



Dear Parent/Carers,

As we reach the end of week 8 of the school year, I would like to celebrate the following:

- Over 94,000 positive achievement points have been awarded this half-term, continuing a ratio of 95 achievement points:5 behaviour points. What is particularly pleasing is to see over 25,000 achievement points for Pride and over 15,500 for Resilience with students modelling our school values.
- We have received over 620 new iLeader applications for 42 different iLeader roles and there have been over 80 different extra-curricular clubs on offer this term as part of our commitment to “Growing in Wisdom and Stature” and enriching students’ experiences.
- With a national focus on attendance, we are pleased to see that attendance is moving back towards our high pre-pandemic levels. Whilst we appreciate that some students do have medical needs which are a barrier to full attendance, as a school our target is 97%. The following tutor groups have all maintained attendance above this figure for the first half-term with a special mention to 7MTH who have an average attendance of 98.8%: 7ACU; 7BGR; 7JEF; 7KMH; 7MTH; 7WJ; 8AJC; 8ARJ; 8KHA; 9ALN; 9JLL; 9PDH; 12HB; 12JM; 12KF; 12LDS; 12MO.
- In a league table publication of GCSE and A-Level results for 2024 by [Britannia UK](https://www.britannia-uk.com/) this week, IGS ranked 30th across the country for comprehensive schools for GCSE results at grades 7-9 and 38th for A-Level at grades A/A*. Whilst both of these are crude measures based on raw attainment only, they are an indicator of the quality of education at IGS and the level of attainment at the highest grades. We will also be able to share with you some of the fantastic progress statistics from this summer’s results when the DfE Performance Tables are published in November.

As we prepare for another busy half term ahead, I wish you and your families a very restful holiday and thank you for your support. School re-opens on Monday 4th November on a week A.

Kind regards,

Carly Purnell
Headteacher

Headteacher’s Awards

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

Amelia Lydon 7RF; Jamie Macdonald 8IGD; Ralph Airey 9ALN; Marcus Nutman 10EA; Saul Hateley 11VEC; Dylan Hurst 12LR; Ischy Zane 7MTH; Eleanor Higgs 8AJC; Joseph Tomblin 8AJC; Finnlay Ogley 10CS; Cyrus Xavier 10CS; Iona Judd 11DJJ; Millie Smith 13AAH; Lois Skelton 13REB; Lottie Johnson 13CEM

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.



Y7 Team Building during the Wednesday PBT sessions



Go Team Red Ties!

The last 3 weeks have seen an enormous amount of team building for year 7 during the Wednesday PBT sessions. The students have been challenged in engineering by building spaghetti towers with marshmallows, physically in benchball, creatively in poetry and origami and cerebrally in an Escape Room activity!



The atmosphere in all the sessions has been wonderful, and we need to send a huge thank you to Miss Midgley and Mr Ewbank for running the sessions, as well as Mrs Hessey and Mrs Varley for supporting the entire thing.

Mr J Hooper: Year 7 Progress and Experience Leader

Coutances French Exchange 2024



On Friday 18th October 47 intrepid year 10 linguists returned from Coutances after the 78th annual French exchange between Lycée Lebrun in Coutances and Ilkley Grammar School. The weather was kind during the journey to and from Coutances and also during the week itself. It is always a huge privilege for staff to see students growing in confidence over the course of the week. For many students this was their first time in France – let alone staying as a guest in a foreign home – eating French food, and integrating into a different way of life. There was some culture shock at the start but as the week went on it was easy to see the intercultural understanding grow as students became excited and intrigued by the differences and realised how much our two cultures have in common. With visits to Mont Saint Michel (and the ever-popular guided walk across the beach), the powerful Caen memorial Museum, the St Malo aquarium and the walled town of St Malo the week was very varied, striking a balance between tourism and time spent immersed with French partners and their families. This area of Normandy is a place steeped in the history of WW2 and the Allied landings and there were times for serious reflection, for example at the American Cemetery, as well as for fun with friends and time in school with the French partners on Wednesday. A huge thank you to Mr Colman, Ms Stewart, Ms Barker and Miss Munro for going on the exchange which would have been impossible without them. We look forward to welcoming the French students to IGS in March 2025! **Mr Gutch: Deputy Headteacher**

Student feedback:

"My experience in France has been nothing short of incredible. A week of wonderful opportunities such as developing my French speaking and listening skills, enriching cultural understanding especially in daily habits and sometimes even getting out of the comfort zone really strengthened my ability to overcome challenges and opened me up to new perspectives, making me stronger and more resilient. And after this unforgettable experience I came back with a lot of new memories, friends and knowledge but of course it would not be as incredible without our very supporting teachers and staff members! Thank you!"

Sofi B (Year 10)

"My time in France during the exchange program was unforgettable. I stayed with a wonderful host family who introduced me to local traditions and helped me improve my French greatly, which I will never forget. One of my favourite memories was exploring Le Mont St Michel and the day in the school where we met the French students which really helped my understanding of the language and culture. At first, adjusting to speaking French all day was tough, but by the end of the trip, I felt much more confident. I came back with new friends and a deeper love for French culture. I'd truly recommend this experience to anyone!"

Amy C (Year 10)



POST-16 OPEN EVENING Wednesday 13th November 2024

Join us in school for our presentations at 5.15pm and then repeated at 6pm, 6.45pm and 7.30 pm, with the opportunity for subject area visits from 6-8pm.

If you have any queries, please email post-16@igs.mlt.co.uk



The IGS Music Showcase

IGS MUSIC SHOWCASE
WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2024
7PM

TICKETS
£8 (ADULT)
£6 (CHILD)

KING'S HALL, ILKLEY

All proceeds in aid of the Friends of the King's Hall and Winter Gardens. Featuring the IGS Battle of the Bands, Pop Choir, Jazz Band and much more!

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The IGS Music Showcase is very nearly upon us and all of the musicians involved are busy rehearsing. We have a great lineup for you that includes the Jazz Band, Pop Choir, Music Theatre Club, Shaded (IGS BOTB 23 Winners), Y12 Chamber Group, Drumline and of course the IGS Battle of the Bands 2024! The 11 bands competing are Okumay, Distortion, Suspended, Deadline, Hyperfixation, The Argument, Ayrborne, J.T.M.S, DukTape, Big C.A.T.S. and The Unnamed. Your host for the evening will be the fabulous Toby Lucas. We look forward to entertaining you with a wide range of fabulous performances! Tickets are priced at £8 for adults and £6 for children and are available from Bradford Theatres [HERE](#)

Live @ Lunch informal concert series

The new Live @ Lunch informal concert series has been a resounding success this half term. The full capacity audiences with friendly faces and enthusiastic applause for the courageous and talented solo musicians has been an absolute joy to see and hear! Thank you and well done to the following soloists that have performed at the series this half term. In order of appearance: Ted Pearce; Finlay Craggs; Genna Pickett; Immi Hilton; Emily Wormald; Emma Chapman; Jackson Bleazard; James Hepworth (all Y13), Evelyn Kennedy and Thomas Mays (both Y10). I am already looking forward to next term's concerts, which are almost fully booked with performers already. If your child wishes to perform as part of Live @ Lunch then they need to email me (nicholas.peters@igs.mt.co.uk) to arrange a performance date.

Sport Updates

First Round of the ESAA Cross Country Cup: Woodhouse Grove Thursday 17th November 2024

Team Results		JUNIOR Intermediate Girls				
School	Scoring	Finishing	Positions	Time	Best Point	
1	Grammar School Leeds	4	8	9	11	32
2	Ilkley Grammar	1	5	13	15	34
3	High Stovers	6	7	16	28	57
4	Woodhouse Grove	10	17	18	21	66
5	Stiffell Girls High	3	12	14	54	85
6	Silcoates	22	23	24	26	95
7	Bradford Grammar	2	31	42	57	132
8	Chadwick Park	25	38	39	44	146
9	King James	19	30	48	49	146
10	Prince Henry	29	34	40	46	151
11	Althorn High	37	45	53	55	190
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Team Results		Junior Boys				
School	Scoring	Finishing	Positions	Time	Best Point	
1	Ilkley Grammar	1	5	7	8	21
2	High Stovers	2	9	10	24	45
3	Prince Henry	11	13	15	16	54
4	Grammar School Leeds	3	6	18	27	54
5	Woodhouse Grove	20	23	29	32	104
6	King James	17	19	31	40	104
7	Bradford Grammar	4	11	27	56	126
8	Chadwick Park	22	22	47	50	145
9	Althorn High	25	38	42	52	181
10	Silcoates	21	40	43	54	181
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On Thursday 17th November, we took 4 teams to compete in the first round of the English Schools Cross Country Cup. There were some fantastic team and individual performances. Harriet Carter and Charlie Porteous both convincingly won their races. Charlotte Pedley and Tyler Griffiths both finished in 5th and Max Brett came in 7th position and Thomas Jebb was placed 8th. Congratulations to our Junior Boys and Junior Girls teams who both qualified for the second round of the ESAA XC Cup at GSAL on Saturday 9th November.

Y11 Football – West Yorkshire U16 Cup

The Y11 football team booked their place in the quarter final of the West Yorkshire Cup in style and in the sunshine, after beating a well drilled and organised team at Rastrick High School 2-0. The team produced a fantastic second half performance after battling to keep the score at 0-0 in the first half. In the quarter final we hosted Brooksbank School at home on the ITAFC 3G. Noah Taylor-smith opened the scoring early on to give IGS a 1-0 lead. The game had some periods of excellent calm play interspersed by some tenacious battling between the two sides, both determined to make the semifinals. IGS had come back from behind twice with the scoreline 3-2 to Brooksbank in the dying minutes, but a stroke of brilliance from Rhys Riley saw him hit a sweet right footed volley into the top left corner to make it 3-3 and take us to extra time. Each half of 7 minutes flew by with the tie looking to go either way, sadly it was Brooksbank who struck late this time to make it a 3-4 win in extra time which they held onto. The team should be incredibly proud of their resilience to come back on three occasions.



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Please see below a copy of the One Sheet Challenge article which has been sent from the Design and Technology Association.

In addition to members of staff writing and editing the article, we are very proud of our sixth formers engagement with this project and this article shows it off! [This is the link to the magazine](#)

Ilkley Grammar School working in partnership with JCareyDesign Ltd



Rachel Eyles, Curriculum Leader of Design & Technology, Ilkley Grammar School

At Ilkley Grammar school, we have a large D&T department with a team of ten teaching staff delivering six different qualifications. At A-level, we deliver the popular AQA Product Design and AQA Fashion & Textiles courses, with pupils having previously studied one or more of the following: OCR Engineering Design; AQA D&T in either Resistant Materials, Electronics or Textiles specialisms.



First Term

In the first term, pupils studying product design complete two short, practical focused projects providing a strong understanding of hand tools, machines, and processes, including CAD using CorelDRAW and PTC Onshape, CAM outputs through the laser cutter and 3D printers.

They work in softwood, plywood, HIPS, acrylics, PLA printing, laser cutting whilst also processing mild steel. These base skills and knowledge support pupils to begin making informed decisions about their future projects whilst simultaneously reinforcing knowledge necessary for their base materials and process elements in the examination unit.

Industry Links

In addition, as a team, we felt it was crucial that the KS5 pupils had links with industry, universities and potential careers and this began our partnership between the Product Design course and JCareyDesign Ltd. JCareyDesign Ltd is a commercial furniture design and manufacturing company producing complex, bespoke projects for customers across the UK and abroad.

They have a large design and manufacturing unit based a short distance away, providing factory tours to our D&T students, an offer that has been taken up by our students for a number of years.

Following on from the tours, myself and Richard Tillotson, the Installation Director, felt we facilitate a deeper experience for students, both in their links with JCareyDesign Ltd, but also with the design, prototype, production knowledge and overall experience they could gain, whatever their Post 18 route.

One Sheet Challenge

This link leads us to our third project, the One Sheet Challenge, which is delivered in the second term of Year 12. This is set as a practice NEA project embedding the research, investigation, design and prototype pathway to create a series of potential designs for JCareyDesign to review. Careys created a brief for students to design and prototype a product to be manufactured from one 3050 x 1220 x 18mm sheet of MDF.

The project begins with a factory tour and design meeting, where they are introduced to the company, the design process, the manufacturing processes available and the various outcomes which could be possible. Pupils then spend time in school, working independently through the project. Approximately halfway through, a small team from JCareyDesign come into IGS and host one to one discussions with students to talk through their initial designs and 3D models offering direct feedback to improve them, based on commercial production knowledge and techniques.



Final Task

To conclude the One Sheet Challenge project, pupils use their feedback from the JCD team to develop their design to a commercially viable outcome. Their final task is a formal presentation to the JCareyDesign team where they present a final scale model in corrugated card, full technical drawings, nesting drawings, fixtures and fittings decisions and costings. There's then much deliberation between the professionals and myself to determine the winning design from the Year 12 cohort. This year we have had one winner, Francis Hein, with his bike stand, plus a runner-up, Cassia Gee, with a dragon bookcase and a highly commendable award to Alex Hartley for his sliding image.

Manufacture

Both Francis and Cassia have been invited to spend a day in the design office at JCareyDesign and transform their designs from strong concepts into full working technical drawings ready for production. From here the team will fully manufacture the finished products in the students' chosen sheet material, including their desired finish. In September, our Year 13s will return to JCareyDesign Ltd, alongside our new Year 12s to discuss the project and then be presented with the final outcomes.

Overall

This project and relationship offers Product Design pupils at IGS a wealth of design and manufacturing experience, both in the journey they must go on, shown through the skills of discussion, modification and improvement within their designs, but also the exposure to commercial manufacture techniques, integrating components, reviewing costings and dealing with professionals across the manufacturing spectrum. It provides pupils with a wealth of knowledge to confidently step into their final NEA coursework project with the aim to complete the product to a high standard.

Links



Ilkley Grammar School
www.ilkeleygrammarschool.com



JCareyDesign
jcareydesign.com



PTC Onshape
www.onshape.com/en/education



CoralDRAW
tinyurl.com/vz23ufy9



Feedback from pupils:

Alex: "They provided supportive feedback where you can discuss and then consider the limitations of materials, which allowed me to maximise the design."

Adam: "I enjoyed the factory tour; it was great to get a context of what can be manufactured and see the processes in action."



Please support the cast of West Side Story who are mostly from IGS!

Ilkley Musical Theatre Society is presenting West Side Story at the King's Hall, Ilkley in less than a month's time (13 - 16 November 2024). Help us fill the auditorium and get some appreciation for all the hard work that this talented cast has put in. Concessions are available. [Book your tickets here](#)



Ilkley Musical Theatre Society

(formerly Ilkley Amateur Operatic Society)

WEST SIDE STORY

King's Hall, Ilkley
November 13th-15th
at 7.15pm
November 16th
at 1.30pm and 6.30pm

0333 666 3366

www.ticketsource.co.uk/ilkley-musical-theatre-society

WEST SIDE STORY
Based on a Conception of JEROME ROBBINS

Book by
ARTHUR LAURENTS

Music by
LEONARD BERNSTEIN

Lyris by
STEPHEN SONDHEIM

Entire Original Production Directed
and Choreographed by JEROME ROBBINS

Originally Produced on Broadway by Robert E. Griffith and Harold S. Prince
By Arrangement with Roger L. Stevens

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with
Music Theatre International
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI
www.mtishows.co.uk



INVITATIONS TO IGS PTA EVENTS!



Ilkley Flower Club

in partnership with
Ilkley Grammar School PTA
Presents



"A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

A fantastic floral extravaganza by

Sionedd Hughes

Area Demonstrator
From Oswestry



Tickets on sale



Contact: ilkleyflowerclub@gmail.com

Monday 11th November 2024

Start 7.30pm (Doors open at 6.30pm)

**Venue: Ilkley Grammar School
Cowpasture Road, Ilkley, LS29 8TR**

Tickets: Juniors £5 Members £10 Non-Members £15
tickets can be bought here: www.clubs-hub.com/ilkleyflowerclub

An invitation from Ilkley Flower Club and Ilkley Grammar School PTA to invite you along to "A Christmas Carol" a fantastic floral extravaganza.



This will be an evening full of festive flowers. Sionedd Hughes, a NAFAS demonstrator, will be conducting a floral demonstration where she will wow us with her arrangements and keep us entertained with her stories. At the end there will be a raffle where you may be lucky enough to win one of the designs to take home with you! Be sure to bring some cash. There will also be refreshments for sale and a Goldilocks stall where you might pick up a gift or two. Tickets can be purchased here <https://www.clubs-hub.com/ilkleyflowerclub/>.

For more information, please contact ilkleyflowerclub@gmail.com



ILKLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

A MOORLANDS LEARNING TRUST ACADEMY



The IGS PTA warmly invites you to attend the annual Call My Bluff Wine Tasting event at IGS which is run by **Martinez Wines** our local, independent wine merchant. The event will take place in B: Hall at IGS on Friday 6th December at 7.30pm.

This is a very popular event so make sure you get your tickets early!

The link to the tickets can be found [here](#)



MARTINEZ WINES
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Call my Bluff Wine Tasting Evening

Hosted by Martinez Wines

with a selection of Cheeses procured from Booths supermarket.
Jonathan will give you 3 descriptions and you have to guess / decide which are the bluffs.



Friday 6th December 2024 7:30pm
ILKLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL, B HALL

Tickets cost £22.50 per person
Includes welcome fizz, 5 wines to taste and cheese to nibble.



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