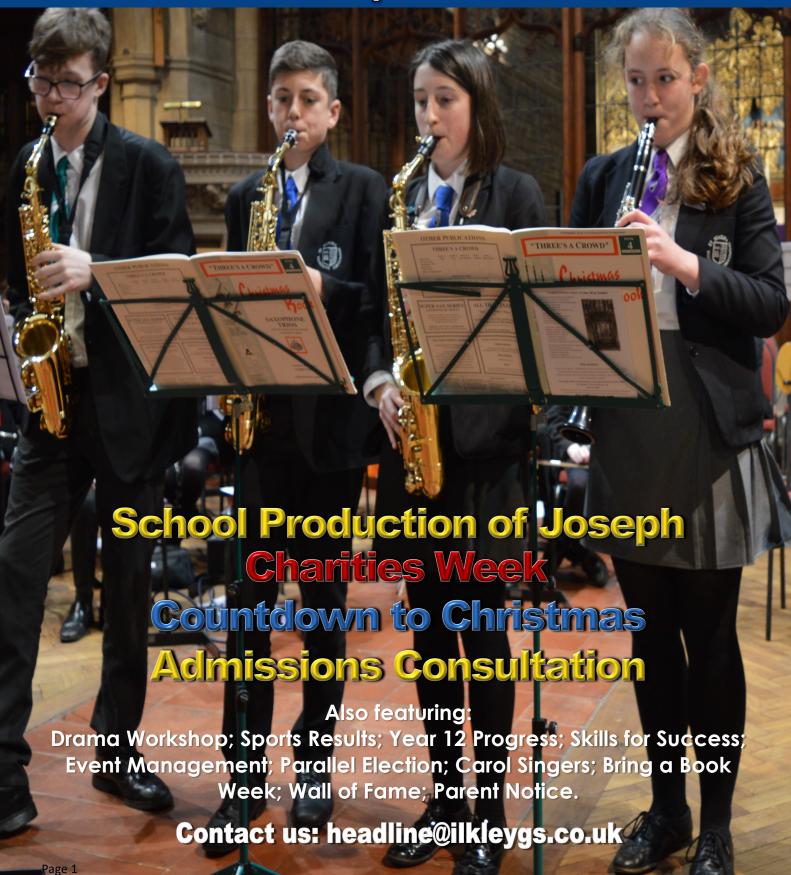


Friday 20th December 2019



School Production of Joseph

By Mrs L Ramrattan; Head of Drama

Wednesday 27th to Friday 29th November

Well done to all of the students involved in this year's school production of 'Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat'.

With over 150 students involved in making props, painting the set, acting, singing, dancing, playing in the orchestra, choreographing, lighting, stage managing, operating sound and filming the production this really was a production of biblical proportions. It was a great show to work on and after each performance the audience commented on the energy and clear enjoyment of all involved.

Amazing!



































Student workshop with 'Splendid Productons'

By Mrs L Ramrattan; Head of Drama

On 12th November the KS4 & 5 Drama and Theatre Studies students watched an adaptation of Christopher Marlowe's 'Faustus' which followes the story of Dr Faustus who sells his soul to the devil. The performance involved comic songs, audience interaction and multi-rolling.

After the performance the Year 10 and Year 12 students took part in workshops about creating storytelling theatre and the Year 13 students did a workshop about applying Epic Theatre techniques to their concepts for a production of their set text 'Lysistrata'.



Charities Week

By Mr J Khalil; Computing and ICT; Ed-Tech Co-ordinator; Progress and Experience Leader Year 11







Charities week started at Ilkley Grammar School in the year 2006. The vision is to bring our school community together, instil the value of being excellent citizens in our young people, whilst raising money for a range of charity organisations, local, national and international.

This year the students focused on raising money for three incredible charities.

KS3 raised money for Brain Tumour Research and Support Across Yorkshire, more commonly known as BTRS. BTRS is Yorkshire's leading brain tumour charity dedicated to raising funds for life-changing research and patient support. Around 9,000 new cases of primary brain tumours are diagnosed in the UK every year, 12 each week in Yorkshire. They are working to find a cure and provide the best patient and family support network they can. Creativity was showcased in abundance and the efforts of KS3 were rewarded with a total of £2780.84.



Brain Tumour Research & Support across Yorkshire @BTR... · Dec 16 ✓ Amazing!!! We are chuffed to bits to have been chosen and to be in such great company. A huge festive THANK YOU to everyone involved ♣ ♣ ♣

KS4 voted to raise money for Cancer Research UK. CRUK is carrying out groundbreaking research here in our district with the aim of finding a cure for many cancers or better treatment methods improving the life chances of cancer sufferers.

We are so proud of the work our Tutor Groups have put into their fundraising ideas, which include sponsored silences, selling Christmas cards and much more. A key feature was the Christmas raffle where local organisation contributed a range of prizes. A huge thank you to their generosity. The companies that contributed are as follows:

- Morrisons Skipton
- Charles Clinkard
- Pizza Express
- La Stazione
- Grove Bookshop
- Ilkley Cinema

- Friends of Ham
- Phillips of Ilkley
- Dan's Den
- Clip n Climb
- Roxy Ballroom Leeds
- Erica Berry Florist

- Co-Op Bolton Bride Store
- Bar26
- Piccolino Ilkley
- Martinez Wines
- Majestic Wine







Student's hard work was rewarded with fundraising £2717.45. A special mention must go to year 11 who raised £2040.74, in particular to Ben Harris who raised £150 carrying out a sponsored silence, Danny Thompson who raised money for Young Minds raising £180 and finally to Freddie Gape who raised £360 by dying his hair blonde.

KS5 voted to raise money for Mind, the mental health charity. Mind provide advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health problem. The charity campaigns to improve services, raise awareness and promote understanding. The total raised was £362.77.



Mind @ @MindCharity · Dec 17

Replying to @MrJKhalil

Hi Mr Khalil. Everyone who has worked hard to achieve this amazing amount, should be very proud, and pleased with themselves. It's outstanding. Thank you so much, Ilkley Grammar, it's really appreciated. Best wishes, Shel at Mind.

This brings the school total to £5861. Thank you to the local community, parents and carers who once again made this possible. On behalf of the key stage teams and progress leaders, we would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year.



Mrs S McManus Head of Year 8 IGS #BFYG #Purples18 @MrsM... · 1h Well done to everyone @Ilkleygrammar Amazing total for charity! Well done to @MrJKhalil for all his amazing efforts supporting all key stages during this amazing week @@ \text{ } @ \text{ } @ \text{ } @ \text{ } \text{ } \text{ } @ \text{ } \t

Medicine Day

By Mr J Khalil; Computing and ICT; Ed-Tech Co-ordinator; Progress and Experience Leader Year 11

On 20th November, 23 Year 11 students visited Leeds University to experience their Medicine Taster afternoon. The aim of the session was to bring the world of Medicine and Health to life. Through introductory taster sessions ranging from the practicalities of delivering basic life support to learning about the science behind medicine, the students discovered the background to a wide range of areas that can be studied at the University of Leeds whilst having a

tour of our world-class campus and finding out about the many benefits of higher education.

This afternoon introduced students to a wide range of healthcare professions and career opportunities available through continuing into Higher Education. Touching on the academic requirements to study these courses, the afternoon placed an emphasis on developing both academic and transferable skills that are needed to succeed in a health career. Through hands-on taster sessions and mini-lectures, students learnt more about the benefits of Higher Education and pursuing a career in health.

Students describe the day as being incredibly useful, cementing Post 16 decisions and choices. Thank you to Mike and the Leeds University Medicine Faculty for hosting the students and providing them with this opportunity. Also a huge thank you to Mrs Hepworth and Mrs Varley who accompanied the students on this afternoon.



Countdown to Christmas

By Mrs V Chapman; Head of Music

The annual Countdown to Christmas Concert took place at St Margaret's Church on Monday 16th December. Performing to a packed church were over 100 singers, musicians, readers and actors. The programme included items from our lunchtime groups: Junior Orchestra, Choir, Woodwind Group, Classical Guitar group, String Orchestra, Samba Band and Year 7 drama club, ably led by Emily Batchelor (year 10). Senior Orchestra, hot on the tracks of playing in the school production, performed two pieces and we were treated to debut performances from both the Jazz Group and the Senior Singers. The Year 13 music group performed to an exceptional standard and there were group performances from Year 10 students.

It is always an evening full of quality performances with some Christmas magic thrown in and this year certainly did not disappoint! Thank must go to all the performers, Karl Hanson, Sally Bishop, Nick Peters and Vic Chapman. A special thanks from all of us at IGS goes to Father Philip Gray and the team at St Margarets for providing the warmest of welcomes and a fitting start to Christmas!



























SPORTS RESULTS



On Saturday 7th December our Junior Boys and Inter Boys teams were racing at the School Athletics National Finals Cross Country Cup.

Both teams produced some fantastic performances over challenging courses and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of competing at national level.

The Junior Boys finished within the top 10 schools in the country!

Well done to all runners!







Inter boys

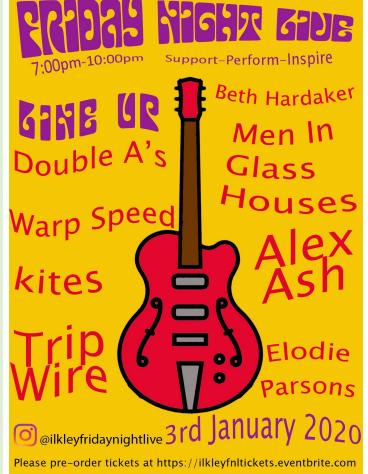
Clothes Collection

Donate your unwanted clothes and shoes



Wednesday 15th January Courtyard Café 8:25-9:05

All shoes and clothes sent to developing countries £3 donated to **The Revival Centre** in Uganda from each bag collected



Admissions Consulation

By Ms H Williams;

Consultation on:

- 1) expanding the Priority 2 catchment area for Ilkley Grammar School
- 2) amending the over-subscription criteria for admissions for Post-16

Expansion of the Priority 2 Catchment Area:

We are opening a consultation to seek your views on a proposed slight expansion of the Priority 2 catchment area for Ilkley Grammar School for admissions from September 2021. The proposed change involves extending the Priority 2 boundary to encompass the High Royds Estate in Menston; there are no changes to the defined Priority 1 catchment area.

High Royds Estate in Menston is currently excluded from our Priority 2 catchment area by virtue of the Priority 2 catchment southern boundary which closely follows Bingley Road until it cuts across Hawksworth Moor to Burley Moor. Since the High Royds estate has been built, families living in this area have increasingly struggled to get a place at Ilkley Grammar School as other students who also live outside of the main priority areas and out of district, have been given preference based on straight-line distance. Given that most children on the High Royds Estate attend Menston Primary, a Bradford school and a main 'feeder' primary for Ilkley Grammar School, the governors would now like to extend the boundary for the Priority 2 catchment to include this residential area. Under the proposal, this would mean that children living on the High Royds Estate would have an increased chance of securing a place at Ilkley Grammar School under the same criteria as their Menston friends, as they would live within the school's defined Priority 2 catchment area, rather than, as is currently the case, be dealt with as out-of-area applicants.

Following a £4.7 million capital investment from Bradford Metropolitan District Council, Ilkley Grammar School increased its Published Admissions Number (PAN) permanently to 300 from September 2018. This has enabled the school to increase the number of places available for students living in its two catchment areas. Please note, extension of the Priority 2 catchment will not impact on allocation under Priority 1 and will not disadvantaged those living in the residential estates in Menston which fall within the current Priority 2 area. In addition, the current admissions policy for Ilkley Grammar School for years 7-11 will remain unchanged.

Amendment to the over-subscription criteria at Post-16:

We are also consulting to amend the over-subscription criteria at Post-16 to include students from The Skipton Academy, as a school within our Trust, before other out of area students.

Proposed Oversubscription Criteria:

Where there are more applications than places, students will be offered places (subject to meeting the entry requirements) in the order of priority listed below. It is anticipated that the **total** number of external applicants the school can admit each year is 45:

- 1. Looked after children or children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a residence or special guardianship order on roll in Year 11 at any school.
- 2. Students on roll in year 11 at IGS.
- 3. Students on roll in year 11 at other schools who live within the school's priority admission area* and who have siblings who reside at the same address, who are at present in year 7-10 at IGS and who will still be attending IGS at the time of admission. (in-area siblings)
- 4. Other Year 11 students who are on roll at other schools who live in the school's priority admission area*
- 5. Students on roll in Year 11 at The Skipton Academy
- 6. Students in Year 11 at other schools, living outside the priority admission area* with siblings residing at the same address, who are at present in Year 7-10 at IGS and who will still be attending the school at the time of admission. (out of area siblings)
- 7. Students in Year 11 at other schools, living outside the priority admission area* who live closest to the school as measured by a straight-line distance.

*As the school has more than one school priority admission area, criteria 3 and 4 above will apply for the whole of priority one and then for the whole of priority two; if there are remaining unallocated places, criterion 6 will then be considered before criterion 7.

This proposal formally recognises the close links between Ilkley Grammar School and The Skipton Academy as partner schools within Moorlands Learning Trust. **NB: In the event of the over-subscription criteria needing to be applied at Post-16, Ilkley Grammar School students who meet the entry requirements will continue to be prioritised.**

Consultation begins on Monday 16th December 2019 and closes on 31st January 2020. Following an analysis of the responses, a report will then be presented to the governors of the academy for a decision to be made to proceed or not.

Any comments or suggestions can be made to the following e mail address: consultation@ilkleygs.co.uk If you wish to send a response by post, please send it to Ilkley Grammar School directly.

PROPOSED AMENDED ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR POST 16: ILKLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL ADMISSIONS: POST 16 GUIDELINES

Introduction

Students are at the heart of all we do and we are committed to helping our young people find appropriate courses of study post16. The Post-16 provision at Ilkley Grammar School forms part of a wider authority 16-19 provision and we are continually improving our links with other schools and providers to enable this. Whilst we recognise that A levels do not suit all students, on our current site we are not in a position to offer a wider vocational curriculum. We can accommodate 460 students in total in Years 12 and 13.

Ilkley Grammar school has a largely academic post 16; we currently offer 31 level 3 programmes of study including 26 AS / A level courses alongside limited BTEC provision.

We expect all of our students to study at least 3 A levels or equivalent from the curriculum available, supplemented by a programme of enrichment or study of an additional qualification such as EPQ or Core Maths. Many of our students select to study 4 AS/A levels.

Entry Requirements to Sixth Form

The minimum entry requirement for admission to Post-16 is a minimum of 5 grade 4s or equivalent and above at GCSE, including English Language and /or mathematics, at grade 4 as well as meeting any subject specific entry requirements outlined in the prospectus. Other qualifications may be accepted but are treated on an individual basis and if they allow access to appropriate courses.

We are aware that exceptional circumstances do sometimes affect students' grades. As such it may be that we make an offer to a student who does not achieve or is not expected to achieve the entry requirement if it is clear that they are capable of A-Level study. These exceptional circumstances are dealt with on an individual basis and only in consultation with our Post 16 Team. Examples of exceptional circumstances include long term illness, close family bereavement in the examination season etc.

Application Procedure

- a) An open evening is held in November each year for prospective students and parents.
- b) All interested students will then be invited to a "Taster Day" where students can experience lessons at AS.
- c) Students are then asked to apply formally on the school's application form, which can be downloaded from the school website or obtained from the school. Students should attach evidence of their predicted grades at GCSE
- d) All applicants will be invited to a meeting which will provide guidance on particular courses; guidance will be personalised in line with the student's predicted grades and Year 11 mock examination scores.
- e) All applications must be submitted before the relevant year's closing date. The closing date for receipt of applications for the academic year will be published in advance each year and students notified.

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Late Applications

Applications received after the closing date will be placed on a waiting list and will be considered after those received on time.

Offer of Places

Students will receive a conditional offer in April. Applicants will be required to formally accept their place on GCSE results day in August. Any applicant who cannot be offered a place will also be notified.

Allocation to Courses

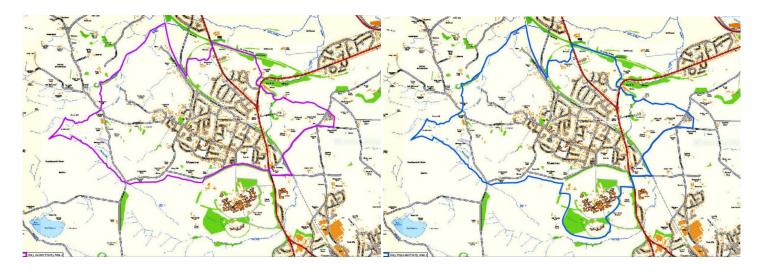
This will be done on the basis of GCSE results achieved and subject specific criteria. Class sizes will be set appropriately for the nature of the subject.

Waiting Lists

If there are more applicants than places, those applicants who have been unsuccessful may request to be placed on a waiting list which will be kept until December of that year. Places may become available, for example if students do not achieve the results they need or applicants decide to take up an offer of a place elsewhere. Any available places will be offered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria above.

Appeals

Any unsuccessful applicant may appeal to an independent appeals panel. Parents or students wishing to do so should contact the school.



Year 12: The story so far...

By Mrs J Pickard; Business & Economics; Post 16 Learning Leader (Year 12)



Our new Year 12 students joining Post-16 in this term have made an amazing start to their A level journey with us. Not only have they made an excellent start to their studies after their record breaking successes at GCSE in the summer but they have also embraced everything that Post-16 life has had to offer with great gusto.

The recently published Sunday Times Good Schools Guide (taking the % of grades at A*/A at GCSE as its measure) means that this year group was the highest achieving cohort of all the non-selective state schools in the north of England with a huge 41.9% of all GCSE grades achieved at A*/A. The Progress 8 score of +0.58 means that this cohort of students achieved on average over half a grade higher in every subject than similar Year 11 students nationally.

September saw the launch of a new set of Leadership opportunities for all Year 12 students. There was something available for all students to explore, ranging from anti-bullying ambassadors, creative writing, Eco leaders, sports leaders to subject and PBT ileaders. Following the application process Year 12 students have taken on 181 different leadership responsibilities in school and the wider community. So many Year 12 students were willing to support tutor groups in KS3 that for the first time all Year 8 & 9 tutor groups have adopted 2 or 3 Year 12 PBT iLeaders who join their Wednesday PBT lessons every week. We are fortunate to have such a fantastic set of role models.

November brought another first for Year 12 as we launched iTalks to students. These are a series of weekly talks based on the successful TEDTalk format covering a wide range of experiences. So far pupils have listened to presentations as wide ranging as BREXIT's impact in Northern Ireland, cycling across South America and the importance of creativity, right through to the power of sleep. These talks continue right through to April 2020 and if any member of the Ilkley community feels they may have thoughts or experiences they would like to share with Year 12 as part of this initiative in 2020 please contact Mrs Janine Pickard at IGS for further details.

December has seen our students demonstrate their community spirit supporting Ilkley Good Neighbours for a morning delivering Christmas parcels to our senior residents across Ilkley and surrounding villages. A fabulous morning was enjoyed by all the 32 students involved. One Ilkley Resident contacted the school to leave a message

"I would like to thank you so very much for sending the 3 beautiful and joyful young ladies with a delivery. I was so very happy to receive them thank you again."

A huge well done to Year 12 for making such a great start!

An announcement from the Clerk to Governors:

Following the recent Parent Governor election, we are delighted to announce that the two new Parent governors elected are:

Peter Shelley & Robert Wilson

Thank you to all who participated in the process and we look forward to working with Peter and Robert

Year 9: Skills for Success

By Mrs J Mitchell; Vocational Learning & Work Experience Officer



Some of the Year 9 students from our Skills For Success Group had a fantastic SkiFit session at Ilkley Fitness Centre at The Corn Mill on Railway Road. This term's theme is 'Healthy mind, healthy body'.

The students' fitness was challenged by owner, Steve Walther, as he put them through their paces using a variety of equipment. Some found the balance board difficult, others found the resistance bands a problem! However, all were



shattered by the end of the energetic session.

We must thank Steve for his support of this group and for the use of the fantastic facilities.

Steve said 'I think it's important to inspire children to exercise and support local business.'

Thank you to Ilkley Fitness Centre.

Event Management Afternoon Tea

By Ms R Eyles; Technology; Ed-Tech Strategy Support

On Friday the 13th of December our three Event Management groups hosted an Afternoon Tea to remember!

It took two weeks to prepare the large assortment of food provided for our guests, including; sausage pinwheels, red velvet cakes, Viennese whirls, yule log buns, gingerbread biscuits, mince pies, brie and cranberry parcels and a selection of sandwiches.

The three groups came together to sell cakes at break and lunch, as well as host the Afternoon Tea. Nine pupils welcomed and served the guests on the evening, with some of the positive feedback shown below;

- ♦ "Very good service"
- ◆ "really good quality food"
- "Chocolate Viennese whirls were amazing!"
- ♦ "Mince pies were delicious"
- ♦ "5/5 for the service"
- ♦ "Very attentive and a 5/5 overall, no complaints"
- "We like everything, very little to improve"
- "Presentation and name plates are professional"
- "The service has been great, very attentive"

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Overall, a fantastic event which every member who worked hard towards this on the Event Management course should be proud of!

IGS Parallel Election

By Mr J Khalil; Computing and ICT; Ed-Tech Co-ordinator; Progress and Experience Leader Year 11

On Thursday 12th December, along with the rest of the country, IGS went to the polls! Thank you to all who voted in the IGS Parallel Election. A total of 876 votes were cast and the results are as follows:

Political Party	Percentage Share	Change since 2017
Brexit Party	7.8%	+7.8%
Conservative	17.1%	0%
Green Party	15.5%	6.5%
Labour	42.8%	-1.2%
Liberal Democrats	16.8%	+3.8%

As you can see, Labour had the overall majority in school so are the winners of the IGS Election.

Y10: Carol Singing at Mayfield View

By Mr M Carr; PE; Progress and Experience Leader: Year 10; Student & Community Co-ordinator

For the last two weeks our Year 10 GCSE Music pupils have been spreading some festive cheer out in the local community. On Wednesday 11th December they visited the residents at Mayfield View care home in Ilkley. The small group sang some well-known Christmas carols to the residents. Mayfield View staff and residents were very complimentary of our pupils and have even asked for them to go back in the New Year with some of their instruments.

The same group of pupils sang again at Emmandjay Court, Ben Rhydding on Wednesday 18th December .



Bring a Book Week 2019

By Mrs A Harrison; School Librarian/Information Resources Manager

A HUGE thank you to everyone who brought books into the library last week! Once again Bring a Book week was a great success with books pouring in from both staff and students. A special thank you to Heidi Tordoff 8AJC for managing to bring in the most enormous carrier bag of wonderful books. The photo shows just a small collection of new books being added to library stock.

All of these, and more, will be on the library shelves soon, so please come and have a look – there are plenty of great reads for the Christmas holidays!!



WALLOFFAME



Callum Whitton (9JK/JI) entered The Rotary Club of Keighley's Young Musician competition on 16th November and came first (out of 32 performers). He performed a moving rendition of Rachmaninoff's Prelude no.1 in C#minor op3 no.2 leading to the biggest applause of the afternoon. This means he will now be performing at the Rotary in Yorkshire district stage on 1st March 2020 in York.

Callum is also now a member of the City of Leeds Youth Orchestra where he plays his second instrument, the violin, and although he's not the youngest member he almost is! He performed with them at St Edmund's Church, Roundhay on Saturday 23rd November, and will be performing with them again at Leeds Town Hall, accompanying 300 primary school children. They'll culminate the year with a tour of Spain (during Challenge and Celebration week) which will require fundraising for in the meantime.

That's great news Callum!

Jasmine Colgan (Post 16) has won Young Musician competition for the Rotary club category 16/18. She sang 'When I am Laid in Earth' by Henry Purcell. Her achievement was featured in a full double page article in the Keighley News. They were so impressed by her performance that they recorded Jasmine for the Rotary club feed, singing the mentioned song.

Jasmine also performed with The Airedale male voice choir on the 16th December as their special guest Soprano at Cullingworth Methodist church. All money raised at the events was in aid of the Sue Ryder charity. This is the fourth time Jasmine has performed as their special guest.

Congratulations Jasmine!

https://www.keighleynews.co.uk/news/18063248.young-musicians-display-talents-record-breaking-keighley-competition-photo-gallery/



IGS band Growth Spurt won their second competition on Sunday night in Wakefield. Band members Joe Rogers (guitar), Lily Anderson (drums), Molly McClean (bass guitar) and Gus Lovell (guitar and vocals) beat seven other groups in a close vote to win first prize - a recording session. This is the second time they have won a competition like this. Their last win enabled them to release two singles (Bedroom and Pointless) on streaming services Spotify and iTunes and they are now hoping to record some of their other material including their driving punk track Sink.

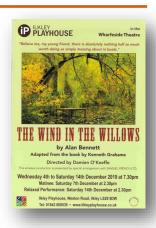
What fantastic news!

A huge well done to the ensemble of actors from IGS involved in the Wind In the Willows production at Ikley Playhouse from 4th to 14th December.

We enjoyed your characterisation, movement and acting throughout. Your individual and team work brought the play to life with great warmth and fun.

The students involved were:

Erin Dale, Emily Batchelor, Hugh Ameigh, Hattie Kelly, Lauren Schofield, Reuben Baldwin, Isaac Baldwin, Molly Higgitt, Will Dudley & Ellie Boon.



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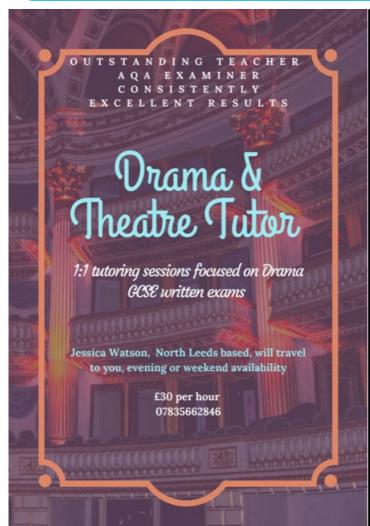
Have you visited our new website yet?

We are working very hard to put as much information and news items on there for you as possible.

Please keep checking regularly to see what we are getting up to.

You can also find out about Ilkley Grammar School through our twitter feed.

Please visit www.twitter.com/ilkleygrammar for all our recent tweets!





Can y<mark>ou spare a couple</mark> of hours a month?

We need volunteers to assist with Youthquake and help to give our young people a brighter future. If you are interested and are over 16, please come and join us in our free volunteer training session

Wed. 8th January, 4pm-8pm in the Queens Hall



WISHING YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM ALL THE STAFF AT ILKLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN IN 2020!