



## FORTNIGHTLY HIGHLIGHTS

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week's edition of the bulletin is packed with examples of student success: various sporting achievements at team and individual level, as well as participation in debating, technology and school-based competitions. All of these opportunities are a really important and enriching part of our educational offer, reflecting our commitment to students "growing in wisdom and stature" in line with our Latin motto.

### At the halfway point in the academic year, we have offered:

- Over 110 different clubs for students to attend
- Over 60 different trips and visits
- Over 30 iLeader opportunities to develop students' leadership skills

This year, almost 90% of our students are participating in an "extra" element of provision, with 80% of students booked on at least one trip this year and over a quarter of students successfully taking on iLeader positions of responsibility.

Alongside high levels of participation, we continue to enjoy fantastic levels of success at regional and national level. Indeed, only yesterday both our year 8 and year 10 netball teams travelled to Loughborough University having qualified for the Sisters n Sport National Finals. This was an amazing experience for our U13 and U15 teams both of whom played some excellent netball to secure 4<sup>th</sup> place overall. Well done to all of the students who have represented IGS so positively - we are really proud of their achievements!

A reminder that school closes for a fortnight at 3pm next week on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and will re-open on Monday 8th April 2024 (week B).

I hope you all have a lovely Easter holiday and Ramadan Mubarek to all of our families celebrating Ramadan.

Best wishes,  
**Carly Purnell**

## Headteacher's Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded the Headteacher Award over the last fortnight: Izzy Clilverd 7AJC; Sofi Bender 9ERE; Theo Ford 10LIR; Ben Ballard 13LR; Kitty Hartley 13AWD; Emily Jowett 13JM; Layla-Rae Stancliffe 7JOW; Chloe Sowden 9CS; Kian Foster 11KLW; Ava Jones 12TJB

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.



Have you got a friend, family member, neighbour or contact with a business that wants to get lots of great publicity in return for a small donation to a great cause? 10LIR are searching for the next round of **IGS Charities Week 2024 official partners**. They get two things in return: a snazzy student designed logo (see above heart/hand image) to use on their social media and lots of gratitude via various channels. Last year, donors were shared and celebrated with over 50,000 people via Parent Bulletins, Staff Bulletins, Ilkley Chat and the charity's FB page. Compared with traditional marketing costs, this is a great way to reach lots of people relatively cheaply whilst doing good! Our chosen charity is 'Good Neighbours Ilkley'- a really great local charity. If you know someone who can support, please ask them to email me: [liam.revell@igs.mlt.co.uk](mailto:liam.revell@igs.mlt.co.uk) to organise a donation. Thank you!

## Sports Updates

### Cross Country

The Keighley and Craven schools cross-country season concluded on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February with the 4<sup>th</sup> and final race held at Marley fields. IGS had another large field of 45 runners! It was a fast and flat course and the IGS teams ran hard! Please see below the results of the final race:

Please see below the final league results (an absolutely fantastic season by IGS!) <https://keighleyschoolsxc.files.wordpress.com/2024/02/overall-race-4.pdf>

	Individual runners overall podium places
🏆 Y7/8 Boys 1 <sup>st</sup>	🏆 Robert Carter
🏆 Y9/10 Boys 2 <sup>nd</sup>	🏆 Charlie Porteous
🏆 Y11-13 Boys 1 <sup>st</sup>	🏆 Jake Norris
🏆 Y7/8 Girls 1 <sup>st</sup>	🏆 James Lee
🏆 Y9/10 Girls 2 <sup>nd</sup>	🏆 Marcie Ford
🏆 Y11-13 Girls 1 <sup>st</sup>	🏆 Matilda Irvine

<https://keighleyschoolsxc.wordpress.com/race-4/>

### Year 7 Boys - National XC Finals



IGS are very pleased to report that two year 7 boys represented team **West Yorkshire at the National Primary and Year 7 Cross Country Finals** held at Prestwold Hall, Leicestershire on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Charlie Porteous (left) has had a fantastic season for IGS, Bingley Harriers, Bradford and West Yorkshire. Charlie managed to secure a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the National competition! Tyler Griffiths also represented West Yorkshire, finishing in a brilliant 72<sup>nd</sup> place in a field of 128 runners! The full results from the day can be found here: <https://www.stuweb.co.uk/results.php?year=2024>

## Rugby

The **year 10 boys team** beat South Craven in a friendly meeting at Ilkley Rugby Club on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of March, with ease as they brushed passed their opponents with a huge score of 51-5.

The **year 9 rugby boys team** had 2 friendlies on the 7/03/24 at Ilkley Rugby Club, in the first game IGS comfortably beat Guiseley 29-0. The year 9s' then played South Craven and again won with ease as they breezed past them to win 26-0! Well done to all involved!





## Year 7 Girls Netball

Congratulations to all the Y7 netballers who participated in the Bradford District Netball Tournament on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March.

The 7A team pictured finished runners up!



Y8 teams photo

Y8 A team photo

Y8 B team photo

## Year 8 Netball Teams

Well done to our two year 8 netball teams who played in the U13 Bradford District Netball Tournament on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February at Bradford Grammar School. A huge congratulations to our A team, who were crowned winners of the tournament after beating Bradford Grammar School 9-3 in the final, having not lost a game all tournament. The girls played some outstanding netball and were a credit to the school.

Our year 8 netball team also played The Queens School in Chester on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March. A massive well done to them all as they beat them 15-9 in the Sisters n Sport North Bowl semi-final. This means that the girls will travel down to Loughborough on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> of March and will also be heading into the final four competition. Another quick well done to our Player of the Match Bea Ritson – and good luck at Loughborough.



## Year 10 Netball

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Congratulations and well done to our year 10 netball team who beat Rossall School 28-24 in the Sisters n Sport North Bowl semi-final match to reach the final four competition at Loughborough University on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> March. Player of the match – Isla Slade



PRIDE

RESPECT

COURAGE

RESPONSIBILITY

KINDNESS

RESILIENCE



# Year 8 Hockey

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February, the Y8 hockey team were crowned the NE and Yorkshire Hockey Champions after winning the tournament at Weetwood, Leeds.

In the group stage we beat Harrogate GS 5-0 and Dame Allans 1-0. We progressed through to the knockouts and faced Hymers College and won 2-0 to progress to the final. We faced HGS again in the final after they beat Ashville on sudden death penalty shuffles in the other semi-final. We continued with a positive momentum and won the final - 5-0! A superb day with fantastic performances from everyone. More impressively we did not concede a single goal or penalty corner all day! Well done team!



## UI14 Boys Yorkshire State School Hockey Championships

- 🏆 IGS v Driffield 10-0 win
- 🏆 IGS v Ermysted's 2-5 loss
- 🏆 IGS v Merica School 1-1 draw
- 🏆 IGS v Oakwood 8-0 win
- 🏆 IGS v Silverdale 0-3 loss



### Year 7 Girls Football

The year 7 girls football team had a central venue tournament at Ralph Thoresby, where six Leeds schools came together to play on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March. It was the first time in the new year the girls had played together since their previous fixture. Some unfortunate losses but the girls all played incredibly well. Well done to the team!

The results were:

- 🏆 IGS 0 – Ralph Thoresby 1
- 🏆 IGS 0 – Cardinal Heenan 0
- 🏆 IGS 1 – Abbey Grange 1
- 🏆 IGS 2- Guiseley 0
- 🏆 IGS 0- Benton Park 1

### Year 8 Boys Football

- 🏆 IGS v Ralph Thoresby 2-0 win
- 🏆 IGS v Abbey Grange 3-0 loss

### Year 10 Football

The year 10 boys football team are through the semi-final of the Leeds City Cup after beating Car Mannor 5-2 on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March! It was an incredible battle between the two teams. It was also a very spirited game and the IGS boys had to overcome adversity after finding themselves trailing 2-1 at half time. To come back and win 5-2 was an outstanding achievement. The next round awaits!

The year 10 football team continued their fine run of form in the Leeds NW League on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March! A squad of 18 travelled and registered a 4-0-win Vs Ralph Thoresby and a 3-0-win Vs Abbey Grange.

# IGS Gymnastics Achievements!



## Yorkshire Schools Gymnastics Competition on 2<sup>nd</sup> March

9 of our students who have been training since January to take part in the Yorkshire School Gymnastics Competition competed on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at Barnsley Metrodome Leisure Centre. All our students performed amazingly well in the acro and tumbling routines.

Grace Jackson came 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Under 19s, she will now compete in the British School Gymnastics competition in May. Emily Ginger and Alyssa Bakker came 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Under 14s Pairs Acro competition, and they will also compete at the British Schools Gymnastics Competition. Isla Barker and Julia Juan Iglesias came 2<sup>nd</sup> in this competition. Imogen Miler and Ellen Groom came 3<sup>rd</sup>. In the Under 14s Mixed Pairs Isla Barker and Harris Barker came 1<sup>st</sup> and will be going to Stoke to compete in the British Schools Gymnastics Competition. In the UI9 pairs acro Grace Jackson and Jemima Overend came 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Miss Holgate says she is very proud of all that took part and to keep up the hard work going into the British Schools Competition in May.





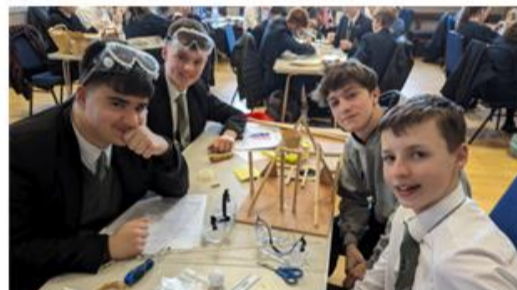
# Rotary Club Youth Speaks Competition

Last week, two IGS debating teams from years 7 and 12 represented IGS at the **Rotary Club Youth Speaks Competition** held at Ermysted's Grammar School.

The year 12 team: Harriet Lowe, Sylvie Morris, Mischa Boyd and Frankie Clasper, took on the topic of the death penalty and **won their debate**, progressing to the next round.

The year 7 team: Autumn Bulmer, Eva Joyce, Katy Slater and Layla-Rae Stancliffe took on a team of GCSE students and debated the ethics of zoos. They didn't win overall but **Layla-Rae received a special mention as one of the best speakers of the competition!**

**A huge well done to all the students.** We will be looking out for other debating opportunities for them in future! Ms Booth



## Rotary Technology Competition

We took three teams to the Rotary Technology Competition last Tuesday. Each key stage team was set a challenge to shoot a ball up through a hoop to either 1m, 3m or 3m and catch it on the return! They were each provided with a pack of timber, elastic bands, dowels, balls and standard tools and equipment to solve the problem.

All 12 of our pupils worked incredibly hard designing, prototyping, testing and improving their designs. All three teams made successful attempts at launching the ball through the hoop and should be very proud of their D&T based problem solving on the day! Well done!

This is statement from one of the year 10 pupils: *I really enjoyed the day. It was great fun finding out what the challenge was and coming up with the design ideas for it. Overall I really enjoyed coming to the rotary competition. Thanks, Zac*



## World Book Day 2024



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Thursday 7th March was World Book Day, and what a fun day we had! It started in registration with **'Who is reading the book?'** where students had photographs of members of staff reading and had to guess who was who. At break there were lots of activities in the library – 'Guess which books the paragraphs came from', a treasure hunt, a quiz, a six-word story, all enjoyed by the large numbers of students who came.

The quizzes continued into lunch time, together with our book-themed 'Top Hat' competition, where the **standard of entries was very high.**

**The overall winner was Layla-Rae Stancliffe, 7JOW, with her magnificent George Orwell 1984 creation!** A great day was had by all, and well done everybody!

Mrs Harrison and Mr Colman





# Preparation for Adulthood

A big congratulations to the year 9 Preparation for Adulthood group who raised a fantastic £32.70 for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital through their bake sale. A lot of hard work went into the planning, baking, and selling of their traybakes to raise money for such a good cause.



**Chocolate flapjack and cornflake tart**  
All proceedings will go to great ormond street hospital.

**Chocolate flapjack**  
£1.50

Golden syrup  
Chocolate powder  
Oats  
Salted butter




**Cornflake tart**  
£1.50

Golden syrup  
Cornflakes  
Strawberry jam  
Short crust pastry

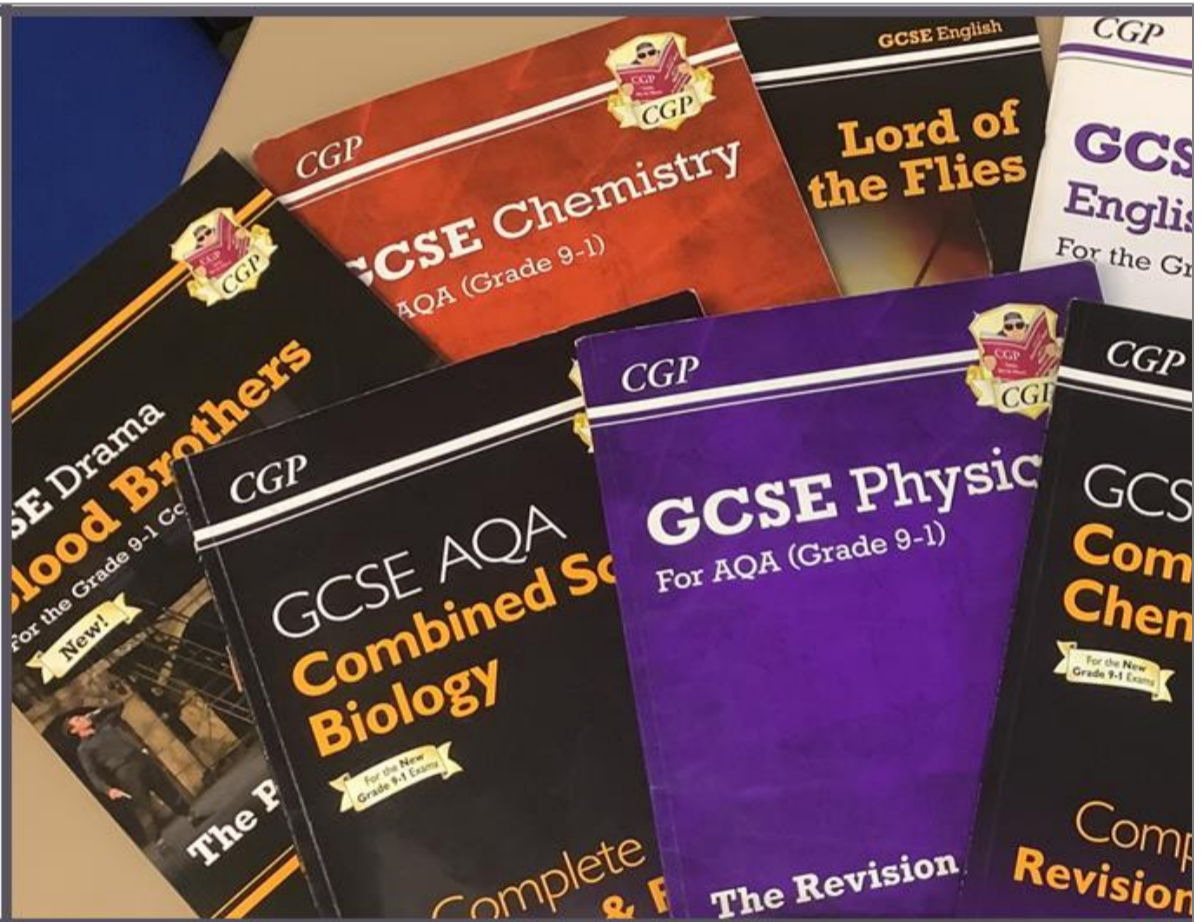


## Pre-loved Revision Guides

The Eco iLeaders have a large selection of preloved revision guides, textbooks, and flash cards for sale covering most GCSE subjects. If you are interested, please email [emma.wood@igs.mlt.co.uk](mailto:emma.wood@igs.mlt.co.uk) with the subject of interest, and we will let you know what we have available.

**Textbooks: £3-5    Flash cards: £3-4**

Payment will be through Parent Pay, and books will be available to collect from Reception.



Thank you to the many families that dropped off vital donations for Ilkley Foodbank. You filled a car with essential supplies for our local community. Your bountiful generosity is much appreciated!

### Useful Links & Email Addresses

- ♥ Years 7-11 notifications of absence: [attendance@igs.mlt.co.uk](mailto:attendance@igs.mlt.co.uk) or, extension 2 if phoning school on the morning of an unforeseen absence
- ♥ P-16 notifications of absence: [p16attendance@igs.mlt.co.uk](mailto:p16attendance@igs.mlt.co.uk)
- ♥ Lettings and venue hire: [venuehire@igs.mlt.co.uk](mailto:venuehire@igs.mlt.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](#) 'Community' [HERE](#) 'IGS Vacancies' [HERE](#) and [PTA Events](#)

