PARENT NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 9TH JANUARY 2026

New Year, Same High Expectations

Happy New Year to all of our students, staff and families — I hope you were able to enjoy some rest and quality time over the holiday period. It's been lovely to see our school community return with a sense of purpose and energy for the term ahead.

We're aware that ongoing roadworks in the local area, combined with difficult winter weather, have caused some disruption to travel for students this week. As outlined in the letter we sent earlier this week, we're asking students to allow extra time for their journey in the mornings to ensure they arrive on time and ready to learn. Thank you to parents and carers for your continued support in reinforcing this message — good routines in the morning make a big difference to students' confidence and learning.

Despite the rain and wind earlier this week, we were delighted to welcome so many parents and carers to our Sixth Form Parents' Evening. These conversations are a vital part of helping students reflect on their progress and plan for the crucial months ahead. Thank you for your time and engagement — we hope you found the evening useful.

We are also pleased to confirm that the new school building project remains on track. Staff and students are looking forward to moving into our new site straight after the Spring Term break in April. The sense of excitement is building as we prepare for this major step forward for our school. The new facilities will provide a fantastic environment to support our students' learning and personal development — and we can't wait to make the move.

As always, thank you for your support and encouragement. Here's to a successful and positive start to 2026.

Ms Marion Budd
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

w/c Monday 12th January:	Year 11 Interviews for Sixth Form
	Year 12 PPEs
	Year 7 & 8 Mid-Year Assessments
w/c Monday 19th January	Year 11 Interviews for Sixth Form
	Revision Week: Year 9 & 10
	Year 7 & 8 Mid-Year Assessments
Thursday 22nd Janurary	Year 8 Options Evening (Online event)

The National Year of Reading

2026 has been designated as **'The National Year of Reading'** by the Department of Education in collaboration with the National Literacy Trust. The aim of giving this year such a special status is to create a lasting culture of reading in this country at a time when mobile phones and social media dominate leisure time. A recent study by the National Literacy Trust revealed 'a decline in reading and reading enjoyment'. This new campaign hopes to reverse this.

The theme of 'The National Year of Reading' is **'Go All In'**. A striking logo featuring an open book accompanies the campaign. The message of this theme is to read about something you are already passionate about. We are encouraged by the 'Go All In' slogan to develop deeper knowledge of what we love through reading about it. The focus on personal passions is designed to inspire reading in those who have previously seen it as a chore.

As a start, our library has dedicated a space to bring together books on hobbies and leisure interests that our students are typically interested in. Football is very popular at Islip Manor High so we stock books on football skills, the history of football and footballer biographies. Also in our new 'National Year of Reading' section are books about music, cars, cookery, art and crafts and lots more. We aim to survey our students to find out more about their leisure interests and will plug any gaps in our stock that this reveals. As well as books, we also subscribe to a range of leisure magazines that students enjoy at break and lunch times. This 'National Year of Reading' section will be re-created in our new library once the move to the new building takes place .

This special year is also a perfect opportunity for the library to liaise with our range of clubs on offer. In doing so, we can find the right reading materials for students to further develop the knowledge they gain in their chosen extra-curricular clubs.

The National Year of Reading is for everyone, not just schools, so our wish for 2026 is that you are able to 'go all in'. If you love it, read about it.

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Understanding Our ISR Data: Autumn Term update

At Islip Manor, we regularly review our Internal Suspension Room (ISR) data to ensure our behaviour systems are fair, supportive and effective for all students. Reviewing this information helps us understand what is working well and where further support is needed.

This update focuses on **priority ethnicity groups,** comparing **Autumn Term 2 with Autumn Term 1**, as well as **Autumn 2025 with Autumn 2024.**

Autumn Term 1 to Autumn Term 2: Positive developments

As expected, ISR sessions increased overall in Autumn Term 2 as expectations were reinforced. Importantly, there were several **encouraging changes across ethnicity groups:**

- **Black Caribbean students** saw a reduction in their proportion of ISR sessions, moving closer to representation in line with their school population.
- **Black African students** remained under-represented across both half terms.
- **Dual Heritage Caribbean students** also saw a reduction in ISR representation in Autumn Term 2.
- **White British students** showed a noticeable decrease in proportional ISR use between the two half terms.
- **Black Somali students** saw a small reduction, although this group remains a focus for additional support.

These shifts suggest that targeted pastoral work and early intervention are beginning to have a positive impact.

Autumn 2025 compared with Autumn 2024

When comparing this autumn with last year:

- Gaps between student population and ISR representation have **narrowed for several groups.**
- Some groups previously over-represented are now **closer to proportional representation.**
- Overall patterns show **greater consistency**, reflecting improved systems and support.

While some disparities remain, the long-term trend is one of gradual improvement.

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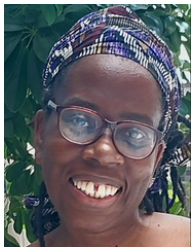
What happens next

We will continue to:

- Provide targeted support where disproportionality remains
- Strengthen early intervention, particularly in Key Stage 3
- Work closely with Year Leaders and the Race Equalities Team
- Review data regularly to ensure timely action

Our goal is always to support students to remain in lessons and succeed. The improvements seen this term and compared to last year give us confidence that we are moving in the right direction.

Thank you for your continued support.



Race Equality Leads:

Angela Miller (Parent Ambassador and teacher), Marie Dennis (Inclusion Manager and Assistant Headteacher) & Matt Haresnape (Senior Deputy Headteacher)

Parent Zoom Meeting
For Year 7 & 8's
Tuesday 27th January 2026
on Zoom at 7:15pm

How can we help your child with settling into school?

Do you have any concerns around SEND that we can support you with?

Are you able to access our school information easlily?

Social media and teens, how are you coping?

Do you have any concerns that you would like to raise with our Parent Ambassadors who are here to support during the school day?

Our focus this month will be Attendance & Punctuality - How can we get our students to school each day on time?

If you would like to join the meeting please email Ms Miller (amiller@islipmanorhigh.org.uk) and you will be sent a link to join the Zoom meeting

EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS SCHEDULE

SPRING TERM 2025-26

Club Name	Staff Member	Time	Location
Monday			
Violin Club	Ms Ronson	Lunch A	Room 59
Drama Club KS3	Mrs Erdem, Ms Callaghan	Lunch A	Room 38
GCSE French Speaking Club	Mrs Kehr	Lunch B	Room 14
Singing Club	Ms Miller, Ms Tertulien	Lunch	North Hall
KS3 Football	Mr Deb, Mr Rhoden	After School	AWP
Girls Football	Mr Gadd	After School	AWP
Gaming Club	Mr Worach, Mr Cooper, Ms Cripps	After School	Room 61
Chess Club	Mr Garcia	After School	Room 22
Crochet Club	Ms Sethi	After School	Room 18
Inspire Club - Y11	Mr Mehta	After School (Week A)	Room 15
Home Learning Club	Inclusion	After School	Inclusion
Tuesday			
Wellbeing Club	Ms Smith	Lunch A	Room 29
Prayer Club	Ms Shah / Mr Uddin	Lunch	Room 13
Singing Club	Ms Miller, Ms Tertulien	Lunch	North Hall
Future Stars - KS3 Volleyball	Future Stars	After School	Sports Hall
Year 10 Football	Mr Connage / Mr Rebbitt	After School	AWP
English Revision	English Department	After School	Room 32
Home Learning Club	Inclusion	After School	Inclusion
Craft Club	Mr Kilbane	After School	Room 42
Further Maths GCSE	Mrs Hobbs	After School	Room 17
Wednesday			
Prayer Club	Ms Shah / Mr Uddin	Lunch	Room 13
Anime Club	Mr Audi	Lunch B (Week A), Lunch A (Week B)	Room 21
Art Club	Ms Alchin, Ms Awoloja	After School	Room 6
Btec Science Club / GCSE Physics Mastery	Mr Adu	After School	Room 201
Geography Club	Miss Diamond, Miss Thomas	After School	Room 205
Inspire Club - Y9	Mr Mehta	After School (Week B)	Room 15
Home Learning Club	Inclusion	After School	Inclusion
Band Club	Mr Wasiq	After School	Room 37
A2 Physics Support	Ms Wainwright	After School	Room 200
Thursday			
Prayer Club	Ms Shah / Mr Uddin	Lunch	Room 13
Business Club	Ms Balkissoon	Lunch B	Room 204
Careers Support	Mr Beacham	Lunch (Week B)	Room 210
EAL Support Club	Miss Tugwell	Lunch B (Week A), Lunch A (Week B)	Room 5
Physics Olympiad	Mrs Rowley	Y11 Lunch Week A, Y12 Lunch B	Room 200
Science Crest Award	Science Department	After School	Room 208
Future Stars - Basketball	Future Stars, Mr Craig	After School	Sports Hall
Home Learning Club	Inclusion	After School	Inclusion
Maths Support Club	Mr Milovanovic	After School	Room 19
Further Maths GCSE	Mrs Hobbs	After School	Room 17
Friday			
Careers Support	Mr Beacham	Lunch (Week A)	Room 210
Sixth Form Debating Club	Mrs Gadd	Lunch	Sixth Form Centre
AS Physics Support	Mrs Wainwright	Lunch	208
KS4-5 Book Club	Mrs Buck	After School	Library

FREE online parenting workshop

PARENTING TOGETHER WORKSHOP SERIES

BUILDING HEALTHIER RELATIONSHIPS

Delivered by
Chris Kolade
Ealing Parenting Service

This two-part workshop explores what helps relationships grow and what can cause them to break down over time. It offers a supportive space to reflect on adult relationships, co-parenting, and the impact of parental conflict on children.

What the Workshop will cover:

- What strengthens relationships, and what undermines them
- Healthy boundaries and respectful communication
- Understanding parental conflict and its impact on children
- Co-parenting relationships and reducing tension
- Creating calmer, emotionally safe environments for children

Part 1:
Tuesday, 13th January 2026
10am-12pm
via MS Teams

This workshop is for parents/carers who want to improve family relationships, whether in a relationship, separated or co-parenting

Part 2:
Tuesday, 27th January 2026
10am-12pm
via MS Teams

email parentingserviceadmin@ealing.gov.uk to register or for more info

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FATHERS GROUP

Work / Time Balance:

Fatherhood in a Demanding World

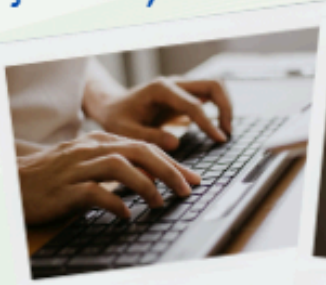
Delivered by:
Derek Willis
Ealing Parenting Service

Tuesday, 20th Januarty 2026
10am-12pm
via MS Teams

Fatherhood is rewarding, but it can also bring significant stress and pressure. This workshop offers practical tools and strategies to recognise, manage and reduce stress, while maintaining your wellbeing.

Learn how to balance responsibilities, build resilience, and stay connected with what matters most – your family and yourself.

Empower your journey as a father with confidence and calm.



Please note: this is a targeted workshop for **men only**

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Tues 13th JAN

Building Healthier Relationships - Part 1
Delivered by Chris Kolade - Ealing Parenting Service
via MS Teams 10am-12pm

Tues 20th JAN

Work / Time Balance: Fatherhood in a Demanding World
Delivered by Derek Willis - Ealing Parenting Service
via MS Teams 10am-12pm **men only session*

Tues 27th JAN

Building Healthier Relationships - Part 2
Delivered by Chris Kolade - Ealing Parenting Service
via MS Teams 10am-12pm

Tues 10th FEB

Domestic Abuse, Parenting & You
Delivered by Patricia Chapman - SAFE West
via MS Teams 10am-12pm

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Tues 24th FEB

Intergenerational Healing:
Parenting Differently, Breaking Cycles & Taboos
Delivered by Derek Willis - Ealing Parenting Service
via MS Teams 10am-12pm **men only session*

Tues 3rd MAR

An Introduction to Internet Safety
Delivered by Hayley Jones - SAFE Team
via MS Teams 10am-12pm
**for parents/carers of under 13s*

Tues 24th MAR

Addressing the Challenges:
Fathers in Caring Roles for Children with SEN
Delivered by Derek Willis - Ealing Parenting Service
via MS Teams 10am-12pm **men only session*

Tues 21st APR

Different Strokes:
Navigating Fatherhood Across Cultures
Delivered by Derek Willis - Ealing Parenting Service
via MS Teams 10am-12pm **men only session*

Tues 28th APR

Understanding Your Teenager
Delivered by Sabrina Meakins - SAFE Counselling
via MS Teams 10:30am-12:30pm
**for parents/carers of over 11s*

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THE REFRESH PROJECT

Healthy Living

Healthy living for well being to maintain and improve your physical, mental, and social health through consistent daily habits

On the following Wednesdays:
21st, 28th January, 4th, 11th February

9:30 - 11:30am
Hanwell Community Centre, W7 1PD

Week 1 - Achieving a balanced life through looking after your wellbeing
Week 2 - Establishing an active routine & exploring the benefits of being physically active
Week 3 - Keeping an active mind
Week 4 - Maintaining a healthy outlook

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Saturday, 10 January
10 am - 12 noon

Both branded and unbranded school uniform will be available. Up to 4 items per child.

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