



FORTNIGHTLY HIGHLIGHTS

Dear Parent/Carers,

Having had a fantastic year of sporting success in 2022-23, it is wonderful to see this continue into 2023-24. Over the last two weeks, our year 11 netball team have won the senior Bradford District Netball Tournament and our junior boys and two senior teams have all qualified for the national cross country finals in Suffolk, following some spectacular results in the regional finals. In addition, our gymnasts once again shone at the Yorkshire Open with Alex Stewart (Year 9) and Mathew Burnham (Year 11) being crowned Yorkshire Champions in the men's pairs for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in succession. Year 7 students, Emily Ginger and Harris Barker also achieved 1<sup>st</sup> place with their gymnastics partners in the grade 3 women's and men's pairs respectively, also earning the accolade of Yorkshire Champions. We are really proud of this level of success, but we are equally proud of all of our students who represent the school so positively across a range of sports and other areas.

Next week sees the start of the mock examinations for year 11. These are really important learning opportunities for students, enabling them to practise past questions and apply their knowledge and understanding, whilst simulating the controlled exam conditions they will experience in the summer. However, unlike the real exams, students will get feedback from their subject teachers following the mock results day on the 8<sup>th</sup> January and this will enable them to identify gaps in their learning and any misconceptions or mistakes so that they can further improve over the coming weeks and months. We wish all our year 11 students the very best of luck.

**Consultation:**  
Assessment of GCSE maths, physics and combined science in 2024



Parents of year 11 students may be particularly interested to note that Ofqual have just opened a consultation to invite views on proposed adaptations to the assessment of GCSEs in mathematics, physics and combined science for students in England taking exams in 2024. The Department for Education (DfE) [has confirmed](#) that in view of the disruption students may have experienced, it is not necessary for them to memorise formulae for GCSE mathematics and equations for GCSE physics and combined science in 2024, as they must in a normal year. Therefore, Ofqual proposes carrying forward from summer 2023 the provision of support materials, in the form of formulae and revised equation sheets, in the exams for GCSE mathematics, physics and combined science. To put forward your views, please complete the consultation [here](#).



**Non-uniform day today brought a wave of colour to what has been a very grey and wet week. Please make your donation on Parent Pay if you haven't already done so. All money raised will go to Children in Need.**

Best wishes,

**Carly Purnell**  
Headteacher

Headteacher's Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded the Headteacher Award over the last fortnight: Lily-May Mawson 8JPC; Rebecca Haestier 10JI/JK; Roseanna Williams 11JJS; Jacob Dawson Watts 13KF; Adrian Ajufo 7RLB; Sofi Bender 9ERE; Zac McBain 11BGR

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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Darcie Todd in year 7, was promoted to Leading Junior Cadet at Keighley Sea Cadets this week. Darcie was also given the honour of laying the wreath at Keighley Cenotaph.



## Mr Gutch: Deputy headteacher: - Post-16 & Personal Development

In Personal Best Time (PBT) on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December (13<sup>th</sup> December for year 11), IGS students (years 7-12) will be completing their **Personal Development self-report**. The survey will be an opportunity for students to reflect on the experiences they have had in each of the 8 Personal Development strands, both in and out of school, since they last completed a report.

If you would like to find out more about our vision for Personal Development please visit the IGS website: <https://www.ilkleygrammarschool.com/our-school/personal-development/>

### Born In Bradford – Age of Wonder

We are very excited that three IGS year groups will be participating in, and contributing to, the Born in Bradford (Age of Wonder) project which is one of the biggest research studies into the life of teenagers of its kind in the world. Students in Years 8 and 10 completed an online survey last week in PBT and students in Year 9 will be completing their survey in the new year.

Participating schools will receive an anonymised summary of how the health of students compares to those in the wider region which will allow schools to adjust and refocus provision, for example around student wellbeing, to ensure that we can support students even more effectively.

For more information go to: <https://borninbradford.nhs.uk/what-we-do/cohort-studies/age-of-wonder/>

Mrs Griffiths and Mr Gutch



### Inter Faith Week

12-19 November 2023



In assemblies this week and next week students in years 7-10 & 12 will be learning about Inter Faith Week.

Billions of people around the world identify with one of the 6 world religions. Faith plays a huge part in decision-making at an individual, national and global level and so, regardless of personal belief, our students need to be educated and informed about different beliefs to their own and tolerant and respectful of these. 'Treating others as you would wish to be treated', is identified by the Interfaith Network as a 'Golden Rule' that is considered important across all faiths and also within humanism. For more information look at [www.interfaith.org.uk](http://www.interfaith.org.uk). Resources will also be made available on Showbie following each assembly.

Please see below a summary of the key messages which will be shared with students:

#### What is UK Interfaith week for?

- Building **trust and understanding** between people of different faiths (and people of no faith)
- **Celebrating** what different faiths have in common **and learning** about and **respecting** differences
- Thinking about the '**big questions**' of life

#### Why do we celebrate it?

- Our society is increasingly **multicultural** and **diverse** and people of different faiths and cultures live side by side with people of no faith
- One of our fundamental British values is that we are **tolerant and respectful** of people who have different beliefs to our own.

#### Why is it important now?

- It is more important than ever that we think about what religions have in common at a time when there is so much conflict in the world.
- Our opinions need to be **informed** and **educated** otherwise we may say things that may be hurtful or ignorant.

### Sporting Successes and Updates

#### IGS Netball

It has been a busy week of netball. On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, the **Year 8 A team** travelled to South Hunsley to play in the last 32 of the **Sisters n Sport National North Bowl Competition**. The girls played excellently and were **21-3 winners**. This puts them through into the final 16. **POM was Minnie Garwell**.

**Congratulations and well done to the Y11 Netball team who WON the Senior Bradford District Netball Tournament** on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November. The girls were facing teams from across the district (some of whom were Year 12&13). Our own Y12&13 team finished joint 3<sup>rd</sup>. Well done everyone!

The Year 10 Netball Team



The Year 8 A Netball Team



The Year 11 Netball Team



The Year 12, 13 Netball Team



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# ESAA Cross Country Cup Regional Finals Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at GSAL



4 IGS teams competed at GSAL in the ESAA Cross Country Cup, facing schools from all over the Yorkshire and Lincolnshire region. The Junior Boys team started off the afternoon with a fantastic win and a qualification for the National Finals in Suffolk, 40 points clear of Stamford school! There were some amazing individual performances from Robert Carter, Charlie Porteous, and Tyler Griffiths, all finishing within the top 8!

The Junior Girls put up a great fight, with Marcie Ford finishing in the top 10 but sadly the team narrowly missed out on qualifying this time.

Having never entered any senior teams in the past, we were in some unknown territory, however the seniors didn't disappoint! The Senior Girls teams qualified on 2<sup>nd</sup> place with top 10 performances from Beth Rogers (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Helena Coy (6<sup>th</sup>). A special well done to Frazey Welsh competing in her first ever cross-country race!

## Year 10 Football

**The National Cup: The Year 10 boys' football team progress into round 4 of the ESFA National Cup after beating Mirfield Free Grammar 2-0. The goals came from Thomas Goodall and Noah Taylor-Smith.**

The National Cup B: IGS v St Aidan's  
WY Cup Quarter Final: IGS v Ryburn

## GIRLS' FOOTBALL

### Leeds League U16:

IGS 5 – 1 Prince Henry's  
Grammar School  
IGS 4 – 0 Bruntcliffe Academy

### Leeds League U12:

IGS 2- 0 St Marys  
IGS 3- 0 Cockburn  
IGS 3 – 0 John Smeaton



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# Congratulations to our IGS gymnastics students who participated in The Yorkshire Open Competition

**IDP Men's Pair**  
**Mathew Burnham, Alex Stewart**  
**1st place, Yorkshire Champions**

**Pedestals**  
 Grade 4 Alyssa Bakker 3rd place

**Grade 3 Women's Pair**  
 Zoe Featherstone, 5th place

**Grade 3 Women's Pair**  
 Emily Ginger, 1st place, Yorkshire Champion!

**Grade 4 Women's Pair**  
 Julia Iglesias & Alyssa Bakker, 9th place

**Grade 4 Women's Group**  
 Eliza Button, 2nd place

**IDP**  
 2nd Alex Stewart, 3rd Isla Barker

**Grade 3 Men's Pair**  
 Harris Barker, 1st place, Yorkshire Champion!

**IDP Women's Group**  
 Skye Kitching, Livvi Rutter, Isla Barker 3rd place



## DANIEL TOMBLIN 11MTH UNDERWATER HOCKEY SUCCESSES

Congratulations to Daniel Tomblin (11MTH) who recently played in 2 winning Underwater Hockey teams!

The top photo shows Daniel (front row, left) with his gold medal. His team won the **Regional U16 Underwater Hockey Competition in Worcester on Saturday 4th November**. The bottom photo shows Daniel (back row, 3rd from left) with his gold medal, this time for being part of the **winning team in the Division 4 Underwater Hockey tournament, Nautilus**, played at Sheffield's Ponds Forge pool on 14th October.

In both tournaments, Daniel was the top goal scorer: 17 goals scored in Worcester, 13 in Sheffield.

**Daniel's passion for Underwater Hockey remains undiminished!**

**Well done Daniel!**

BRITISH OCTOPUSH ASSOCIATION

### BOA NAUTILUS 2023 Division 4



**1st - Yorkshire C**

### Informing school of absences

To avoid late marks, parent/carers must ensure students are in school and on site by 8.20am ready for registration at 8.25am.

If students feel unwell during the school day, they should not phone home themselves and must ask to go their Hub. Staff will then notify you if they need to be sent home.

A reminder to parent/carers to please inform the years 7-11 attendance team [attendance@igs.mlt.co.uk](mailto:attendance@igs.mlt.co.uk) of any foreseen absences or medical appointments, etc. If you are phoning school on the morning of an unforeseen absence, (please let us know by 8am) stay on the line and select extension number 2 for attendance, where you will be able to leave a message.

For P-16 absences, please email [p16attendance@igs.mlt.co.uk](mailto:p16attendance@igs.mlt.co.uk)



We are now less than one week away from the **IGS Music Showcase** on **Thursday 23 November, 7pm** at the King's Hall. Pupils have been working incredibly hard to make sure that they are ready to deliver a stunning evening full of wonderful musical performances. I have been blown away by the amazing effort, commitment, passion, resilience, kindness and musical talent displayed in rehearsals by our wonderful pupils here at IGS. Over 130 are involved and we are incredibly excited to share this with you all! If you haven't bought your tickets yet then the time is now as they are selling fast. **Tickets are £7.50 (adults) and £5 (children) and are available from [All proceeds in aid of Friends of the King's Hall and Winter Garden

\*\*IGS\*\*  
\*\*MUSIC SHOWCASE\*\*  
Thursday 23rd November  
King's Hall at 7pm

\*\*FEATURING\*\*  
IGS \*\*BATTLE OF THE BANDS\*\*  
\*\*POP CHOIR\*\*  
\*\*ORCHESTRA\*\*  
AND MUCH \*\*MORE\*\*

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\*\*Tickets\*\*  
£7.50 Adult  
£5 Child

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LS29 Special Needs Support Group's post

**LS29 Special Needs Support Group**

A great big thank you to all the pupils, staff and local companies involved in the **Ilkley Grammar School** Charities Fundraising Week for choosing LS29 as one of the charities to support.

Your donations have raised the amazing sum of £1386.30 - which has funded our Elf Explorer Christmas Steam Train Ride this year for our members. Look out for the photos next month!

A big shout out to all the local businesses who also were involved and donated to the Fundraising week - thank you!

- ★ AMC Design
- ★ Coffee Care Skipton
- ★ Hanesgaard Design
- ★ High Speed Training
- ★ The Driving Academy
- ★ Jessica Blythe - Independent Travel Agent
- ★ Ilkley Grammar School
- ★ Dacre Son & Hartley



**COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS**

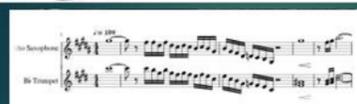
**ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, ILKLEY**  
**MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023 @ 6.30PM**



*It's got style, it's got meaning...*

Watch this space for more information about our next school production taking place on **5-8th February 2024!**

**Grease is the word!**



**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2023**

ST MARGARET'S QUEEN'S ROAD ILKLEY LS29 9QL

FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER 10 AM - 6 PM  
SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER 10 AM - 6 PM

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS TREE  
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS | MITTEN TREE  
MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT  
REFRESHMENTS ON SALE

FREE ENTRY | ALL WELCOME

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER 3 PM  
FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS IN THE PARISH HALL



FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
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**Useful Links & Email Addresses**

**Years 7-11 notifications of absence:** [attendance@igs.mlt.co.uk](mailto:attendance@igs.mlt.co.uk) or, extension 2 if phoning school on the morning of an unforeseen absence

**P-16 notifications of absence:** [p16attendance@igs.mlt.co.uk](mailto:p16attendance@igs.mlt.co.uk)

**Lettings and venue hire:** [venuehire@igs.mlt.co.uk](mailto:venuehire@igs.mlt.co.uk)

**General enquiries:** [admin@igs.mlt.co.uk](mailto:admin@igs.mlt.co.uk)

**Parents' evenings:** [parentsevenings@igs.mlt.co.uk](mailto:parentsevenings@igs.mlt.co.uk)

**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](#) and '**IGS Vacancies**' [HERE](#)