



FORTNIGHTLY HIGHLIGHTS

This week, we have said goodbye to our year 11 and 13 students as they start their study leave in preparation for their GCSE, BTEC, A-Level and level 3 applied examinations.

As is a well-established tradition at IGS, year 13 students donned their old year 11 uniforms and came together one last time in B: Hall to celebrate their success and look back at their very memorable school journey. They have been a brilliant year group, and it has been a privilege to watch them blossom into exceptional young adults – we are all really proud of them. We wish them all the very best for the weeks ahead and for their next steps whether that involves university, apprenticeship, conservatoire, employment, or travel. Good luck year 13 and thank you for everything you have contributed to the school!



Our year 11 students also came together as a year group of “Red Ties” to enjoy their final leavers’ assembly following the ceremonial shirt signing. There was a wonderful celebratory atmosphere with a range of awards, photo and video memories and fantastic musical performances showcasing the range of talent amongst our “Remarkable Reds”. I hope they have all forged some strong friendships and have many positive memories from the last 5 years at IGS, and that they go on to their next steps not only with grades which reflect their Personal Best, but also the confidence, qualities and the core values to make a positive difference.

We wish all of our examination students, including some students in year 10 and those sitting AS exams in year 12, the very best of luck as they tackle the exams ahead and demonstrate their knowledge, skills and understanding.

Best wishes,
Carly Purnell

Headteacher’s Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded the Headteacher Award over the last fortnight:

Jake Cox 7FPW; Harry Ward 9MSB; Annabelle Forster 10SB; George Bayne 11KLW; Will Lister 12PPB; Ben Burniston 12TJB; Albert Pilling 7ARJ; Aishika Samanta 9JLF/CW; Rose Hunter 9HWG; Henry Ritz 10LIR

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.



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Year 10 Parent/Carers Information Evening

Mrs Capstick, Assistant Headteacher, will be hosting a **Year 10 Parent/Carers Information Evening** on the **14th of May from 6pm-7pm in B Hall** which will explore ‘How Students Learn’ as well as sharing effective revision techniques. You are warmly invited to attend with your child, should they wish to join you. If you would like to attend, please fill in the Microsoft Form [here](#).



Emergency Procedures

On the back of recent news and incidents enforcing lockdowns in schools, we have revisited our protocols. Please be assured that we base our protocols on the Guide, Shelter, Report recommendations issued by the Metropolitan Police, and we have measures in place should there be a need for a precautionary ‘soft’ lockdown, a full lockdown or an emergency site evacuation. Whilst we hope that we never have to action these measures, it is, of course, prudent to have them in place and ensure they are revisited and reviewed regularly.

Sport Updates

**Well done everyone on making the Leeds Cup finals. Another hugely successful year!
Good luck in the finals!**

Football Finals!

Friday 10 th May	Monday 13 th May	Thursday 16 th May	Thursday 16 th May	Friday 17 th May	DATE TBC
U16 Girls Leeds Cup Ilkley v Cardinal Heenan South Leeds Stadium 5.30.p.m	Under 15 Boys Champions of Leeds Final South Leeds Stadium 5.30.p.m.	Under 14 Girls Champions of Leeds Final Wetherby F.C. Lodge Lane, LS22, 5.15.p.m	Under 12 Boys Champions of Leeds Final Wetherby F.C. Lodge Lane, LS22 4.00p.m	U16 Ilkley v Cardinal Heenan South Leeds Stadium 5.30. p.m.	Under 15 Boys Leeds Cup Final Elland Road



Hockey

Congratulations to **Neve Curtin 7BLS** who has been selected to play hockey for West Yorkshire.

Cricket

The year 7 girls cricket team travelled to HGS to play a friendly fixture. **IGS scored 260** in their pairs and then HGS could only respond by scoring 220. Well done team!

Congratulations to **Edward Brook 8PDH** (seen in action below) who was selected to represent Yorkshire U13's County Cricket Club on Wednesday 8th May, for the match against Cumbria at Olicanian CC.



Golf

Bracken Ghyll Golf Club

Second annual
staff and student
golf event
Wednesday 1st
May 2024



On Wednesday 1st May, we held our second annual staff and student golf event up at Bracken Ghyll Golf Club. This year we had **Team Crisp vs Team Walton**, with 23 students and 10 staff involved. Every year group from Year 8 to Year 13 were represented.

We had an overall competition which was won this year by Team Walton (congratulations!) and individual competitions.

- Best score: Jamie Kemp (50 points)
- Nearest the pin on hole 5: Zac Ayre
- Nearest the pin on hole 17: Benji Hammond
- Nearest the pin on hole 18: Finn Newberry
- Longest drive: Jamie Lee

It was great to see so many smiling faces and the encouragement that all the staff and students gave each other. It was a fantastic evening, and we are looking forward to next year's event.



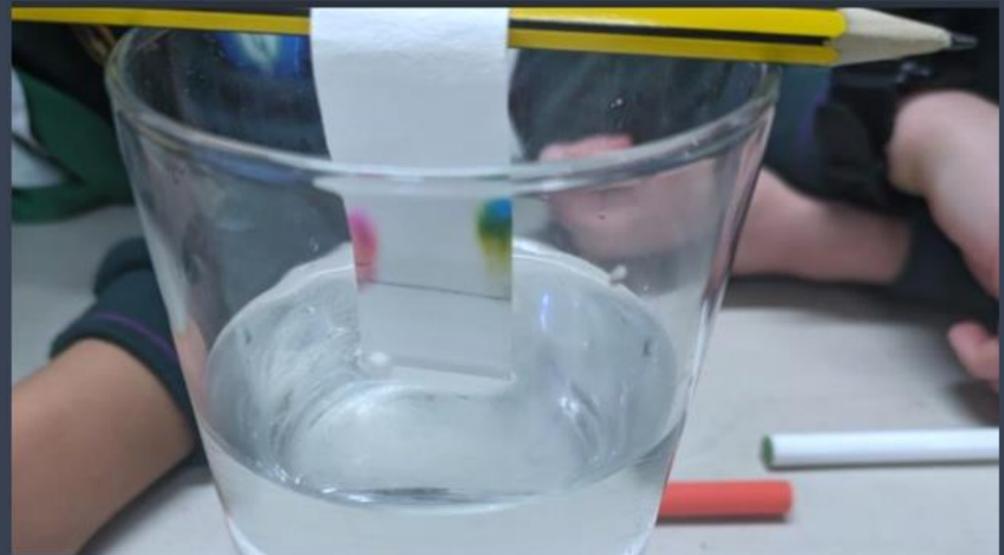
Darius Cizmas9JLF/CW helped the local Cubs group achieve their scientist badge this week by demonstrating and explaining a chromatography investigation, and then getting the primary school students do it themselves.



Being able to explain difficult scientific concepts using appropriate language and models is an important skill.

Also, thank you to Mr Hussain in the Chemistry Dept for pointing Darius in the right direction with this.

Well done Darius!



Chess Tournament



The tournament took part over two days - one in November and one on Friday 26th April. 32 teams started with 15 from schools across Bradford. Teams were whittled down to 24 for the final part. The games were played with great sportsmanship and were very intense at times. Although there was a valiant effort from both our A and B teams, IGS finished 5th and 12th respectively. The Grammar School at Leeds were overall and worthy winners.

Huge thanks to the Yorkshire Chess Association for arranging a great event, which would have taken lots of organisation and planning, and to St Bede's and St Joseph's for hosting. The association will be looking to arrange another tournament next year, where we hope to achieve even better results than this year. Special thanks to Joy Heyworth for transporting us on a Friday afternoon.



IGS A team
Callum Whitton
Daisy Fox
Alexander Rawse
Matthew Rodriguez

IGS B team
Dan Yoshino-Bunting
Thomas Mays
Isaac Smith
James Kennedy

Calling IGS Orchestra Students - auditions!



The City of Leeds Youth Orchestra and City of Leeds Youth Wind Orchestra auditions will be held on Saturday 15th June and Sunday 16th June. Applicants must be aged between 11 and 18 years old and of at least Grade 6 standard on their instrument.

You must be a resident in Leeds or attending a Leeds school/college (anybody from outside of Leeds will be subject to review). The deadline to apply is 2pm on 26th May 2024. Please complete the google form: <https://forms.gle/sCCeyFGNsYrPeDW47>.

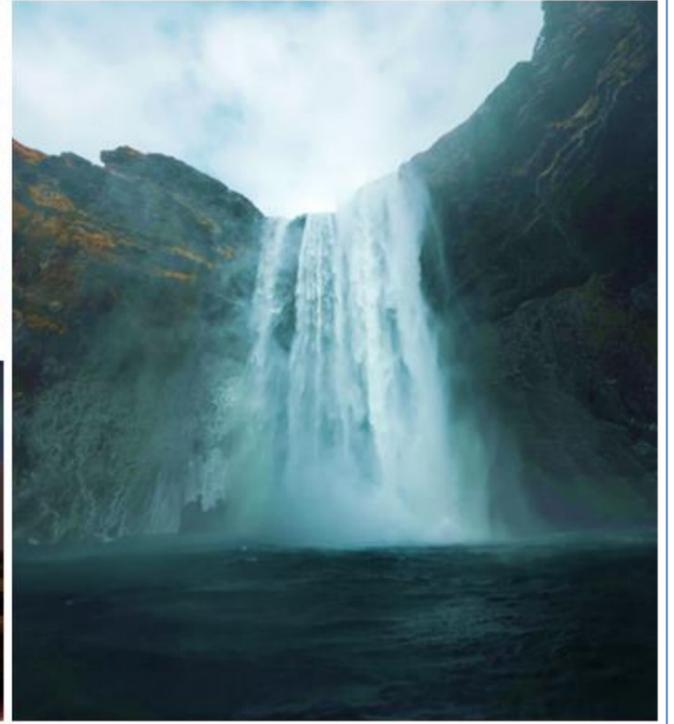
If you have any further questions, please contact via educ.artforms@leeds.gov.uk or 0113 3782850.





ICELAND TRIP

Easter 2024



Our Icelandic Experience - Anna Heierman-Rix 13KF and Lucy Bentley 13MO

- ♥ Flying from Manchester on the first Saturday of the Easter holidays, the adventure started even before we had landed, as we caught sight of the ongoing eruption taking place on the Reykjanes peninsula.
- ♥ Upon arrival, there were several short stops enroute to the capital city of Reykjavik, where we settled into our accommodation at the youth hostel. The weather was just above freezing, however, a warm evening was had making new friends, singing, and toasting marshmallows around the campfire as well as a short glimpse of the Northern Lights.

The following morning, we travelled to the 'greenhouse town' of Hveragerði. At first, it sounded rather bland: a bunch of greenhouses! Why travel to Iceland? However, by the end of the stop even the most disinterested non-geographers became intrigued by these greenhouses solely powered by geothermal energy. We made our way up to a short walk just outside of the town to a hot spring walk. This was followed by the visit to two wonderfully wet waterfalls! The first, Seljalandsfoss, provided the unique opportunity to walk behind the cascading water, with spray soaking each of us. A couple of hundred meters away, we then got even more soaked when entering the hidden waterfall known as **Gljúfrabúi (or Canyon Dweller)**. **We carried along the south coast towards the town of Vík**, with our guide Roger pointing out each and every bit of the wonderful countryside and explaining the history of the area. Eventually we reached a headland where there were stunning views along the coast, and we caught the first glimpse of the famous black sand beaches of Iceland along with some classic coastal landforms, such as arches and stacks. The evening entertainment was the unique experience of visiting the Lava Show, where we sat in a classroom sized room and lava at 1000°C was poured down a short slope and the presenter educated us on its properties whilst using a long stick to 'play' with the lava. To cap off the most spectacular day, **we were lucky enough to see the Northern Lights**.

On day three, the huge icy blue glacier of Sólheimajökull stretched out gracefully before us waiting to be climbed. The climbing on the glacier on the other hand, was not quite so elegant with crampons being the accessory of choice – those spikey metal contraptions strapped to your boots forcing even the most stable of us to trudge, or more rightly described as waddle clumsily, around the colossal ice formations. After a day of embarrassing stumbles and desperately trying not to fall into a crevasse, we had quite the appetite for the cinnamon buns we were treated with after in the small town below, which looked over the area devastated by the Eyjafjallajökull eruption in 2010. We then arrived at the perfect picture postcard waterfall of **Skógafoss**. Some elected to walk to the top and gain a new perspective of the waterfall, while others stayed at the bottom waiting for the famous rainbow to appear in the spray at the bottom. We then visited an interactive museum to learn all about the volcanism in Iceland, and the history of eruptions, and the impact this has had on the country.

The final day, we woke early and managed to get a relaxing dip in the Secret Lagoon, a natural hot spring. This was followed by the classic 'Golden Circle' tour. First stop was the world-famous geyser, Strokkur, erupting almost 20m high and located next to the original geyser called Geysir which is now dormant and lent its name to the natural phenomenon. This was followed by a stop at Gullfoss, the fourth waterfall on our visit, with this one being by far the largest and incredibly impressive. Finally, the rift valley at **Pingvellir**, where the world's first parliament met and the clear boundary showing where the North American and Eurasian plates are moving apart. All of these sights were truly magnificent and exceeded expectations.

From the minute we landed in Iceland, our days were packed full of spectacular Icelandic scenery, from the incredible heights of **Skógafoss** waterfall to the geographical wonders of the hot springs. One of the most incredible moments of the trip was going for short walks at night with the Northern Lights perfectly painted above us. The trip was full of so many opportunities for adventure and elation, **we would visit again in a heartbeat**.



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AUCTION OF PROMISES

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IGS PTA
Auction of
Promises 2024

The PTA plans to run its **Auction of Promises** for 2024 in May/June of this year, to raise much needed funds for the school. Our last auction took place in 2022 and raised a significant amount of money.

We are urgently looking for auction lots and anything you can offer would be very gratefully received. In the past we have had around 100 lots, so please do consider what you might be able to offer, be it dog walking, babysitting, car washing, gift vouchers, cakes or other yummy foodstuffs, a weekend in a holiday home, professional or other practical services. **All offers are hugely appreciated!**

If you would like to offer a gift or a service, please get in touch with us with details via PTA@ilkleygs.co.uk or email us and drop any pre-agreed donations into reception at school. If you don't have a specific lot to offer, but would still like to support, for a minimum sponsorship fee of £100, your company banner could appear on the auction site, and be seen by all the visitors to the IGS auction (which can run to several thousand people). We look forward to hearing from you! **Many thanks in advance for your help. The PTA Auction of Promises**

Ilkley Pool and Lido Community Group Survey

The Ilkley Pool and Lido is currently operating at circa 280K deficit and is under threat of closure in the Bradford Council review of all leisure facilities. Ilkley Pool and Lido Community Group, a committed group of Ilkley residents, are conducting a survey to understand what would increase usage of the Ilkley Pool and Lido.



The group have held two public meetings and are developing proposals to secure the long-term future of the site and facilities through partnership with BMDC or community ownership of the pool, lido and grounds. We believe the Pool and Lido are key to the health, and prosperity of the town's residents and businesses. We aim to protect the Ilkley Pool and Lido and wider site to ensure its facilities are available for the benefit of the Ilkley and wider community now and in the future. In order to do this, we need information from the Ilkley and user community.

Please do help us by completing this survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XP5BGWL>

Many thanks,

Becky Malby (Chair), Paul Stephens (Secretary), Carl Akeroyd, Jacki Barson, Annette Bearpark, Joanne Bown, Cath Brownlee, Chris Cody, Joanne Coles, Di Lury, Juliet O'Callaghan, John Pegington, Debbie Rosen, Davy Simpson, Roger Tilbrook, Jo Tinker.

Ilkley Pool and Lido Community Group

<https://ilkleylidoandpool.co.uk/> 07974777309



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IGS is participating in
No Mow May again this year!
which means we're letting all
the grass around school grow
by not mowing for a
whole month!



How to take part – by **registering your lawn or green space [here](#)** it helps **Plantlife** to better understand the total number and size of lawns the UK is letting grow for nature. *Thank you!*



Why are we doing this?

- We've lost approximately 97% of flower-rich meadows since the 1930's and with them gone are vital food needed by pollinators, like bees and butterflies.
- But our school (and your lawn at home) can help! A healthy lawn with some long grass and wildflowers benefits wildlife, tackles pollution and can even lock away carbon below ground. With over 20 million gardens in the UK, even the smallest grassy patches add up to a significant proportion of land.

Useful Links & Email Addresses

♥ Years 7-11 notifications of absence: 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

♥ Lettings and venue hire: venuehire@igs.mlt.co.uk

♥ General enquiries: admin@igs.mlt.co.uk

♥ Parents' evenings: parentsevenings@igs.mlt.co.uk

♥ PTA: PTA@igs.mlt.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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