



ILKLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

A MOORLANDS LEARNING TRUST SCHOOL

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 sixth **Challenge and Celebration Week** will take place between **Monday July 13th and Friday July 17th 2019**. 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. It is hoped that tutors will accompany their forms as much as possible throughout this time, enabling them to further deepen the bond they have with their tutees. Student leadership opportunities are embedded within the programme. 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.

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.

- **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 £475.
- **Humanities in Krakow** (5 days & 4 nights, Mon - Fri, 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 of this option will be approximately £620.

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, Year 8 & 9 - The 4 Day Local Activity). 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 Option 3 for Year 8 & 9 and Option 2 for Year 7 – this has no cost associated with it.



Personalisation: This is a chance for students to ring fence some quality time to complete a week of self-organised work experience; this should be linked to future pathways. 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 do not hesitate to phone or email Mrs Joy Heyworth in the school Finance Department to arrange a personal payment plan.

The school is delighted to announce that the Ilkley Grammar School PTA is kindly establishing a 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 the 14th.

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 16/10/19	2nd Instalment 29/11/19	3rd Instalment 31/01/20	Final/4th Instalment 28/02/20	5th Instalment 27/03/20	Final Instalment 24/04/20	Full Cost
Year 7: The Big Mix	£60	£30		£30			£120
Year 7, 8 & 9: Day carousel	FOC						FOC
Year 8: The Big Trip – London	£140	£70	£70	£65			£345
Year 9: The Big Outdoors – Brathay	£110	£75	£75	£75			£335
Year 8 Option 2: Yr 8 & 9 Carousel	£60	£30	£20	£20			£130
Post 16 Science in Switzerland	£125	£75	£75	£75	£75	£50	£475
Post 16 Humanities in Krakow	£150	£100	£100	£100	£85	£85	£620

Next steps:

The deadline for reply slips is **Monday 7th October**, any decisions for oversubscribed trips (names out of hat/waiting lists) will be made on **Thursday 10th October** and the ParentPay services for the deposits will be made live. The deadline for all deposits on P16 trips is **Wednesday 16th 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 Christine Merrell 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

Please return this reply slip to your form tutor by Monday 7th 2019

Student: Form:

Please tick ONE of the following option boxes .

AND please complete the box at the bottom with a second choice in case the 1st Option chosen is oversubscribed

Year 12 only:

Subject enrichment strand:

- I would like my son/daughter to participate in the Science in Switzerland trip and agree to upload a non-refundable deposit of £125 to Parent Pay by Wednesday 16th October 2019
- I would like my son/daughter to participate in the Humanities trip to Krakow and agree to upload a non-refundable deposit of £150 to Parent Pay by Wednesday 16th October 2019

iLeadership strand:

- I would like my son/daughter to participate in the Year 7 Big Mix carousel as an iLeader and agree to upload a non-refundable deposit of £60 to Parent Pay by Wednesday 16th October 2019
- I would like my son/daughter to participate in the Year 8 Big Trip to London as an iLeader and agree to upload a non-refundable deposit of £140 to Parent Pay by Wednesday 16th October 2019
- I would like my son/daughter to participate in the Year 9 Big Outdoors in the Lake District as an iLeader and agree to upload a non-refundable deposit of £110 to Parent Pay by Wednesday 16th October 2019
- I would like my son/daughter to participate in the Year 8 & 9, Adventure Activity Days as an iLeader and agree to upload a non-refundable deposit of £60 to Parent Pay by Wednesday 16th October 2019
- I would like my son/daughter to participate in the Year 7, 8 & 9, Local Carousel there is no associated cost

Personalisation strand:

- I would like my son/daughter to participate in self-organised work experience during Challenge and Celebration Week

Second Option

Parent/Carer Signature:

Date: