



ILKLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Extra-curricular opportunities and enrichment visits are an important and memorable part of education. They enhance learning, enable students to grow in self-confidence and independence and allow them the chance to show leadership and team work skills. At Ilkley Grammar School we aim to provide our students with a variety of experiences throughout their time with us.

In light of this, the school's fifth **Challenge and Celebration Week** will take place between **Monday July 16th and Friday July 20th 2018**. All students will be off timetable during this week following a programme of either school based, off site or residential activities bespoke to their year group. Activities build on each other from year to year, allowing students to experience a range of opportunities throughout their school life. The role of older students in supporting the successful running of the week is crucial and Year 12 students are very much expected to be fully involved in the week in a number of ways of their choosing.

Today your son/daughter attended a launch assembly outlining the character of the programme. Students in Key Stage 3 will have a choice of one of two options. Students in post 16 have a wider range of opportunities.

For Year 12: The Big Choice

Students are able to choose from one of the three strands outlined below.

Subject enrichment: This is a chance for students to immerse themselves in a subject they really love.

- **Shakespeare Experience** (4 days & 3 nights, B&B) – a chance to visit both Stratford and London and a variety of theatre productions, workshops and attractions including the Globe and Harry Potter World. The cost of this option will be approximately £350.
- **Science in Switzerland** (4 days & 3 nights, half board) – a chance to visit the world famous Hadron Collider in Cern, the Geneva Science Museum, the headquarters of the United Nations and Red Cross and experience a factory tour and boat trip on Lake Geneva. The cost of this option will be approximately £400.
- **Creative Arts in Cornwall** (4 days & 3 nights, full board) – Students will fly from Leeds/Bradford and will be based in Penzance. From here you will visit the Tate Gallery and Hepworth Gallery in St Ives and explore this beautiful seaside town. You will also visit the spectacular Minack Theatre in Porthcurno, an extraordinary theatre carved into the side of a cliff. There will be series of workshops (some possibly with the tutors at Falmouth University and using their facilities) finishing with a performance/exhibition of your work. It will be fun, relaxed and creative, taking inspiration from the unique Cornish landscape. The cost is approximately £350
- **Humanities in Krakow** (4 days & 3 nights, half board) Students will tour this of this incredible medieval city taking in its historical houses, palaces and churches with their magnificent interiors. One day will be spent visiting the Auschwitz concentration camp. Other options over the next few days will be to take in things like Schindler's factory, the Jewish Quarter, the Galicia museum and the Salt Mine in Wieliczka. The cost is approximately £550

iLeadership: Students are able to choose to assist the smooth running of all of the KS3 activities (Y7 iLeader – The Big Mix, Y8 iLeader – The Big Trip, Year 9 iLeader – The Big Outdoors). The cost of each activity is the same as it is for students in KS3, but post 16 students will gain an invaluable experience in leadership, potentially even a Level 2 qualification with the Big Outdoors residential, and something really to write about in their UCAS personal statements. There is also a chance to be an iLeader for KS3 Option 2; this has no cost associated with it.

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Personalisation: This is a chance for students to ring fence some quality time to complete a week of self-organised work experience. *Please note that although staff may initially assist you with finding a placement the onus is on you to do this before Christmas.*

Key Stage 3-5 Payment details:

As a school we are very aware of the additional cost of school trips. As a result we have devised a payment system that we hope will spread the cost over a period of time in line with the payment deadlines the school itself has to meet with the organisations and companies that will be involved in the week. It is vital that parents do meet the payment deadlines outlined below as failure to do so may well result in both the loss of non-refundable deposits and the place a student may have on a trip. Having said this, **if you do have any issues with the payment dates please speak to Jan Stewart who will pass the issue to the Finance Department as appropriate.**

In addition to the use of Pupil Premium to subsidise the cost of these opportunities for some, the school is delighted to announce that the Ilkley Grammar School PTA is kindly continuing the school travel bursary to further widen student participation and access. **Please log onto the school website should you wish to find out more about this form of financial support. Please note the closing date for the first round of applications is 9th October.**

http://www.ilkleygrammarschool.com/parents/pta_enrichment_bursary/

Finally, it needs to be reiterated that Challenge and Celebration Week is very much linked to the school's Personal Best rewards and sanctions policy. Students who have been in isolation three or more days over the academic year, or who have been excluded, may not be eligible to participate in the week and will need to attend an alternative programme of activities during this time. Please note that, with regret, the school also may not be able to fully refund all payments made for students that have been barred from C&C week or have withdrawn from activities for reasons other than those supported by a doctor's note.

	Deposit 1 19/10/2017	Final payment 23/02/2018	Total Cost
Year 7 Option 1: The Big Mix	£55 (PPI £30)	£55 (PPI £25)	£110 (PPI £55)
Year 8 Option 1: The Big Trip	£125 (PPI £67.50)	£210 (PPI £100)	£335 (PPI £167.50)
Year 9 Option 1: The Big Outdoors	£100 (PPI £67.50)	£195 (PPI £80)	£295 (PPI £147.50)
KS3 Option 2: Day Carousel	Free		
Post 16 English Sheakespeare Trip	£150	Other dates TBA	£350 approx (no PPI reduction)
Post 16 Science in Switzerland	£150	Other dates TBA	£400 approx (no PPI reduction)
Post 16 Creative in Cornwall	£150	Other dates TBA	£350 min.cost (no PPI reduction)
Post 16 Humanities in Krakow	£150	Other dates TBA	£550 approx (no PPI reduction)

Please note the cost of the trip at this time is an approximate figure and may vary, if this is the case we will notify you as soon as possible.

Next steps:

The deadline for reply slips is **Monday 9th October**, any decisions for oversubscribed trips (names out of hat/waiting lists) will be made that week and the ParentPay services for deposits will be made live by **Friday 13th** at the very latest. The deadline for all deposits on P16 trips is **Thursday 19th October** It is with regret that failure to do this will result in your son/daughter not being able to gain a place on their chosen option.

If you have any other questions about the week please phone or e mail Jan Stewart or contact myself for general questions about the whole programme.

I hope your son/daughter will look forward to participating in these exciting opportunities.



Yours sincerely,
Mark Rignall, Senior Assistant Headteacher

A printed version was given to your son/daughter in form time today.

Please return this reply slip to your form tutor by Monday 9th October 2017
ParentPay available for payments from Friday 13th October 2017

Student:

Form:

Please tick **ONE** of the following option boxes below.

Parent/Carer Signature:

Date:

Year 12

Subject enrichment strand:

- I would like my son/daughter to participate in the Shakespeare Experience trip and agree to upload a non-refundable deposit of **£150** to Parent Pay by **Thursday 19th October 2017**
- I would like my son/daughter to participate in the Science in Switzerland trip and agree to upload a non-refundable deposit of **£150** to Parent Pay by **Thursday 19th October 2017**
- I would like my son/daughter to participate in the Creative in Cornwall trip and agree to upload a non-refundable deposit of **£150** to Parent Pay by **Thursday 19th October 2017**
- I would like my son/daughter to participate in the Humanities in Krakow trip and agree to upload a non-refundable deposit of **£150** to Parent Pay by **Thursday 19th October 2017**

iLeadership strand:

- I would like my son/daughter to participate in the Year 7 Big Mix (Option 1) carousel and agree to upload a non-refundable deposit of **£55** to Parent Pay by **Thursday 19th October 2017**
- I would like my son/daughter to participate in the Year 8 Big Trip - London (Option 1) and agree to upload a non-refundable deposit of **£125** to Parent Pay by **Thursday 19th October 2017**
- I would like my son/daughter to participate in the Year 9 Big Outdoors – The Lake District (Option 1) and agree to upload a non-refundable deposit of **£100** to Parent Pay by **Thursday 19th October 2017**
- I would like my son/daughter to participate in the KS3 4 day activity carousel (Option 2) **no payment required**

Personalisation strand:

- I would like my son/daughter to participate in **self-organised work experience** during Challenge and Celebration Week **paperwork to be completed by Friday 15th December.**
- I would like my son/daughter to participate in **school-organised work experience** during Challenge and Celebration Week **paperwork to be completed by Friday 15th December.**

Reserve Option:

The reserve option is: