

SIGNIFICANT DATES OF IBSTOCK PLACE SCHOOL AND ITS BUILDINGS

- 1894** The Froebel Education Institute opened the Demonstration School in Kensington on 20 September 1894 for children ages 3 to 8 years old.
- 1913** The main house, originally named St Serf's, was built by architect Frank Chesterton; it had sixteen bedrooms and four reception rooms.
- 1914** The Duchess of Sutherland moved into St Serf's House.
- 1925** Major John Paget purchased the house and renamed it Ibstock Place after his ancestral home in Leicestershire.
- 1939** The Pagets evacuated to Oxfordshire due to the Second World War.
- 1940** The demonstration school became, by necessity, a boarding school when it evacuated to Dennison House in Hertfordshire due to the Second World War.
- 1942** Major Paget put up Ibstock Place House for sale.
- Ibstock Place House was requisitioned by the Ministry of Supply for a military research group.
- 1945** In 1945 the Pagets sold Ibstock Place House to the Froebel Educational Institute for £30,000, £500 for fittings.
- Grove House School opened, in charge of Miss Lester, with 20 children.
- 1946** The demonstration school moved to Ibstock Place; the first new school term opened here on 2 October 1946. Attendance included 156 children, 48 of which were boarders.
- The school name changed from 'Demonstration School of the Froebel Education Institute' to 'Ibstock Place School.'
- 1947** The Ministry of Works finally moved out, leaving huts for school use:
- Hut 1, dining room
 - Hut 2, cloakroom
 - Hut 3, gym
 - Hut 4, woodwork
 - Hut 5, clay
 - Hut 6, two classrooms.
- 1948** The School's first film projector was purchased.
- 1978** The age range of the School was extended to 16 years.
- 1980** Pupils sat their first 'O-Level' examinations in July.

- 1951** Construction on Long corridor classrooms began.
- 1964** In 1964, a Gymnasium was built next to the Long Corridor classrooms.
- 1968** The dining room was built; originally it was in an Army hut on the terrace.
- 1978** The Army hut on the terrace becomes a Library.
- 1979** The School continued to take boarders but dormitories were closed in Main House. Instead, the boarders lived on the Templeton site.
- 1984** In 1984, Barbara Priestman House was destroyed by a fire. BPH was rebuilt, and opened in 1986.
- The school made its first investment in computers for the school. Unfortunately, one was burned in the BPH fire and another was stolen.
- The first computer course was offered to Year 10 pupils.
- 1986** The first pupils were selected to be Heads and Deputies of the School.
- New BPH opens.
- 1988** The First Macleod House was opened by Sheila MacLeod in October.
- The open-air swimming pool was refurbished so that it would be enclosed.
- 1989** The First School minibus was purchased in 1989.
- 1991** The ballroom in Main House was converted into a Library. This Library, the Gerald East Library, was opened by Col. General Robert East Reme in October.
- 1992** The FSTC Building was opened by HRH Princess Alexander.
- 1995** The new Sports Pavilion was opened, including a Maths room.
- The footbridge over Clarence Lane was completed.
- 1996** Celebration of school's Golden Jubilee- 50 years at Ibstock Place site was marked by pupils planting 2000 golden daffodils.
- Pupils embarked on their first major overseas expedition to India.
- 1998** Roberts Hall was completed and officially opened by Sheila Roberts.
- Three houses were introduced as tutor forms: Yelland, Bain and Lawrence (changed in 2009).
- 1999** The Conservatory extension to the dining room was completed.

- 2005** A Sixth Form was established and the age range of pupils extended to eighteen years.
- 2007** The New Sports Hall was completed on the Lawrence House site in 2007.
- 2008** Construction for the New School began in 2008, to finish in 2011.
- 2009** New House names were created in 2009, comprising of four houses: Brearley, Paget, Findlay and Montefiore.
- 2011** The New School was opened in May. This was celebrated with the Laying of the Foundation Stone Ceremony on 7 May.
- New bicycle stations were opened in September.
- The Sutherland Room was changed from English Classrooms into a reception room, to reflect the House's original splendor. The old Gerald East Library was likewise restored back into a Ballroom.
- The New School's Library was opened in November, with a special reception to mark its official opening.
- 2015** Performing Arts Centre opened in December. Its first performance was the Senior School production of *Cinderella*.
- 2020** The New School Refectory opened, containing outstanding kitchen facilities, a Great Hall, a Small Hall, a mezzanine level for Sixth Form, and a Sixth Form Study Centre.