



PARENT/CARER BULLETIN

November 2022

FORTNIGHTLY HIGHLIGHTS

Carly Purnell: Headteacher

With so much going on at Ilkley Grammar School, we have made the decision to launch a parental bulletin to keep you more regularly informed of what is going on at IGS and to continue to celebrate the range of student success. The bulletin intends to provide a brief overview of events and achievements, as well as key information and dates, and will be sent out every two weeks in the first instance. More detailed articles and photographs will continue to be shared on our school website under news headlines. Please also follow us on Twitter [@IlkleyGrammar](https://twitter.com/IlkleyGrammar)

Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded the Headteacher Award since the start of term: Dylan Hurst; Eli Smith; Vlada Kostenko; Daniil Ilchenko; Daisy Button; Frances Parsons; Rose Hunter; Kian Foster; Daniel Gowon; Emma Chapman; Daniel Sluman; Sophie Hindmarsh and Ben Ballard. 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.



Visit from Robbie Moore MP

On Friday 4th November, Robbie Moore, MP for Keighley and Ilkley, met with Mrs Purnell, Headteacher to discuss a range of educational topics. Mrs Purnell raised concerns around the significant financial pressures on schools across the country as a result of spiralling energy costs (even with the Energy Relief Bill, IGS's energy costs this year will be over £400,000), as well as unfunded teacher and associate staff pay increases. Robbie also enjoyed a tour of the school site and spoke to year 8 students in Food Technology and year 7 students in Art.

The King's Coronation - additional bank holiday

In light of the announcement of His Majesty's coronation on Saturday 6 May 2023, an additional bank holiday has been announced on Monday 8 May. Ilkley Grammar School will, therefore, be closed on this day. This year's term dates have been updated to include this information [HERE](#)

Upcoming Dates

Th	17	Nov	School Production Residential
Fr	18	Nov	Children In Need Non-Uniform Day & School Production Residential
W	23	Nov	Y11 (Blue Ties) Presentation Evening @ King's Hall, Ilkley
Th	24	Nov	Battle of the Bands @ 6.30pm B Hall
Fr	25	Nov	Training Day (devolved) school closed
M	28	Nov	GCSE Mock Assessments Start
Th	1	Dec	Y13 Parents' Evening (On site 4-7pm)
Th	8	Dec	Y12 Parents' Evening (Online 4-7pm)
M	12	Dec	Countdown To Christmas a.m. rehearsal & 6.30pm at St Margaret's Church
Fr	16	Dec	School closes (12.30pm)

Ilkley Literature Festival

We were delighted to host 26 Ilkley Literature Festival events which provided a range of additional leadership opportunities for students including the opportunity to interview visiting authors. Student volunteers played an essential role in the smooth running of the events and a special thanks go to the following who helped out at the front of house or backstage behind the scenes: Noah Bridges; Charlie Lovery; Lily Markham; Anna Powell; Heidi Tordoff; Emma Fox; Mia Fisher; Eli Smith; Robert Carter; Poppy Dyson; Ruby Paterson; George Yoshino-Bunting; Esme Gutch; Elise Abbott; Erin Johnson; Sean Hayes; Leo Lord-Cloke; Ben Redman; Maiya Gowon; Billy Caswell; Aahad Awan; Emilia Marszewska; Robert Maxwell; Mitchell Thompson; James Nice; James Cumberland and Theo Ford. Well done all!

GCSE and A Level Results 2022

Following publication of this summer's GCSE and vocational results, [school performance tables](#) have now been published. The progress score for Ilkley Grammar School is +.64 showing that, on average, students at IGS achieved a grade higher in almost 2 out of 3 of their subjects compared to students of a similar ability nationally. This is an outstanding achievement, building on the +.58 score in 2019 which placed the school in the highest "well above average" category for all state schools, including selective grammar schools.

At A Level, results for 2022 have given the school an ALPS score of 2 which places Ilkley Grammar School in the top 10% of schools nationally.

Well done to the students and all the staff and families involved in supporting them.



## RED Award

We are very pleased to let parents/carers know that on the 18<sup>th</sup> October IGS received its Certificate of Commitment to the Red Kite Alliance RED Award (for provision in the areas of Respect, Equality and Diversity). IGS is only the 5<sup>th</sup> secondary school to achieve this. The external assessor's feedback on our self-evaluation of current school provision was very positive, confirming that the school already has many strengths and strong practice in this area stating that 'you are already doing a huge amount as a school to support equality and diversity', mentioning specifically our work with MESMAC, Ilkley Pride, Year 9 Diversity Day, the RESPECT publication and the Diversity iLeader programme. The school now progresses to the development phase of the process which is envisaged to take between 12-18 months before securing the full accreditation.

## Post-16 Open Evening

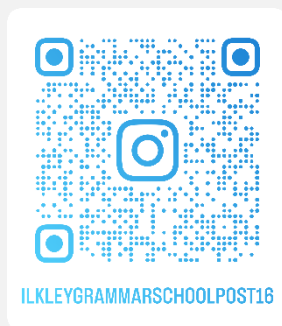
We welcomed Year 11s from across the region to our post-16 open event on Wednesday. Students were given excellent guidance on their post-16 choices, got a chance to speak to specialist subject staff and, most importantly, had the inside line on being an IGS post-16 student from the students themselves. It was fantastic to see the school packed with prospective students and their families and kick starts our application process for next academic year. Our next event is the Post-16 Transition Day on the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023, where all our applicants will get a chance to spend a day as an IGS post-16 student. For further detailed guidance on our A level and L3 vocational subjects and our entry criteria, take a look at our extensive offer of 32 subjects here:

<https://www.ilkeleygrammarschool.com/post-16-students/subject-information/>

Prospective students apply here:

<https://www.ilkeleygrammarschool.com/post-16-students/admissions-information/>

For further updates on the life and events of IGS Post 16 follow us on Instagram here:



## Sports Results

### WC 31<sup>st</sup> Oct

#### U18 Boys' Football ESFA Round 3:

King James School 0 – IGS 3.

**Y7/8 boys' tennis team are the Yorkshire champions** after beating Yarm 8-4 at Middlesbrough Tennis World. They progressed to the northern final at Sunderland Tennis Centre on Friday 11<sup>th</sup>, making up one of the last 16 in the country. The boys finished in overall third place in the North, beating High Storrs 11-9.

### WC 7<sup>th</sup> Nov

**Year 7 Boys' Football Leeds Cup Round 1:** Farnley School 4 – IGS 3

**U14 boys** are into the round of Leeds Schools YEP Cup after beating Pudsey Grammar 9-3.

**Cross Country** - 2<sup>nd</sup> league race at Lund Park - Well done to all students involved

**Well do to the Inter Boys' Cross-Country team** who ran in the Regional Final at the English Schools' Country Cup on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

**Year 7 Girls' Football** – Annual Skipton Girls' Tournament Team 2 were semi-finalists, Team 1 played the final against Skipton Girls, and lost 1-0

**Year 8 Girls' Football** – 3<sup>rd</sup> round of English Schools' Cup – Co-op Academy Walkden 5 – IGS 1

**Senior Netball A team** - 3<sup>rd</sup> in Bradford District Netball Tournament

**U14A Netball** - 12-5 Parkside, POM Isabelle Saunders

**U14B Netball** - 6-6 Parkside, POM Emily Moore

## IGS Gymnastics Success: Yorkshire Championships

- Grade 2 Women's Group (1st place): Eliza Button
- Grade 2 Women's Group Out of Age (4th place): Zoe Featherstone
- Grade 3 Women's Group (1st place): Livvi Rutter
- Grade 3 Women's Group (2nd place): Skye Kitching, Alyssa Bakker
- Grade 5 Men's Pair (1st place): Mathew Burnham & Alex Stewart
- Grade 5 Mixed Pair (1st place): Evan Higham & Heidi Pearce
- IDP Women's Pair (1st place): Isla Barker
- IDP Women's Group (1st place): Bella Burnham

Personal Best Values



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