



PARENT/CARER BULLETIN

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FORTNIGHTLY HIGHLIGHTS



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGES

GOODBYE TO YEAR 13

Today, we say goodbye to our year 13 students as they start their study leave in preparation for their A-Level and level 3 applied examinations. As is a well-established tradition at IGS, this morning they donned their old year 11 uniforms and came together one last time in B: Hall to celebrate their success and look back at their very memorable school journey. They are a remarkable group of students, and it has been a privilege to watch them blossom into exceptional young adults – we are all really proud of them.

For many year 13 students, the A-Level examinations will be their first experience of external public exams since their year 6 SATs, seven years ago. We wish them all the very best for the weeks ahead and for their next steps whether that involves university, apprenticeship, conservatoire, employment, or travel. Good luck year 13 and thank you for everything you have contributed to the school.

OFSTED UPDATE

Following our ungraded inspection in January, we are still awaiting the publication of the final report. This follows a lengthy delay in receiving the draft report which was not sent to school until March.

Although the inspection did not change our current Ofsted grades which remain Outstanding, we have raised concerns with Ofsted about aspects of the inspection process, particularly the decision to send only 1 inspector on Day 2 for a school of almost 2100 students. We are currently awaiting their response and will publish the final report as soon as Ofsted release it.

Headteacher's Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded the Headteacher's Award over the last fortnight: Kairon Betteridge 7GMS; Rhea Smith 11EJW; Madeleina Clarke 13CDH/LCM; Archie Nelms 7CCM; Mabel Nicholson 8HGW; Frances Hein 11JOW; Alex Ashman Hogan 12LR.

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.



REMINDER - 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 9th 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.



Creative Arts



Freya Smith (7SP) TV appearance

In the spirit of celebrating personal achievements, Freya danced live on Channel 4's *Stephs Packed Lunch* last Monday with her dancing school: The Northern Dance Centre. The group was invited to Maypole dance at the Channel 4 Studios in Leeds. Freya was also asked questions by the presenter, Steph, which she answered beautifully. It was a fabulous day. Well done, Freya!



Hospitality & Catering

Royal Navy visit

Two Royal Navy chefs attended and ran a READY STEADY COOK EVENT. Students made quiche and mini pavlovas. There was also a short presentation about the Royal Navy. Fun was had by all! This was a great experience for the Year 10's to meet chefs in action.



A huge well done to our chess team who represented the school at a local tournament against Woodhouse Grove. All three IGS teams won overall with the results as follows:

- ❖ A Team (Callum Whitton, Josh Palaca and Matthew Rodriguez) won 5-4.
- ❖ B Team (Isaac Smith, Lois Northage and Dan Yoshino Bunting) won 7 ½ - 1 ½
- ❖ C Team (Edward Pattinson, Thomas Mays, Cruz Hunter and Roseanna Williams) won 5-4.

Despite the fact that all the Woodhouse Grove players were 6th formers, our younger key stage 3 and 4 students won their groups comfortably, further highlighting the quality of their performances.

A special mention also goes to Adam Varney, Alex Wood and Jack Blundell for supporting the team, despite not being able to play as Woodhouse Grove unfortunately had a couple of players who were not able to participate. Thanks also go to Mr Spencer for running the chess club and for arranging the competition and to Mr Carr for supporting with the transport!



Sporting Updates

Y5 class from Ben Rhydding Primary School visited IGS for a Sports Day

On Thursday 27th April, the current Y13 Higher Sports Leaders welcomed the year 5 class from Ben Rhydding Primary School on site for a sports and transition activity day. The year 13 students were planning, co-ordinating and leading activities through the day as part of their assessed leadership with children. Ben Rhydding Primary School are one of our local feeder schools, and are part of a fantastic Wharfe Valley Primary Sports League partnership that IGS holds with eight local primary schools in the Wharfe Valley. The day started with a hearty welcome breakfast in the Courtyard Café before a busy sports activity day involving short tennis, Kwik Cricket, indoor football and dodgeball. The cohort then enjoyed a tour of the school, filling their imaginations with what their future school life could entail. The IGS PE team and Higher Sports Leaders look forward to leading more events with the school in the future.

Sporting Successes W/C 17th April

IGS Tennis squad have won the second round of the LTA Glanville National U18s Cup Vs QEGS Wakefield. After all the singles and doubles, they were tied 3-3, requiring a 'shootout' rubber. Thomas Nailor and Jack Winterbottom held their nerve and guided IGS through 10-8 in the tie-break shootout.

IGS U18's boys' squad:

- 🏆 Thomas Nailor
- 🏆 Ben Winterbottom
- 🏆 Jack Winterbottom
- 🏆 Daniel Nicoll

Sporting Successes W/C 24th April



Yorkshire Schools Golf Championship

Well done to Zac Ayre, Dylan Ayre, and Ava Chaplain on achieving second place in the Yorkshire Schools Golf team championship during the last half term at Howley Hall. Despite the challenging conditions on the day, all players displayed remarkable resilience and battled through. We must also acknowledge Ava Chaplain for her outstanding performance in winning the junior girls' competition with an impressive 41 stableford points. The team qualified for the Team finals, which took place at Darrington Golf Club on Monday 24th April where IGS came 3rd overall across Yorkshire – **congratulations to the team!**

Lifetime Achievement Awards

Congratulations to the following students for their commitment and participation to IGS Sport and PE.

We wish you all the best for the future:

- 🏆 **Jonathan Wood:** Excellent Commitment and Contribution to school **Hockey**
- 🏆 **Aidan Lee-Wardell:** Excellent Commitment and Contribution to school **Hockey**
- 🏆 **Scarlett Guise:** Excellent Commitment and Contribution to school senior **Netball**
- 🏆 **Holly Parker:** Excellent Commitment and Contribution to school **Netball, Football** and Rounders
- 🏆 **Matilda Berry:** Excellent Commitment and Contribution to school **Netball, Football** and Rounders
- 🏆 **Bella Cook:** Excellent Commitment and Contribution to school **Netball** and Rounders
- 🏆 **Stan Wenham:** Excellent Commitment and Contribution to School **Football**
- 🏆 **Harrison Oddie:** Excellent Commitment and Contribution to School **Football**
- 🏆 **Harry Smith:** Excellent Commitment and Contribution to School **Football**
- 🏆 **Sam Bentley:** Excellent Commitment and Contribution to School **Football**
- 🏆 **Lewis Stevenson-Lowe:** Excellent Commitment and Contribution to School **Football**
- 🏆 **Harrison Smith:** Excellent Commitment and Contribution to School **Rugby**
- 🏆 **Leo Stockley:** Excellent Commitment and Contribution to School **Rugby**
- 🏆 **Woody Luffman:** Excellent Commitment and Contribution to School **Football, Rugby** and **Cricket**
- 🏆 **Will Spencer:** Excellent Commitment and Contribution to School **Football** and **Cricket**



Year 7 Leeds Champions Cup Quarter Final

- 🏆 IGS 2 – Woodkirk 2
- 🏆 IGS won 4-3 on penalties

Year 9 girls' football Leeds Cup Semi Final

IGS 10 – 0 Crawshaw Academy.

Year 9 boys' football are through to the Leeds Champions Cup Semi-Final. IGS faced Cardinal Heenan High School on Thursday 4th May winning 1-0.

Year 10 Football

Ilkley are through to the semi-final of the Leeds Champions Cup after a 5-2 victory over Oulton Academy. They play Allerton High in the Semi-Final on Tuesday 9th May.

Year 7 Cricket

- 🏆 Joe Root Yorkshire Cup Round 1
- 🏆 IGS beat Otley Prince Henry's to progress to the next round.

Year 9 Cricket

IGS won their opening match away to South Craven in the first round of the U14 Inspire Sport Trophy.

Year 10 Cricket

Ilkley played Scarborough College in the first round of the Yorkshire Cup on Friday. It was a close contest, but Scarborough College managed to progress to the next round.

U14 Boys' Hockey came 10th in the National Schools Hockey Competition.

Netball

U12A Bradford District Netball League Winners

- 🏆 U12B Bradford District Netball League 7th in league
- 🏆 U13A Bradford District Netball League 3rd in league
- 🏆 U13B Bradford District Netball League 11th in league

U14A Bradford District Netball League Winners

- 🏆 U14B Bradford District Netball League 8th in league
- 🏆 U15A Bradford District Netball League 2nd in league
- 🏆 U15B Bradford District Netball League 6th in league
- 🏆 Senior A Bradford District Netball League 3rd in league
- 🏆 Senior B Bradford District Netball League 8th in league



Congratulations to the U14 girls' football team who beat Crawshaw Academy 10-0 in the semi-final of the Leeds Schools Cup – semi-finals here we come!



For all the latest PE news follow [IlkleyGrammarPE](https://www.instagram.com/IlkleyGrammarPE)



Year 12 Student Leadership Team take over the reins

Year 12 have fully embraced the opportunities for Post 16 leadership this year and we are now excited to reveal our new Student Leadership Team for 23-24. The competition for these roles was significant, we now have 72 Student Leadership Ambassadors who play various roles across the school delivering on a range of projects from Mental Health First Aid, our Eco group and Academic mentoring. A further 36 students applied for the role of Head and Deputy Head student, which is almost double the number of applicants that normally apply. After an extensive recruitment process, including a written application, a campaign statement, elections for both staff and students and interviews with the Headteacher, we whittled our candidates down to an outstanding team for next year.

Our Head Students are as follows:

Maisie O'Connor, Ben Ballard and Noah Markham

They will be ably supported by a larger team of Deputy Head Students who are:

- ✚ Max Gibson
- ✚ Emily Jowett
- ✚ Kierat Cheema
- ✚ Jacob Dawson Watts
- ✚ George Buckley
- ✚ Kitty Hartley
- ✚ Josh Beevers

The team is keen to get started and we can expect great things from this talented group.



YEAR 12 OXBRIDGE VISITS

Hopeful Year 12 Oxbridge applicants were given the opportunity to travel to Brasenose College, University of Oxford, and Queens College, University of Cambridge, and experience student life first hand. Just before the Easter break, thirty students attended a residential at Brasenose, where they were able to pick up guidance on how to apply successfully, meet current students and explore the Bodleian library. Just after Easter, a further thirty students travelled to Cambridge for the day to experience Queens college, visit the Anthropological museum for a guided tour and explore the city. These visits gave students an insight into everyday life at Oxbridge, practical guidance on the application process and a taste of the academic challenges these universities offer.

No Mow May

Thanks to our Eco iLeaders, IGS is participating in #NoMowMay for the 3rd year running. Our grassed areas have already been left to grow and will remain unmowed during May to allow our hungry pollinators to feast on as much nectar as possible. This will help boost their much needed, but dwindling population. 🐝 The Eco iLeaders would like to urge everyone to consider doing the same and ask you all to please leave your lawnmower in the shed, sit back and watch the flowers grow! 🦋 Please [click here for a poster](#) to display in your window at home which will explain why you haven't cut the grass yet! Please read our full article [here](#). Many thanks, The Eco iLeaders

The Key Stage 4 Charities week raised a total of £1706 for Marie Curie

There was a variety of activities held last week including a Sound of Music event, sponsored walks and bake sales. Some of the community iLeaders, in the photo, also sold daffodil pin badges as part of the national Marie Curie month of remembrance. Well done everyone!



Useful Email Addresses

Attendance and notifications of absence: attendance@ilkleygs.co.uk

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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](#)

