



## FORTNIGHTLY HIGHLIGHTS

### HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGES

As you are already aware, the NEU (National Education Union) have scheduled two further days of strike action which will take place on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**.

The strikes continue to take place because of an ongoing national dispute between the NEU and the Government over the erosion of teachers' pay and conditions, the inadequate levels of government funding for schools and a national recruitment and retention crisis which is undermining the education sector. Whilst teachers are not striking because of specific conditions at IGS, we, like schools across the country are affected by the funding crisis and staffing shortages.

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 **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**. The following decisions have been taken:

On both days, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 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 11am on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April, we will assume that they are completing the learning activities at home.

#### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

School will be **open as normal for students in years 11, 12 and 13, as we continue to prioritise students who have public examinations starting in May**.

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

#### 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 paid 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 by Ms. Cloughton in a separate communication next Wednesday.

#### 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 [HERE](#)** by 11am on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 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, the day before each strike day.

We apologise for the continued disruption to students' education.

Kind regards,

Carly Purnell

Headteacher

## Headteacher's Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded the Headteacher Award: William Anderson 7SP; Sophia Whitton 8PSW; Max Stead 11PSN; Leo Lord-Cloke 13RTS

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.



## UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE CHORAL SCHOLARSHIP

A huge congratulations to year 13 student, Leo Lord-Cloke, who has been successful in her application for a prestigious Choral Scholarship at the University of Cambridge where she has an offer to read Art History. As a choral scholar, Leo will sing in the chapel choir at Queens' College and will play an active role in College music-making. This is an outstanding achievement which is very well deserved. Well done, Leo – we are very proud of you.

## Year 10 Parent Information Evening: Healthy and Effective Revision

After the success of the Year 11 Parent Information Evening, we will be hosting a similar year 10 event on the **9<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm in B Hall**. The interactive session will outline the support package in place for year 10 leading up to their mock examinations as well as sharing what constitutes effective and healthy revision based on evidence from cognitive science. If you would like to attend the session hosted by Mrs Capstick and Miss Clift, please fill out the Microsoft form [here](#). We look forward to seeing you there.



## Sporting Successes and Updates

### W/C 27th March

IGS Tennis squad started their season in the LTA Aberdare/Glanville national cup Vs Woodhouse Grove:

#### IGS Boys won 12-0:

Thomas Nailor  
Ben Winterbottom  
Jack Winterbottom  
Daniel Nicoll

#### IGS Girls lost 8-4:

Alice Brook  
Isla Slade  
Poppy Kerry  
Georgia Bedford

### W/C 17<sup>th</sup> April

Well done to the boys' tennis team who were successful in the second round of the national cup, beating QEGS in a very close match.



### Year 7 Football B team tournament photo!



Congratulations to Robert Carter who came 19<sup>th</sup> in the Year 7 National Cross-Country Championships in Loughborough!

### Year 7 Football B team tournament

A fantastic turn out for the B team tournament against OPHGS. IGS were successful in winning the tournament, 6-4. Well done to all involved!

### Y7 Girls' Football

IGS 1 – 2 St Marys Menston A  
IGS 1 – 3 St Marys Menston B

### Y8 Girls' Football

IGS 4 – 1 St Marys Menston A  
IGS 1 – 0 St Marys Menston B

### Boys' Football

Congratulations to the Year 7,9 and 10 football teams who have all qualified for the Leeds Champions Cup knock out stages. Y7 and 10 both won their respective leagues, which is a fantastic achievement. Well done also to the Year 9 football team who came second in their league and to the Year 8 football team who finished 5th in their league with some excellent performances along the way.

### Congratulations to the Y10 Boys' Football: IGS v Cardinal Heenan - Elland Road Leeds Cup!

IGS played on Monday 20th March in the semi-final and won 2-1 getting through to the finals - the finals date is to be confirmed.

### Year 7 North West Leeds League

School	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	TOTAL
ILKLEY	10	6	3	1	25	6	19	21
ABBEY G	8	4	3	2	12	7	5	15
HORSFORTH	7	4	2	3	15	9	6	14
BENTON	5	3	1	1	14	5	9	10
RTHS	5	2	2	1	9	12	-9	8
GUISELEY	7	2	2	3	14	17	-7	8
PHGS	7	2	1	4	8	17	-9	7
ST MARY'S	6	0	4	2	5	13	-8	4
LAWNSWOOD	5	0	0	5	0	13	-13	0

### Year 8 North West Leeds League

School	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	TOTAL
HORSFORTH	7	7	1	0	15	3	12	21
BENTON	7	5	1	1	23	12	11	16
PHGS	7	5	2	2	19	8	11	15
ABBEY G	4	3	1	0	13	1	12	10
ILKLEY	7	3	0	4	2	8	-1	9
ST MARY'S	4	2	2	1	8	1	7	5
GUISELEY	7	1	0	6	5	26	-21	3
LAWNSWOOD	2	0	1	2	2	6	-4	1
RTHS	4	0	0	4	1	20	-19	0

### Year 9 North West Leeds League

School	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	TOTAL
PHGS	10	8	0	2	17	13	4	24
ILKLEY	10	7	1	2	19	8	11	22
HORSFORTH	8	4	2	2	9	6	3	14
RTHS	6	3	1	2	7	9	-2	10
ST MARY'S	6	3	0	3	15	10	5	9
ABBEY G	6	2	2	2	6	5	1	8
GUISELEY	7	2	1	4	4	11	-7	7
BENTON	4	0	1	2	2	11	-9	1
LAWNSWOOD	3	0	0	3	0	5	5	0

### Year 10 North West Leeds League

School	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	TOTAL
ILKLEY	8	6	0	2	23	8	16	18
GUISELEY	6	5	0	1	26	7	19	15
HORSFORTH	8	4	0	4	17	9	8	12
ABBEY G	6	3	2	1	8	4	4	11
ST MARY'S	5	2	1	2	4	10	-6	7
RTHS	5	1	1	3	7	17	-10	4
BENTON	3	0	0	3	2	6	-4	0
LAWNSWOOD	4	0	0	4	3	16	-13	0



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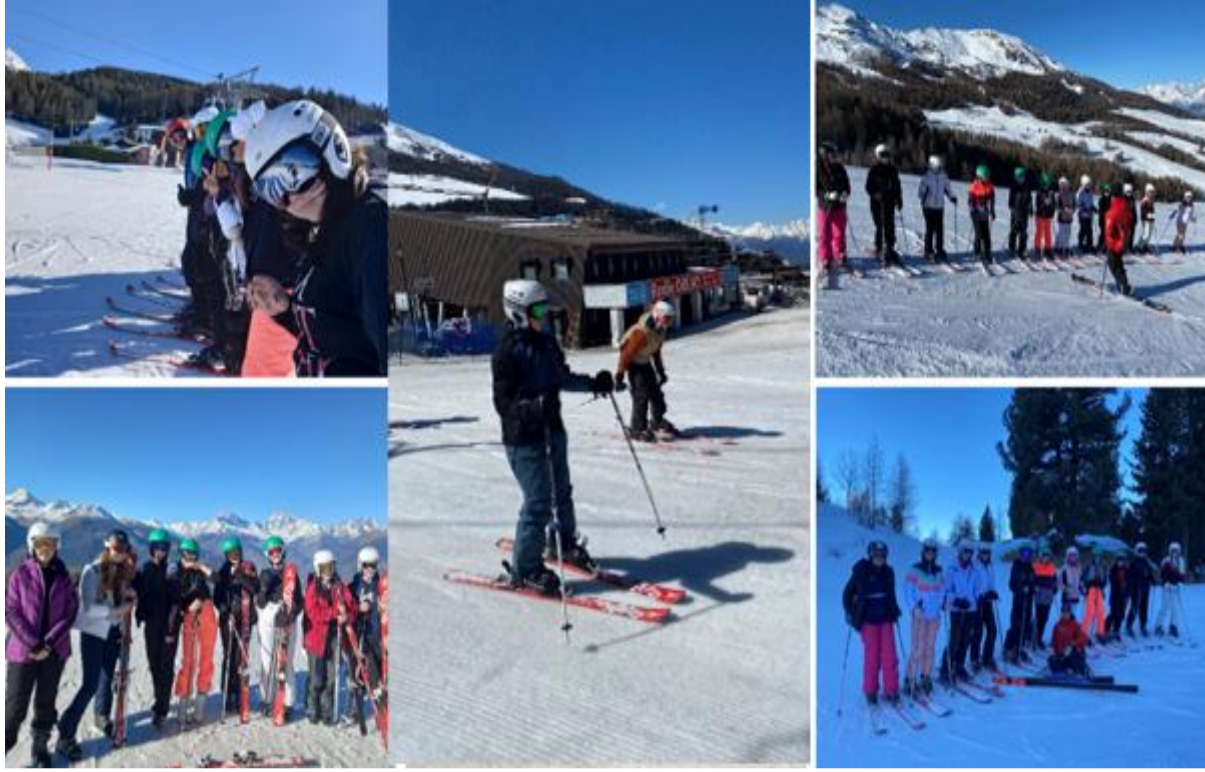
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## PILA SKI TRIP: ITALY

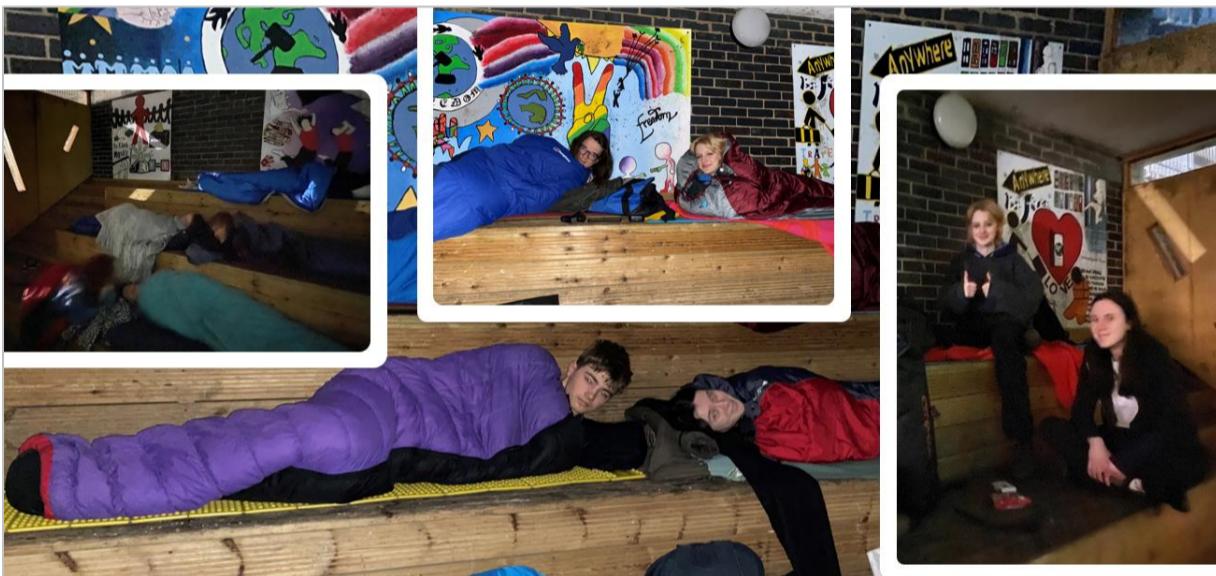


The second Key Stage 3 Ski Trip of the year took place during the Easter holidays. After an eventful and VERY long journey to get to Italy the students were able to enjoy the pistes of the Aosta Valley and the resort of Pila.

During the week they also enjoyed pizza, pasta, ice skating, bowling, and a walk around the town of Aosta. Places for the 2024 Key Stage 3 ski trip have now been allocated and we are still exploring opportunities for the Key Stage 4/5 ski trip, although this is proving difficult and may now not be launched until the following year.

We would like to congratulate all students and staff for their resilience and patience in very challenging conditions due to delays at Dover on the outgoing journey. The students' behaviour was impeccable, and they were a credit to the school.

## The BIG Sleep Out



Before the Easter break, some Post 16 students braved the hard floor and cool air and slept outdoors for the night. This was **the Big Sleep Out** event that was postponed from before Christmas to raise money for the Pakistan Flood Relief. **A total of £878** was raised by the students and this was added to the money already raised to a **grand total of £3,171.66**. Well done to everyone involved!

## The Spanish Exchange return leg to Ilkley

There was a real sense of excitement, jubilation and joy, finally having been able to celebrate the full cycle of the Spanish Exchange in its 15<sup>th</sup> Year! Following a challenging few years, this was truly a celebratory anniversary. Our Spanish 'compadres' arrived on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, welcomed by the beautiful Yorkshire rain! It didn't deter their excitement as the fields and beautiful Ilkley Moor looked green and beautiful due to the rain. Our students were very excited to be able to welcome their exchange partners to repay the kindness and hospitality they were shown whilst in Madrid. Our Spanish 'amigos' spent their first evening with their host families followed by a pub style quiz on the 2<sup>nd</sup> night, something that is not a cultural concept to them and so they were immersed in a real British tradition, hosted by members of the Spanish department. There was a prize raffle, games, and typical party buffet food, introducing them to what we do best in terms of a classic sausage roll, onion bhaji and banter! They spent their week visiting the historic Brontë parsonage, Saltaire and Skipton Castle. They had an artistic tour of Leeds as well as guided tours of York Museum and the Minster. Weekends were spent with their exchange partners, who treated them to sights such as Bolton Abbey and as far afield as Scotland and London for the weekend. It was truly an eventful week, and we look forward to continuing this adventure in sharing truly cultural experiences in 2024. Plans are already afoot for the red ties at IGS!



IGS wishes all families, colleagues and friends in our community, a pleasant and happy Eid, filled with joy and prosperity

# Happy Eid



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## 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@ilkeleygs.co.uk](mailto:PTA@ilkeleygs.co.uk)



### Useful Email Addresses

Attendance and notifications of absence: [attendance@ilkeleygs.co.uk](mailto:attendance@ilkeleygs.co.uk)

General enquiries: [admin@ilkeleygs.co.uk](mailto:admin@ilkeleygs.co.uk)

Parents' evenings: [parentsevenings@ilkeleygs.co.uk](mailto:parentsevenings@ilkeleygs.co.uk)

Venue hire: [emma.wood@ilkeleygs.co.uk](mailto:emma.wood@ilkeleygs.co.uk)

PTA: [PTA@ilkeleygs.co.uk](mailto:PTA@ilkeleygs.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](#)

We are very proud Callum Edwards Year 13, is representing IGS at the Service of Celebration for the Coronation of King Charles III at St Margaret's Church, Ilkley

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**QUR'AN EXHIBITION**

SATURDAY  
29TH APRIL  
12:00-17:00  
CLARK FOLEY  
CENTER, ILKLEY

'A unique exhibition to showcase Islam's most sacred text, the Holy Qur'an. Drop in to learn more about the book's history and meaning.'

Organised by  
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