



ILKLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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## Positive messages from parents and the community 2022-23

**Sent:** 20 September 2022 19:50

**To:** IGS Admin Email <[admin@ilkleygs.co.uk](mailto:admin@ilkleygs.co.uk)>

**Subject:** FAO Y7 and transition team

Hi

I just want to pass on my thanks for the excellent transition events and first couple of weeks in Y7. My son and daughter started with you this year. They have come home every day so far with lots of enthusiasm and willing to share their experiences of the day. They really enjoyed the Nell Bank activities too and I would like to pass on my thanks for those organising and participating in this event.

As far as I am concerned, they couldn't have had a better start at their secondary school-especially as they've been used to the small close knit community of Burley Woodhead. !

Thanks again

Year 7 Parent

----- Forwarded message -----

**Sent:** Sunday, 2 October 2022 at 20:57:48 BST

**Subject:** Thank you for your help on Saturday 1st October with families supported by Refugee Action, Bradford.

Dear all,

Thank you for all your help on Saturday. We had a great day, we hope you did too, we know the families did!

We love organising days out like this for families supported by Refugee Action, we know the difference having something to look forward to can have for a family. Having organised days out like this for approx. 5 years we have met some families fairly regularly, others are new to us each time we have a day out, but at every day out we welcome people who might be apprehensive about what is in store for them and without exception at the end of the day families leave with a huge smile and a sense that they have all had a good day out. The parents have had a day of not having to think about how to feed their children and what do that day and the children have something to go into school (assuming they have a school place) and talk about with their friends.

YOU helped make that happen on Saturday. YOUR being there made the difference to the families on Saturday, whether you donated or sorted the bedding out in the morning and generally helped us set up, bagged the bedding with the families as they arrived, served them drinks and organised the food all day, made food but were not present on the day, took them out on the Moors for the orienteering, helped them create something really beautiful in either of the Art Rooms, chatted to them and helped us clear up at the end of the day we thank you for the time you took out of your busy schedules to make this happen for them.



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We welcomed 60 people living in Bradford (from countries such as Nigeria, Sudan, El Salvador, Iran and Iranian Kurdistan) we were a group of 85 enjoying a day together. That is HUGE, particularly in the political climate at the moment where it is more important than ever to extend the hand of friendship and show people they are welcome.

A number of the Iranian families made the mobiles and left them to be displayed in school. The reason they left their artwork behind is to educate others about what is happening in Iran. What a powerful piece of art to have hanging in IGS, it is thanks to you for welcoming them that they felt safe enough to speak about what is happening in their home country and share it with you and others.

One of the most powerful quotes we have ever received from a lady taking part in one of our days out has stayed with me. She said: 'Thank you for making me feel like a human being again'.

Thank you for your help on Saturday, for providing fun for the families and making them feel welcome.

Felicity and Sue.



Sent: 05 October 2022 20:58

To: IGS Admin Email <[admin@ilkleygs.co.uk](mailto:admin@ilkleygs.co.uk)>

Subject: Open evening

Please can I say a thank you for the warm welcome and impressive Open Evening event we have just come back from.

Can I particularly mention and thank our fantastic tour guide, FH in year 9 who really was a fabulous ambassador for IGS. He was so patient, polite and informative, I really feel I know the school well and in a very positive light because of him.



Sent: 31 October 2022 11:25

To: IGS

Subject: Re: On behalf of Mr Revell, Ms Whyman: Ilkley Food Bank - please donate

Hi there,

I just wanted to thank you again for bringing this to our attention. We had no idea the Foodbank was running low and so we investigated further.

Saturday was a very humbling experience delivering the food our daughter picked to our local food bank. She brought her cousin with her, who was staying with us during half term.

It was certainly a big eye opener for the girls, learning how the Foodbank works and how it is funded.

The church own the building and gift it to the Foodbank, although it's a very small space, they do cram a lot of food in.

They service a staggering 60 families weekly that are referred to by the local authority or GP.

The incredible volunteers work hard to keep the shelves stocked and rely on us all for regular donations of food or money.

It's not until you physically see this operation for yourself do you realise just how lucky we are to not be in that position and how necessary their work is to our local community.

It's really has made the girls sit and think today...



So thank you to IGS for highlighting this to us, we have signed up as volunteers now too to assist with food collections and deliveries.

Kindest regards  
Year 8 Parent

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**Sent:** 14 November 2022 15:29  
**To:** IGS Admin Email =  
**Subject:** Thank you

Just a note to say I really liked the school update letter. It's great to read about everything that's going on and to read about all sports events whether they have won or lost. 😊

Thank you

Best wishes

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Hello

Please can I pass on my thanks and appreciation for a wonderful presentation evening. It's great to see and feel such positivity which quite clearly emanates from the top down.

I can appreciate the amount of work which went into the evening (as well as getting the children through their GCSEs in the most trying of times).

Thank you.

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**Sent:** Thursday, November 24, 2022 1:31 PM  
**Subject:** Year 11 presentation evening

It was a pleasure to be involved in last night's Year 11 presentation evening. It was great to see pupils recognised and rewarded for their efforts and achievements, and to meet some of them, and their parents, in person. The guest speaker and musical interludes were superb.

Compliments to you and to the team for preparing and hosting the evening, and to the broader staff for all the work that went in over the years to produce such a great set of results and set the students up for a bright future.

Best wishes,

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**Sent:** 13 December 2022 07:22  
**To:** IGS Admin Email  
**Subject:** Music and creative arts

Wow!



Just wanted to pass on our congratulations for a fabulous evening at Countdown to Christmas. The students really did themselves proud . A lovely atmosphere in the church and some very talented young people performing, showing so much support for each other.

It goes without saying, a lot of hard work goes on in the background and in the lead up to the event. A massive well done to all the staff and students involved!

Enjoy the last few days of term.

Y7 parent

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Sent: Friday, January 6, 2023 9:00 AM

To: IGS Admin Email

Subject: Thank you for the Year of 22 Celebration

I wish to record huge thanks to you and your team for putting on a superb celebratory event yesterday at King's Hall to mark the achievements of the Year of 22.

It was revelatory for me to see and hear the specifics on many students - and not just on their academic achievements. Without this event there would have been no effective book end to leaving IGS. I was initially sceptical about attending the event as being of the Year of 1985 at IGS we saw no such event and we lived the life of understatement. I am a total convert!

I/we (me and my daughter) were perhaps most appreciative of the words of Fiona in qualifying one of the greatest value (legacy) gained from the school is what it gives you in the opportunities to form lifetime friendships. My children are always jealous of my friendship group from school - my closest friends are still those met at IGS. We have remained a constant support group for each other and this has been in place throughout our lives, going all the way back to what was the third year (we had Middle School then - and incidentally were taught by the wonderful Mrs Crannigan).

This event triggered in me a want to give back to the school that helped form me. I will be in contact with the alumni scheme organiser.

Thank you.

DH

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**Subject:** Re: Year 13 event this evening

Just a quick note to say thank you again to you and Carly for letting me attend your Yr 13 Presentation Evening last night.

It was really lovely to meet you, and congratulations on a wonderful event. As I said, it was really moving to see how well your students do and how deeply they are known, supported and cared for by yourselves and your colleagues.

Once again, many thanks.

Best wishes,

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Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 8:47 PM

To: IGS Admin Email <[admin@ilkleygs.co.uk](mailto:admin@ilkleygs.co.uk)>



Subject: Thank you

Dear IGS team,

Please could you pass this email to the relevant teachers/departments if possible?

I know this is a little late in the day, but I would like to pass on my thanks and appreciation for all the teachers at IGS.

I was so impressed by A's teachers when I spoke with them during parents' evening. They were all enthusiastic, committed and engaging to talk to. They clearly all had passion for their subjects and a caring attitude.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to our daughter, and all the pupils.

Year 8 Parent



Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 11:05 AM

To: IGS Admin Email

Subject: Spanish exchange

FAO Mr Kehoe and Ms Fresco Quindos (and other staff involved)

I just wanted to thank you for the brilliant quiz evening you put on last Thursday. My daughter and her Spanish exchange partner and all their friends really enjoyed it.

Completely acknowledge and appreciate all the hard work this event and the wider exchange creates.

Thank you once again

Year 11 Parent



Sent: Saturday, April 8, 2023 2:54 PM

Subject: Ski Trip

Dear Mr Carr,

We just wanted to say a huge thank you to you and all the staff who went on the ski trip. You all did an amazing job of sorting everything out when they were so delayed at Dover and keeping us all informed.

Z had an amazing time on his first skiing holiday and is already asking to go again!

I hope you all have a very well-deserved break next week.

Many thanks,

Year 9 Parent



Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 2:17 PM

To: IGS Admin Email

Subject: FAO - Mrs C Purnell

Dear Mrs Purnell

I hope I find you well?

I wanted to let you know how staggeringly brilliant your team are, that accompanied the Year 9 students on the recent Easter ski trip. As you have probably been made aware, the outward journey was extremely challenging for staff, students and parents as well.



The manner in which the teachers navigated problem after problem was incredible, the resilience displayed by the students, and the excellent communication from Mr Carr to keep us all updated. I know I can speak for the parents by saying we were very proud of them all.

Please can you pass on my sincere thanks and appreciation to all the staff involved.

Yours sincerely

Year 9 Parent



Sent: Monday, May 15, 2023 2:21:10 PM  
To: Lisa Capstick (IGS) Rebecca Clift (IGS)  
Subject: Thank you!

Dear both

I just wanted to write to say how fantastic the revision session was last week. Lots of people have said to me how brilliant it was. So helpful and also very interesting.

Best wishes  
Year 10 Parent



Sent: Friday, May 19, 2023 8:14 AM  
To: IGS Admin Email  
Subject: Year 7 parents' evening - Thank you

For all staff involved

We had our first experience of Parents Evening at IGS last night and wanted to pass on our thanks for the time and effort that goes into organising this type of event. We really enjoyed meeting our daughter's teachers face to face and finally being able to put names to faces when she talks about school. The atmosphere and buzz around Armitage Building was lovely too.

We wish you all a restful weekend.

Year 7 Parents



Sent: Friday, May 19, 2023 2:18 PM  
To: IGS Admin Email & IGS Parents Evenings  
Subject: Year 7 parents evening

Good afternoon

Just a quick email to say thanks for helping me to arrange my last minute later appointments and also thanks generally to the teachers and organisers.

It was lovely to actually come into school and meet the teachers face to face and the evening was very well run.

kind regards

Year 7 Parent





Sent: 23 May 2023 20:18

To: Robert Greening (IGS) Philip Walton (IGS) Rebecca Pullan (IGS) Sarah McManus (IGS)

Subject: Trip to Naples

Dear Teachers.

We would just like to express our gratitude to you all for taking our daughter on this unforgettable trip to Naples. We appreciate that to ensure the children all have an amazing time, you as teachers have to give up your own family time.

I hope you all have a restful few days back at school and a great half-term.

Many thanks again,

Year 10 Parents



Sent: 23 May 2023 20:24

To: Robert Greening (IGS)

Subject: Thank you

Hi Mr Greening,

I just wanted to say a massive thank you to you and all the staff who organised and went on the Naples trip with the children. It is really appreciated - what a fantastic trip. Our son has had an amazing time and had so much fun. He has come back with so many stories and made so many memories.

Thank you to you all.

Year 10 Parent



Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2023 6:51 PM

To: IGS Admin Email

Subject: FAO Mr Greening & Mr Walton

Hi

I just wanted to say a massive thank you for taking the Year 10 geography group to Naples – our son had an absolutely brilliant time - he loved all aspects of the trip and when I asked him what had made it so good he said it was because of the teachers . . . I know how much planning and effort goes into school trips and so I wanted you to have that very positive feedback!

Thanks again and hopefully more trips are on the horizon!

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Sent: 27 May 2023 22:09  
To: Robert Greening (IGS)  
Subject: RE: Bay of Naples trip - Thank you

Dear Mr. Greening,

Thank you very much for giving my son such a good experience through the trip to Italy. He had a lovely time and came home with very positive mindset. He also seems to have made a few good friends through the trip . . .

Thank you again for organising such an interesting trip for the students.

Kind regards,

Year 10 Parent



**Sent:** Friday, June 23, 2023 10:00 AM  
**To:** IGS Admin Email  
**Subject:** Careers mock interview thanks  
Hello Admin,

Please pass on my thanks as a parent, to Mrs Marshall and the Careers team for delivering the world of work programme and mock interviews. My daughter was very nervous prior to her interview date but her interviewer Mr Wilson, was friendly, knowledgeable and was an expert in getting her to relax and chat. I have no doubt that this experience will help students when they go for interviews in the future, and I fully understand the amount of behind-the-scenes work required to set up the programme, with an array of real employers, for so many students.

Thank you.

Kind regards

Year 10 Parent



**Sent:** Monday, July 3, 2023 9:51 AM

**Subject:** Thank you message

Hi. I just wanted to thank you and the team at IGS for everything you have done for my son over the last 2 years. I've personally been extremely grateful to know how cared for he has been at school and how safe you have made him feel. I think it's meant more to him than we'll ever know and everything you have done has really helped all of us navigate this tricky period. I hope you all have a lovely summer - you certainly deserve it!

Post-16 Parent



**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2023 12:15 PM  
**Subject:** Thank You -



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Hi there

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for the help and support you have given C during his time at Ilkley Grammar School. He has absolutely loved his time at the school and the experience and knowledge he has gained over the 7 years has given him a great foundation for the future.

We hope that you all have a great summer.  
Many Thanks

### Year 13 Parents

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2023 7:51 AM

**To:** IGS Admin Email

**Subject:** Thank you!

Every year I'm stunned by the energy that the staff throw into making c&c week such a positive experience. You must all be running on fumes at this time in the year, and yet the team all continue to still work so hard to make sure everyone has a good time. We are so grateful to you all for making it such a positive experience.

Thanks,

Year 8 Parent

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2023 9:04 AM

**To:** IGS Office

**Subject:** FAO: Matt Carr and all staff

Hi there

I know that emails to schools are often to highlight issues. I wanted to write to say how much I appreciate the opportunity that Challenge and Celebration week has provided for my child. She absolutely loves outdoor learning and this week has appealed to every aspect of who she is.

I know that staff have given so much of their time to provide this and I know that many will have been away from their own families. It is so hard to plan opportunities like this but I am so grateful to you all. Children need more of this stuff in their curriculum as it's beautiful to watch them grow exponentially in such a short space of time. F has come home buzzing with new learning, developed confidence and consolidated relationships.

So thank you to all staff who have made this possible. Summer holidays are nearly here!

Kindest regards

Year 7 Parent

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Dear Mr Sykes

I just wanted to pass on my thanks for the very comprehensive Next Steps programme you and the team have put on for the Year 12 pupils this term. I found the two evening presentations as a parent very useful and I appreciated the explanation about the Newcastle visit as well. Clearly a huge amount of work has gone into the programme. It is great to see the efforts IGS is making, to help the young people beyond school.

Thank you

Year 12 Parent

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