



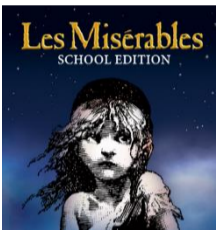
FORTNIGHTLY HIGHLIGHTS

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to announce that next year’s school production will be Les Misérables. This is one of the world’s most well-known and influential musicals and will be the most ambitious and artistically and logistically challenging production to be tackled at Ilkley Grammar School. Set in 19th century France and the aftermath of the French Revolution, the musical examines concepts such as freedom, redemption, justice, social equality, love and salvation and the survival of the human spirit. It is testament to both the huge range of talent at IGS and the dedication and ambition of the Creative Arts team, that we are able to bring this epic musical, with one of the most memorable scores and characters of all time, to the stage. We wish all students involved in the upcoming auditions the very best of luck – further details are below.

A reminder that school is closed on Monday 6th May for the Bank Holiday and re-opens on Tuesday 7th May.

Best wishes,
Carly Purnell



Audition News

Students were emailed details, including audition material for Les Misérables and a Microsoft Form last week (19th April). At this stage, we will be auditioning members of the cast (ensemble/principal roles) and members of the orchestra.

Spring Showcase

A huge well done to all of our Year 10 and 12 students who performed at the Spring Showcase event on Thursday 25th April, as part of their GCSE and A Level solo and ensemble performance preparation. Performances were of a high quality and showcased a wonderful variety of talents, from stunning instrumental and vocal solos and acapella arrangements to rock bands with shredding guitars and drum solos.

Thank you to the student backstage and front of house groups who helped run the event and ensured smooth transitions between performances. A full write up and photos of the event will be on the website on the Creative Arts Extra-Curricular page shortly.

Non-Uniform Day: Friday 3rd May

In advance of Mental Health Awareness Week later in May, our Mental Health iLeaders have proposed a non-uniform day on Friday 3rd May. The usual non-uniform day rules apply and students will be reminded of these next week. They are encouraged to wear something green although this is not an expectation. Voluntary donations can be made on ParentPay.

Headteacher’s Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded the Headteacher Award over the last fortnight: Alice Birch 7ARJ; Aston Town 8JDA; Rebecca Haestier 10JI/JK; Sophie Swann 9EAL; Jeff Cook 11KL; Caden Murphy 12PPB; Alice Murphy 8CCM; Chloe Stirling 8JNB; Amy Swithenbank 9MSB; Holly Toal 11MTH; Josh Palaca 13SKR; Callum Whitton 13KF; Barnaby Kirk 13IEP; Jonty Haywood 13JM

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.



Dance

Yesterday, IGS hosted our annual Bradford Schools’ Dance Competition. All performances were amazing, and Ilkley Grammar School was awarded 2nd and 4th places! Well done to all of KS3 students involved.



Oxford Trip: Eleanor Tolch (P-16)

Oxford is an extremely prestigious university, evident through the multiple interviews you must go through to be accepted and the high quality of education with around one to two tutoring sessions a week and personalised feedback to track your progress continuously. All the professors and lecturers are experts in their field, allowing you to achieve absolute academic success at every step of the way.

From Monday 8th April to Tuesday 9th April, 28 year 12 students and 2 staff members travelled to Oxford to stay at Brasenose College and to explore the city. During our time in Oxford, we witnessed an array of stunning buildings and the captivating architecture that resides in Oxford. One of these buildings was The Saxon Tower of St Michael at the North Gate (1040), where the door to the cell of the Bocardo Prison is still present in which Oxford Martyrs were imprisoned before their execution. The Palladian Radcliffe Camera (1737 – 1749) was directly on our doorstep from Brasenose College and was a popular location for photos. With its pillars and dome in a straightforward, symmetrical repeating pattern, the Radcliffe Camera captures Palladian architectural principles flawlessly. Another remarkable feature of Oxford is the English gothic Magdalen College Tower (1492-1509), which is a 44m high bell tower making it the tallest building in Oxford. The tower also plays an important role in Oxford life as a part of an ongoing tradition that is likely to date back to the tower's original construction, a choir sings from the top on May Morning while townspeople gather below. We also stayed at and explored Brasenose College, where we were given short academic talks by staff at the University in Psychology, History and even Pottery. Additionally, we had a tour of Worcester College, which was breath-taking due to its extensive gardens, a lake surrounded by sculptures and trees and a beautiful chapel with vibrant stained-glass windows and decorative pews.



Whilst at Oxford, we were able to explore the city on our own but also with our teachers, which allowed us to experience the atmosphere of Oxford. In my opinion, the city is purely inspiring with its world-renowned university, beautiful architecture, and several large public parks. Education is, of course, a huge sector in Oxford with the university and numerous tutorial colleges. Still, there is also a thriving social scene with many trendy bars, restaurants, and independent shops, along with regular chain stores found in other British cities. As Oxford is built on the river Thames, there are large areas of the city which are not built on and this gives it a rural feeling. We also visited the Oxford University Museum of Natural History, home to over 7 million objects and 30,000 zoological-type specimens.

Overall, staying at Brasenose College was extremely enjoyable and allowed me and the other students to experience university accommodation, food and taster academic sessions that gave us a real feel and sense of what it is like to study at Oxford. I felt very welcomed by the staff and student ambassadors alike at both Brasenose College and Worcester College, which only made the experience more wonderful.



National Shakespeare Day 23rd April 2024

On Tuesday 23rd April we celebrated Shakespeare's birthday in the library with several fun events. One of the most popular was the 'Shakespeare Insults' hurling which the library iLeaders particularly enjoyed very much! There was also the 'Plays timeline' to follow, plus word searches and a mass 'Macbeth' reading. A fun time was had by all – thank you to the library iLeaders for helping to organise! Mrs Harrison and Mr Colman



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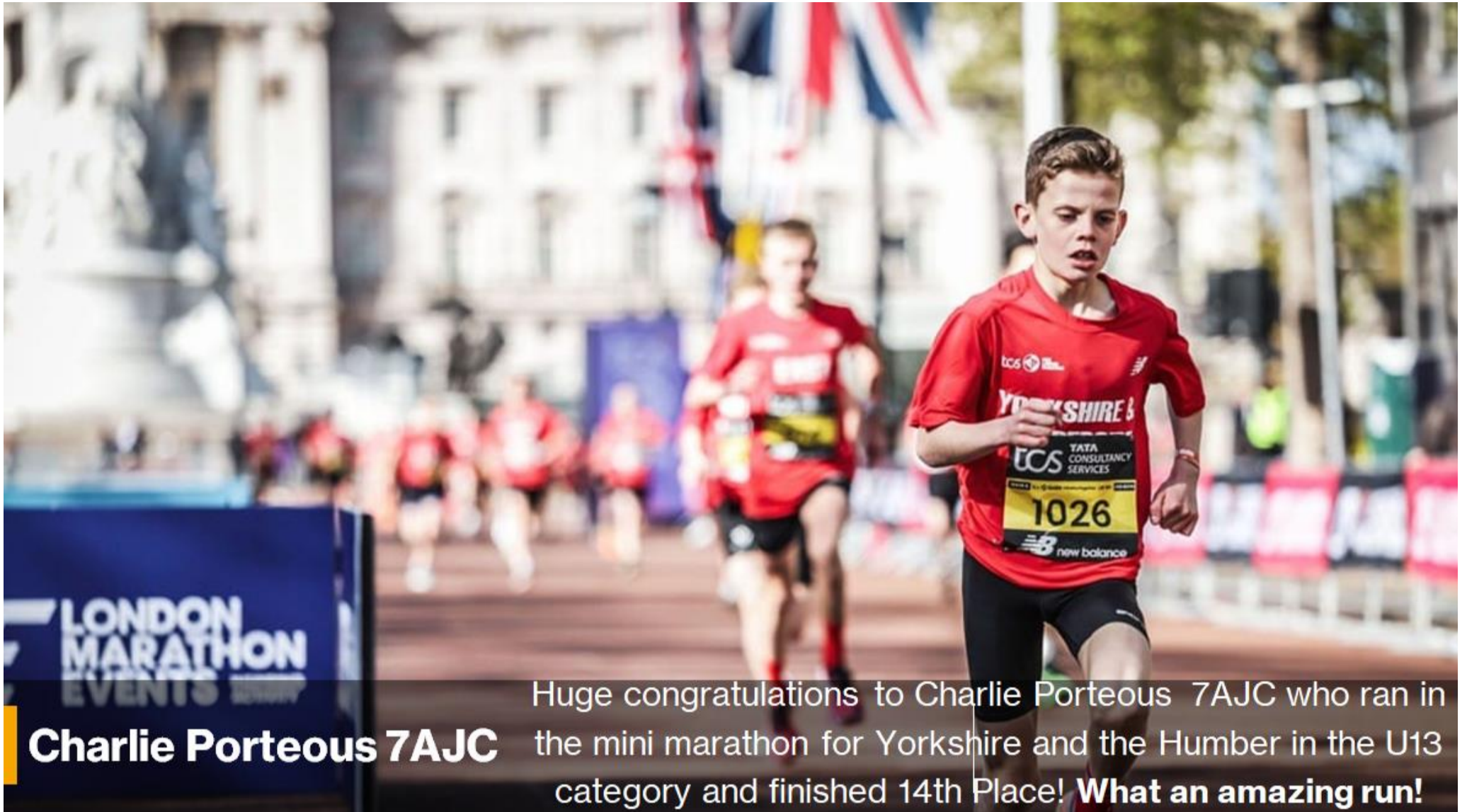
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Sport Updates

Running - London Mini Marathon



Charlie Porteous 7AJC

Huge congratulations to Charlie Porteous 7AJC who ran in the mini marathon for Yorkshire and the Humber in the U13 category and finished 14th Place! **What an amazing run!**



Archie Budding Y12

A big well done to Archie Budding Y12, who ran the London Mini Marathon on the 20th of April. Archie was selected to represent Yorkshire and the Humber in the Under 17s age category.

Archie finished 60th out of 192 runners on the day, **a superb effort!**

Rounders

Well done year 8s you were great!

🏆 IGS 81/2 Nidderdale 3

🏆 IGS 81/2. Upper Wharfedale 61/2

Football

The year 7 girls football team travelled to Beckfoot school to play in a tournament coming first overall with 23 points! **Well done!**

- 🏆 IGS 2 - Oakbank
- 🏆 IGS 4- 0 - Salts
- 🏆 IGS 1-1 - South Craven
- 🏆 IGS 8-0 - Thornton
- 🏆 IGS 4-0 - Beckfoot

The year 9 girls football team played against Prince Henry's in the semi-final of the Leeds Cup. They dominated the game and played some brilliant football as they breezed past Prince Henry's winning 5-2.

- 🏆 **The team will play in the final** at South Leeds stadium.



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IGS year 7 boys football team through to semi-final!

The team won 5-1 away at Woodkirk School who had won their league. Will Smith got a hattrick (including a very cheeky chip) and Fin Warden got 2. This is such a great result and we're all looking forward to the next round.

Well done team!



Y10 Boys Football - Elland Road – Leeds City Cup Final!

The Y10 football team secured their place at the Leeds City Cup final, due to be hosted at Elland Road

Good luck in the final!

The Y10 team thoroughly enjoyed the match, settling in early and playing some brilliant football to secure a 4-1 win. Noah Taylor-Smith opened the scoring from an incredibly tight angle to the right of the goal. Will Farrar found lots of space and time in outside the box to unleash a brilliant left footed strike to find the top right corner - a sublime strike!

Ten minutes, after cutting inside, **Will came alive again**, producing an incredible lofted through ball to **Alex Pollard** who headed in at the back post. The boys were buoyant at half time, 3-0 up. After putting in a mammoth effort with a high press in the first half, the team slowed the play down and kept possession well. Crawshaw did manage to break away and get a goal mid-way through the second half, but **Noah Taylor-Smith** scored a second to secure his brace to restore the three-goal lead, eventually winning 4-1.

The whole team and all substitutes played an absolute blinder! Congratulations team – well deserved!

The y10 boys football team are keeping the cup double and treble hopes alive...

...after beating Ruth Gorse Academy 2-1 in the Quarter final of the 'Champions of Leeds Cup! After a long journey, they faced quite possibly the toughest half of football this season with an incredibly tenacious press from the Ruth Gorse side, full of speed and agility. Ruth Gorse did managed to squeeze a half volley in at the right hand corner deep into the first half. **IGS dug deep and made sure vital challenges were put in to keep the score at half time as 1-0 Ruth Gorse.** The second half saw IGS come alive and move through the gears whilst capitalising on Ruth Gorse showing some signs of tired legs. **Sam Smith** came on with 20 minutes to go and transformed the game with his hold up play and battling presence. The **two quickfire goals came from Oliver Ye and Dan Nicol.** The team will face Temple Moor or Cardinal Heenan in the semi-final at home.



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Y10 Girls Football

The year 10 girls football team progress to the final after a thrilling game

Annabelle Forster 10SB was the star of the show, but the whole team showed real fight and were very resilient to progress through to the Leeds City Cup final. The girls started the game better, playing some lovely through balls to get Garforth running to their own goal. This pressure paid off as they went 1-0 up in the first 10 minutes. They did not let this first goal stop them either as they kept the pressure on and scored quickly to make it 2-0. This sparked a fire in Garforth as they then started to play some lovely football, playing quick one twos to get in behind on the wings and get crosses in. However, they could not find the back of the net. The IGS girls could feel the pressure and were beginning to make mistakes. This allowed Garforth to be super dominant and take advantage of this by getting a goal back. Garforth kept dominating as the half got closer to a close, but with a superb break and the last kick off the half, IGS scored on the counterattack to make it 3-1 at half time.

The second half started as the first half finished, IGS struggling to keep hold of the ball, whilst Garforth. used their wingers to get crosses in the box. Both teams were doing all they could for their team showing real grit and determination to win the ball back for their team. Ilkley then improved their advantage by scoring another to make it 4-1 However, IGS were then down to 10 players due to a sending off. This then gave Garforth all the momentum as the scored straight from the free kick to make it 4-2, and soon after making it 4-3. It was a neryv last 5 minutes and IGS were holding on but with no luck as they conceded in the last minute of the game to make it 4-4 to head into extra time.

With a player less and some tired legs IGS took on the responsibility to sit deep for the first 10 minutes of the allocated 15 in extra time. They blocked everything and put their bodies on the line to make sure that Garforth had no big chances to score. Then in the last 5 minutes, Annabelle made a fantastic run and then slotted the ball into the top corner. With 2 minutes left on the clock, the girls again put their bodies on the line, booting the ball as far down the pitch as they could. This fantastic game ended 5-4 and they are through to the final. A massive well done to those involved as they showed **real character, determination, and resilience to win the game!** Good luck in the final.

Unfortunately, our year 11 football team were knocked out of the final against Mount St Mary's after suffering a 3-0 defeat at ITFC. A big well done for getting that far!

Gymnastics

U14 PAIRS ACRO



Huge well done to **Alyssa Bakkar and Emily Ginger** who were placed 2nd nationally in the **U14 Pairs Acro** competition! We are incredibly proud of all our IGS competing gymnasts!

British Schools Gymnastics National Final



Isla and Harris Barker and Grace Jackson – well done to all gymnasts, it's a fantastic achievement to get to the **British Schools National Final!**

Tennis

Sadly, the **UI8 Girls Aberdare National Cup** run came to an end after being beaten 5-1 by Pocklington, York. The team played in some challenging windy conditions down at ILTSC. **Alice Brook**, first seed, won her singles match 6-0 and sadly this marked her last competitive match for IGS. Alice has been a stalwart for IGS tennis and an aspirational figure for many of the younger IGS tennis players. She travels to the states in August to embark upon a 4-year tennis and education scholarship programme at Louisiana Tech Tennis.

📍 **We wish Alice the very best of luck and thank her for all of her unrivalled commitments to IGS extracurricular and PE.**

The **boys tennis team** booked a place in **Round 3** of the **National Glanville Cup** in Northern group 1 after **beating Kings Priory Tynemouth 6-0 at the Silkworth Tennis Centre, Sunderland!** Thomas Nailer, Daniel Nicol, Ben Winterbottom, Jack Winterbottom, and George Bayne made the journey up North. The team are determined to make the final again this year after reaching the finals for the first time ever in the school's history in 2023. In the next round they will face St Aidan's, Pocklington or St Peters. **good luck!**

Hockey

8 IGS boys who play hockey for the Ben Rhydding Hockey Club Under 16 A team went to Nottingham on Saturday 13th April to play in the **Boys National Final of the Under 16 Tier One Championship Vase competition.** They played a great game against very strong opposition and were narrowly beaten 7-5. To be runners up in a national championship is a great achievement – well done boys!

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| 📍 Leo Snedden | 📍 Joe Sugden |
| 📍 George Dudley | 📍 Freddie Graves |
| 📍 Alex Tate-Smith | 📍 Toby Lucas |
| 📍 Noah Taylor-Smith | 📍 Edward Barker |



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Mr Ford, Deputy Headteacher - Ilkley BID: All Saints Church

IGS parent/carers may be unaware of the **excellent and flexible spaces within All Saints church buildings**, and they have reached out to **Ilkley BID** to help them promote this. Whilst they already host a wide range of events, they are keen to understand how the spaces can better serve businesses as well as the wider community. There is a very short questionnaire [here](#) to gather local interest. If you would like to find out more about the All Saints Church Phase 2 Building Redevelopment Project, please go to www.allsaintsilkeley.org/phase2 Alternatively, if you'd like a personal tour of the church buildings and their plans for Phase 2, email office@allsaintsilkeley.org and they will be happy to arrange one for you.

Helen Rhodes: Ilkley BID Ltd

Useful Links & Email Addresses

- ♥ **Years 7-11 notifications of absence:** attendance@igs.mt.co.uk or, extension 2 if phoning school on the morning of an unforeseen absence
- ♥ **P-16 notifications of absence:** p16attendance@igs.mt.co.uk
- ♥ **Lettings and venue hire:** venuehire@igs.mt.co.uk
- ♥ **General enquiries:** admin@igs.mt.co.uk
- ♥ **Parents' evenings:** parentsevenings@igs.mt.co.uk
- ♥ **PTA:** PTA@igs.mt.co.uk

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](#)



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