



FORTNIGHTLY HIGHLIGHTS

It has been a very busy first two weeks of the final half-term with a range of events and activities that continue to engage our students. These have included the bronze Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition where students demonstrated teamwork and resilience whilst gaining valuable experience in preparation for their qualifying weekend on June 29th/30th. GCSE geography students have completed fieldwork, history students have visited the Cold War Bunker in York, and 100 business and maths students toured the Etihad Stadium, learning about its operation as a business and gaining insights into the behind-the-scenes world of professional sport.

The opportunities for high-level competitive sport continue with our under 18s tennis team securing their place in the national Glanville Cup for the second consecutive year. Our year 7 football team reached the final of the Leeds League Cup and our U14 girls team were runners up in the Leeds Football League and the Leeds Cup. I was privileged to be able to watch both the year 7 and 9 teams in their recent football finals and, although on the day we weren't able to secure the victories they deserved, both teams played with pride and determination and were a credit to the school and their families.

This week, year 10 students have benefitted from mock interviews, honing their skills and building confidence for future job opportunities. Creative arts festival rehearsals are also well underway, with students showcasing their talents and preparing for what promises to be great events on the 3rd and 4th July. There will be a full write up of these events in subsequent editions of the bulletin.

Additionally, our exam calendar has been in full stride with GCSE, BTEC and A-level exams taking place, alongside Year 12 mock exams. Our students are tackling these important public examinations and assessments with determination and focus, and we are immensely proud of their hard work and commitment. We wish all the students with remaining exams next week the very best of luck!

Preparations for the student election, which will run alongside the national election, are progressing well. Next week also sees our Next Steps week for year 12 students, our trained ball crew will be on the courts at the world-class Lexus Ilkley Trophy Tournament and many of our year 11s will be celebrating in style at their prom.

We will also be launching a consultation on a change to the mobile phone policy for September 2024. This will be sent to parent/carers for your feedback next week and we would appreciate you taking the time to give us your views before we make a final decision.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,
Carly Purnell

Headteacher's Awards

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

Alfie Gardner 7BLS; Beau Fisher 8IFL; Alex Stewart 9AHF; Max Bucktrout 10JMP; Tom Goodall 10LIR; Harriet Kelly 12REB; David Sido 8LJD; Thomas Mays 9PC; Mollie Evans 10LIR; Lois Skelton 12REB; **Under 14 Girls Football Team** – Beth Bee 8FB; Millie Porteous 9AHF; Evelyn Kennedy 9HGW; Julia Juan Iglesias 9NRP; Emily Wood 9ERE; Madeleine Kealey 9ERE; Jessica McKay 9AJM; Hannah Miles 9NRP; Lexie White 9HGW; India Webster 9HGW; Chloe Clarke 9NRP; Sophie White 9PSW; Sophie Swann 9EAL and Kate Foley 9HGW.

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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Ms. Cloughton: Deputy Headteacher - 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](#).

Transition & College Information for Years 10, 11

YEAR 11: Has your son/daughter made a successful application to Craven College and they're due to start a course there in September 2024?

In case you're unaware, they are holding a 'Future Student Morning' on **Wednesday 26th June 2024**.

Please follow the link to access further information and book a place! <https://www.craven-college.ac.uk/event/future-student-morning-3/>

*If your son/daughter is studying at an alternative college, they will also be hosting similar events. We encourage such students to keep watching their email inbox for invitations which will be sent their way soon. NB: for many colleges, attendance can be compulsory in order to indicate the continued intention to study with them in September!

***For those students remaining at IGS**, our Y11 into Y12 Transition Day will take place on **Tuesday 25th June 2024** – further details we be emailed to students in due course!

YEAR 10: Is your son/ daughter considering studying at college in September 2025?

Craven College is offering all prospective students an opportunity to attend a 'Taster Morning' on **Tuesday 2nd July 2024** to sample all the courses and facilities the college has to offer. Please follow the link for further details and to securely book a place! <https://www.craven-college.ac.uk/event/year-10-taster-day/#:~:text=Are%20you%20in%20Year%2010,ONE%20workshop%20for%20this%20event.>

U13 Boys Tennis

A team of 5 Y7/8 tennis players attended the U13 Bradford Grammar Doubles Tournament on Monday 3rd June. The boys played 5 teams on the day, playing against both pairs from the opposition in 15-minute timed games. They faced Bradford Grammar, St Peters, Manchester Grammar School, Harrogate Grammar A and Harrogate Grammar B. **They finished in 3rd place on the day, following a fantastic morning of tennis.** Oscar Greveson, Ben Winterbottom, Freddy Hird, George Charlton and Tom Sugden made up the squad.

Results below:

- Lost 4-0 Vs Manchester Grammar
- Won 4-0 Vs Harrogate Grammar B
- Won 3-1 Vs Bradford Grammar
- Won 3-0 (1 draw) Vs St Peters
- Won 3-1 Vs Harrogate A



U13 Girls Tennis

IGS Y7 girls enjoyed a morning of competitive tennis at Bradford Grammar School on Monday 10th June.

The team played singles and doubles matches vs Bradford Grammar School and St Peters.

It was a brilliant experience for the girls, and a step up in level for many of them, facing much faster serves and strong, powerful groundstrokes. **Sophie Nicoll, Imogen White, Millie Burniston, Emily Cotterill and Hayley O'Brien** made up the team. They were all very resilient and valued the court experience. Sophie Nicoll won 2 singles games and a double with Imogen White!

U18 Boys Tennis Team! Fantastic Achievements

The team have booked a place at the **Glanville Cup National finals**, running 25-28th June in Nottingham for the second year running, making more history, after only competing for the first time in IGS history last year!

They beat Bradford Grammar 5-1 last night in a tense 3-hour duel in the regional group final and will now join 15 other group winners at finals week!

Thomas Nailer, Jack Winterbottom, Ben Winterbottom and Daniel Nicoll played last night, with George Bayne our reserve unavailable. A mammoth achievement from them once again.



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Our Under 15 girls beat South Craven school by 15 runs in the Yorkshire Cup - hoping to retain their Yorkshire Champions status

The pitch was slow and was not allowing the batters to play expansive shots, so it was a low scoring game with IGS reaching a total of 86 off their 20 overs. Imogen Hibbitt played a crucial role opening the batting; she was very resilient and only got out with 1 over left, allowing the batters at the other end to play their shots and run hard in-between the wickets.

IGS then followed this up by fielding incredibly well and bowling tightly. Iona Burgess was the pick of the bowlers after getting South Craven's most dangerous player out - she ended up with 2 wickets. Sophie Parker and Heather Crolla also picked up 2 wickets each.

Well done!



Well done again to Edward Brook 8PDH who has been selected for the U13 Yorkshire CCC County Age Group 2024 Phase I County Age Group Selection.

Our Under 15 boys progress through to the next round of the cup with Jack Winterbottom scoring a breathtaking 104 of just 69 balls to set IGS up for 164 off their 20 overs. The boys then bowled fantastically well, bowling Prince Henry's out for just 88. Wickets were shared about between all the bowlers - Jack Winterbottom, Taran Singh, and Will Campbell all taking 2 wickets a piece.



The inaugural Staff vs Year 12 students' dodgeball event took place on the 20th May, organised by the Year 12 Mental Health Champions as part of National Mental Health Awareness week. It was a hard-fought competition with some heroic efforts from both staff members and students but, in the end, the students won commandingly with a score of 5-0! A huge thank you goes to both the students and staff members that took part, as well as the students that organised a fab event.



The Y12 Level 3 Higher Sports Leaders led a fantastic assessed Inclusive Sports Day on Friday 23rd May with students from Inclusive Learning and the Specialist Resource Provision. All students and leaders had great fun, and it was amazing to see the confidence of students grow in a variety of athletic events. The maturity and patience of the 6th form Sports Leaders coaching the students was exemplary. The students enjoyed shot put, javelin, discus, hurdles, relay, long/triple jump and sprints.



IGS Girls Football Successes



U16 at South Leeds Stadium



U14 in Wetherby

The IGS football girls have had their most successful season yet!

Girls' football is the fastest growing sport at IGS. We have competitive teams in each year group, participation numbers are up, and a rising number of girls are playing in football clubs and academies outside of school.

The girls played in four Leeds finals this term. **U14 girls are runners up in the Leeds Football League and in the Leeds Cup.**

The most silverware has yet again been received by our U16 girls who have won the Leeds Football League and the Leeds Cup for the second year running. This is a first in IGS football history! Congratulations to all the footballers who have been involved this year!



Year 7 Leeds League Cup Finalists!

The Y7 boys did brilliantly to reach the final of the **Leeds League Cup**. They were one of 35 teams to start the season, so to reach the final was a great achievement. Sadly, they came up short in the final with a defeat to Farnley Academy. It was a hard-fought game in tough conditions, and they showed great pride throughout their performance. We are very proud of them, and we go again next year!

Athletics

The West Yorkshire Schools Athletics Championships took place on Saturday 8th of June at Leeds Beckett University. Frances Parsons-Y8 (100m), Marcie Ford-Y8 (800m), Lizzie Reilly-Y12 (800m), Beth Rogers-Y13 (1500m) and Heather Crolla-Y8 (discus) represented Bradford schools. **Well done to all the athletes!**

Beth Rogers-Y13 and Archie Budding-Y12 were both selected in the 1500m to represent West Yorkshire at the English Schools Championship later this Summer. **Good luck!**



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Rob Burrow



Staff Vs Sports Council Sports week 1st – 4th July

A heads up, that the Sports Council iLeaders group at IGS will be taking part in the annual charity fundraiser week commencing Monday 1st July. This year, they are hosting a ‘**Staff Vs Student Sport week**’. The Sports council team will be taking on the IGS staff teams in a series of lunchtime team sports, with a culminating evening of football and rounders at Ben Rhydding Sports Club on Thursday 4th July.

The event will be raising funds for two sources. **50% of proceeds raised will be directed towards Leeds Hospitals Charity - Rob Burrow’s Centre for MND(A)** and **50% going towards a new Cross Country/Athletics kit to continue to promote our phenomenal success at district, regional and national level.** To find out more about our chosen charity, which is obviously very close to many hearts given the recent passing of Rob Burrow, [click here](#)

If you or your child are interested in attending the culminating Football and Rounders matches on the evening of Thursday 4th July at Ben Rhydding Sports Club then the rounders game will start at 3:45pm and the football at 4:30pm. Entrance tickets to the 3G astroturf to watch the matches will be available from Tuesday 18th June via ParentPay. There will be additional catering including hot and cold beverages, a variety of snacks and warm food on offer by the IGS catering team on the night.

If you would like to donate to the Staff Vs Students Sport Week event, please do so on ParentPay from Tuesday 18th June.



Daniel Tomblin, IIMTH, will be taking part in a sponsored swim in the school pool on Friday 28th June.

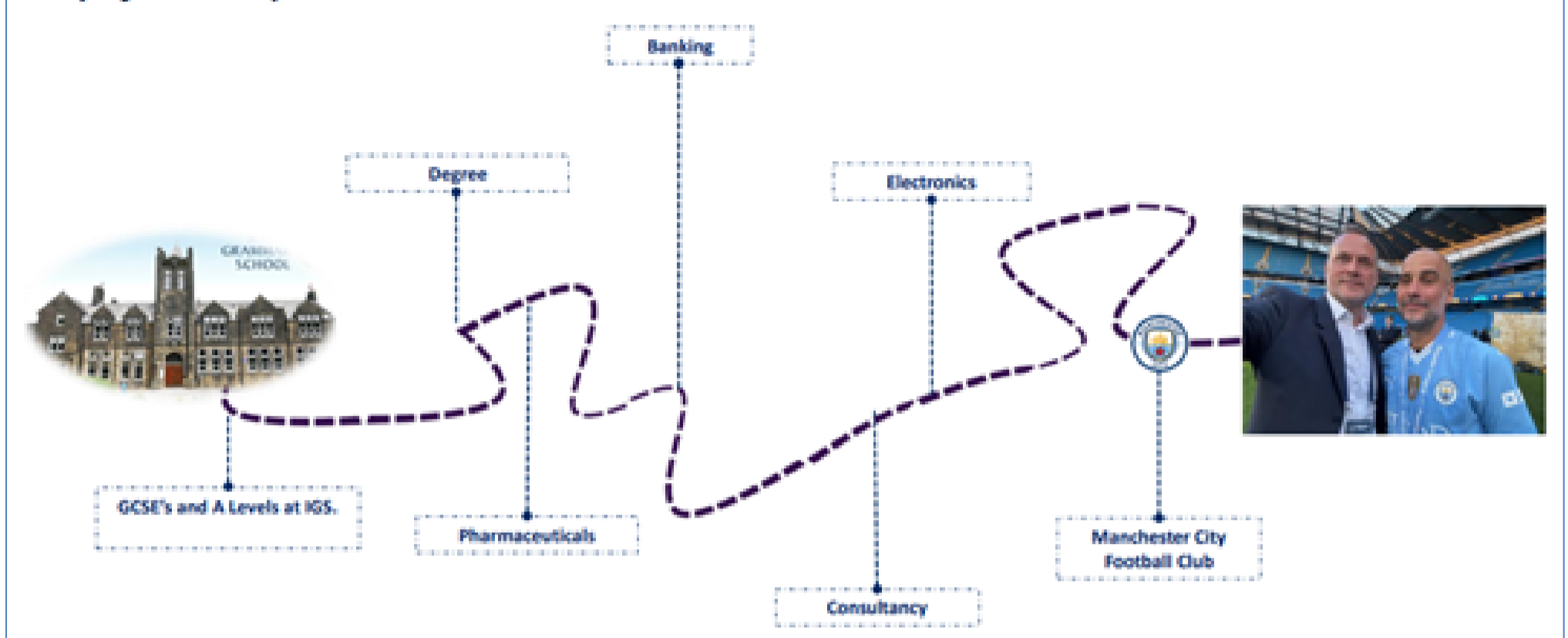
He’d be really be grateful if YOU could support him. He has worked incredibly hard to secure himself a place in Team GB, U19M playing Underwater Hockey in the Age World Championships in July ‘24 in Malaysia.

He and Sam Roberts, I IJH, will be swimming between them a minimum of 8,400m. Daniel has estimated this is the distance he will swim during the competition. More details are included in the Justgiving link.

If you admire the drive that gets someone to the top of their sport, please consider [sponsoring him here](#), any contribution is hugely appreciated.
Thank you!



My journey from IGS



Following a visit to the Etihad Stadium by over 100 year 10 students last week for a maths/business trip, on Thursday 13th June, we were delighted to welcome IGS alumni Jonathan Smith back to B:Hall where he had previously sat himself as a teenager. In a fascinating assembly Jonathan described his own career journey and how, following his degree, he had worked in a number of different sectors before arriving at Manchester City, showing students a photo of him and 'Pep' at the Etihad stadium from last week.

Jonathan explained that the City Football Group is a global company which includes 13 different clubs, and which provides entertainment for over a billion people globally with a TV audience of 786 million people for Man City alone. He explained how an organisation like CFG does not just employ footballers (around 100) but actually employs over 700 people in total across multiple sectors such as design, analytics, retail, marketing, corporate and sponsorship.

Students were told that the key skills and personal qualities Manchester City are looking for in employees (which are just as important as exam results) are **teamwork, communication, resilience, creativity, drive, curiosity** and **kindness** and that at CFG there is a culture of *continual improvement* where *everybody counts*.

His final piece of advice was as simple as it was powerful: *When thinking about a career try to find an organisation that interests you where you can combine what you are good at with what you enjoy.*

Thank you to Mr Nahl for developing this contact with Mr Smith and for organising this very special assembly.

Mr J. Gutch

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Teacher of the Year Competition

We know how hard teachers work and the national Teacher of the Year competition is all about bringing recognition to hard working teachers with a fantastic £1250 in Town & City Gift Cards to be won. Simply nominate the teacher you think deserves to win, tell us why, and if it's an Ilkley/Addingham/Burley/Menston teacher who wins, you could win a £250 Ilkley Gift Card.

The Teacher of the Year will receive a massive £500 Ilkley Gift Card and what's more, the Teacher of the Year's school will also win a £500 Ilkley Gift Card too! Parents/guardians can nominate a teacher free at teacheroftheyear.co.uk



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Year 9 RE Linking Conference at Bradford City Hall

On Thursday 6th June Ms Cloughton and Mr Gutch took 12 year 9 students (all who have chosen to study Philosophy & Ethics for GCSE next year) to the RE Linking Conference at Bradford City Hall organised by the Linking Network.

Our students were paired up at conference tables with students from Bronte Girls Academy in Bradford and the activities started with some games to get the students warmed up and interacting with each other. It didn't take long!

The central theme of the ½ day conference, hosted by Azam Ali from New College Bradford, was how different religions address the question of 'suffering'. The session began with a challenging photograph showing a child in South Sudan suffering from hunger and thirst and students were asked to discuss how God could allow this to happen and whether this might lead people to question the existence of God. After some excellent contributions from students the session moved on to presentations from two local religious representatives, the first of whom (a Muslim) had been the first full-time multi-faith court chaplain in the UK. Latif Mir spoke powerfully of how his job was to be with people during the darkest days of their lives and how the Muslim faith strongly encourages people to support others in their hour of need. He also spoke of how helping others is to 'build paradise', that suffering is not a punishment, everything is temporary, and that only God, in his infinite wisdom truly understands why suffering exists.

Students then listened to Beth, a practising Christian who works with churches and youth groups in Bradford. She spoke about how school can be a hard place for young people and that over the course of a life everyone experiences suffering. She quoted one of her favourite passages from the bible – 'The Lord God is compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love.' She explained that for Christians suffering is an inevitable part of life even though we wish it could be different. She said that for her it is important to hold two ideas at the same time – that there is suffering in the world *and* that God is loving. She said that we must refuse to look at it in black and white terms – it is *both/and*, not *either/or*. She also explained how many Christians believe that God can 'repurpose our suffering' – take it and turn it into something good and she challenged those present to be *curious* about suffering and to not accept easy answers.

After these personal and fascinating presentations, during which it emerged that both faiths share many similar insights into the 'problem of pain', the students took part in an RE themed treasure hunt before being given a tour of Bradford City Hall. As part of the introduction, they were told many facts about the building and about the city, and in particular, about how Bradford has been recognised one of the top 10 places in the UK for charitable giving and was the only city in Yorkshire to make it onto the list.

As the UK City of Culture for 2025 Bradford is surely one of the most exciting places in the country to be right now and it was a pleasure to take a group of students to the centre of this great city and to reflect with them on the 'big questions' of life in the beautiful setting of the City Hall banqueting suite. All students participated really well and were a credit to the school.

Mr Gutch and Ms Cloughton

Born In Bradford: Age of Wonder research project An invitation to WONDERFEST

This year IGS students in year 8 and 10 took part for the first time in one of the biggest research projects of its kind in the world: Born In Bradford: Age of Wonder. Next academic year, as a participating school, IGS will start to receive data from the research project which we will be able to use to help us shape aspects of our PSHE curriculum.

Every year the Born In Bradford research project holds a celebratory festival to share what they have found and give back to all the students, schools and communities who've helped them. This year's festival, Wonderfest, will be held on Saturday 13th July at the Midland Hotel in Bradford, starting at 12pm. This promises to be a fantastic day filled with excitement, including live musical performances, a brand-new documentary screening, a prize-giving ceremony, free lunch and also a little bit of science!

The event is free to attend and IGS parents and students are warmly invited to attend. There is a QR code on the poster attached for parents/carers book a place. Alternatively, you can use the link here: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bibaow-wonderfest24>.

To find out more about the Born in Bradford project: [BBC Radio 4 join us for 2023-24 \(external link\)](#)



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Any old SLRs?

Do you have an OLD 35mm SLR film camera in a drawer at home? Would you be prepared to donate it to the Photography Department at IGS?

The Photography department has a small darkroom and we teach all sixth form students traditional darkroom skills, however at present we have just 3 film cameras. Can you help us resource this?

New fortnightly 'Write-In' in at Outside the Box Cafe, Ilkley

There will be a fortnightly 'write-in' at Outside the Box Café on the first and third Wednesdays of the month (5 June, 19 June, 3 July, 17 July and so on), between 10am and 12pm.

It's not a writers' group – i.e. there's no need to share or even talk about what you're working on – it will be just a friendly space where you can meet fellow writers and work alongside each other in a supportive environment.

Everyone's welcome, whatever your age and whatever you're writing – whether that's fiction or non-fiction, a book or screenplay, poetry, short stories, articles... or something else!

Just bring your laptop (or pen and paper!), and come down for the whole two hours, or just an hour, or half an hour... drop in/out whenever you like.

Outside The Box has a great full food menu – as well as serving fabulous coffees, teas and cakes, of course – so it's a great place to stay on afterwards for lunch, too.

Any questions, just drop me a line at andrea@andreamann.com

Ilkley Write-In

10am - 12pm
First & third Wednesdays of each month

Come and work alongside fellow writers – whatever you're writing! All welcome

Outside The Box café
The Victorian Arcade, Ilkley LS29 9DY

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PIANO DAY

SUNDAY 23 JUNE 2024
KINGS HALL AND WINTER GARDEN
STATION ROAD, ILKLEY

11:00 - 12:30 **MASTERCLASS AND PIANO CLINIC**

A rare opportunity to complement the 2024 Waterman Recital. Whether you have a question about technique, improvisation, performance or interpretation (classical jazz or contemporary) you are invited to come along with your music and find a cure for your piano related ailments! All ages, standards and observers welcome.

14:00 - 15:30 **THE 2024 WATERMAN SERIES PIANO RECITAL**

Piano Music Inspired by Dance with concert pianists:

Yuanfan Yang
(Piano Ambassador)

Siqian Li
(Guest Pianist)

Featuring young guest pianists Sean de Senna Fernandes Godden and Allan Zeng the recipients of the Wharfedale Festival of Piano 2023 recital medals.

Passes for both events or recital tickets (only) available online from the Festival Box Office:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/wharfedale-piano-festival-waterman-series

www.wharfedalefestival.co.uk
Linda Wellings (Piano and Music Secretary): 07812 422136

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Free tickets are being offered to Ilkley Grammar School students.

Please register for tickets with Linda Wellings via email linda.m.wellings@gmail.com

Parents will be able to buy tickets from the link on the QR code below.

Congratulatory letter from Robbie Moore MP to IGS winners of Youth Speaks Competition



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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