



FORTNIGHTLY HIGHLIGHTS

Good Luck to All Students Sitting Examinations

Last week saw the start of the examination season with students in years 11 and 13 sitting their GCSEs, A-Levels and other level 2 and 3 examinations over the next few weeks. For most of the students it is the first time they have sat a public examination since they completed their SATS at primary school in year 6! They have continued to show tremendous character and resilience and have made an excellent start so far with invigilators once again commenting on how organised, respectful and polite our students are.

We wish all of our examination students, including some students in year 10 and those sitting AS exams in year 12, the very best of luck as they continue to tackle the exams ahead and demonstrate their knowledge, skills and understanding.

Sporting Success

We continue to enjoy a huge amount of sporting success, including securing our place in a record 6 football finals this year and have been successful in both finals which have been played so far (please see below for further information). Well done to all the students who positively represent our school across a wide range of sports and a special thanks to the staff who coach, support and encourage them along the way.

Mental Health Awareness Week

Last week was national Mental Health Awareness Week and the focus this year was on anxiety. Students have been reassured that anxiety is something we all feel from time to time and can be a natural response to the uncertain world around us and in the lead up to exams and assessments. Whilst mental health awareness is embedded in the PBT curriculum across the year at IGS, we have taken the opportunity to remind students that there are lots of strategies which, with practice, can help with anxiety and stop it becoming overwhelming. Useful resources are on Showbie in the Health and Wellbeing folder marked Anxiety, and links to useful resources can be found under *Useful Email Addresses & Links* at the end of the bulletin.

Staff Wellbeing Week

Our annual staff wellbeing week takes place this week with staff encouraged to think about their own wellbeing, with the opportunity to take part in staff-led activities before and after the school day.

On Wednesday after school, the Leadership Team and the Wellbeing Team will also be serving refreshments to colleagues and there will be a staff raffle following donations from school leaders, the Wellbeing Team, governors, and local businesses. In order to allow the whole staff to come together, please note the school phone system will not be manned from 2.45pm on Wednesday 24th May.

Reminders

School closes for the half-term holiday at 3pm on Friday 26th May and re-opens on Monday 5th June.

Kind regards,

Carly Purnell

Headteacher's Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded the Headteacher Award over the last fortnight:

Annabelle Forster 9SB; Jessica Lee 9SB; Sophia Little LSL

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.



IGS PTA


Congratulations to the IGS PTA who last Friday won the Parentkind NATIONAL PTA event of the year for the Colour Rush 2022!

A huge thank you to Head Student Callum Edwards, who represented the school by reading at the Coronation Service at St Margaret's Ilkley on Sunday 7th May.

This was an important part of Ilkley's celebrations formally marking the coronation of King Charles last weekend.



We are the Champions!



GIRLS UNDER 14 LEEDS MERIT TABLE CHAMPIONS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Well done to the girls' football team who beat Abbey Grange 11-1 in the final of the Leeds Merit table.

A fantastic dominant win and score line for a Leeds Final.

A special mention goes to Annabelle Forster who scored an impressive double hat trick!



Boys' Year 7 Football Congratulations to our U12 Football team who beat Wetherby High School on Thursday 18th May on penalties after a 1-1 draw to be crowned Leeds Champions!

A huge well done to all the Year 7 footballers winning the Leeds Champions Cup on penalties against a strong Wetherby side. After going 1 nil down early on in the game, the team fought back with a great goal from Isaac Keith shooting from long range. The game was end to end with some near misses for both sides. The penalty shoot-out was tense with IGS eventually winning 4-3 overall. A fantastic season and well done to all the players who have played in matches and trained all year.

Sporting Successes and Updates



Lifetime Achievement Award: Gymnastics

Following on from the lifetime achievement awards presented to our year 13 students for their participation and commitment to team sport, we would also like to recognise year 13 student, Bella Burnham, for her success in representing IGS at gymnastics for the last 7 years.

Bella has been Yorkshire Champion 4 times and a British medallist 3 times representing IGS. She has also won a number of medals/trophies for school which include:

- 2018 Under 14 Yorkshire Champion
- 2019 Under 14 Yorkshire Champion
- 2019 Under 14 British Bronze Medallist
- 2020 Under 19 Yorkshire Champion
- 2022 Under 19 Yorkshire Champion
- 2022 Under 19 British Bronze Medallist
- 2022 Under 19 British group Bronze Medallist

Well done Bella – we are really proud of you!

The photo shows Bella Burnham & her sports acro partner Melissa who left IGS last year.

W/C 8th May

The IGS year 9 football team are through to the Champions of Leeds final after a nail biting 1-0 win against Cardinal Heenan. It was a tough battle against a team we know very well from the quarter final last season. Thankfully, the calm and collected midfield worked their socks off to guide the team to the final on Friday 26th May at the John Charles Stadium - 4pm kick off.

Year 7 Football

- ✓ Leeds Champions Cup Semi final
- ✓ Ilkley 1- Allerton Grange 1
- ✓ Ilkley win 4-3 on penalties



Year 10 Football

Ilkley progressed to the Champions of Leeds final after beating Allerton High 2-1 in a nail-biting semi-final on Tuesday this week. The team are now through to the final on Wednesday 24th May at the John Charles Stadium, 5.30pm kick off.

The Inaugural Ilkley Grammar School Ryder Cup

On Wednesday 10th May, we hosted the first ever Ilkley Grammar School Ryder Cup. 20 students and 8 staff competed for Team Crisp and Team Harrison at Bracken Ghyll Golf Club in Addingham. Team Crisp were the winners with Mr Boyd, Harry Richmond, and Wilbur Summerson winning nearest the pins. Mr Walton also won a fantastic prize after having the longest drive. The highlights of the day must be George Bayne's tee shot on the first, Ava Chaplain and Corey Canning's grudge match, the comeback from Dylan Ayre and Mr Boyd, and Charlie Wilson's tee shot on the first. It was a fantastic evening, and as the last group reached the 18th hole the atmosphere was fantastic. A big thank you to all students, staff and parents who joined, and we hope to do it again next year!!

Leeds Schools FA Cup Finals

We have a record number of teams in the finals this year with a total of 6 Cup finals. This is a phenomenal achievement. A huge congratulations to all the players and staff involved. Please come along and support - dates, times and venues of the remaining fixtures below:

Monday 22nd May

- Girls Under 14 Leeds Cup - K.O. at 5.30.p.m.
 - Woodkirk v Ilkley
- South Leeds Stadium

Wednesday 24th May

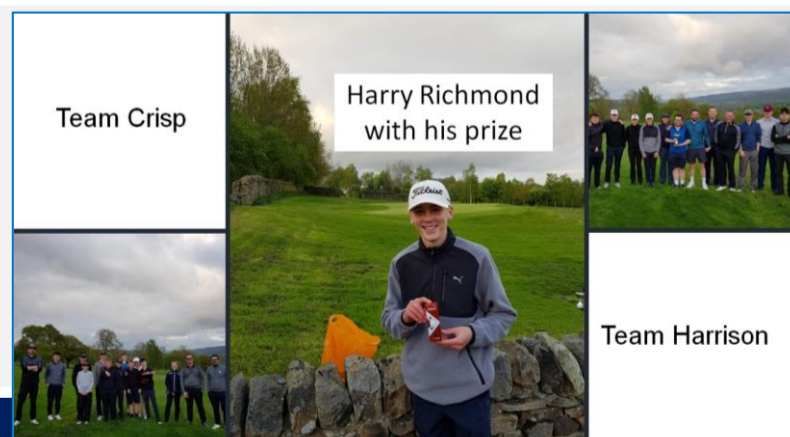
- Boys Under 15 Champions of Leeds Final - K.O. at 5.30.p.m.
 - Allerton or Pudsey GS v Ilkley
- South Leeds Stadium

Friday 26th May

- Boys Under 14 Champions of Leeds Final - K.O. at 4.00.p.m.
 - Ilkley v Farnley
- South Leeds Stadium

Thursday 8th June

- Boys Under 15 Leeds Cup - K.O. at 7.30.p.m.
 - Ilkley v Wetherby
- Elland Road, Leeds United A.F.C.



Tennis

Woodhouse Grove friendly

On Monday 15th May, Woodhouse Grove hosted a Y7/8 boys and girls tennis friendly. There was some great tennis played and a lovely team spirit, with some mixed school doubles thrown in at the end.

Boys National Glanville Cup

The boys are through to the group 8 regional final of the national LTA Glanville cup! The boys held their nerve after a very long 4 hours of tennis. Thank you @GrammarSport for hosting. We face Pocklington or St Peter's in the next round 🎾



For more on all the latest PE news and full size photos check out [IGS PE Twitter](#)



We had a team of gymnasts take part in the **British NDP Finals** (this is a different competition to the schools competition). The gymnasts qualified in first place at the Yorkshire Preliminary event in March, which secured them a place on the Yorkshire Team.

Each region from the UK had a team of gymnasts for each category and discipline. Gymnasts work in pairs/trios and compete as a partnership. Grade 5 and above compete two routines, one balance and one dynamic. The Total scores are added together to give them their final score.

Mathew Burnham & Alex Stewart competed in the Grade 5 Men's pair category and were crowned British Champions for the 3rd year running!

Evan Higham & Heidi Pearce competed in the Grade 5 Mixed Pairs and earned a bronze medal! They came 1st in the UK for their balance routine.

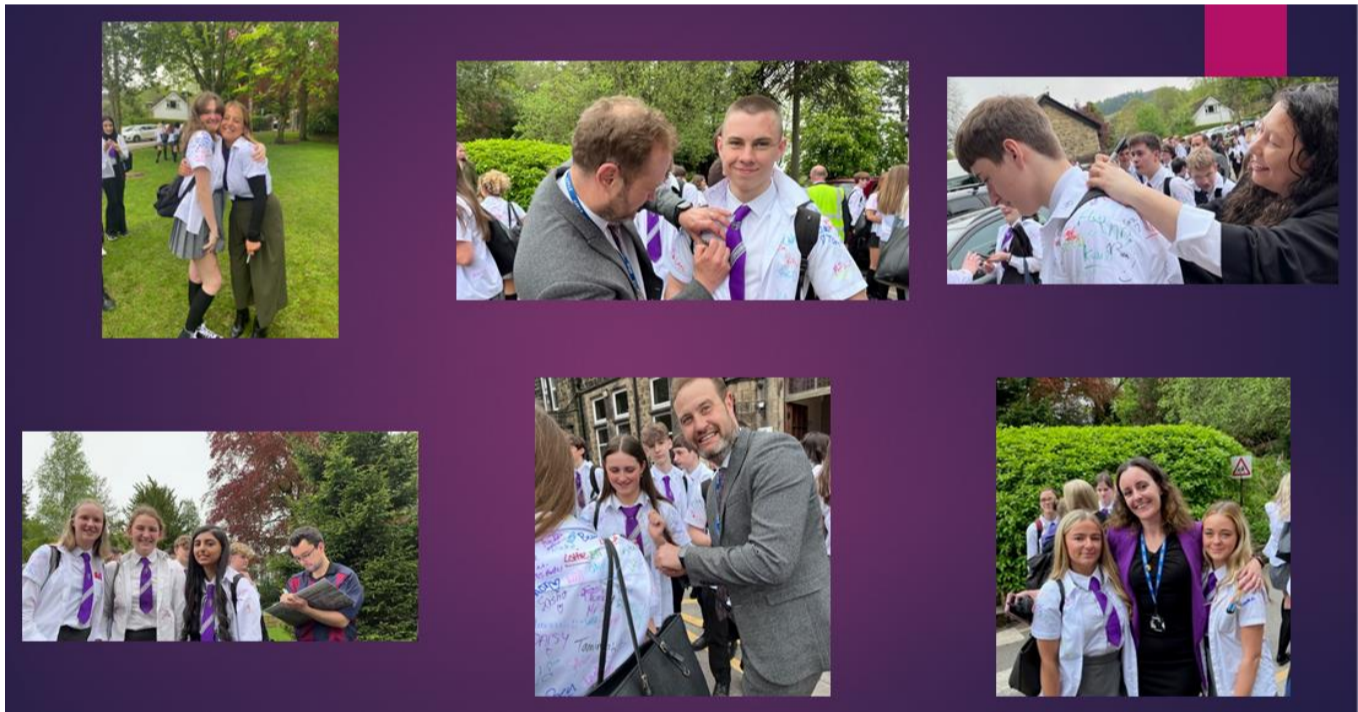
Isla Barker and her partner Amelia (who attend another school) competed in an IDP women's pair, the competition was so close-0.13 separated 1st and 4th. The girls finished 4th place overall and 1st place for their balance routine!

British Schools' Gymnastics National Championships

On Wednesday 10th May, Carys Higham, Skye Kitching, Olivia Rutter, Isla Barker, Heidi Pearce and Eliza Button competed at the British Schools' National Championships in Stoke on Trent. Heidi Pearce and Isla Barker performed an Under 14's Women's Pair Routine, they came a close fourth overall, 0.1 mark off third position. Skye Kitching and Olivia Rutter performed an Under 19's Women's Pair Routine and they came 7th overall. All six students performed an Under 19 Women's group routine and they came 5th overall! All the students were exceptional on the day and made us extremely proud!



We said goodbye to our Y11 purple ties on Friday 12th May!



Goodbye to Year 11

On Friday 12th May, we said goodbye to year 11 prior to the start of their examinations. Students took part in the traditional shirt-signing and celebrated their many achievements since they joined the school in 2018. The final assembly was suitably celebratory, taking students back down memory lane as we shared their photos from their first day and Nell Bank and applauded their success.

The year group also acknowledged their appreciation for all the staff who had supported, encouraged, and cared for them along the way including their tutors, teachers and the pastoral teams with a special standing ovation for their head of year, Mrs McManus!



IGS Eco-iLeaders Green Tip A PLACE TO BORROW THINGS RATHER THAN BUY

The Ilkley Thingery at 10 Church Street is opening on Saturday 27th May.

Please come along between 11am and 4pm to see what we have!

Organised by Climate Action Ilkley, the Ilkley Thingery is a library of things to borrow, such as gardening and power tools, pressure washers, decorating items, sports and activity equipment and things for entertaining.

Useful Email Addresses & Links

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

General enquiries: admin@ilkleygs.co.uk

Venue hire: emma.wood@ilkleygs.co.uk

PTA: PTA@ilkleygs.co.uk

A Guide to Anxiety - Young Minds

This link is a really good way of learning more about what anxiety is and there are videos and support strategies which are useful in helping to deal with anxiety. <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/mental-health-conditions/anxiety/>

Videos on managing anxiety from the Mental Health Foundation

These are a series of videos from various Mental Health Ambassadors. For example:

Antonion Ferreira: <https://youtu.be/SPLxpZHG2hA>

Harpreet Butoy: <https://youtu.be/ieDD7dLr22M>

