



FORTNIGHTLY HIGHLIGHTS

Dear Parents/Carers,

This half-term signals the start of the options processes in Years 8,9 and 11. The year 9 process was launched this week in an extended assembly and is followed by Parents' Evening on Tuesday 30th January; the year 8 process will be launched with students on the 7th February with Year 8 Parents' Evening on Thursday 22nd February. For both year groups, there will then be an in-person Options Evening on Wednesday 6th March where the aim is to provide as much information as possible, so that students can make good decisions about their next steps.

The same philosophy governs our whole "choices" programme – whether it be advice and guidance to students in years 8 and 9; support to year 11 students making decisions about post-16 education; sixth formers exploring their options for higher education through universities, apprenticeships, employment or gap years; or the wider careers and next steps inspiration, advice and guidance that covers all our students. The aim is to ensure that our students are well-informed about their choices, so they can make the right decisions for them.

For year 11 students, Taster Day on Monday 29th January is an integral part of the options process as we welcome our Red Ties, as well as over 130 students from other schools, to have a taste of what it is like to be in the Sixth Form at IGS. All applicants will have the opportunity to sample lessons in the subjects they may choose for Post-16 and will experience the level of challenge which increases significantly from GCSE to A-Level. Subject choices and combinations may open up, as well as close off, the opportunities and pathways available to them when they leave school, so it is important that they are able to make informed decisions. Following Taster Day, the deadline for post-16 applications is Friday 9th February and student interviews will take place 27-29th February.

Over the last two weeks, we have enjoyed some excellent student success including in a wide range of sports. Details are provided in the sporting updates below. The winner of the IGS Battle of the Bands competition, "Shaded" have also competed in the Red Kite Alliance competition, featuring bands from schools across Leeds and North Yorkshire, at the Wardrobe in Leeds. It was a fantastic night of live music and we were very proud of our talented year 10 musicians who secured the audience's vote as the best band on the evening.

As many of our year 13 students are receiving offers from universities, conservatoires and for apprenticeships across the country, a record 13 students have been offered places at Oxford or Cambridge this year on a range of courses including History, Geography, Biochemical Science, Economics and Management, Physics, Languages, Natural Sciences and Maths. Applying to Oxbridge is always an extremely rigorous and character-testing experience and all students who put themselves forward for this process have demonstrated ambition, resilience and courage regardless of the final outcome. We look forward to sharing news of the full range of destinations and courses in due course.

Finally, we are also looking forward to our annual production of Grease which runs for 4 nights from Monday 5th February. Good luck to all of the students involved and a huge thank you to staff for making these events happen.

Have a lovely weekend.

Carly Purnell
Headteacher

Headteacher's Awards

Congratulations to the following students and the Y10 football team who were awarded the Headteacher Award over the last fortnight: Ellie Papworth 8GMS; Kierat Cheema 13AWD; Dan Yoshino-Bunting 8PDH; Alice Walsh 10ELN; Lydia Green 10JMP; Edith Eccles 10JMP; Kit Evans 10VEC; Betsy Burt 10AE; Francis McCann 10ELN; Zac Wilson 10AE; Dylan Hurst 11MTH **and the Year 10 football team:** Alex Pollard; Jake Norris; Humphrey Morton; Hamish Parker; Nawaz Isma-il; Charles Scott; Dan Nicoll; Robby Waite; Will Farrar; George Hannam; Samuel Smith; Charley Catchpole; Thomas Goodall; Noah Taylor-Smith

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 Ms. Cloughton: Curriculum Overviews

As you will be aware from last term's Parent Bulletin items and Schoolcomms emails, subject leaders have summarised their curriculum content into a digestible 'Curriculum Overview'. On these you will find the following:

What is being taught;

- The sequence it is being taught in;
- The 'powerful' knowledge in the curriculum for that subject- this is the most important knowledge that students need to know to be successful in the subject (e.g. key concepts and skills);
- What is being assessed;
- How you can support their learning further at home.

In addition to the Curriculum Overviews, please note there are age-appropriate 'wider reading lists' available by Key Stage [here](#) on our website; these reading lists are aimed at providing students with novels and interesting age-appropriate books and materials to read for pleasure.

To see how each subject builds year-on-year, please visit the [Subject Pages of our website](#).

Best wishes

Gemma Cloughton
Deputy Headteacher: Quality of Education

Netball

On Wednesday 24th January our U13 netball teams were back in action against Skipton Girls High School. The girls played two competitive games, and the girls played some excellent netball. Scores below:

- IGS A 17-2 SGHS – Player of the Match – **Beatrice Ritson**
- IGS B 2-4 SGHS – Player of the Match – **Sophia Couling**

IGS Cross Country Teams

were represented in large numbers at Northcliffe Park, Shipley, on Wednesday 17th Jan. <http://www.bsaa.org.uk/results/bsaa-xc-champs-2024-results/>

Opposite is a list of the **37 (!)** runners who qualified from the IGS team to represent the Bradford district at the West Yorkshire Schools Cross Country race at the Grammar School, Leeds, on **Saturday 3 February 2024**

Rugby

- Yr7, 8s played away to PHGS on 16th Jan.
- Yr7s played two mixed teams Vs PHGS A&B teams and played with spirit and courage but lost both games.
- Yr8s played PHGS B team and drew.
- Yr9 and Yr11 rugby played away to St John Fisher's CHS in Harrogate on 11th Jan. Yr9s won by 3 tries to 2 and the Y11s lost 39-32.

Football

Y10 sadly lost 4-0 to King James' Knaresborough on Friday 12th Jan in the ESFA national cup, but have had an incredibly cup run, reaching the last 32 out of 674 entries!
A valiant effort.

Yr7 G	Jessica	Rhea
	Sophie	Leijssen
	Mary	Goodyear
Yr7 B	Charlie	Porteous
	Tyler	Griffiths
	Isaac	Brewis
Y8-9 G	Marcie	Ford
	Heather	Crolla
	Chloe	Clarke
	Millie	Porteous
	Alice	Gardner
	Charlotte	Braham Smith
	Kathryn	Picken
	Courtney	O'Connor
	Chloe	Swithenbank
Yr8-9 B	James	Lee
	Robert	Carter
	Isaac	Keith
	Jacob	Robinson
	Adam	Disney
	Samuel	Woods
	Charlie	Hunter

Yr10-11 G	Jemima	Overend
	Matilda	Irvine
Yr10-11 B	Jake	Norris
	Oscar	Shinn
	Alexander	Wolfenden
	Daniel	Tomblin
	Nick	Ward
	Reuben	Tomblin
Yr12-13 G	George	Whittlestone
	Freya	Whiteside
	Beth	Rogers
Y12-13 B	Helena	Coy
	William	Askew
	Archie	Budding
	Callum	Dow



Ermysteds home Cross Country – Aireville Park, Skipton



Year 7:

IGS were crowned the overall team winners, with our top 4 counters Charlie Porteous, (1), Tyler Griffiths (2), Ned Bunney (9) and Jessica Rhea (12)

Pos	School	Scorers	non-scorers	Total
1	Ilkley	1,2,9,12	33,34,40	24
2	EGS A	3,6,8,15		32
3	Bingley	4,7,16,18		45

Year 8/9:

IGS finished 4th place in the Y8/9 category. Robert Carter (4), Jacob Robinson (14), Isaac Keith (16) and Adam Disney (23).

Pos	School	Scorers	non-scorers	Total
1	EGS A	1,3,5,7		16
2	St. Aidan's	2,6,9,12	17,25	24
3	EGS B	8,10,11,13		42
4	Ilkley A	4,14,16,23		57

Year 10/11:

IGS finished in 1st place in the team event with a 1, 2, 3 finish! Jake Norris (1), Alexander Wolfenden (2), Oscar Shinn (3) and George Whittlestone (5).

Pos	School	Scorers	Total
1	Ilkley	1,2,3,5	11
2	TSA	7,10,14	NA
3	Settle	4,11	NA

Year 11 hockey

The Year 11 hockey team were in action on Thursday at GSAL hoping to follow on from the success in the national competition last year. With a very close 2-2 draw against GSAL and a narrow defeat against Hall Cross the team were still able to progress as runners up to the North of England finals. **The team were superb and have learned a lot from their games and will be working on their areas to improve over the coming weeks.**



A polite reminder about pick up and drop off protocols

- ♥ Springs Lane Health Centre Car Park: This is private parking. Please will parents/carers refrain from picking up/dropping off in the Springs Lane Health Centre Car Park as these spaces are for users of the Health Centre only.
- ♥ Main Reception area driveway: Please note that parents/carers should avoid picking up and dropping off outside the main entrance to school at the start or the end of the school day unless a child is in the SRP or has physical needs requiring a pick-up/drop-off at the main entrance.
- ♥ Bus Laybys: Parents/Carers must not park in the bus laybys on Cowpasture Road or Wheatley Road.
- ♥ Considerate and Legal Parking: Please be considerate to our local neighbours and wider community. Please do not block local residents' driveways and remember to park legally and adhere to local parking restrictions (e.g do not park on the double yellow lines, even if only staying for a short time)



Ilkley Grammar School sent an all-star team of chemists to the 'Top of the Bench' competition on Wednesday.

This long running competition put on by the Royal Society of Chemistry at the impressive Chemistry Department at the University of York, attracts the best schools in the region and is very competitive. Winners of the Yorkshire heat go through to the nationals in Edinburgh later this year.

Our IGS students did a fantastic job, and I was proud to have them representing our school. They tackled the tasks logically and their teamwork was evident at all times. The winners of the day were Bradford Grammar School but in raw scores it was all very close. Above are some photos, and below are brief summaries of the tasks from each of the team members. **Dr Marshall**

Emelyn McCann (Year 11)

We first had 5 different written tasks to do together as a team. These involved some GCSE Chemistry but also general chemistry knowledge and skills such as memorisation and skim-reading. For example, we had 7 minutes to skim through the 'Chemistry Review' magazine and find as many answers to a set of questions as possible. We were also asked questions on the topic of water.

Luke Armstrong (Year 9)

Next, we had the task of launching a small rocket. Two reactants were combined with water and when the gas pressure had built up, the rocket would launch. Closest team to 1 minute delay wins! We therefore had to experiment to find the best combination of water and reactants, by finding the correct measurements of each substance. We carried out multiple test launches with the best one being 13 seconds away from the one-minute mark (47 seconds).

Ismail Mahboob (Year 9)

In the next practical challenge, we had to work out the relative densities of 4 coloured liquids! We had to do this by seeing which would float to the top. This task was difficult as some of the liquids would mix together and was hard to observe which liquid was denser.

Besty Burt (Year 10)

For our chromatography challenge we need to work out who the 'culprit' was by analysing their pen ink against suspect samples. This is a practical we do in Year 9 so we were confident setting up the equipment and allowing the dye to run until you could work out what different colours were in the mixture.

GR8 Minds Information for Schools



Ilkley Grammar School currently offers a GR8 Minds Children's Mental Health Service, which is an NHS service provider by Wharfedale, Airedale & Craven GP Alliance. <https://www.wacalliance.co.uk>



There is a clinic running alternate Thursdays and every Friday morning by Sharon Cope. Any pupils who wish to access the service, must make themselves known to the pastoral team, or Head of Year, who will then organise an appointment.

The team provide 1:1 support with a range of issues such as:

- ♥ stress and anxiety
- ♥ self-confidence and self-esteem
- ♥ exercise
- ♥ sleep
- ♥ education
- ♥ behavioural issues
- ♥ social support
- ♥ special needs
- ♥ long-term health conditions/disabilities
- ♥ bereavement
- ♥ family changes such as divorce or relationship breakdown

You may be seen by a qualified counsellor or a Social Prescribing Practitioner. At the end of the appointments, you may be encouraged to access specialist health care services or extra-curricular activities which can further support your health and wellbeing.





**UNASHAMEDLY
AMBITIOUS**

Deadline: End of HT4
See Mr Revell's email for
details.

KS3 ILKLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL ENGLISH ESSAY COMPETITION

Y7

How does Dickens use his literary works to bring about social change?

Y8

How does Shakespeare explore injustice in his plays?

Y9

What does Romeo and Juliet teach us about human nature?

**PRIZES TO
BE WON!**



**The English Department
would like to celebrate the
creativity and independence
shown by Zia Hart in Y8 for her
gothic dress. She designed and
then made the dress as part of
her Olicana Scholars portfolio.
We were blown away
by her talents!**

As part of our Year 12 IT Qualification, students are required run a social media account for a business over a 6 – 8-week period. If parent, carers know of any small businesses who would be willing to allow students to plan and create contents/posts for social media on behalf of the business, please can you get in touch with gemma.smith@igs.mlt.co.uk or victoria.brides@igs.mlt.co.uk



PRIDE



RESPECT



COURAGE



RESPONSIBILITY



KINDNESS



RESILIENCE

It was a cold and icy night, but the **Wardrobe was the hottest venue in Leeds** as the groups and audience gathered for the first ever Red Kite Alliance Battle of the Bands on Thursday 18th January. In the autumn term, the participating schools selected, with some staging their own Battle of the Bands, the band that would represent their school at the final showdown at the Wardrobe.

The participating schools were:

- 🎵 **Nameless** (Prince Henry's Grammar School) performing 'Gimme Gimme Gimme' by ABBA
- 🎵 **Vertigo** (Temple Moor High School) performing 'Riskin' it all' by Day of the Jackal
- 🎵 **Epsilon** (Lawnswood School) performing 'Black' by Pearl Jam
- 🎵 **Purple Iris** (Crawshaw Academy) singing an original composition, 'The Piper'
- 🎵 **TBC** (Pudsey Grammar School) singing 'Never Gonna Give You Up' by Rick Astley
- 🎵 **Purple Soul** (Benton Park School) performing 'Canned Heat' by Jamiroquai
- 🎵 **Sondiko Flares** (Harrogate Grammar School) singing 'Beggin' by Maneskin
- 🎵 **Bleach'd** (Guisley School) singing an original composition, 'Night'
- 🎵 **George and the Gingers** (Roundhay School) singing 'Hard Times' by Paramore
- 🎵 **Shaded** (Ilkley Grammar School) singing 'The Chain' by Fleetwood Mac
- 🎵 **Yacht Club** (Allerton Grange) singing 'Locked Out of Heaven' by Bruno Mars



The eleven bands battled it out in front of a judging panel including leading figures from the music industry. The judges were Simon Rix (Kaiser Chiefs, Holy Moly Management), Sally Bryant (A&R / Artist Manager, Dance To The Radio / Futuresound) and Sam Nicholls (aka whiskas – Music:Leeds / Launchpad).

While the judges deliberated the audience was treated to a further set played by Manchester band, Signifying Nothing, which included two Ilkley Grammar School alumni pupils, Edgar and Tom.

Every band was supported by friends, family and members of staff and the venue was packed out with people enjoying the atmosphere and cheering on their group.

There was a huge range of talent on display with groups singing songs ranging from classics by bands such as ABBA and Fleetwood Mac to Jamiroquai and even original songs from Year 10 students at Crawshaw Academy and A Level students at Guiseley School.

Every performer and group had won the opportunity to perform at a professional venue and in that sense it was an opportunity of a lifetime for all of them. It was the last band of the night to play, Yacht Club, made up of students Niamh, Eddie, Luke, Krisha and Lilia from Allerton Grange, that ultimately took the overall prize with their song 'Locked out of Heaven', which really got the crowd on their feet. Harrogate Grammar School took second place with particularly impressive vocal performances in 'Beggin' and Temple Moor High School took third with a heavy metal number 'Riskin' it all', with the musicians standing out for their stage presence.

It was Ilkley Grammar School that won the audience vote with their performance of The Chain by Fleetwood Mac described by one audience member as 'an absolute banger!'

Perhaps one day all those who attended will look back, as people must do with the Kaiser Chiefs, and say 'I was there'. There was certainly a huge amount of talent on display from across all the schools. There are already plans for RK BOTB 2025 and it is exciting to think of what talent is waiting in the wings, ready to represent their school next year.

This fantastic event was conceived, planned and delivered by Nick Peters, Music Teacher at Ilkley Grammar School with support from the Head of Creative Arts at IGS, Jess Womack, Head of Music Vic Chapman, judging panel created by Sam Nicholls (Music:Leeds, Launchpad) and invaluable support from Sue Lewis from the Red Kite Alliance. A shout out too to the IGS backstage/front of house (Francis, Zac, Dylan and Sam) who worked with staff at the Wardrobe to deliver the event as well as to Rory from IGS who was our photographer for the evening. A huge thanks as well to all these dedicated members of staff and students for making the first RKA BOTB 2024 such a success and to all the music staff across all the participating schools for their support of their bands and with the event.

The participating schools and organisers are also incredibly grateful to the staff and the sound team at the Wardrobe who ensured that the event had a truly professional feel.



Ilkley Grammar School Presents.



WE GO TOGETHER
GREASE
19 THE MUSICAL 59

Adults £9
Concessions £7.50

7pm, Main Hall
Ilkley Grammar School
Monday 5th- Thursday 8th February

Tickets available to purchase from Parent Pay



TRW
Theatrical Rights Worldwide

You are invited to this year's school production of **Grease**, which will take place on Monday 5th, Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th February 2024. The performances will begin at 7pm in B Hall, in the main school building and doors will be open from 6:45pm.

I'm delighted to inform you that tickets are on sale and can be purchased on Parent Pay. Ticket prices are as follows:

Adults £9
Concessions £7.50

Please be aware that some of our lead roles have been double cast, with different students performing each evening; if you are coming to watch someone perform, please check which night(s) they are performing before purchasing your ticket.

Refreshments will be available to purchase before the performances and during the interval. Please bring cash for these purchases.

We look forward to four fantastic evenings of performances and hope you will be able to join us.

Fancy your chances at the



QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT



ILKLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL
A WHOLEMOUTH CELEBRATING TRUST ACADEMY



Friday 15th March 2024
Ilkley Grammar School "B Hall"
Bar opens 7pm. Quiz starts 7:30pm

Back by Popular Demand!

Includes supper –
meat or veggie
curry AND dessert.




742126 TICKETS £15 per person
Come as a team OR join a table on the night.
Link also on IGS PTA webpage & IGS PTA facebook page.
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CLICK TO BUY TICKETS:-

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/ilkleygrammarschool/index.cfm>

You are warmly invited to come along to the PTA Quiz & Curry Night where the quizmaster will be our very own Arron Hefferin and there will be a band 'Sand Dollar' which will be playing from 7pm (featuring recent PTA chair Jane Wearing).

Click [PTA Events](#) to order tickets and curry (dessert included)!

