



### FORTNIGHTLY HIGHLIGHTS

Following yesterday's shocking incident in Gloucestershire, our thoughts are with the injured teacher, his family and the Tewkesbury School community. Whilst incidents of this nature are thankfully rare, please be reassured that we do have lockdown plans already in place at IGS (as indicated by 6 bells) in line with robust safeguarding procedures to protect staff and students. Indeed, these were only revisited at Leadership Team last Tuesday and are regularly reviewed in line with the guidance available. Should any student feel particularly upset or anxious by what happened at Tewkesbury, please contact your child's Head of Year in the first instance.

Next week, is our annual Challenge and Celebration week – one of the key highlights of the IGS Calendar. The week provides the opportunity for students to broaden their horizons, try new experiences, develop their skills, and build their character and confidence in new settings and different environments. Through a combination of in-school activities, local day trips and residential in the UK and Europe, we provide a huge range of opportunities for students to enjoy and to make memories for a lifetime.

At the same time, students in year 10 and some post-16 students embark on work experience, continuing to build their skills, confidence and resilience in new contexts, as they are pushed out of their comfort zones. We hope that they all develop their employability skills and have an enjoyable, worthwhile experience of the world of work!

A reminder that school closes for the summer holidays next Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 12.30pm, with school buses departing at 12.40pm. We will publish a final bulletin celebrating Challenge and Celebration activities at the end of next week, alongside some key reminders for the new year ahead.

Best wishes,  
**Carly Purnell**

### Headteacher's Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded the Headteacher Award over the last fortnight: Sam Proudlove 7GMS; Julia Blakemore 8PC; Xanthe Gutch 10JAK; Phoebe Pickering 7BET; Isabelle Atkinson 9CPM; Dan Tomblin 10MTH; Jacob Dawson-Watts 12JH

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.



### Super Tutor Group Winners!

Throughout the academic year at IGS, the tutor groups in each year compete against one another in the 'Super Tutor Group' (STG) competition. The students can collect points on a weekly basis for good behaviour and attendance, as well as for participation in extra-curricular activities such as Charities Week.

- ❖ **Congratulations to:**
- ❖ 7JPC who will be going to Clip 'N' Climb on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July
- ❖ 8HGW who went to Clip 'N' Climb on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July
- ❖ 9CPM who went to Clip 'N' Climb on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July
- ❖ 10JJS who will be going to Clip 'N' Climb on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July

### IGS Creative Arts Festival

Specially extended for this year, our IGS Creative Arts Festival has been a wonderful celebration of students' creative work and achievements across a range of creative departments. We had over 240 students involved in performing across the two evenings and one afternoon, as part of the Ilkley Live Festival, in addition to our student led Front of House and Backstage teams. Over 130 students had their work exhibited during the Thursday evening.

**A huge well done to all the students involved,**  
this was another fantastic event and a wonderful end of year celebration of all their creative achievements.







**Daniel Tomblin and Edward Barker, victorious in National Finals of Underwater Hockey**

The UI6 North team of Underwater Hockey players retained their status as **winners** at the National Underwater Hockey Championships at John Charles Sports Centre, Leeds on Saturday 1st July. Daniel Tomblin, 10MTH (3rd from R back row) and Edward Barker (2nd from R back row) were part of the team that didn't lose a game across the tournament. Daniel Tomblin was the third highest goal scorer across all the UI6 teams.

An amazing achievement for the whole team and great to see our students enjoying a different smaller sport and putting it in the spotlight.

**We wish Daniel good luck at the GB U19 training camp where we will find out if he's made it to the team in April 2024.**

**TA Glanville National Finals**

The boys' tennis team represented the IGS for the first time ever in the LTA National Glanville cup at Nottingham tennis Centre, a 4-day award running from 27-30<sup>th</sup> 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. To book a place at the finals, Ilkley faced Woodhouse Grove, QEGS Wakefield, Bradford Grammar and St Peter's York. It should be noted that this was an U18 competition, with students up to year 13 being eligible. The IGS team were all U15's, with students from y7-10 representing the school. Excellent tennis prowess!

During the final's week, we faced some of the top independent schools in the country, many of whom operate full-time fee-paying tennis academies. It was a tough week on court, but the boys battled hard, enjoying the tennis despite being edged out in most games. We faced Ewell Castle (1<sup>st</sup> seed team), Millfield, Repton and Bradfield College. IGS finished the week on a high with Thomas Nailor winning his singles 2-0. Whilst Ilkley finished 16<sup>th</sup>, they can be proud to have made the last 16 in the country and build on the experiences ready for next year's tournament. **We are determined to get to the finals again!** Well done Thomas Nailor, Ben Winterbottom, Jack Winterbottom, Daniel Nicoll and George Bayne.



CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL DONE TO THE U14 CRICKET TEAM FOLLOWING THEIR VICTORY IN THE SEMI-FINAL OF THE YORKSHIRE CUP. WE WISH THEM GOOD LUCK FOR THE FINAL WHICH WILL NOW BE PLAYED IN SEPTEMBER AGAINST SCARBOROUGH COLLEGE. THE DATE IS STILL TO BE CONFIRMED.

**U14 Cricket Team:  
Yorkshire Finalists**







Well done to the U15 girls' cricket team who have been crowned champions of Yorkshire winning the Yorkshire Cup. They have represented the school brilliantly throughout the competition and secured victory in the final winning 140-135 against Pocklington School. Annabelle Forster was awarded player of the match with 60 runs and 2 wickets. Congratulations girls – we are very proud of you all!

### U15 Girls' Cricket Team: YORKSHIRE CHAMPIONS



## IGS Year 11 Purple Ties: Prom, The King's Hall, Ilkley Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

### Messages from Mr Carr:

The Key Stage 3 Charities Week has had a really good start with lots of entrepreneurial tutor groups setting up activities and stalls around school. To mark the end of the week, the Student Council have decided to hold a non-uniform day on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July. The usual non-uniform day rules will apply and students will be reminded of these by tutors this week.

### All money raised will be split between:

- ✚ Year 7- Guide Dogs UK
- ✚ Year 8- Brain Tumour Research Yorkshire
- ✚ Year 9- LS29

All parents/carers and students have received their Challenge and Celebration Week booklets which detail what they are doing each day, where they need to meet, what time and who to register with. It is crucial that this information is not missed, and students are punctual. Please be respectful to our neighbours if dropping off/picking up outside the school site as some trips are leaving late night/early morning. Details of how to contact a member of staff during the week are in the booklets. This number should only be used as a last resort in case of an emergency.





# "SPEAK OUT" Challenge!

with Speakers Trust

## YORKSHIRE FINAL 2023



## WORDS ARE A PRIVILEGE

Congratulations to Xanthe Gutch who placed second in the final of the Yorkshire Speak Out Challenge on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June. Xanthe's speech – "Words are a privilege" was described by the judges as "engaging, emotional and thought-provoking" and they stated "it was lovely how she weaved in her story of friendship into the topic of refugees, with her message of unity". As runner-up champion in the competition, Xanthe's brilliant speech is now available on YouTube [here](#). She also performed it at the recent Creative Arts festival where the audience was moved by her powerful message. Well done Xanthe!



## Diversity Day

Diversity is a buzz word these days. It signifies a celebration of difference – of different cultures, of different identities and of the different ways people experience the world. Interestingly, the process of celebrating difference can also help us to understand what it is that we also share and the universal things we have in common. The annual Year 9 Diversity Day at IGS is indeed a celebration of difference but also of our school values of **kindness, tolerance, resilience, responsibility, respect and pride**. In fact, there is perhaps no other event in our school calendar which enables students to develop and demonstrate these values as much as Diversity Day. With 12 workshops, each one supported or led by over 50 Post-16 student leaders, year 9 students were also able to see Post-16 students act as role models and take responsibility for the many activities taking place. The Diversity Day sessions covered the following areas: Wellbeing & Wellness, Sign Language, LGTBQIA+, World Religions (including representatives from Buddhism, Sikhism, Hinduism, Christianity, Quakerism and Judaism (our Islamic representative was unable to attend due to Eid falling on that day), Gender Equality, African Drumming, World Dance, an Art project celebrating a range of British Values, Guide Dogs, Anti-bullying, Neurodiversity, Japanese Art & Origami.

A huge thank you to our external visitors and also to the members of IGS staff who supported the event by delivering sessions, covering classes and supporting form groups as they made their way around the sessions (photo shows students in the World Religions carousel on Diversity Day)



A reminder to sign up to Noteability Music Lessons by this Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> July

Please note, that the deadline to sign up for our private music lessons service, Noteability, in September is this Friday 14th July

If your child is not currently participating in this service but would like to start next year, please complete the application form at the top of the Noteability webpage [HERE](#)

If your child is currently receiving lessons and **does not want to continue** in September, please email me directly at [emma.wood@ilkleygs.co.uk](mailto:emma.wood@ilkleygs.co.uk) - as written notification is required for lessons to cease. If we do not hear from you by **Friday 14th July**, your child's tuition will continue to be timetabled and charged accordingly. Please visit the school website [HERE](#) for the Terms, Conditions and FAQs.



PRIDE



RESPECT



COURAGE



RESPONSIBILITY



KINDNESS



RESILIENCE



# Colour Rush!



On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July the IGS PTA held their second Colour Rush event down at the school fields. In spite of somewhat windy weather at times, the day was filled with rainbows of colour and a happy day of fundraising was had by all that attended. A huge thank you to the whole PTA team, in particular to Caroline Grice-Ellis and Jane Wearing (the outgoing PTA chair) for the time spent planning and preparing the event. Thank you too to all the parents and staff who volunteered their time over the weekend to help set up, run and dismantle the Colour Rush and to all those staff who participated and contributed to the day as well as to Heather Warwick, the wider catering team and the site team for all the lifting and shifting! Thank you as well to Post-16 student Niamh O'Hearne for taking some wonderful photos!

The PTA are still counting the pennies, but they hope that this year they have totalled over £3,000 which will be spent on students, curriculum areas and the school site to make the school environment better for everyone. **Thank you!**

## Useful Links & Email Addresses

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

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

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

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

PTA: [PTA@ilkleygs.co.uk](mailto:PTA@ilkleygs.co.uk)

[IGS Twitter](#)

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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](#)

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### Parent/Carer Support Group

Supporting Emotional and Mental Health

Tuesday  
18th July

10:30am  
or 7:30pm

Zoom  
Email the address  
below for the link

**THIS MONTH'S TOPIC:**  
SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD: SELF ESTEEM

In this month's Parent Support Group we will be looking at self esteem. We will cover what low self esteem may look and feel like and how to support your child if they are experiencing these difficulties.

✉ [mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com)

### About Us:

The Parent Support Group is an online support group, facilitated by NHS mental health practitioners. The group is a safe space for parents to get together, share their experiences and build positive relationships. A different subject is discussed each month and parents will receive useful information and strategies around the chosen monthly topic.

For an invite, please email: [mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com)

