



FORTNIGHTLY HIGHLIGHTS

As you are already aware, the NEU (National Education Union) have scheduled two further days of strike action which will take place on **Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March**.

The strikes continue to take place because of an ongoing national dispute between the NEU and the Government over teachers' pay, the inadequate levels of government funding for schools and a national recruitment and retention crisis in education and not issues which are specifically related to IGS.

Based on the information we have available, including confirmation from members of the NEU of their intention to strike, we have repeated our risk assessment to determine specific arrangements for next Wednesday and Thursday. The following decisions have been taken:

On both days, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March, Ilkley Grammar School will **be open to students in all years with an EHCP, EAL students including students from Ukraine and Looked After Children**. If your child has an EHCP, is LAC or EAL in years 7-10, please will you confirm whether you expect your child to attend school by completing a short survey [HERE](#). If we do not receive confirmation by 9am on Monday 13th March, we will assume that they are completing the learning activities at home.

Wednesday 15th March:

School will be **open as normal for students in years 11 and 13**. It will also be **open for students in year 12 from break onwards** due to staffing constraints periods 1 and 2.

School will therefore be closed for students in years 7-10 unless they have an EHCP, are LAC or EAL.

Thursday 16th March:

School will be **open as normal for students in years 11, 12 and 13**. It will also be **open for year 10 although there will be a slightly earlier finish at 2.05** due to staffing constraints period 6. School buses will depart at the normal time and a supervised space will be available for students in Y10 who need to remain on site until 3pm.

NB: The mock examinations for students in year 11 which have been scheduled to take place next week will go ahead as planned.

Arrangements for students who are not in school due to strike action:

Where teachers are not striking, work will be set in line with the curriculum. This will take the form of structured materials on Showbie, recorded or live sessions in line with students' timetables. Wherever possible, teachers who are not striking will be available via email or Teams to answer any questions and provide support during the timetabled lesson.

Where teachers are striking, specific work will not be set. This is because when teachers are exercising their lawful and legitimate right to strike, they are withdrawing their labour and this includes not preparing and setting cover work, including any work to be delivered online.

Where work is not set, IGS will provide examples of activities to help students to consolidate their learning, advanced information of upcoming assessments and will direct students to useful learning resources available online. Details will be sent in a separate communication early next week.

Students Entitled To Free School Meals:

If your child is in years 7-10 and is entitled to Free School Meals, please complete [this form](#) by 9am on Monday 13th March to indicate whether you would like additional packed lunches to be provided for the days when school is partially closed. These would need to be collected from school at the end of the day on Tuesday 14th March.

Negotiations between the unions and the Government are continuing. Should a resolution be achieved and the strikes are called off, school will be open as usual. In any case, school will be re-open as normal on Friday 17th March.

Kind regards,

Carly Purnell

Headteacher

Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded the Headteacher Award over the last fortnight: Lydia Holroyd 7IFL, Cruz Hunter 8PC, Alexander Hughes 10KL, Max Gibson 12LR, Rupert Home 7BET, Evie Hodgson 8PC, Samantha Knowles 10KMH, Charlotte Dear 12DM and Callum Edwards 13PKP. 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.



Creative Arts Successes

The Rotary Young Photographer of the Year Competition 2022/23

Students from schools around the area were invited by the Rotary Club to submit one photograph exploring the theme 'The Beauty of Architecture'. Student entries were judged by a panel including a local photographer and members of the Rotary Club and awarded prizes in three separate age groups.

We are really proud to announce the winning students:

- 🏆 **Rory Bruce 1st in the senior category**
- 🏆 **Alfie Wilson 2nd in the Senior category**
- 🏆 **Francis McCann 1st in the Intermediate category**
- 🏆 **Rebecca Haestier 2nd in the Intermediate category**
- 🏆 **Arthur Wallace 3rd in the Intermediate category**



Whilst the competition initially involved local schools, the winning images from each area go on to compete in regional and then national competitions. We were really excited to learn this week that **Francis McCann won 1st prize in the Intermediate section of the District Young Photographer Competition** for his photo of *The Apartment Staircase*. This is quite an achievement as the district covers all of Yorkshire and Humberside. His photo has now been entered into the National Competition to be judged at the end of March/early April, good luck Francis! Opposite is a snapshot of the students and their wonderful winning images.

WC 20th Feb:

- ✚ IGS Y9 Boys' football team beat Abbey Grange school 3-1 in the NW Leeds CV League
- ✚ IGS Y9 Boys' football team have sadly been knocked out of the Leeds City cup by Farnley 2-0 in a very well-matched battle.

WC 27th Feb and 6th March:

U14 Boys Hockey Yorkshire Cup

- ✚ IGS v Amplethorpe 1-0 win
- ✚ IGS v Leeds Grammar School 2-1 win
- ✚ IGS v Ashville 2-0 win
- ✚ Semi Finals IGS v QUEGS won on penalty flicks
- ✚ Final IGS v Scarborough College 0-1 Lost
- ✚ Qualified for the North of England Finals against Dame Allen School from Newcastle. Match to be played Friday 10th March

Year 7 Boys Football

- ✚ IGS v Prince Henry's Grammar School 6-0 win

Regional Under Water Hockey

- ✚ Dan Tomblin (10MTH) took part in the Regional UWH Tournament in Worcester on Saturday 4th March
- ✚ Daniel Tomblin (2nd from left) played in all 5 games. North U16 only conceded one goal across all games which is incredible and were the winning team



BOA JUNIOR REGIONALS
Under 16s

1st - North U16s

Gymnastics

The following gymnasts all took part in the Yorkshire Schools Acro Competition at Barnsley Metrodome on Saturday 4th March. All students qualified for the National Finals on Wednesday 10th May. A fantastic achievement from all involved. A big thank you to Nicola at Ilkley Gym Club for continuing to support and coach our school gymnastics.

Under 14 Pairs

- ✚ Isla Barker & Heidi Pearce
- ✚ Julia Iglesias & Eliza Button
- ✚ Julia Iglesias & Alyssa Bakker

Over 14 Pairs

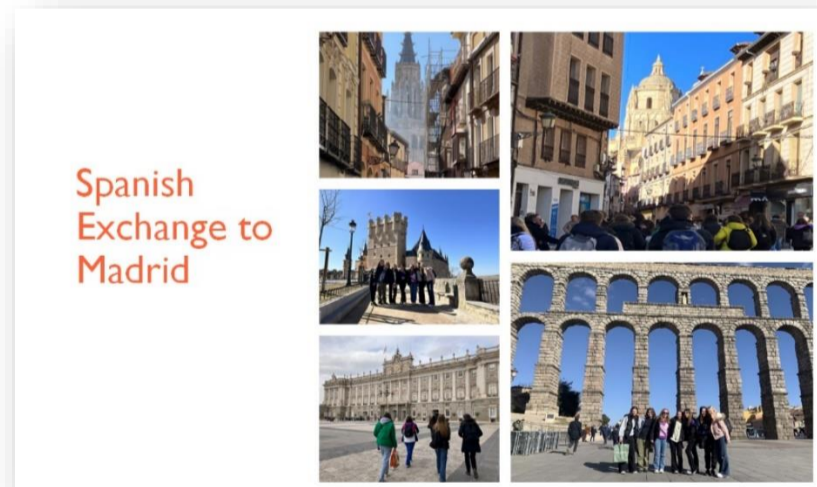
- ✚ Skye Kitching & Livvi Rutter

Over 14 Group

- ✚ Carys Higham, Skye Kitching, Livvi Rutter, Heidi Pearce, Eliza Button & Isla Barker

Spanish Exchange to Madrid

On the morning of Thursday 19th February Year 11 and 12 Students said goodbye to their families and set off on a new and exciting cultural experience: the Spanish exchange to Madrid which is now in its 15th Year with Escuela Pías in Pozuelo Madrid. 31 students and 3 teachers from Modern Foreign Languages journeyed to Spain's capital and surrounding regions. We enjoyed day trips to the city of Toledo, the ancient capital of Spain, known as the city of the 3 religions with a Catholic Cathedral, its Jewish Basilica and its Moorish Muslim Mosque as well as being the adoptive home of the artist 'El Greco'. We also visited the beautiful city of Segovia with its 'Al-cazar' (Fortress) renowned for being the inspiration behind Walt Disney's Magic Kingdom as well as exploring many of Madrid's alluring attractions including the spectacular Plaza Mayor, Palacio Real as well as many other cultural sites including the world-famous Reina Sofia Museo de Arte where we gazed upon Picasso's wondrously captivating 'El Guernica' mural. Students were fully immersed in the culture having spent the whole week with host families to, not only improve their Spanish acquisition, but also heighten their cultural capital via the art, architecture, gastronomy, history, and mucho mucho más. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our Spanish 'compadres' on their leg of the exchange this Wednesday 15th March for a week.



Spanish Exchange to Madrid

Useful 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

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](#)

Many IGS students were involved in trips over February half term

80 Year 9 students enjoyed the ski slopes, pasta and pizza in Italy, and 97 students in KS4/5 were learning how to ski in Canada. We are currently in the process of finalising the quotes for ski trips next year and hope to have this available very soon. Similarly, the Belgium Battlefield tour will be launched at the same time. 40 students were also in Madrid as part of the Spanish Exchange and are awaiting the arrival of their Spanish counterpart to Ilkley next week. Over 300 Post 16 students are going to a Next Steps event in Leeds today to explore careers, apprenticeship and future pathways.

- ✚ This month, Key Stage 4 are raising money for Marie Curie and are selling daffodil pin badges along with planning their annual charities week activities. There will be a separate communication about plans and ways you can support;
- ✚ Friday 17th March is a non-uniform day for Red Nose Day. Voluntary donations can be made on Parent Pay.



World Book Day, Thursday 2nd March

Staff and students enjoyed taking part in a range of activities to celebrate World Book Day last week. Students could go to the library to take part in a treasure hunt and book swap. Teachers across all subject areas began lessons by talking about a book they had read recently which had made an impact on them. Students in years 7-11 took part in a form time book quiz, designed by a Year 9 library iLeader. A Year 7 Library iLeader created a range of activities for Year 7 PBT (Wednesday morning extended tutor time) one of which encouraged students to debate whether Roald Dahl's publishers, Puffin, were right to remove words which a more modern audience may find offensive.

Call for sponsorship to support with the costs of the Colour Rush 2023

Dear parents/carers,

Following the success of the first ever Colour Rush last summer the PTA are launching the 2023 event which is going to be bigger and even better! They are currently looking for corporate sponsors for the event and are reaching out to our parents/carers to see if there might be an organisation that could offer a small amount of sponsorship to help offset some of the costs of the event in return for a range of positive publicity opportunities.

<https://www.ilkeleygrammarschool.com/parents/pta/colour-rush/sponsor/>

Please get in touch via the links provided or with the PTA directly if you have any ideas about sponsorship: PTA@ilkleygs.co.uk



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SAVE THE DATE
SUNDAY 2ND JULY 2023
SUMMER'S MOST COLOURFUL DAY



PRIDE



RESPECT



COURAGE



RESPONSIBILITY



KINDNESS



RESILIENCE