



FORTNIGHTLY HIGHLIGHTS

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Following a record number of visitors to our Open Morning on the 4th October, there was also a real buzz around the site on the evening as year 6 students and their families visited IGS to get an insight into the quality of our provision. They were able to sample all of our subject areas and a range of personal development and enrichment activities, as well as the food on offer from our catering team. As always, our students were amazing ambassadors, and it was wonderful to see them volunteer and have so much pride and enthusiasm for their school. I would like to take the opportunity to thank them for giving up their time to support in various ways and for their brilliant contributions.

My part in the proceedings was to present the vision, values and to provide an overview of the quality of education. As ever, I wanted our students' voices to come through and I was incredibly proud to listen to our Head Students, Maisie, Noah and Ben describe their experiences over the last 6 years at IGS and how it has shaped them into the wonderful young adults and inspirational role models they have become. However, it was our year 7 students, Layla, Sid, Harry and Lottie, who stole the show: they have only been at IGS for 4 weeks and already had the confidence to stand up and speak to prospective families about their experience of transition and starting at IGS. It was very impressive!

As we reach the end of week 6 of the school year, our students have also reached the impressive milestone of collectively accumulating 100,000 positives, continuing to retain a positive to negative ratio of 95:5. What is particularly pleasing is to see the 32,047 positives for effort and 14,691 for excellent participation which testify to the high level of engagement and commitment to learning across the school.

A reminder that school breaks up for half-term at the end of next week at 3pm on Friday 20th October and re-opens on Monday 30th October.

Thank you for your continued support.

Carly Purnell
Headteacher

Headteacher's Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded the Headteacher Award in the last fortnight: Zakariyya Walker 7LEA; Jack Ritz 8FB; Tamsin Heyworth 11MTH; Molly McDonald 13HDR; James Merkin 8JPC; Martha Alison 11IJH; Josh Palaca 13SKR

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.



On behalf of Mrs Capstick, Assistant Headteacher and Miss Clift, Y11 PrExL

Year 11 Mock Exam Support

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the Parent Information Evening on Wednesday. It was great to see a full hall and so many of our year 11s who came accompanied their parents or carers. The resources from the evening are available on the website for anyone who couldn't attend.



Opposite is a summary of the support available for Year 11. Students will have further information in their upcoming tutor and PBT sessions. Next week, students in year 11 will have the opportunity to make a revision timetable, using their mock exam timetable and subject checklists. They will also have time to interact with the revision material and resources provided by their subject teachers to ensure they are ready for effective revision over the half term holiday and when we return in November. Our key messages from the Mental Health Curriculum will also be reinforced, in particular the importance of self-care and taking breaks.

Year 11 Mock Exam Support Package



- The Curriculum: retrieval, interleaving, opportunities for practice
- Year 11 Personal Development Showbie Group (Code: 34GJB)
- PBT Learner Curriculum:
 1. Planning a revision timetable
 2. Prioritisation-using the subject checklists
 3. Subject Specific revision
 4. Time and support to APPLY revision strategies
 5. Reflection and goal-setting
- PBT Mental Health and Wellbeing Curriculum
- Subject Checklists
- Subject Revision Material including recorded tutorials

Subject	Time	Location
Maths Past Paper Club	Monday 3-4pm	B10
Maths	Thursday Lunchtime	B12
Biology	Thursday 3-4pm	D Floor
MFL	Tuesday Week A 3-4pm	N Floor
GCSE Drama	Tuesday Lunchtime	B8
BTEC Performing Arts	Tuesday Lunchtime (Week B only)	Drama Studio
Art and Photography	Tuesday 3-4pm	Art Rooms
Computing and IT	Tuesday 3-4pm	K Block
D&T Resistant Materials	Tuesday 3-4pm Lunchtime (Project work)	L5

A reminder also that there are a number of intervention sessions running to support our year 11 cohort and we would encourage your child to attend if they are struggling to revise independently or want to access the extra specialist support.

This is the [link to the Y11 Mock Exam Resources on the IGS website](#)





Mr Calvert: Assistant Headteacher: Attendance Update

There is a clear link between good attendance and good achievement at school, and at IGS we will do everything we can to support our students to maintain a high level of attendance. Any queries regarding attendance should be directed to the attendance team in the first instance.

We are aware as a school, (as are the Government and the NHS), that the pandemic and the legacy of COVID-19 has caused significant challenges for society and that children's health and mental health have suffered.

I want to reassure all parents that we have a large attendance team, as well as dedicated pastoral and safeguarding teams who are readily available to help and support when children find it hard to get into school. I also want to reassure you as parents that this attendance support is available to you too, and the staff will work with you unconditionally and without any judgement. Please do contact school for a discussion about how we can help.

As a school we have a legal duty to ensure we do everything we can to get children into school and report to you regularly on your child's attendance.

FAQS (more details on attendance are available on the school website [here](#))

Unavoidable Leave of Absence in term time.

To request time off in term time this [form](#) needs to be filled in fully, and the school will respond as soon as possible. Please note, these are rarely authorised except in exceptional circumstances.

COVID-19 Arrangements

We take our COVID-19 guidelines from the NHS and a full copy of these are [here](#)

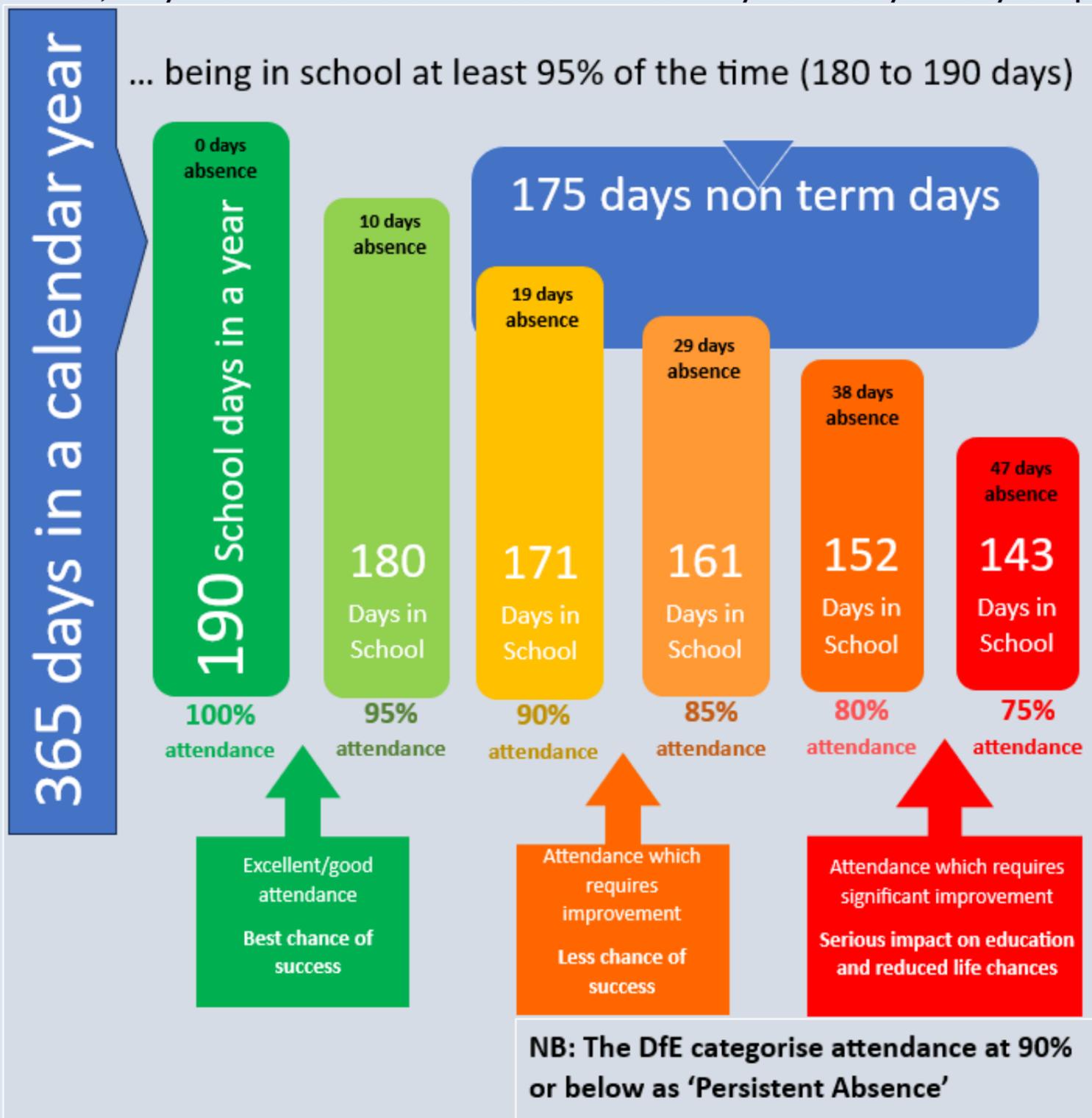
In summary

People should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have the either:

- ✚ A high temperature
- ✚ Or do not feel well enough to go to school
- ✚ Your child can go back to normal activities when they feel better or do not have a high temperature.

If you child has mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or mild cough and they feel well enough, they can go to school.

You are no longer required to take a Covid test, however, please note, if your child does take a test and it is positive, then the NHS guidance is clear: they must try and isolate away from others for 3 days after the positive result. **As it is not possible in a school with over 2100 students and 270 staff to isolate and avoid contact, then your child will need to remain off school for three full days from the day after they had a positive test.**



We recognise that a small number of our students have significant medical needs for whom more individual attendance targets are appropriate



Post-16 Open Evening



Join us in school for our presentations at 5.30pm, 6.15pm and 7pm, with the opportunity for subject area visits from 6pm-8pm. If you have any questions, please email: post16@ilkleygs.co.uk

ALL WELCOME!
Wednesday 1st November 2023
www.ilkleygrammarschool.com



Y13 Student: Josh Beevers - Textbook Sale Success!

As you may know, on Wednesday and Thursday last week, the Post 16 SLT ran a second-hand textbook sale, providing GCSE and A-Level students with the textbooks they need to tackle their exams in the coming years!

Thanks to plenty of donations, hundreds of books found new homes with students at cheap, discounted prices, and the sale as a whole was a great example of IGS's continued commitment to reuse and recycle our resources.

Over £600 was raised, and discussions are taking place about what the proceeds will go towards. Hopefully, after this year's success, the textbook sale will become a more frequent event run by future Student Leadership Teams.

A huge thanks to both everyone who helped out at the sale and/or donated their old textbooks for such a great initiative!

IGS Alumni News!

Over the next few editions, we will continue to share exciting news from former students who have been in touch to explain what they have been doing since leaving IGS

Evie Graves (Green Tie, class of 2022)

Evie is currently at Spring Hill College, USA studying International Business. She is also on a Golf Scholarship.

Evie has been travelling around America on golf tournaments to states such as Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee etc. and has consistently achieved the best scores in the team. Last year she came 2nd in the golf conference (Gulf South) against division I colleges.



Ollie Ham (Red Ties, class of 2021)

Ollie is currently a full-time apprentice with KPMG working in the finance team doing budget tracking, capacity planning, document development and invoicing.

He was also selected to play for Yorkshire U20's in the Jason Leonard Cup alongside another IGS student whom he has played rugby with since they were in year 8.

Sports' Updates

Thursday 5th October Year 8 boys Football West Yorkshire Cup RDI

- o IGS 0 – Brooksbank 3

Wed 11th October

Y10 Boys ESFA National Cup Vs Rossett Harrogate

After a nail-biting and thrilling game between two very organised sides the game was tied 1-1 at FT. Penalties were required, and IGS took the win 5-4 after the first round of sudden death, George Hannam managed to save two penalties to guide the side through!

Year 11 Football CV 2

- o St Mary's 4 – 1 IGS
- o IGS 2 – 0 RTHS



PRIDE



RESPECT



COURAGE



RESPONSIBILITY



KINDNESS



RESILIENCE

Rebecca Haestier 10JI/JK
A truly brave and inspirational student!

Congratulations and well done to Rebecca Haestier who has recently completed a sponsored swim which has raised £2635.00 for Candlelighters. This is a fantastic achievement, especially given that Rebecca is currently in external fixator cages which are extremely heavy and make swimming very challenging. Well done for smashing your fundraising target Rebecca and for making a positive difference. You are an inspiration to us all!

IGS opened its doors to 62 asylum seekers supported by Refugee Action

Saturday 7th October saw IGS open its doors to 62 asylum seekers supported by Refugee Action in Bradford for a day of welcome, respite, creativity and fresh air. The day was part of a series of 5 that are organised within Ilkley each year to show welcome and compassion to families who are fleeing their homeland for a variety of reasons. The families were from, among others, Sri Lanka, Oman, Tunisia, Kuwait, Nigeria, Afghanistan, Albania and Iraqi Kurdistan.

We have received the following comments from the families:

'We enjoyed the art activities so much'
'I loved going on the Moors so much, it reminds me of being in my grandparents' village in India'
'I have not managed to leave the hotel we have been placed in for 3 months, this is amazing'
'This is the best day EVER.'

The day consisted of building mobiles, painting /drawing and orienteering on the Moors. **Thank you to everyone who helped make the day a success.** We are looking forward to next year's activities already!



Autumn Coat Collection

Thank you to everyone who donated a coat to the Autumn Coat Collection, whether it came into school or has been dropped off at the collection point in Burley. All contributions were gratefully received and will make a real difference to the recipients of them.

All proceeds in aid of Friends of the King's Hall and Winter Garden

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Thursday 23rd November

SHOWCASE

King's Hall at 7pm

FEATURING

IGS BATTLE OF THE BANDS

POP CHOIR
ORCHESTRA

AND MUCH MORE

Tickets
Available
Soon

Tickets

£7.50 Adult

£5 Child

Preparations for the IGS Music Showcase on Thursday 23 November at the King's Hall are in full swing and it is shaping up to be a fantastic evening of entertainment! The music department is extremely busy with pupils attending rehearsals to ensure that they are ready for the event! Year 7 and 8 pupils have been singing Wake Me Up by Avicii in music lessons and are invited to sign-up by half term to take part in the concert if they would like to do so (it is voluntary). Please keep the date free and we will be in touch once tickets are live for sale on the Bradford Theatres website.



Road Safety



A reminder to students and parent/carers of the Highway Code (waiting & parking rules): <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code/waiting-and-parking-238-to-252>

Several residents "witness hair-raising manoeuvres on a daily basis, especially on Cowpasture Road, which are not always parking-related." Residents say, "what is particularly alarming is around drop-offs: pulling-up on the roundabout, students decamping from cars onto the carriageway and into oncoming traffic, etc.

In addition, cars are often seen substantially parked on the pavement (**half** vehicle on pavement, **half** on the carriageway) blocking access for wheelchair users and parents with prams."

Please park safely and with consideration for our neighbours.

NHS Guidance: Headlice

Unfortunately, we've been made aware of an outbreak of headlice in school. Please can we politely ask you to check your child's hair and follow the NHS guidance [here](#)

Useful Links & Email Addresses

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

General enquiries: admin@ilkleygs.co.uk

Parents' evenings: parentsevenings@ilkleygs.co.uk

PTA: PTA@ilkleygs.co.uk

Venue Hire: beverley.gale@igs.mlt.co.uk

[IGS Twitter](#)

[IGS PE Twitter](#)

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](#)

