

# POSITIVE FEEDBACK

## Positive messages from parents and the community

June 2020

### Live lessons via Teams

I just wanted to give you & the school some positive feedback on the introduction of live lessons via Teams. This has really helped A's engagement, it's been so good for him to feel part of the class & get some interaction.

Thanks to you & your colleagues for supporting our kids so well during these challenging times.

Received: 05/06/20

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### Remote learning

We realise all the staff have been working incredibly hard during this time to keep the students going with remote learning when everyone is in a different situation at home - a real challenge on lots of levels. Their support and effort are very much appreciated so please could you pass on our thanks and appreciation to them all.

Received: 03/06/20

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### Extraordinary achievement

Thank you to all the teachers for everything they have been doing to support our children at home. It has been a triumph. It is quite extraordinary what the school has achieved in offering continuity to G's education over the past months. Thank you very much.

Received: 04/06/20

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### High quality provision

I'd just like to say again how pleased we have been with the online provision. I think we are very fortunate to have such high quality and personal provision compared to many other schools around the country, and we thank you for all the hard work you and the staff have put in.

Received: 02/06/20

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### Excellent level of support and learning

Thank you for taking the time to reply and for putting as much detail in as possible. I must say I am very impressed by IGS's handling of this situation, I do feel both our children have had an excellent level of support and learning albeit remotely. I appreciate it must have (and probably still is) a bit of a nightmare to set up, but I feel it's working really well.

I'm happy with the provision being offered in school and I'd like to get him in for those sessions. It would be helpful to know days, but we'll do our best to work around it.

Please pass on our thanks and best wishes to all the School generally, but specifically the Post 16 team.

Received: 09/06/20

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### **Thank you!**

I'm writing to express our gratitude for the way in which the school has continued to support the children with their education whilst at home .

I've been very impressed with the support available and the organisation and communication with teachers.

Now that the MS Teams lessons are live it is even more encouraging and S is enjoying the structure to her day and the interaction with her teachers and friends .

Please could you share my sentiments with all of the teachers involved in her education and once again thank you for being so amazing in such extraordinary times for the school .

Received: 10/06/20

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### **Year 10 and 12 In School Provision**

May I say both as a trustee and a parent how impressed I have been with the school's approach to this very challenging time. The additional hours that have clearly gone into ensuring that this runs so smoothly are so very much appreciated, so please pass my thanks on to all concerned.

Received: 11/06/20

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### **Home learning – consistent high quality**

I know I have previously emailed my appreciation of how superbly school has communicated with families and students. I do want to reiterate that the home learning has been of a consistent high quality over a long and sustained time. Please pass on my thanks again to SLT and teachers.

Received: 16/06/20

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### **Thanks**

I think the school is doing an excellent job so thanks to you and all your staff.

Received: 17/06/20

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### **Thank you**

We just wanted to say how impressed we have been with all the staff at IGS during lockdown.

They have all gone above and beyond to make it a great varied and interesting learning experience for our children.

Thank you for your continued support and hard work.

Received: 17/06/20

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### **Thank you**

Could you please pass on our thanks to all those involved in the Year 10 teaching day today. Our son came home with a big smile on his face, saying, 'that was surprisingly good.' High praise from a 15 year boy! We realise what a stressful time this must be for all the school staff, and we are very grateful he has had such a positive experience.

Received: 17/06/20

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### **BIG thank you to all teachers and support staff**

Just a quick email to thank you all for your teaching and support to my children during this terrible time.

Considering how little notice the government gave schools to prepare for home learning I felt very lucky that you all responded so quickly to ensure continuation of their learning.

My eldest son is coming in for three days over the next two weeks which I think will be a very valuable motivator for him to continue his home learning. Thank you to all those teachers who are willing to come in to school to help him conclude such a crucial year.

Received: 17/06/20

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### **IGS continue to be amazing**

Just wanted to say how much we are all enjoying the work you are setting for W's philosophy, it is generating a lot of fantastic debate for all four of us.

It must be very hard teaching like this, **IGS have been and continue to be amazing!** Looking forward to our daughter starting in September.

Received: 18/06/20

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### **Showbie Parent Launch Y7-9 AND Y12**

This is brilliant news about showbie.

Thanks to you and all your IGS colleagues for all you continue to do for our kids during this difficult time.

Received: 18/06/20

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### **Thank you**

Thank you so much for this helpful email. We continue to be impressed by the brilliant leadership and teaching at IGS.

We're very proud to be part of the IGS community,

Received: 19/06/20

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### **A big well done**

Just to say J had a great time at school this week and was delighted to be learn something new all together. Thank you. I cannot imagine the work involved in achieving what you have so a big well done.

Thank you too for rolling out the Showbie for parents for other year groups. This is so useful.

I just wanted to express my thanks for everything you are doing. It is so hard when the government guidance doesn't roll out fast enough to make decisions on so you have to second guess to get ahead of the game. Then everything changes. So I really feel for you.

Well done to the whole team. As a business enterprise partner with IGS, if there is anything I can do then let me know.

Received: 19/06/20

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### **Online learning efforts**

I just want to express my thanks for the effort that has gone into online learning for the IGS pupils! I have a son in yr 7 but perhaps more importantly a daughter in yr 10 and feel they have both received the right amount of work and support for their year groups. I actually feel it has suited my daughter in year 10 because she has had more time at home to go through her work rather than being rushed through the usual busy school timetable and everyday life. She has received individual support from some teachers when she has asked for it and has had plenty of work set through Showbie, some of which I can see. Also credit to 'A' herself for being motivated to learn.

Being a teacher in a primary school I know the hard logistics of online learning and can only imagine the effort your whole team has put into it to allow such a large number of secondary school children to access good online learning.

Received: 27/06/20

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### **Engaging material on Showbie**

Please pass on my thanks to all the hard-working teachers at IGS. I can now see on Showbie how hard teachers are working, they are producing really engaging material on Showbie and providing regular individualised feedback that really makes a difference. The live lessons are really helping as well and creating that sense of community that has been missing due to school being closed.

Many thanks to all.

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### **Next Steps Events**

I wanted to send you both a quick email to thank you very much for last weeks' Next Steps events. I thought the programme was excellent: extremely comprehensive, very well pitched and with lots of appropriate, supplementary information. M found the sessions really useful: they have clarified his ideas for university and, combined with several virtual open days he has 'attended', helped narrow choices down and given him a very clear focus for Y13 and beyond.

I can appreciate the time and effort it took to put this programme together - especially in the current circumstances - and wanted to thank you and the rest of the post-16 team: we were very impressed.

Received: 30/06/20

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### **Thank you**

I would like to say a massive thank you to all your staff who are working and planning for the future in extremely uncertain times for all those working in education.

Thank you and stay safe,

Received: 16/06/20

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### **Y6/7 Transition**

Thank you so much for everything you've done to keep us informed about Y6/7 transition to IGS in these unusual times. We're very appreciative of all your efforts and have found the youtube sessions very helpful too.

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