



PARENT/CARER BULLETIN

12 June 2023

FORTNIGHTLY HIGHLIGHTS

Following another very successful sporting year, I am delighted to announce that **we have again been awarded the School Games Gold award in recognition of the fantastic extracurricular and PE and sport program** which we run and our students' engagement with the sporting opportunities on offer. On the back of this, I would like to thank the PE staff for their commitment to providing such a rich set of sporting opportunities and experiences for our students and giving up their time to nurture our talent and instil a love of sport.

Over the last two weeks' **I have been privileged to watch our year 10 boys' football team in two finals** where they have displayed many of our school values. Having technically been the better team, dominating the game and showing the resilience to come back from two goals down against Garforth, it was heartbreaking to watch them lose on penalties at the South Leeds Stadium before half-term. However, I couldn't have been more proud of how they put this disappointment behind them and how they responded so positively to their defeat in their following match at Elland Road on Thursday evening where they faced Wetherby School in their second final of the season – the U15 Leeds City Cup. Following a spirited first half, IGS came back from 2-1 down to win by 5 goals to 2, displaying not only their footballing talent and work ethic but also resilience, discipline and pride. Congratulations to the whole team and to the year 7 and 9 teams who also won their finals and have been a credit to the school.

We have a very talented student body across a range of disciplines, but we are not always aware of students' achievements outside of school which we would like to celebrate. Please **keep us informed of students' good news stories** and email admin@ilkleygs with the title parent/carer bulletin with a summary of their success and a selection of photos from which we can choose.

Carly Purnell: Headteacher

Headteacher's Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded the Headteacher Award: **Ewan Evans 7PDH; Darius Cizmas 8JLF/CW and Matilda Tricklebank 9VEC.**

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.



Ex- student, Sam Evans, Secures Place on Prestigious Course
Congratulations to ex- IGS student **Sam Evans** who has been accepted onto the **University of Amsterdam's Master's course in Security and Network Engineering.**

This is a fantastic achievement, involving six notoriously difficult entrance examinations, in addition to a rigorous interview process. One of the examinations Sam sat was a python exam, based around automating UNIX filesystem operations; this in itself is very challenging but is made even harder by the imposed time constraints. He also successfully sat a BASH Command exam.

Well done Sam – we are very proud of you and know that you will be an asset to the course and the university!

A huge congratulations to Xanthe Gutch who has been offered a place at the Yorkshire Speak Out Challenge Final 2023 on Thursday 29th June at the Carriageworks Theatre in Leeds

Xanthe is one of only 15 Year 10 students to have been selected from many Yorkshire schools. Xanthe's speech 'Words Are A Privilege' explores how language can create barriers and divisions towards understanding the suffering people, and more specifically migrants, are going through.

The Year 10 team are especially proud of Xanthe's achievements, and we wish her all the best of luck. Well done, Xanthe, we are delighted many more people will hear your important message.



IGS Bands News

The Mustangs recently headed into the recording studio at The Woolpack Studios, Otley as their prize for winning the first IGS Battle of the Bands. The Mustangs (Adam Leather, Matthew Radick, Isaac Perkins and Allan Whitmore) had a fantastic time and are hoping to return in the future to record more of their original music.

The Mustangs will be performing alongside another IGS band, Heritage (Finlay Craggs, Alex Harper, James Nice and Sam Woodward) at the upcoming Friday Night Live as part of the Otley Live Festival on Friday 30 June. We are very proud of our growing community of bands here at IGS and have more bands coming through across the full age range that will be able to take advantage of similar opportunities in the future!

IGS BIG SING 2023 @ Ilkley Live Garden Music Festival - 2-3pm Saturday 8 July

Year 7 students have been busy practising singing three songs (*I Want It That Way*, *Call Me Maybe* and *Mamma Mia*) in music lessons in preparation for their performance as part of the Ilkley Live Garden Music Festival. This performance will take place outside (weather permitting) Armitage Cafe on the tennis courts on Saturday 8 July at 2pm. We warmly invite everyone (all ages welcome) to come along and join in with the year 7 pupils to have fun singing these songs. It would be amazing to get as many people as possible together to take part. **We hope you can join us!**



Tennis



The IGS boys' tennis team have booked a place in the LTA National Glanville cup at Nottingham Tennis Centre

The boys remained calm throughout the afternoon, all playing students older than them from St Peter's York. After the singles and doubles games, we were tied 3-3 and required an extra 10 point championship shootout tie break. Thomas Nailer and Jack Winterbottom produced a brilliantly composed performance to win the shootout 10-5!

The final is a 4-day event from 27-30th June, with the players and coaches staying at Nottingham University during the tournament. There were originally 165 entries across 12 regional groups, with 16 progressing to the finals. We are awaiting archive confirmation, but we are pretty confident we have NEVER had a boys or girls IGS team in the national final. To book a place, Ilkley have faced Woodhouse Grove, QEGS Wakefield, Bradford Grammar and St Peter's York.

It should be noted that this is an U18 competition, with students up to year 13 being eligible. Team IGS are all U15's with students from years 7-10 representing the school. Excellent tennis prowess! Thank you to ILTSC for helping us host home games and producing such talented tennis players through their performance pathway.

Well done Thomas Nailer, Ben Winterbottom, Jack Winterbottom, Daniel Nicoll and George Bayne.

Y9 Girls' Football



Monday 22/05: Y9 Girls' Champions of Leeds Cup Final winners

The Y9 girls' football team has taken the double this year!

Leeds League and Cup Final Winners!
What an outstanding achievement!

Well done to the year 9 girls' football team who have won both the League and Cup final this year. Following their convincing 11-1 victory against Abbey Grange in the Leeds Merit table, they secured a 2-1 win against Woodkirk on the 22nd May. Both goals were scored by Annabelle Forster, adding to the 8 goals she scored against Abbey Grange. Congratulations to the team for their phenomenal success!

Y9 Boys' Football



The Y9 boys' football team was crowned the Champions of Leeds after beating Farnley Academy 5-4 in a thrilling game. IGS started on the back foot, sadly conceding within the first minute of the game, but this instantly sparked an appetite to blow the opposition away. Noah Taylor-Smith was instrumental in instigating the comeback. He took a very heavy blow from Farnley's keeper charging out, but insisted he wanted to carry on. He went on to score 2 goals and assisting a Will Farrar goal before having to be substituted off after 25 minutes. It was later sadly confirmed Noah had sadly broken his arm, a real show of resilience to want to do his personal best for the IGS comeback. Spirits were high with IGS 3-1 up at half time. During the second half, the intensity was brilliant, forcing a keeper own goal and Tom Goodall finding a goal after a high press from Tom and Alex Pollard. Ilkley had to hold their nerve however, as a breakaway goal and penalty brought Farnley back into contention, but the IGS boys composed themselves and held out for a 5-4 win.

Friday 26th May: Y9 Boys' Champions of the Leeds Cup Final!



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IGS U15 Leeds City Cup Winners! Final score 5-2!

IGS Y10 faced Wetherby at Elland Road - home of Leeds United on Thursday 8th June 2023



The IGS U15 2023 Leeds City Cup Champions!



Well done to the U15 boys' football team for winning the Leeds City Cup on Thursday. It was an unbelievable night of football under the floodlights at Elland Road with the boys showing real spirit and resilience to come back twice to secure a 5-2 victory. Goals were scored by Harry Miles, Joe Luca-Lister and Freddie Smith, with two goals from Max Rayner. Congratulations to the team – we are very proud of your victory and the quality of your performance!



Well done to the U15 Girls' hard ball cricket team following their first-round match against Crawshaw on 7th June

Thank you @HGSPHysicalEd for hosting a friendly at Harrogate Cricket ground. The girls loved having the opportunity to represent school and we couldn't have wished for better weather!

CRICKET SUCCESS

Congratulations to Mack Hall as he continues on the Yorkshire Pathways Emerging Player Programme (EPP), having been selected as one of only eight boys in his age group from the whole of Yorkshire.

As part of the EPP, Mack has been pre-selected for the Yorkshire County Age Group Squads for both 2023 and 2024 and will play at county level over at least the next two years. Given the level of competition throughout Yorkshire, this is a fantastic achievement. Well done Mack and good luck with all your matches over the summer!

Following the phenomenal success of ex-IGS students, Harry Brook and Matthew Revis, who serve as inspirational role models for our students, we are delighted to have a wealth of cricketing talent at IGS. The following students are all representing Yorkshire at full county level. With the most recent edition, Edward Brook, having been selected as one of only 24 boys in the county to represent Yorkshire County Cricket Club U12. This is a great personal achievement for all students involved.

- Year 7 - Edward Brook
- Year 8 - George Lancaster
- Year 9 - Jack Winterbottom
- Year 10 - Mack Hall

In addition, congratulations to Mathew Burnham who has also been selected to play cricket as part of the West Yorkshire cricket team.

Mathew is a very talented sportsman having also recently been crowned British Champion for the third consecutive year in the Grade 5 Men's Pairs with his gymnastics partner, year 8 student, Alex Stewart. Well done and good luck, Mathew!



IGS County Cricketers



IGS PE WINS SCHOOL GAMES GOLD STANDARD AWARD 2022/23



We are delighted to announce that ILKLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL, has achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Congratulations to the PE department and all the students at IGS for competing in local inter-school competitions this year. We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to the IGS PE department and all the students at IGS!

We look forward to applying once again in 2024!

TEAM IGS PE



ETIHAD STADIUM VISIT

On Thursday 18th May, 96 Year 10 students went to the Etihad Stadium as part of a trip run by our Business and Maths teams. The aim of the trip was to see how Manchester City operated as a business, looking in particular at the stadium and how it makes the club money on a matchday.

The students got a full guided tour of the stadium, including the chance to sit in the 'Tunnel Club' seats. This section of the stadium, described as "the best seats in the house" by the tour guide, go for upwards of £500 a game. The tour also included the home and away changing rooms, the walk through to tunnel to the pitch side area and the media room, where our students got the chance to see themselves on screen as part of a press conference with Guardiola himself!

A massive thank you to Mr Boyd, Mr Breen, Miss Feather, Ms Martini, Mr Nahl, Mrs Robun, Mr Simpson and Mr Willet who supported the trip on the day. All students in attendance did an amazing job in immersing themselves in the tour and the accompanying financial discussions - all while representing IGS impeccably throughout!



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IGS Bay of Naples Trip



Italy trip

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After a very early departure from IGS on Saturday morning (20th May), we arrived in Naples to a sea of blue and white as the city was still celebrating Napoli's first league title in 33 years! The students had no time to nap as a guided tour around the city was followed by the descent to 40m below the city to explore its history, going back more than two millennia.

The following morning and fully refreshed, we were treated to the wonderful experience of climbing up to the summit of Mount Vesuvius, which we were informed is unlikely to erupt any time soon, much to the relief of the students! From the summit, you can really appreciate the scale of the volcano and begin to imagine how an eruption could devastate the surrounding area and there were some excellent discussions about whether it was sensible for 3 million people to live in the immediate vicinity. That afternoon we were lucky enough to have an archaeologist give a guided tour around the ruins of Pompeii and provide some insight into life in the ancient Roman Empire prior to the eruption in 79AD. In the evening, students had a masterclass from Luigi in how to make a proper pizza with not a single pineapple in sight!

On our final full day, we enjoyed the most glorious weather for a drive along the famous Amalfi Coast, stopping off along the way to gaze in wonder at the beautiful scenery and towns clinging to the steep slopes. There was some time to wander through the streets and sample some spectacular lemon sorbet. **A very successful and enjoyable trip was had by all, with many wonderful experiences to remember!**



Trips Update

Challenge & Celebration week: The finer details of Challenge & Celebration Week are being finalised and all parents/carers will soon receive a booklet detailing what your child is doing on each day in the final week of the year. This will also include which staff member they should report to, in which location and at what time. If your child is on day trips it is likely the start and end time of each day will be different to a normal day. All of this information will be explained to all students in due course.

Key Stage 4/5 ski trip update: We have unfortunately been unsuccessful in trying to get a Key Stage 4/5 ski trip running for 2024. There was a combination of factors that limited the choices available, but we were unable to secure a competitive package that was value for money this time. We are already enquiring about skiing in Europe in 2025 and will look to launch this in September to allow more time for families to plan ahead and budget.

Mr Carr would welcome any feedback about the provision and offer of trips available at IGS and you can do so by following [this link](#).

Diversity Day @ IGS Thursday 29th June 2023 Vision for Diversity Day

"To celebrate diversity and champion equality to ensure that it lies at the heart of the school's vision and ethos. This day is a step on our journey to ensure that we have a respectful and inclusive culture where there are no 'by-standers' and that diverse characters are represented within the dynamic of our school, reflecting our rich and cohesive community".

Diversity Day 2023

This is our 3rd annual celebration for respect, promoting equality and embracing diversity involving a carousel of workshops covering a wealth of British Values and a wide range of experiences. Students in year 9 will have a day experiencing activities in workshops ranging from:

- HINDUISM SIKHISM CHRISTIANITY ISLAM BUDDHISM JUDAISM
- SIGN LANGUAGE WORLD DANCE NEURODIVERSITY
- LGBTQIA+ ANTI-BULLYING
- GENDER EQUALITY JAPANESE ORIGAMI
- ART WORKSHOPS AFRICAN DRUMMING GUIDE DOGS
- WELLBEING & MINDFULNESS

Year 9 Diversity Day Students' Workshops: Thursday 29th June 2023

Workshop	Taglines
Wellbeing Thurs: P3	A workshop on Mindfulness Meditation - a way of relaxing and focusing on your breathing. This workshop will help you to be 'really in the moment' and 'achieve calm.'
Sign Language Thurs: Q8	A workshop showcasing the wonderful world of sign language that will help you communicate with the deaf community and give you an insight into why it is so important.
LGBTQ+ (D5)	An interactive look into the History of LGBTQ+ rights and the understanding of key facts, to help further our work as a school on tackling all types of LGBTQ bullying and support our LGBTQ+ community both within and outside of school.
World Religions CYC	All 6 world religions will come together to give you an insight into how their religion works and their beliefs. Representatives from Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Judaism, Muslim and Sikhism will give talks and answer any questions you may have.
Origami & Japanese Art L4	An introduction into the Japanese art of origami with all it's wonderful colours and shapes and the art of bending paper!
African Drumming B7	An exciting cacophony of sounds from African drums and percussion that you will be able to play. You will also gain an understanding of the significance of these drums in African Celebrations and Tribal Rituals.
World Dance GYM	This workshop will introduce you to various world dances with roots in Indian, Arabic and African Culture. Get your body moving and get ready for feet stomping and rhythmic body popping Be prepared to dance your heart out!
Art Workshop (A10)	In art you'll be making a monoprint that celebrates what makes you, you! Collectively everyone's work will form part of a huge collaborative piece of art over three metres in size!
Guide Dogs K1	An introduction into how Guide Dogs are trained for the blind and partially sighted people. You will even get the opportunity to meet some of the dogs in training!
Gender Equality Thurs: N10	A look at how we all play a part in ensuring that people are equal and respected regardless of the gender or sexuality that they identify as and how we can all become a part of making a change for the better with no bystanders
Neurodiversity M8	In this workshop you are invited to engage with immersive and knowledge building activities and leave with some deeper insight, and some practical advice, around understanding neurodiverse people.
RESPECT: Anti-bullying N3	An investigation into the different forms of bullying and how the Anti bullying team are working to stamp out any kind of bullying by advocating no bystanders and how to become an 'upstander'. There is an exploration of the book written by IGS students 'RESPECT' as well as a focus on anti-racism.



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Year 11 into 12 Transition Day 27.6.23

IGS Post 16 are inviting all their Year 11 applicants in for one great day on Tuesday 27.6.23. The day will cover how to prepare for Post 16 study, give students a chance to sign up for extra-curricular activities and give all the applicants time to meet each other and the current Year 12. This will be a really positive celebratory day and will be a great send off for our current Year 11 before their exciting summer adventures begin. We look forward to seeing students in their Post 16 dress code, ready for their photos and can't wait to get started with their next steps. **Mr Alex Fox - Assistant Headteacher: Post 16**



IGS PTA WINS AWARD FOR COLOUR RUSH!

We are delighted to let you know that the IGS Parent Teacher Association (PTA) has recently won the national Parentkind PTA award – **Fundraising Achievement of the Year** - for its inaugural **Colour Rush** down at the school fields which took place in June last year, raising a fantastic £3800 for school projects.

We are incredibly grateful to the PTA for this and all the other events they put on to raise money for the school.

The Ilkley Colour Rush returns on **Sunday 2nd July 2023**, hoping to be bigger and better for 2023.

It's shaping up to be a fantastic family event and to get a free t-shirt **tickets must be bought by the 16th June**. **TICKETS ARE ON SALE** via the school website at <https://www.ilkleygrammarschool.com/parents/pta/colour-rush/>

The PTA would like to thank their Colour Rush sponsors: Ison Harrison solicitors, HF Wealth, Balloon World and Rombalds Radio.

Eco-iLeaders Request

SPARE COAT HANGERS NEEDED

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE

The Eco-iLeaders will be holding their second Pre-Loved uniform sale on Thursday 13th July.

If you have any spare coat hangers lurking in your wardrobe, we would be very grateful if you donated them to us in order to hang up as much clothing at the sale.

*Please leave any donated coat hangers in the green storage box in the main school entrance.

Many thanks in advance for helping us to recycle more at school!



Useful Links & Email Addresses

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IGS Website

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