



Dear Parents/Carers and OUR Ibstock Community,

As we reach the end of another academic year and share the final edition of Ibstock Insights for 2025/26, I am incredibly proud of all that has been achieved across our school. This year has been filled with opportunities, successes and moments that have truly reflected the values of OUR school community.

On a personal note, I would like to thank students, staff, parents, carers and the wider community for the support you have shown throughout my first year at Ibstock School. Your encouragement, positivity, and partnership during the last half term have been greatly appreciated. The warm welcome I received when joining the school has continued throughout the year and has reinforced what a special community Ibstock is.

A particular mention must go to our Year 11 students, who have demonstrated remarkable resilience, determination and maturity throughout their GCSE examination period. They have approached this important stage of their education with commitment and focus, and we are immensely proud of the way they have represented both themselves and the school. Whatever their next steps may be, we wish them every success and look forward to celebrating their achievements in August.

As you will see throughout this edition, our students have continued to embrace a wide range of opportunities both inside and outside the classroom. Their enthusiasm, talent, and willingness to contribute to school life remain at the heart of everything we do.

Thank you once again for your continued support. I hope that all of our families have a restful, enjoyable, and well-deserved summer break. We look forward to welcoming students back in September, refreshed and ready for the year ahead. With great excitement and optimism, we look towards 2026/27 and the many opportunities and successes it will bring for OUR school community.

Take care, enjoy the summer, and thank you for being part of OUR Ibstock journey.

Ben White
Head of School



Ibstock Sewing Bee Workshop

In June, some keen fashion designers took part in the 'Great Ibstock Sewing Bee'.

The challenge was to re-design a product or garment from a plain white shirt or t-shirt in only 2 hours! Students changed the silhouette, manipulated the material, created new pattern pieces and focused on decorative techniques to produce something new and creative. Fabric was added, taken away, dyed on, cut into, printed and sewn so that all the results represented a fresh new take on a plain t-shirt. Sustainability is such an important topic in fashion and textiles. The UK fashion and textile industry generates approximately 1.45 million tonnes of used textiles annually. Of this total, it is estimated that about 300,000 to 350,000 tonnes of clothing end up directly in household bins, which are then predominantly sent to landfills or incinerated. Students were able to give the garments a new lease of life by upcycling and saving these shirts from landfill!



Winner—Kitty

Runner Up—Ollie

Ashby Arts Exhibition

Ibstock School's Ashby Arts Festival entry is currently on display in Ashby High Street. We've had some fantastic contributions from our students this year and having the opportunity to display the artwork is very exciting! If you are local to the area or just passing through, please keep your eyes peeled for our artwork! This year's theme celebrates David Attenborough's 100th Birthday.



World Cup Sticker Swap Club



Mr Hemmerman started our first World Cup Sticker Swap Club, which he ran on a Friday lunchtime. It was a brilliant start. Students arrived with eager collections and spent the session trading fairly, finishing pages and helping each other complete teams — some quality swapping going on. It was lovely to see new friendships forming across year groups.

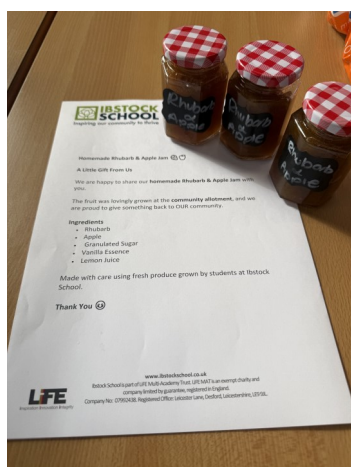


Forest School Activities

Forest School pupils have been busy in our school allotment this term, sowing, tending and harvesting fruit and vegetables. They turned their harvest into homemade jams, learning practical cookery skills, teamwork and sustainable growing along the way. We're so proud of their curiosity, kindness and the positive impact they're making.



The students then prepared and delivered care packages of homemade jam to local residents, sharing their hard work and bringing the community a little closer.



Year 11

'Good Luck' Assembly

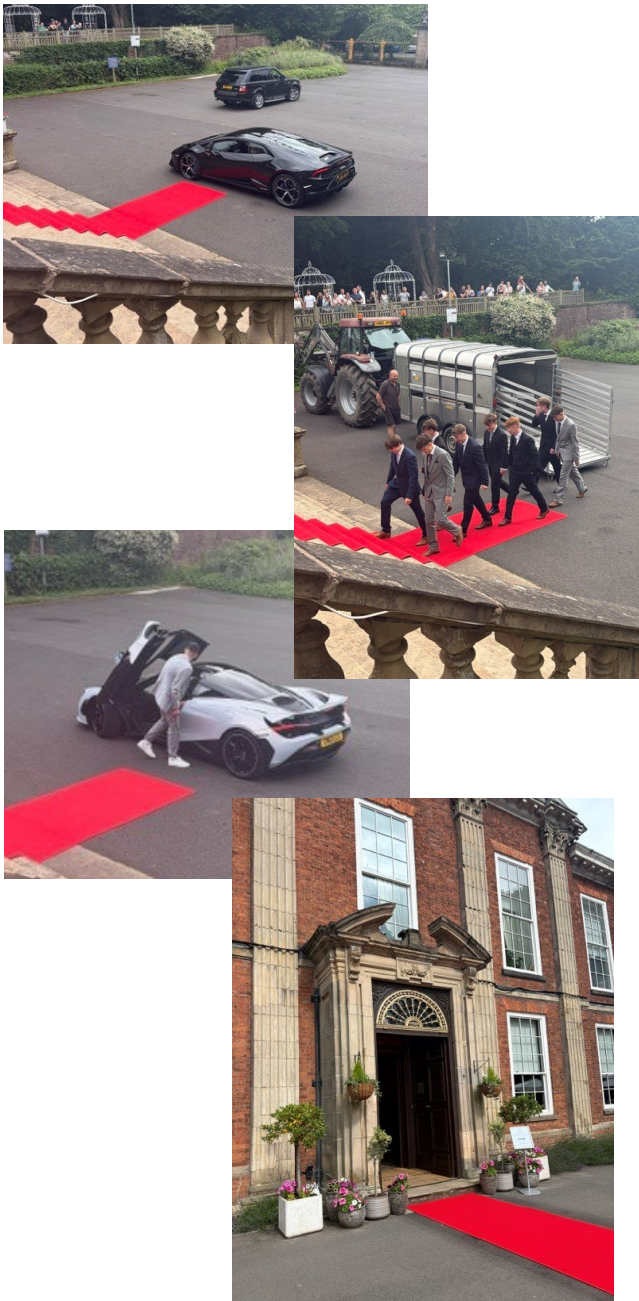


On the day before exams our Year 11 cohort came together for a very emotional but hugely positive Good Luck assembly. Students received touching cards and letters from parents and carers, creating a warm, supportive atmosphere that left everyone feeling motivated and ready to do their best. Thank you to all families and staff who helped make the moment so special



Year 11 Prom 2026

What a fantastic evening at Bosworth Hall as our Year 11s celebrated in style. Students made a memorable entrance, arriving in a wonderful range of transport — from sleek sports cars to tractor- trailers — and stepped into the hall dressed to impress. The atmosphere had a real buzz to it, with students laughing, dancing and creating long- lasting memories with their peers. Even a few members of staff couldn't resist the dancefloor, joining in the fun and adding to the celebratory atmosphere. A great night for everyone.



OUR Prom King and Prom Queen, Callum and Roxanne.



Transition Evening

On Thursday 25 June 2026 we warmly welcomed our new Year 7 cohort to OUR school for an evening designed to make the transition as smooth and reassuring as possible. Students had the chance to try on uniform samples, explore and taste some delicious cakes on offer, and meet their Crew Leaders alongside members of the Senior Leadership Team.

It was a lovely opportunity for families and students to ask questions, find out more about daily routines, and start building those all-important connections.

Despite the exceptionally hot weather, the event ran smoothly — staff and volunteers kept everyone comfortable and safe, and there was a real buzz of excitement around the school. We were delighted to see our new Year 7s chatting confidently with their Crew Leaders and leaving with smiles and a little more confidence about the new academic year ahead.



Ashby Sixth Form Taster Day

Our Year 10 students had a brilliant day at Ashby Sixth Form's Taster Day, getting a real feel for sixth form life. They enjoyed engaging sessions, met current students and staff, and left with a much clearer insight into possible next steps. The visit embodied our values of Opportunity, Understanding and Responsibility — inspiring our community to thrive as students make informed choices about their future.



Stephen Lawrence Symposium



Our Stephen Lawrence Ambassadors recently attended the Stephen Lawrence Ambassador Symposium at De Montfort University, where they joined students from schools across the region to celebrate leadership, equality and inclusion.

Throughout the day, students took part in inspiring talks and interactive secondary workshops, including **Defeating the Shadow Voice**, which explored building confidence and overcoming self-doubt, and **Plan for Positive Change**, where they developed ideas for creating positive change within their school and wider community.

The day concluded with an Ambassador Showcase celebrating the achievements of young ambassadors, with students also receiving certificates and badges in recognition of their commitment to promoting respect, belonging and equality.

Tellmi App

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Tellmi is a safe, anonymous app where you can talk about absolutely anything. From anxiety to autism, depression to divorce, or self-harm to self-esteem, sharing your experiences with the Tellmi community helps you to feel better.

Moderators check everything to keep you safe and in-house counsellors are always on hand if you need extra support.

When 1 in 5 young people has a diagnosable mental health issue, and waiting for 1-2-1 support can take 45 weeks, safe, effective, and immediately accessible digital mental solutions have never been needed more.

Unique pre-moderated, anonymous, age-banded, peer-to-peer support solution is now available to over 900,000 young people and adults across Berkshire, Oxfordshire, Leicestershire, Rutland, the North East England and London. Tellmi is safe, scalable and evidenced to be effective. Most importantly, 94% of users say Tellmi is helpful and for 38%, Tellmi is their only form of support.

Ibstock School are proud to be part of the Tellmi community and have seen the support, success and safeguarding first hand.

Further information and support can be accessed through the Tellmi app at.—

<https://www.tellmi.help>



Year 11 Leavers Assembly

On Monday 15 June 2026 we gathered to celebrate our Year 11 Leavers' Assembly, taking a warm trip down memory lane through their time at Ibstock school. From Year 7 photos to favourite lessons and heartfelt speeches, it was a wonderful reminder of how much each student has grown.

Highlights included the time-honoured shirt-signing — a chance for friends and staff to leave messages and memories — and the entire school coming together to clap our leavers out as they left the gates. It was a highly emotional morning for all involved.

We are incredibly proud of everything this year group has achieved and wish them every success in their next steps. We can't wait to welcome them back on results day to celebrate once more. #ClassOf2026



Pride Festival 2026



Thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate diversity, inclusion and community spirit. It was wonderful to see so many people coming together, having fun and making great memories.

From live music, games and sports to our graffiti wall, selfie spot, BBQ, ice cream stalls and the ever-popular slip and slide, there was something for everyone to enjoy!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the day such a success. Here's to celebrating Pride, supporting one another and continuing to build an inclusive community where everyone belongs.



We raised a total

of £943.47

Thank you

Road Safety Campaign

On June 17, our Year 7 and Year 10 students took part in powerful, reflective sessions centered around personal and community safety. We were privileged to welcome Sarah Laing, who shared the story of her late nephew, Billy.



Following Sarah's moving talk, our Year 10 students engaged in an important workshop focused on how to handle peer pressure and keep themselves and others safe. Meanwhile, our Year 7 students put their focus on road and traffic safety. Teaming up with Amanda Perkins from *Citizens UK*, they took to the streets of Ibstock to survey local roads and identify areas where they felt unsafe due to traffic and pedestrian hazards. Using their findings, they have already begun building the foundations for a new road safety campaign.



We are incredibly proud of how maturely and proactively our students handled these vital discussions. Students will be continuing with their road safety campaign throughout next year!

Opportunity, Understanding, Responsibility



Careers at Ibstock School



It has been an incredibly busy and inspiring term for careers education at Ibstock School. Our students have been stepping out of their comfort zones, engaging with industry professionals, and getting a real taste of what the future holds.

Here is a look back at what our students have achieved this term:

Year 8 Speed Networking

Our Year 8s proved that first impressions count during our energetic Speed Networking event. Local business volunteers joined us for a fast-paced, round-robin Q&A session. Students took the lead, asking insightful questions about different industries and exploring the varied pathways on offer. It was a fantastic exercise in communication, helping everyone gain a deeper perspective on the workplace, and our visitors were highly impressed by the curiosity on display. Thank you to those businesses who contributed to this event.

Year 10 Work Experience Week

History was made this term as we launched Ibstock's very first full-week work experience programme for Year 10. Showing immense maturity, students took ownership of their futures by sourcing their own placements and securing their roles before spending five full days experiencing the realities of the working world. The feedback from employers has been outstanding, with many praising our students' work ethic, punctuality, and commitment. They returned to school with a massive confidence boost and a clearer idea of life after Ibstock.



Year 9 Take Your Child to Work Day

Over 90 of our Year 9 students swapped the classroom for the workplace, shadowing a parent or close family member for the day. This immersive experience gave them an excellent baseline knowledge of workplace dynamics, routines, and expectations. Crucially, it has given them a brilliant head start and a clearer goal as they begin planning their own full work experience week next year.

Army Air Corps: Apache Simulator Experience

Science, technology, and adrenaline collided when the Army Air Corps visited with an Apache helicopter flight simulator. Students learned about the vast array of engineering, logistical, and aviation roles available within the Corps, before testing their skills at the flight controls. It was a brilliant, hands-on way to see STEM subjects applied in the real world (and proved that we have some highly capable future pilots in our midst!).



Year 10 Transition Day: Post-16 Options

To wrap up a proactive term, our Year 10s participated in a dedicated Transition Day focused on their next steps. This session helped students unpack the complex world of post-16 choices—including A-Levels, T-Levels, apprenticeships, and vocational routes. By building this foundational knowledge now, they are well-prepared and confident to make their official choices when

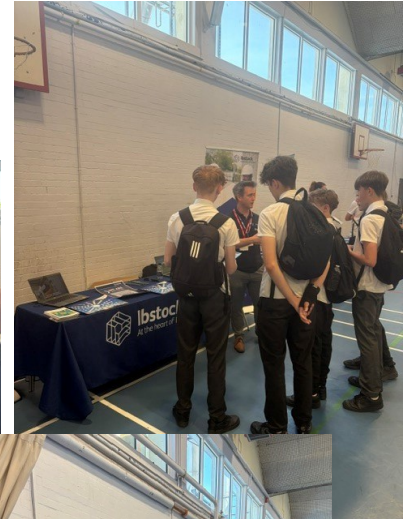
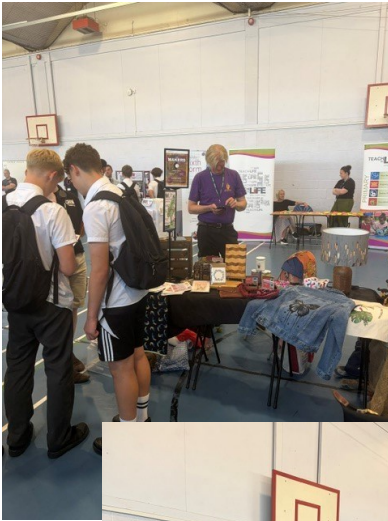


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The Ibstock Careers Fair

We were delighted to host over 20 employers, local colleges, and higher education institutions for our annual Careers Fair. The bustling event gave students from across the school a golden chance to network, collect insights, and explore future pathways. Whether they were discovering new industries or learning about post-16 course requirements, our students approached the exhibitors with maturity and ambition.



A Huge Thank You: Careers education relies heavily on the support of our community. We would like to extend a massive thank you to all the parents, family members, local businesses, and educational organisations who gave up their time to inspire our students this term. You have helped open doors and broaden horizons!

*Thank
you!*

Student Spotlight



Please join us in congratulating Joe (HRY) who recently represented the East Midlands at the Regional Trampoline Finals at the Utilita Arena, Birmingham. This was Joe's third year in a row representing the region, and he took away a GOLD medal in his category on Saturday 4 July — a fantastic achievement. Thank you to everyone who has supported him.

We asked Joe for his thoughts on his recent achievements and this is what he said—

“I have done trampolining for four years now. I have done four major competitions and won two of them. I have got lots of medals for little competitions. The competition I did in Birmingham was against five people and I won first place by two points. I like doing trampolining because it's fun and I can learn new moves.”

We are all so proud of you Joe, keep up the hard work.



Safeguarding over the Summer

Please find below a list of useful links and places to get support over the holidays should you or your child need it.

You can also email school on dsl@ibstockschool.co.uk but please be aware that this email address is not monitored daily.

If you or a child is at immediate risk of danger, please call 999.

Leicestershire First Response - 0116 305 0005 (24hr Social Care Support)

Leicestershire Family Help Service - <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/social-care-and-supporting-families/help-for-children-and-families>

Tellmi : Digital Mental Health Support - <https://www.tellmi.help>

Papyrus : Young suicide help and support - <https://www.papyrus-uk.org>

NSPCC (incl Childline) - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk>

<https://www.ibstockschool.co.uk/about-us/safeguarding>

I would like to thank all our families for their engagement and support this year and wish you a safe and happy summer holiday before welcoming students back in August.

Alison Streeting
Safeguarding Manager

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