



FORTNIGHTLY HIGHLIGHTS

Dear Parent/Carers,

Last week, saw the **end of this season’s examination series**. Over the last few weeks, 8079 separate exam papers have been sat at Ilkley Grammar School involving 89 individual GCSE and level 1/2 technical examinations and 94 AS and A-Level exams. These numbers reflect the scale of the operation, and I would like to take the opportunity to thank Jan Stewart, our Exams Manager, the exams team and everyone who has supported to make the series run incredibly smoothly. It is a very pressurised situation running an exams series on a large, complex site, whilst the school is in full operation and when the stakes are so high for young people and the impact of calm leadership, detailed planning and a student and solution focussed approach cannot be underestimated. A huge well done to the team but also to the students who have been a credit to the school and also deserve praise for their conduct, hard-work and resilience.

Over the past week, The **Lexus Ilkley Trophy**, a world-class tennis tournament, has been held on the grass courts at the Ilkley Lawn Tennis and Squash Club. It features both the ATP Challenger and ITF women’s events and is considered one of the highlights of the summer grass court season. We are delighted to be able to support such a prestigious event with 86 IGS students being given the opportunity to be a member of the ball crew. They represented themselves and the school brilliantly and we are really proud of their commitment, resilience and the hours they have invested in supporting one of the biggest local events of the year. A huge well done and thank you to all of the crew and thank you to the tennis club for giving them the opportunity.

Today, our year 7-10 boys’ tennis team depart for Nottingham University for the **LTA national final of the Glanville Cup**. This is a phenomenal achievement in itself having beaten 4 independent schools in their path to the final and securing a guaranteed place in the top 16 in a national under-18 competition. We wish the boys the very best of luck and we hope they enjoy their experience across the 4 days of competition.

Kind regards,

Carly Purnell

Headteacher’s Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded the Headteacher Award over the last fortnight: Charlotte Blenkhorn 8JCK; Noah Taylor-Smith 9SRZ; Emily McGough 10RF; Alex Stewart 8AHF/MH; William McCutcheon 10OJ; Noah Markham 12DM

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.



Sporting Successes and Updates

Simon Ickringill Retires

Simon Ickringill who is the Head Tennis Coach at Ilkley Tennis Club retires this year. IGS would like to thank him personally for all the hard work and opportunities he has given our students in both tennis and ball crew training/ supervision over the last 10 years plus. He has been a real inspiration and we wish him all the very best in his retirement.



The y9/10 boys team enjoyed blissful sunshine at Prince Henry’s Grammar School on 14th June on the new hard courts. IGS came away with a 6-0 victory.



A huge well done to all the students who represented IGS as a ball crew member at Ilkley Lawn Tennis and Squash Club

The tournament couldn’t have run without you.

All 86 students did themselves, the school and the local community proud. Thank you!

THE LEXUS
ILKLEY TROPHY
IGS BALL CREWS





The girls have had huge success in the Yorkshire Cricket Cup. This is the first year they have started the cup for the girls! Our U13 made it through to the Finals Day at Pocklington School yesterday and came 4th in Yorkshire.

GIRLS' CRICKET

Congratulations to the U15 girls' cricket team who have made it through to the final of the Yorkshire Cup following their semi-final victory against Shelley College. This is a fabulous achievement. Well done!

Y9 CRICKET SUCCESS

Winners are gridders!
The year 9 cricket team logged a fantastic win Vs Holmfirth, winning by 22 runs on 22nd June.



Useful Links & Email Addresses

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

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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](#)



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



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SPARX MATHS SUCCESS!

Earlier this year, we changed the homework platform used by students every week in Maths. As we now near the end of term, it is clear to see the incredibly positive impact that this change is having on our students. Sparx Maths, the new online platform, provides students with a completely personalised homework experience. It learns more about our students every week and, as time passes, the algorithm in the background works to tailor learning to suit the needs and confidence of each student.

Sparx Maths has been backed by lots of research over a number of years, with clear evidence that it improves students' confidence in mathematics as well as just their results. Over the last few months, we have successfully introduced and embedded Sparx Maths as part of the weekly routine for every student in Years 7 - 9. We have seen 207,948 questions correctly answered by our students in total, with 4415 hours of personalised practice completed on the Sparx Maths platform.

Since we moved onto Sparx Maths, we have seen a 447% increase in the average number of questions that students are answering correctly, with students correctly answering an average of 161 more questions on Sparx Maths compared to this same time period last year.

Special mention needs to go to the students who have collected the highest number of XP points on the Sparx Maths platform for their respective year groups. A massive well done to Tom Moffatt (7IFL), Jasmine Bearpark (7SP), Patrick Ke (8PC), Elsa Isherwood (8JCK), Sam Bryson (9JPM) and Isabelle Atkinson (9CPM)!



PRE-LOVED
Uniform sale

WANTED
Donations

- .All uniform items
- .All sports kit items
- .Any school text, reading, revisions workbooks
- .Any skiing or D of E clothing

ECO-LEADERS PRE-LOVED SCHOOL STUFF SALE

Thursday 13th July 18:00 - 19:30 in the Sports Hall

HAVE A CLEAR OUT AND DONATE -

THEN SUSTAINABLY BUY WHAT YOU NEED!

This year the Eco-iLeaders are holding their second pre-loved sale and giving you an even better opportunity to save money whilst helping the planet and creating a circular economy.

Please donate all your good quality, but no longer needed, school stuff from uniform and ties to books and ski salopettes!

We will accept anything you have previously used for school at IGS but no longer need!

Donations can be left in the storage box in the main school entrance.

River swimming – a request from Ilkley Clean River Campaign

We are aware that in the summer months many students enjoy swimming and playing around the river Wharfe. We encourage students to do so safely and responsibly and to make sure you are properly informed about the risks of river swimming, especially as it is often unsupervised. The Ilkley Clean River Campaign has been in the national headlines and is working hard to make our river as safe and clean as possible. They are asking people who have used the river to complete the following survey which asks about any illness associated with swimming in the river. **If you have been affected in any way, they would like to hear from you.**

Here is the survey link from the Ilkley Clean River Campaign

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MBFNVKG>



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