

Dear Families,

Please find below the parent bulletin for week beginning Monday 14 September 2026.

All Years

Run with Rich

We're delighted to welcome Richard Whitehead MBE back to our school for another incredible 5km Run with Rich on Wednesday 16th September! Last year, our amazing community raised over £700 — can we go even further this year?



This year's fundraising will support the Richard Whitehead Foundation <https://www.whitehead.foundation/rwfevents> and our brand-new Sensory Area, creating an inclusive space to support the wellbeing of all our students.

Every donation makes a difference. Please donate today and help us reach our fundraising goal! [Donate here](#)

Want to run with Rich? We have just 150 places, with a minimum sponsorship of £10. Register your interest [here](#)

Please read the following letter for more details - [Run with Rich](#)

Attendance

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, or there are circumstances affecting their ability to attend school regularly, please contact their **Crew Leader in the first instance**. Alternatively, our **Attendance Team** will be happy to offer support and discuss any concerns with you.



As a polite reminder, please ensure that **absence notifications are sent to school as close to 8:15am as possible** on each day your child is unable to attend. This helps us to accurately update our registers and follow up with families where necessary. Absences can be reported via Arbor or email studentabsence@ibstockcollege.co.uk

If you are unsure whether your child is too unwell to attend school, please refer to the [NHS guidance: Is my child too ill for school?](#)

Thank you for your continued support in helping us to promote good attendance and ensure that our students make the most of their time at school.

All Years
5-Day 100% Attendance Streak

Our next 5-day 100% attendance streak celebration on Friday 18th September. Please encourage your child to attend school every day and help their year group maintain its attendance streak.

There will also be a daily 100% attendance prize draw for students next week—all they need to do to enter is attend school that day! The draw will take place in the Main Hall at 1.45pm each day.

Thank you for your continued support in promoting excellent attendance.

Science Homework Update

This year, we will continue using **Sparx Science** for homework. Regular engagement with Sparx has been shown to improve student outcomes while also helping students develop valuable skills such as time management and resilience.

Parents and carers can sign up for weekly Sparx emails to receive updates on their child's progress in **Science, Maths and English**.



Students log in using the Microsoft option with their Ibstock email address and password. Homework is set every **Wednesday** and is due the following **Wednesday**. While we encourage students to aim for 100% completion, our expectation is a minimum of **80%**.

Homework start dates:

Years 10 & 11: 9 September (1 hour per week, plus revision)

Year 9: 9 September (30 minutes per week)

Year 8: 16 September

Year 7: To begin once students receive their Chromebooks

If your child is struggling with their homework, they should contact their science teacher for support. Parents are also encouraged to get in touch if homework is consistently too difficult or taking longer than the recommended time.

All Years

Replacement Lanyards / ID Cards

Please be reminded that lanyards and ID cards are part of our school uniform and must be worn at all times.

If a student has lost their ID card, a replacement can be ordered via ParentPay.

If a replacement card is issued without prior payment, the cost will be deducted from the child's dinner money account.

Students who forget their lanyard will need to go to the back of the queue at lunchtime to allow catering staff time to locate their details.

Thank you for your support in helping students arrive prepared each day.

Please ensure that students take care of their dinner cards and do not bend, fold, or deface them. Damaged cards may not work on the card readers, which can cause delays during lunchtime.


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](#)


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](#)


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](#)

Stay Connected With Us!

Don't miss out on the latest news, celebrations, events and highlights from our school community. Follow us on our social media channels to stay up to date and see what our students have been getting up to! We'd love to have you join us online.

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

[X](#)

Year 7	Chromebooks To help our students thrive in their studies we are issuing every student in Year 7 with a Google Chromebook to use throughout their time at our school. For more information, please read the following letter – Year 7 Chromebooks 2026 D&T Contribution An email was sent home this week regarding D&T contributions. You can find a copy of the letter here - Design & Technology Contribution Letter 2026-27
Year 8	OUR Day – Alton Towers We are delighted to announce our upcoming OUR Day trip to Alton Towers for students in Years 8, 9 and 10. Students will have the opportunity to enjoy a fantastic day of rides, fun and time with friends as we celebrate our school community. Full details, including arrangements and important information, can be found HERE
Year 9	OUR Day – Alton Towers We are delighted to announce our upcoming OUR Day trip to Alton Towers for students in Years 8, 9 and 10. Students will have the opportunity to enjoy a fantastic day of rides, fun and time with friends as we celebrate our school community. Full details, including arrangements and important information, can be found HERE
Year 10	OUR Day – Alton Towers We are delighted to announce our upcoming OUR Day trip to Alton Towers for students in Years 8, 9 and 10. Students will have the opportunity to enjoy a fantastic day of rides, fun and time with friends as we celebrate our school community. Full details, including arrangements and important information, can be found HERE English Literature GCSE Text Bundles An email was sent home regarding the GCSE texts year 10 will need for their lessons. You can find a copy of the letter here - English Literature GCSE Texts Bundle

Year 11
Year 11 Revision Fest 2026
Thursday 24th September | 4:00–6:00pm | Ibstock School

We invite all Year 11 students and their families to our Revision Fest, designed to help students make a successful start to their final year.

The evening will provide practical guidance on:

- Effective revision techniques and study habits
- Recommended revision guides, resources and online platforms
- Using past examination papers
- Subject-specific revision and exam preparation
- Supporting students at home
- Pastoral, wellbeing and SEND support

Representatives from Loughborough College and Ashby School Sixth Form will also be available to discuss post-16 options, courses, entry requirements and progression routes.

We strongly encourage all Year 11 students and their families to attend for valuable advice, resources and reassurance as they begin this important year.

We look forward to welcoming you on Thursday 24th September.

Current Vacancies

Our website has more information on current vacancies we have at school - [ibstock school Current Vacancies](#)

Dates for your diary...

Tuesday 15 September 2026 – Valencia Trip Parent Meeting, 5:00pm

Wednesday 16 September 2026– Run with Rich

Wednesday 16 September 2026 – Awards Evening, 6:00-8:00pm – Invite Only

Tuesday 22 September 2026 – 2:00pm Finish

Thursday 24 September 2026 – Year 11 RevisionFest and Post 16 Provider Event

Wednesday 30 September 2026 – 2027 Year 7 Open Evening - 5:00 – 6:00pm

Wednesday 7 October 2026 – Flu Vaccinations , Whole School



OPEN EVENING 2026



WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2026
5 - 7PM

SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO BOOK YOUR SLOT





SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER 5.30- 8.00PM

Register at www.lgs-senior.org.uk/sixth-form



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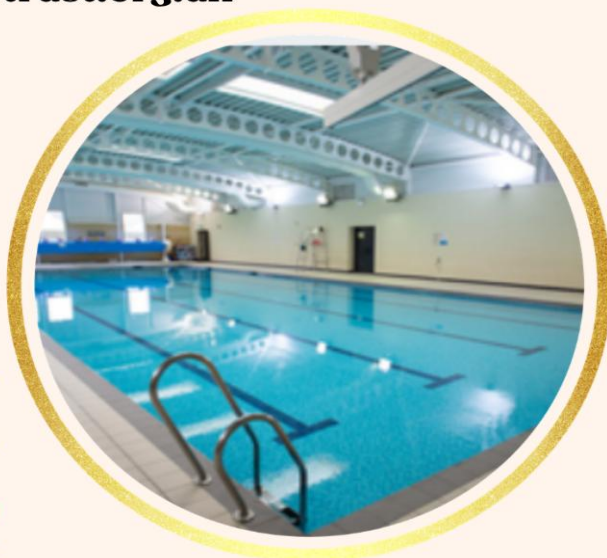


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Parent Support Coffee Morning



Parenting isn't always easy — but you don't have to do it alone.

Come along for a friendly, informal coffee morning where parents and carers can meet, chat, and support each other.



Share experiences



Meet other local parents



Help with SEND issues



Need to know about benefits



Enjoy a coffee and a relaxed chat

No pressure. No judgement. Just support and good company.

Pop in for a cuppa — we'd love to see you!



Coalville CAN HQ
Memorial Square, Coalville, LE67 3TU



3rd Thursday of each Month



12pm – 2.30pm



Club Activ8

If you think your child is eligible to join club activ8 please ask them to collect an application form from Mrs Webster.



CLUB ACTIV8

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY REWARDS SCHEME FOR
CHILDREN ON FREE SCHOOL MEALS

AM I ELIGIBLE TO JOIN CLUB ACTIV8?

If you are in receipt of free school meals or pupil premium then you will qualify. In addition to that, schools on-scheme will also be able to make bespoke requests for other pupils within their school.

Your Club Activ8 membership can then be used on selected activities at:

Whitwick & Coalville Leisure Centre
01530 811215

Ashby Leisure Centre & Lido
01530 412181

WHAT ACTIVITIES CAN I DO?

- Public swimming sessions
- Ashby Lido swimming sessions
- Pool inflatable sessions
- Sports hall court hire
- Gym (age applicable)
- Squash court hire

Present your Everyone Active Club Activ8 card at the reception of your chosen centre to book. Alternatively, contact the centres directly by phone.

ANY QUESTIONS?

Please contact the leisure centres directly if you have any questions. You can also find all information at northwestleicslsa.org.uk/club-activ8.

Finally, if you require further assistance please contact Michael Lidwell, Active Communities Manager at michaellidwell@everyoneactive.com.