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Dear Families,

Please find below the parent bulletin for week beginning Monday 16nd November 2026.

All Years



Christmas Dinner Orders

Payments have now been added to Parent Pay. Orders must be placed and payments made no later than **20th November 2026.** If you are in receipt of Free School Meals your child will automically receive a meal.

Christmas Dinner Menu



Y7 Awesome Autumn Awards Evening – Invite only –

Thursday 26th November 2026 – 6pm-8pm**.** If your child has been nominated for an award you will be notified and will receive and invite to our awards evening in due course. Max x2 guests per child receiving an award.



OUR Community Connections Committee Plea

Students are starting to plan for the food bank collections. As part of this, they are putting together Christmas Hampers in CREWs for Open Hands. These will be distributed to students and families across the LiFE MAT (All LiFE MAT schools are taking part). As part of this, we are looking for donations of small boxes (shoebox or slightly bigger) to help create the hampers.

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.

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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**

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.

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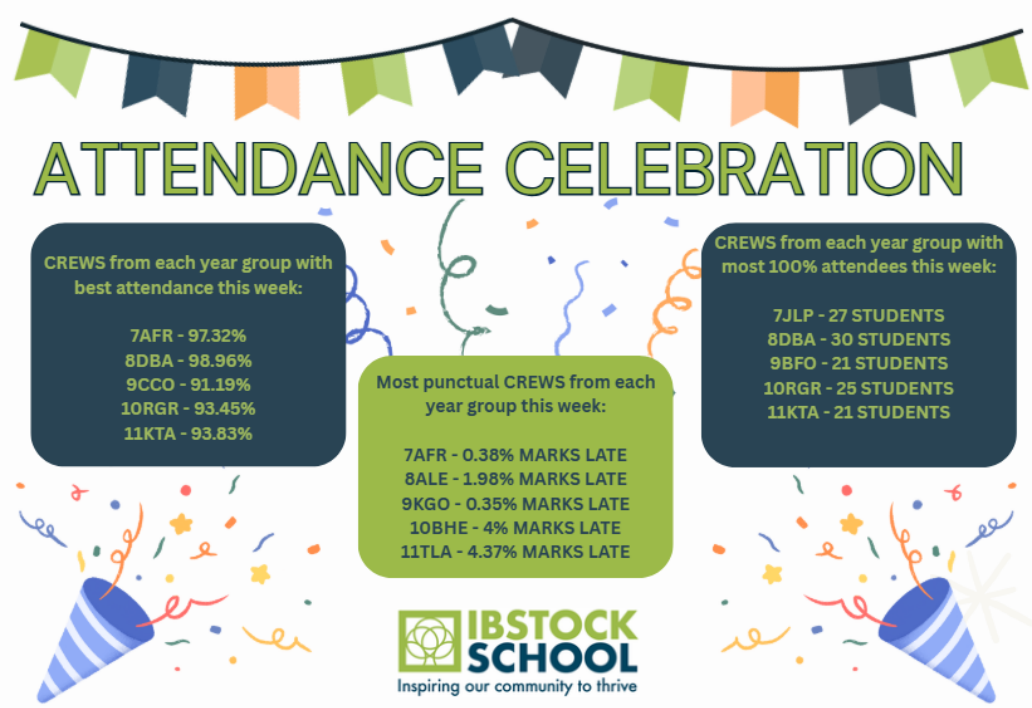
Year 7	**Year 7 Showcase Exhibition – Thursday 19th November, 4:30–6:30pm** Our Year 7 students have settled brilliantly into secondary school life, making great progress with new routines, Chromebook skills, and daily CREW time. This term, they've completed their first REAL LiFE Mission, *"Who am I?"*, exploring how their subjects connect to their own identities. We're now inviting you to their Showcase exhibition, where students will share all they've achieved so far. Please see letter below and complete the form within to confirm your attendance. We'd love to see you there! **Year 7 REAL LiFE Mission Letter** Please remind your Year 7 child that their Mission Work for Humanities (and other subjects!) is due by Tuesday 17th November! This is so staff have time to prepare them ready for OUR fantastic Year 7 Mission Showcase on Thursday 19th November!
Year 10	**Chromebooks** To help our students thrive in their studies, we are issuing them with a Google Chromebook to use for the remainder of their time at our school. For more information and how to consent can be found here – Y10 Chromebook Letter 2026 **Year 10 Reports - N**ow available to view on Arbor parent app under Report Cards – please see a letter on our website https://www.ibstockschool.co.uk/letters/year-10-report-autumn-2026/
Year 11	**SAVE THE DATE -** Year 11 Progress evening is being held on Thursday 3 December 4-7pm Further information on to how to book appointments is contained in the following letter on our website - Year 11 Progress Evening Letter .



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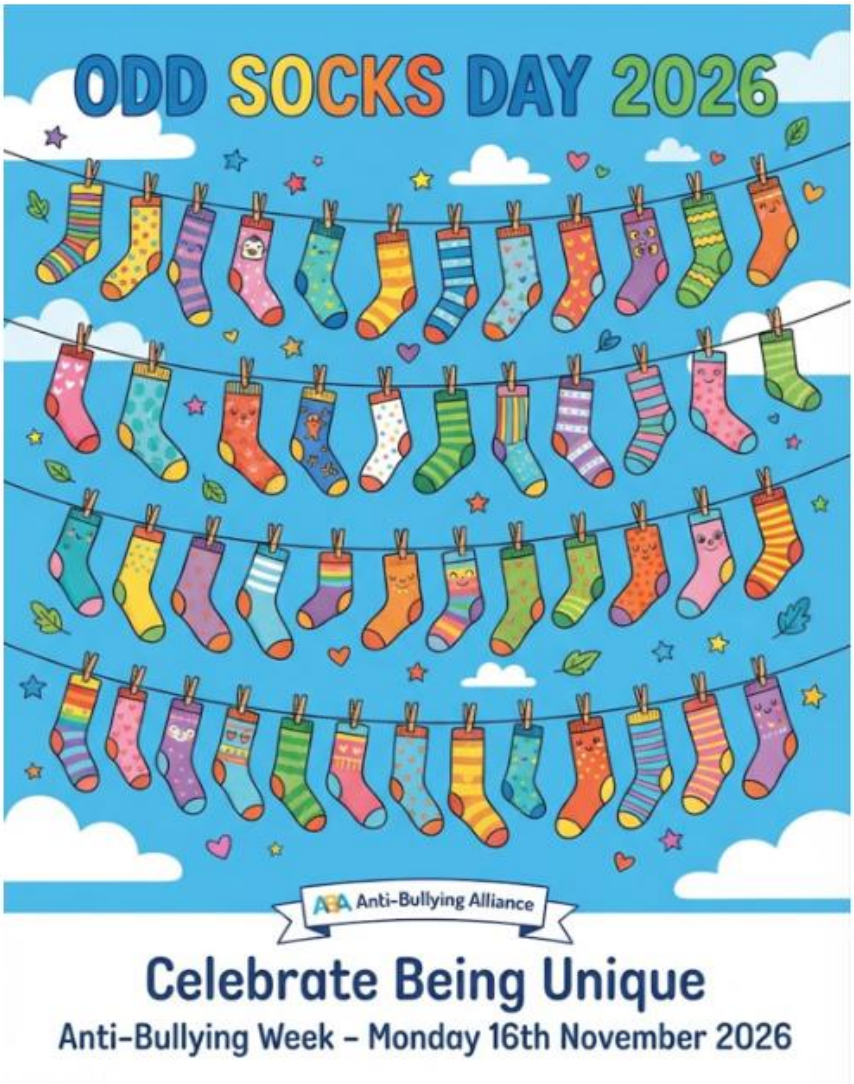
Dates for your diary…

Monday 16 November 2026 – Odd Socks Day
Thursday 19 November 2026- Year 7 Real Life Mission Showcase 4:30pm – 6:30pm
Thursday 26 November 2026 – Y7 Awesome Autumn Rewards Evening (more info to follow)
Friday 27 November 2026 – School Closed – Disaggregated Day
Tuesday 1 December 2026 – Festive Wreath Making Workshop 7pm
Thursday 3 December 2026 – Year 11 Progress Evening
Tuesday 8th December 2026 - School Early Finish 2pm
Thursday 10 December 2026 – Christmas Concert
Tuesday 15 December 2026 - 2026 Cohort Certificate Collection Evening
Friday 18 December 2026 – Break up for Christmas. School closes at 3pm.



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