school community, and a huge thank you to all the staff who helped out throughout the day to make everything run so smoothly. You have helped make a real difference!



Together OUR school raised an impressive £350.00. Well done all!



# Spring Concert 2026

What an absolutely magical evening we had at our Spring Concert! The energy in the hall was truly buzzing, and it was an absolute joy to witness the incredible talent we have here at Ibstock School.

From the harmonies of our group performances to the brilliant voices of our soloists, every single act was a testament to the hard work, dedication, and passion of OUR students.



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A huge, heartfelt congratulations to every single performer for sharing their talent with us, and a massive thank you to everyone who came along to support them.

We'd also like to extend our thanks to all the incredible staff members who helped make the evening run so smoothly – whether it was keeping everyone refuelled with tea and coffee or expertly organising the acts throughout the night.

Nights like these truly highlight the spirit within our school community. We already cannot wait to see what comes next...

# Art Display



Alongside the wonderful performances, we also had a vibrant display of artwork created by OUR students.



The Pop Art papier mâché pieces were produced by Year 7 students and this artwork was inspired by Roy Lichtenstein.

Year 8 created the ceramic monsters inspired by the artist James DeRosso. For this, students planned their own designs before making them using clay and finally glazing them. Y

Year 9 presented their mixed media drinks bottles. Students used a range of pencil and watercolours techniques in their large A3 sized pieces. Several Year 9 assessment pieces were also on display for the evening which were the realistic eye drawings based on their current project theme of portraiture.



# Y7 Welcome Evening

What a truly wonderful evening we had welcoming our newest cohort of Year 7 students to Ibstock School on 10th March! It was a real joy to see so many excited faces as they joined us for our special Welcome Evening. Mr White delivered a brilliant and inspiring presentation, enthusiastically showcasing all the wonderful opportunities and vibrant community that awaits them here at Ibstock.



Mr White also held a short Q&A session with three of our Year 7 students who spoke about their transition journey from primary to secondary. They did an amazing job.



Each future student received a goody bag and wrote note to their future self. We can't wait to officially welcome them through our doors and watch them thrive.



# Random Acts of Kindness

Mr Mason took some of OUR Ibstock student ambassadors to spread some Easter cheer by heading out into OUR community to perform random acts of kindness. We hope their efforts brought smiles and warmth whilst inspiring our community to thrive together. Well done to everyone involved.



# Happy Easter Everyone

A beautiful design created by Evie 8HRy which we have used as our Easter card this year.



## Positive Masculinity Workshop

We are pleased to share that a group of students recently took part in a series of workshops focused on exploring positive attitudes towards masculinity.

These sessions took place in school on 16th and 17th March and were delivered by Progressive Masculinity Ltd, an organisation with extensive experience of working with young people in educational settings. Their work has been recognised nationally, including features in major media outlets.

The workshops were practical, engaging and reflective, supporting students to develop their understanding in key areas such as:

- Effective communication
- Building positive male friendships
- Managing emotions, including anger and self-regulation
- Attitudes towards education and personal responsibility
- The influence of social media and online role models
- Gender allyship and respect for others
- Aspirations and positive role models

As part of the programme, students were also given the opportunity to consider how their learning could be shared with others across the school community, helping to promote positive attitudes and behaviours. We are proud of the students who took part and the maturity and engagement they demonstrated throughout the workshops.



If you would like to find out more about Progressive Masculinity Ltd, please visit their website: [www.progressivemasculinity.co.uk](http://www.progressivemasculinity.co.uk)

## Forest School Activities

Our forest school students have been doing a wonderful job down at the school allotment! They spent the day getting stuck in, turning over the ground, and making it perfect for planting.

They have successfully planted an abundance of potatoes, onions, and many other exciting crops. It was a real team effort, and their enthusiasm was infectious.

We've got big plans for our harvest! We're looking forward to gathering all our homegrown goodies and coming together to make a delicious, warming soup. It's an incredible way to connect with nature, learn about where our food comes from, and foster a real sense of community.



## Mobile Phone Forum

On Tuesday 24th March we held our Parent Forum on Mobile Phones in School. More information on this will follow, however thank you to those parents/ carers who participated whether that be in person or online. We hope you found this useful and we value your support.



## Community Engagement

Ibstock School came together with the local coop and policing team to chat about how we can really make a difference in tackling anti-social behaviour in our community. This is just the start of something great and we are all committed to working hand-in-hand to find practical ways to improve things and build an even stronger, safer community together.



## Safeguarding over Easter

If you have a safeguarding concern over the Easter Break, please email [DSL@ibstockschool.co.uk](mailto:DSL@ibstockschool.co.uk) – this email will be checked intermittently Monday-Friday.

If you think it needs a same day response, please call Children's Duty at the local authority on [0116 305 0005](tel:01163050005)

For other non-urgent issues you can email them at [childrensduty@leics.gov.uk](mailto:childrensduty@leics.gov.uk)

If it is an emergency dial 999.

If you or your child/children are experiencing difficulties and need someone to talk to during this time, the following agencies may be of reassuring support.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/> - Online support provided by the NSPCC

<https://www.kooth.com/> - Kooth is your online mental wellbeing community. Access free, safe and anonymous.

[www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org) - We're here, day or night, for anyone who's struggling to cope, who needs someone to listen without judgement or pressure.

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