



End of Year Communication 2023

I write to you as our annual Challenge and Celebration Week comes to a close. As usual, it has been a very busy time with many activities, day trips, residential and work experience placements taking place across the different year groups. Organising this week is a huge undertaking and a special mention must go to Joy Heyworth in the finance department who invests hours of her own time in the organising, planning and delivery of the week and, alongside Matt Carr, Associate Assistant Headteacher, goes above and beyond to place the students at the heart of everything she does.

From ambling in Ambleside to sightseeing in London and Europe, to voluntary work in Vietnam, students have been offered a whole range of experiences and many have taken advantage of the trips, visits, activities and residential including:

- 195 students on European residential trips this week, including Paris, Krakow, Geneva and Rome
- 221 Year 8 students in London for three nights
- 218 Year 9 students in the Lake District for three nights
- 293 Year 7 students on day trips including Leeds Sailing, Circus skills, 'Walk the Wharfe' and Flamingo Land
- 24 Key Stage 3 students enjoying a carousel, relishing in a whole host of activities from manufacturing in DT to making props for the school production in Art and team building at Nell Bank
- 93 Year 8 students and 64 Year 9 students taking part in the Year 8 and Year 9 carousel respectively, daring themselves to climb treetops at Go Ape, enjoying Laser Tag and bowling, experiencing the rides at the Pleasure Beach in Blackpool and exploring White Scar Caves in Ingleton
- 345 Year 10 and 12 students developing their work skills and looking ahead to their future careers while on fulfilling work experience placements
- 20 students who are currently in Vietnam experiencing a trip of a lifetime with World Challenge where our students and staff are making a difference to local communities through their voluntary work

I would also like to offer a huge thanks to the staff who gave up so much of their time to help make the week possible, and especially to the 'trip leads', all those on residential visits and day trips, and all those staff who provided such a wide range of on-site activities. We are already starting to plan next year's programme and more information will be published next term.

All the best for a relaxing and enjoyable summer.

Kind regards,

Carly Purnell

Headteacher's Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded the Headteacher Award: Ryan Mullen 7JDA; Lottie Curry 12LSL;

Students have received the award for demonstrating school values, being positive role models and making a positive difference to others in line with our school vision.



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Message from Mr Ford: Deputy Headteacher: Behaviour & Attitudes

Dear Parent, Carers,

As we draw close to the end of the academic year, the pastoral team would like to congratulate our student body for their continued commitment to demonstrating their Personal Best. Students have been awarded 382,000 positive comments, over 90 students have received the headteachers award, and 6000 end of year nominations were issued for students Outstanding Commitment, Outstanding Attainment, and Outstanding Progress.

In preparation for the Year 7 & 12's return on 5th September (Year 7 & 12) and 6th September (Years 8, 9, 10, 11 & 13) please can you remind your child about the following aspects of the IGS Relationship Policy (Formerly the behaviour policy). <https://www.ilkleygrammarschool.com/our-school/policies/>

KS3 & 4 Students

- Students should arrive at form rooms for 8:25am each day.
- As the warm weather will have subsided, students will be expected to wear blazers throughout the day.
- We will be asking that suitable coats are worn as we move into the autumn and winter months. This academic year we will not be allowing IGS hoodies underneath blazers.
- iPads are expected to be charged in the evening to enable access to all learning material. Please support your child each evening to do so if this is something that they find challenging.
- Phones earphones/airpods will not be allowed in any building unless specified by the class teacher.
- Students must be clear about the make up, jewellery, and uniform policy. (Please refer to page 22 & 23 of the Relationships Policy)

Kind regards,

Mr Ford
Deputy Headteacher



Y7 Circus Skills!



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Y8 Carousel



Y8 London



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Y9 Brathay!



The Great Yorkshire Show





Y10 Careers Week!



Y10 Careers Week contd!



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Y12 Krakow



Rome!





Geneva!



World Challenge

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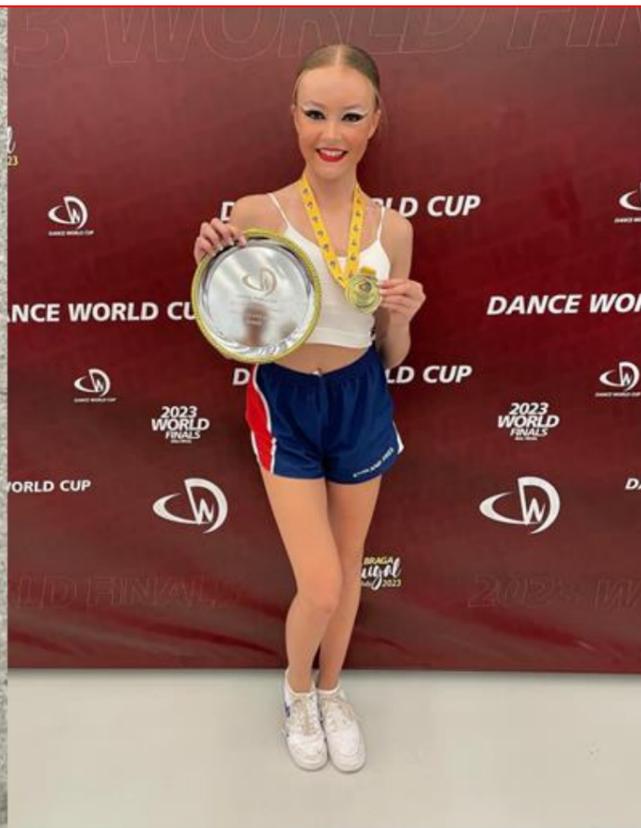
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Paris!



A huge well done to Kessia Hadfield-Walker (Y10) who competed at the **Dance World Cup** representing **Team England** in **Portugal** for the third year in a row as a soloist alongside groups, duets and trios. After competing in sections with over 7500 entries across 50 different countries, she received 2 gold medals, 2 silver medals and 1 bronze medal in the genres of acrobatics, song and dance, ballet and jazz. She was subsequently invited to dance in the gala at the end of the week with her acro duet where she collected the overall winner of Dance World Cup 2023 for Team England. Kessia won gold in acro and ranked 5th in world in modern/lyrical solo as well as medals in ballet and jazz groups with Starlight academy, Guiseley **Team England**. This year, Lola Summerson (Y10) and Katie Newton (outgoing Y13) joined the team for the group dance, winning gold!
Congratulations to all involved!

Dance World Cup

IGS Bands @ Ilkley Half Marathon

Two IGS Bands ended this academic year in style with fantastic performances on the music stage at Ilkley Half Marathon last Sunday 16 July. Heritage (Finlay Craggs, Alex Harper, James Nice and Sam Woodward) kicked proceedings off with a great set of upbeat covers and closed with an impressive original song composed by bass player Finlay.

Following on after Heritage were The Mustangs (Adam Leather, Matthew Radick, Isaac Perkins and Allan Whitmore) with their progressive jazz. They played a set full of original compositions and closed with a song by the legend that is Jimi Hendrix. Both bands represented IGS excellently and enjoyed playing on a professional outdoor music stage! Thanks go to Ilkley Half Marathon for providing such a great opportunity for our pupils. We hope to return to the event next year!

It has been a great year for our impressive array of bands here at IGS. The 2nd IGS Battle of the Bands will take place at 7pm on Thursday 23 November, so please put this date in your diary. The winner will go forward to represent IGS at the newly formed Red Kite Battle of the Bands, which will see 15 schools battle it out at The Wardrobe, Leeds on Thursday 18 January 2024, to be crowned the Red Kite Battle of the Bands Champion.

Music Good News!

Congratulations to Emily Stidworthy Y13 who has just taken part in a weeklong National Youth Inspire Orchestra event in Newcastle.

After vocal tests/auditions and a drama workshop, Emma Chapman Y11 won a place in the Youth Chorus of Opera North.

Well done to both students!

Parents' Evenings 2023-24

Meet the Tutor Y7 & Y12 Remote	Thursday 19 th October	4-7pm
Year 13 In School	Tuesday 14 th November	4-7pm
Year 12 Remote	Thursday 7 th December	4-7pm
Year 11 In School	Wednesday 10 th January	3.30-7pm
Year 9 Remote	Tuesday 30 th January	4-7.30pm
Year 8 Remote	Thursday 22 nd February	4-7.30pm
Year 10 Remote	Tuesday 19 th March	4-7.30pm
Year 7 In School	Thursday 2 nd May	4-7.30pm

Useful Links & Email Addresses

Attendance and notifications of absence: attendance@ilkleygs.co.uk

General enquiries: admin@ilkleygs.co.uk

Parents' evenings: parentsevenings@ilkleygs.co.uk

Venue hire: emma.wood@ilkleygs.co.uk

PTA: PTA@ilkleygs.co.uk

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IGS Website

For more information on what's going on in and around Ilkley Grammar School, don't forget to keep a check on the IGS website in 'News' [HERE](#) and 'Community' [HERE](#)



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