



Dear Parent/Carers,

We were delighted to welcome so many of you to IGS on Wednesday for our Year 8 and 9 Options Evening. This is another key event in our calendar and is designed to support students as they navigate important decisions about their curriculum.

For year 8 students, this is an exciting opportunity to explore new subjects such as business, photography, law, and a second language, while also making choices in technology and the creative arts. Our year 9 curriculum at IGS is carefully structured to deepen students' knowledge in subjects they may wish to pursue at GCSE, helping them make well-informed decisions when selecting their GCSE/BTEC options the following year.

Our current year 9 students have spent the past seven weeks carefully considering the four subjects to which they will commit —choices that will shape their qualifications over the next two years and may influence their future career paths. These are significant decisions, but we are confident that with the guidance, time, and resources provided, they have been able to make informed and thoughtful choices. A reminder that the deadline for final decisions is today for students currently in year 9 and next Friday, 21st March, for students in year 8.

Last week, we also received confirmation of the year 6 students who have secured a place at Ilkley Grammar School for September 2025. 320 students will join us as our new year group of "green ties", following 907 applications. We look forward to starting the transition process and welcoming the students and their families to IGS.

This edition of the parent/carer bulletin contains lots of examples of enrichment opportunities, as well as student success. We are so fortunate at IGS to have so many talented students who are remarkable in different ways with examples which include:

- Dylan Hurst named as St John's Ambulance National Cadet of the Year
- Charlie Wilson and Oli Cliffe raising £3000 for Dementia UK
- The U15 girls' football team crowned as Yorkshire County Cup Champions
- Year 8 netball team claiming the championship title in their most recent tournament
- Individual and team success in the English Schools' Cross Country national finals with Charlie Porteous placing 2nd and the senior boys securing a 3rd position team finish
- Domination for some of our cross-country teams in the Keighley and Craven League with our year 7/8 girls, boys and 9/10 girls all league team winners
- Emma Chapman achieving first place in the Vocal Recital 17+ category at the prestigious Mrs Sunderland festival
- The Y7 Boys' B team for their record-breaking run, reaching the quarter finals in the ESFA Tournament, which involves all English schools.

Best wishes,

Carly Purnell

Headteacher's Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded the Headteacher Award over the last fortnight: Nathan Woolloff 8IGD; Chloe Stirling 9JNB; Carl Tetley 10CS; Maizie Dobson 11AE; Charlie Porteous 8AJC; Otis Brooks 12JPC; Owen Ashdown 12AWD; Oscar Shinn 12HB; Jake Norris 11JI; Archie Budding 13AJK; Alex Wolfenden 12HB; Carmen Donnelly 7GET; Ellis Smith 8HMM; Angus McDermott 9CCM; Jack Winterbottom 11CSJ

The Super Silver Winners - Year 10 Girls' Football Team

Kate Foley; Sophie Swann; India Webster; Millie Porteous; Sophie White; Sophie Barrick; Jessica Raeside; Jessica McKay; Hannah Miles; Evelyn Kennedy; Julia Juan Iglesias; Chloe Clarke; Bella Atwell-Skevington; Amy Gordon

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.



Thursday 6th of March was World Book Day, and saw students taking part in several fun activities. In form time students had to guess who the teacher was behind the book- over thirty teachers kindly donated pictures of themselves for this! In the library they had the opportunity to design a bookmark, create a comic, swap books, write a short story or just sit at a table and have a quiet read. The theme for this year's World Book Day was 'Read Your Way', and that's exactly what we all did. It was a busy, fun break and lunch time for everyone!



Attendance Matters



Firstly, a personal thank you to all parents for ensuring that students attend school regularly. Our whole school attendance and that of key groups have improved compared to the same time last year.

We do want to continue building on this positive position and work closely with students who find it hard to attend regularly. We fully appreciate the reasons for low attendance are varied, not always apparent or easy to solve. The Covid-19 pandemic has clearly altered the social contract with schools across the country and we are aware that some students find it very difficult to attend school.

At a recent conference that we attended led by the Department for Education, they explained that attendance across the country is improving and our data at IGS certainly mirrors that and it exceeds national averages. Additionally, our recent Ofsted inspection, allowed

us to showcase the work we do to support families and young people to attend regularly, and the lead inspector was very complimentary as this section within the final report highlights:

Pupils have strong attendance. The school uses detailed tracking to check pupil attendance, and then meets with families to identify barriers to attending school. Staff are proactive in supporting families to remove barriers, offering support such as transport to school, wraparound care and mental health support. This approach is very effective, with very few pupils missing too much school.



Ofsted Report December 2024

At the conference, the DfE highlighted the link between attendance and attainment in one of their presentation slides below:

Every extra week counts when it comes to attainment – so keep going

Students attending over 95% (up to 2 weeks missed) are twice as likely to achieve grade 5 in English & Maths than students attending 90% of the time (up to 4 weeks missed). When compared to students who miss 85-90% of school, they are four times more likely to achieve grade 5+ in core subjects.

Alongside the improved educational outcomes attending school regularly allows young people:

1. To see their friends and interact with other people their age
2. Develop social skills, that are essential for a successful life in the world they will eventually live in
3. To experience real life interactions with others and reduces screen time
4. Gain tangible opportunities outside the classroom such as sports teams and trips and visits
5. Improves a young person's cultural capital
6. Provides ready access to multitude of professionals who can help them with any challenges they face

The Heads of Year, the Attendance Team and our Student and Families & Outreach Specialist are readily available to support students and families. Please contact school by telephone or email, because we are keen to help.

Additional details regarding attendance can be found on the school website [here](#) including links to FAQs, including guidelines about term time holidays and leave of absence requests.

Andy Calvert: Assistant Headteacher



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English Language A Level Conference

On Monday the 24th of February, a group of English Language A Level students along with Mrs Lowes and Mrs Linacre attended a language conference at The King's School in Macclesfield. There were a range of academics speaking on the day, on a variety of topics, such as Jasmine Anderson speaking on accent discrimination, James Tompkinson on forensic linguistics and Paul Flanagan discussing how pop stars from the UK make their voices sound more American.

The highlight of the conference was Rob Drummond, a professor of sociolinguistics at Manchester Metropolitan University, leading a talk on Manchester Voices, a project he and some other academics had been gathering data for over the past few years to find out about the rich accent variation across greater Manchester. He told us how they used "The Accent Van" to help gather their data, which they drove across greater Manchester to ask locals to participate in the study. This entailed entering the van and answering some questions about their accent and how they felt about it. For example, one of the questions asked was "do you like the way you speak? Would you ever want to change it?" Then, using the data from over 390 participants they were able to create diagrams and graphs of patterns of both accent variations, and opinions on accents. Information about this study was really useful to us as in the NEA (coursework) section of our course, we may need to collect some data ourselves in a similar way, and now we have some ideas about how to do it.

Overall, despite the two-hour drive (thank you Mrs Heyworth!), the conference was well worth attending as we gained some inspiring insights into the diversity of the English Language.

Tilly Moody: Year 12



Year 12 visit to the UK University and Apprenticeship Search Fair at Elland Road in Leeds

On 7th March, all year 12 post-16 students attended the **UK University and Apprenticeship Search Fair** at Elland Road in Leeds. The event provided an invaluable opportunity for students to explore both university and apprenticeship pathways, allowing them to make informed decisions about their future.

It was evident from the stalls and online resources that the apprenticeship route offers extremely exciting opportunities for students alongside the traditional university pathway for post-18 education, offering hands-on experience, industry connections, and career progression opportunities. At the event students were able to engage with a range of employers, universities, and apprenticeship providers, ensuring they are fully equipped to make the best choices to achieve their aspirations. A huge thank you goes to Mr. Sykes and the IGS staff who supported the event, ensuring the students had a well-organised and informative experience which will help them navigate the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.

The apprenticeship application process can be harder to navigate as application processes are less centralised. If post-16 parents/carers want to support the process of searching for apprenticeship opportunities over the coming months the following websites are perhaps the most useful. Individual companies also advertise their own programmes. More information and guidance on the apprenticeship routes will follow in the weekly PBT sessions.

- <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
- <https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/>
- <https://www.ucas.com/apprenticeships>

Mr J.A Gutch: Deputy Headteacher: Post-16 & Personal Development



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7 March 2025: And the award goes to... St John Ambulance names IGS student Dylan Hurst as National Cadet of the Year 2025

16-year-old Dylan Hurst from Ilkley, who was last year named as County Cadet of the Year for South and West Yorkshire, was selected to be National Cadet of the Year 2025 from 39 of the charity's superstar Cadets - all of whom had won district competitions to earn their place at the 2025 national final last weekend at Ingestre Hall in Staffordshire.

The Cadet programme (10–17-year-olds), which celebrated its centenary in 2022, plays a huge role in developing the next generation of health professionals, volunteers and lifesavers. Each year St John Cadets provide many thousands of hours of life-saving first aid and care alongside adult volunteers.

The finalists faced rigorous challenges which demonstrated not only their exemplary first aid knowledge but also their passion for volunteering in the community, their leadership, communication skills, and teamwork.

Many of the competitors have used their first aid skills in life-saving emergencies and stressful situations. Examples include Cadets who have dealt with a pelvic fracture after a fall, responded to symptoms of a stroke and helped with a potential spinal injury following a car accident.

Dylan joins a host of Cadets who have used their first aid skills in life-saving emergencies and stressful situations, best demonstrated when he supported a fellow student who had seriously injured their knee. Dylan completed the Primary Survey and found there to be no danger so stepped in to provide first aid. He carefully moved the casualty, cleared the area and used students' school bags to keep the casualty comfortable and support the injured knee. While waiting for further help to arrive, Dylan monitored the casualty's breathing and heart rate as they were showing signs of shock. Dylan was awarded the Headteacher's Award at Ilkley Grammar School for his actions at the time.

Following the selection event, Dylan said: "It's such an incredible honour to represent the youth of St John Ambulance as National Cadet of the Year. One of the best things about being part of St John is how it brings young people together to learn, grow and make a real impact. I'm proud to be a part of that spirit of teamwork and service."

"I'm excited to highlight the achievements of our young people and I'm hoping this is a wonderful chance to inspire other young people."

Dylan will now represent St John Ambulance at high-profile events and ceremonial occasions.



Jamie Gutch, Deputy Headteacher at Ilkley Grammar School, said: "I have known Dylan since he arrived at Ilkley Grammar School at the start of year 7. Now in year 12, Dylan is an inspirational leader and role model both in and out of school. This academic year he has single-handedly planned and led a series of seven assemblies on the work of St John Ambulance which have been rolled out to all 2,100 students in the school. He put the assembly together independently but also made sure that it was carefully checked by St John colleagues and he also engaged with pastoral teams and heads of year to ensure that the assemblies were appropriately pitched for the different audiences."

"Dylan is a naturally confident and engaging public speaker and his assemblies captivated his audiences, so much so that he has already inspired some of his peers to volunteer for St John Ambulance. He is a naturally modest individual who is warm, friendly and popular with his peers. Many congratulations to him on securing this national title at St John Ambulance. We at IGS are all very proud of him."

Rear Admiral Simon Williams CB CVO KStJ, Prior of the Priory of England and the Islands of the Order of St John, and Chairman of St John Ambulance, said: "Dylan has demonstrated remarkable determination, extensive knowledge, and exceptional skills during this selection event, earning the well-deserved title of National Cadet of the Year."

"I want to express my congratulations for such an outstanding performance over the weekend and am looking forward to seeing the positive influence he will have in the country as the representative of all the other Cadets. I am sure that he will join me in extending these congratulations to all the participants in this weekend's extraordinary gathering of all that is good in St John."

Also recognised as Regional Cadets of the Year were the following:

- Eden Baillie – London
- Jack Hayward – North East
- Hanah Hoey – North West
- Ella Krawczyk – South West
- Pdraig Mannion – West Midlands
- Sofia Ntege – South East
- Ruby Shortland – East of England
- Ellie Watson – East Midlands
- Jashvita Katta - Commandries (Northern Ireland)

This team of Cadets, alongside the Commandries Cadet of the Year, represent St John Ambulance at ceremonial occasions and play a key role in making sure the voices of young volunteers are heard.

St John Ambulance youth programmes support young people from ages 5-25 years and rely on volunteers and donations to run.

Find out more at www.sja.org.uk/get-involved/



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DementiaUK

Helping families face dementia

Year 13 students Charlie Wilson and Oli Cliffe walk 80 miles to raise over £3000 for Dementia UK

A huge congratulations to Charlie Wilson and Oli Cliffe (Year 13) who completed an 80-mile charity walk over February half term raising over £3000 for Dementia UK. Their achievement was picked up by Channel 5 news who featured them walking with their friends to Howarth on the last day of the walk. The two students' very personal account of why they wanted to take on this challenge were covered in an excellent article in the Gazette before their departure and was also picked up by the BBC and Channel 5 at the end of the hike.

To read the articles click on [BBC](#) and [Ilkley Gazette](#)
Well done Charlie and Oli. We are all really proud of you both!



We'd like to share and celebrate, **Betsy Edson's (8IGD) Merchant of Venice homework from Ms. Brown's English class.** Betsy has gone above and beyond, even using watercolours to produce this. **Well done, Betsy, this is an example of outstanding homework!**

Comic Strip Panels:

- Panel 1:** Antonio: the merchant of Venice agrees to lend his friend Bassanio 3000 ducats so he can woo Portia of Belmont. Antonio: I need money Antonio. I will pay it back and all the other debts in time. I will give you all you need and want from me.
- Panel 2:** Portia: Do you like any of these Portia. Bassanio: I only want to marry Bassanio.
- Panel 3:** Antonio: I need to take 3000 ducats to pay back. Shylock: If you fail to repay, I must have a pound of your flesh. REVENGE!
- Panel 4:** Antonio: He is a fool! Shylock: desire & greed.
- Panel 5:** Shylock: I have no money. I will get you imprisoned! Antonio: I have no money. I will get you imprisoned!
- Panel 6:** Portia and Nerissa disguise themselves as men in order to defend Antonio in court. They dress up and travel from Belmont to Venice without their husbands knowing. Antonio: moving from Belmont to Venice.
- Panel 7:** Shylock claims his pound of flesh is heard in law until Portia says a loophole in the law means Shylock can not harm Antonio. Shylock is entitled to his pound of flesh but he must not spill a drop of Antonio's blood and it must be exactly 1 pound not an ounce more or an ounce less.
- Panel 8:** Shylock is pardoned on the condition that he gives half his wealth to the state and half to Antonio. Antonio agrees to help Shylock convert to Christianity and leaves half his property to Jessica.
- Panel 9:** Portia and Nerissa return to Belmont and confront their husbands about the rings. They then reveal it was them in the court. Portia: WHERE ARE YOUR RINGS! Nerissa: From now we promise to keep the rings forever. IT WAS US ALL ALONG!



Sport Updates

WEST YORKSHIRE U15 GIRLS' COUNTY CUP: IGS CHAMPIONS!



On 5th December 2024, our girls' U15 football team made the trip over to Shelley AFC in Huddersfield to face Colne Valley High School in the West Yorkshire County Cup final. As the rain poured throughout the day, the team knew the conditions were going to be challenging. That proved to be a massive understatement, with the game being abandoned after 22 minutes as both the weather and the pitch worsened. With three subsequent attempts to replay the game all being postponed, the girls were made to wait for their chance to be the first IGS team to bring this trophy home!

On Tuesday 4th March, the girls finally got that chance. The squad for the final consisted of Amy Gordon; Bella Atwell-Skevington; Chloe Clarke; Julia Juan Iglesias; Evelyn Kennedy; Hannah Miles; India Webster; Jess McKay; Jess Raeside; Kate Foley; Millie Porteous; Sophie Barrick; Sophie Swann and Sophie White. In a stark contrast to the first attempt, the sun was shining and the pitch was immaculate. The girls started strong, neutralising the talented Colne Valley attackers well while playing some nice football through midfield. The game was tight and nervy, and we went into half time goalless. IGS took control in the second half, beginning to dominate the midfield and create some decent opportunities, but the opening goal continued to prove hard to find. With 19 minutes remaining, Bella Atwell-Skevington cut in from the left-hand side and from 25 yards out she floated a shot high over the opposition goalkeeper and into the goal. It was an exceptional effort that was worthy of opening the scoring in any cup final. After the celebrations, the girls dug in for the rest of the game and the defence stood firm through some sustained pressure to win the game 1 - 0. **It was a phenomenal moment, and it was well worth the three-month wait. Well done girls - we are all very proud of you!**



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England Men's Rugby Training at the LNER Stadium in York

On Friday the 28th March, 107 IGS students had the opportunity to watch England men's rugby team train. The IGS students were taken to the LNER Stadium in York to watch this open session.



From big hits to fast paced drills, the students admired the pace and precision of England's finest. This fantastic opportunity allowed the students to understand how some of the best players in the world are able to train. This was followed by the players taking the opportunity to come over and sign autographs and take selfies with our students.



Year 8 Netball



Tournament Victory for IGS Year 8s

IGS year 8s delivered an outstanding performance in their recent tournament, competing against 12 teams. They dominated the group stage, winning all five of their matches in Group 1.

In the semi-finals, they faced a strong Bradford Grammar side and secured a well-earned victory, progressing to the final against BBG. In a highly competitive match, IGS year 8s showcased their skill and determination, winning 6-3 to claim the championship title.

Congratulations to the team on a fantastic tournament and a well-deserved victory!



U12 Netball

Ilkley Grammar School was invited to the Bradford Schools' District Tournament on Thursday at Bradford Grammar School. Both A and B teams had strong performances, and both only lost one game in their pools of 6 teams, resulting in them both qualifying for the semi-finals. Ilkley A won their match against BBG B, while Ilkley B lost to BBG A. Overall our U12A's placed 2nd and our U12B's 4th.

A fantastic effort from all the girls who should be very proud!

Year 8 Boys' Football

A big well done to all involved in the B team tournament against Prince Henry's. It was a great day out and some incredible football was showcased.

Year 11 Girls' Football

A massive well done to our year 11 girls' football team who have now made it into the Leeds City Cup Final after a demolishing display against Roundhay 8-2!



U12 Girls' Football

Congratulations to the U12 girls who beat Roundhay in the Leeds Cup Semi-Finals on Wednesday. The girls were dominant throughout the game and ended with a 6-0 victory! A great performance from all with goals from Harriet Carter, Lucy Gleghorn (2), Charlotte Pedley, Hattie Turner and Julia Sheriff.

ESAA XC Cup National Finals Saturday 1st March 2025

Saturday 1st March saw the rearranged ESAA XC Cup National Finals at GSAL having been cancelled in December due to the weather. The sun shone which made for some perfect race conditions and some amazing running performances. The Junior Girls were the first of the runners out of the starting pens. Harriet Carter placed 12th individually and the team finished in 17th position. The Junior Boys followed on; Charlie Porteous has a fantastic race and finished in 2nd place just behind the winner and the team took 5th position overall. The Senior Boys' team were the last race of the day, and they certainly made it worth the wait! There were 28 starting teams, over a fast and brutal course and our boys rose to the challenge with Archie Budding managing to get a great start. Archie held on for an individual 7th place with his team mates not far behind cumulating in a 3rd position team finish. What a phenomenal achievement for these boys - making the podium at a national event amongst some of the strongest independent schools in the country. Well done to all our amazing runners and thank you to all the parents and staff who came to support us on the day.

POS	TEAM NAME	TOTAL SCORE
1	The Sixth Form College Farnborough	25
2	Millfield School	75
3	Ilkley Grammar School	85
4	Richard Huish College	142
5	Northampton School For Boys	143
6	Harrow School	147
7	Ermysted's Grammar School	167
8	Tunbridge Wells Grammar School For Boys	167
9	Godalming College	182
10	Chesham Grammar	187



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Keighley and Craven Schools Cross Country League Run 4 – Marley Fields

IGS took a squad of 32 runners to Marley Fields, Keighley for the last **Keighley and Craven Cross Country League Race** of the season. This year, IGS have had 55 runners involved in the league races, with many more involved in the ESAA national team cup, ESAA schools district cup, BSAA qualifiers, WYAA qualifiers and various friendlies. The participation levels have once again been extremely high and performance levels have been astonishing! Well done to all runners involved in Team IGS. **2024/25 League Team winners: Y7/8 Girls; Y9/10 Girls; Y7/8 Boys**



Y9/10 Sports Leaders – Table tennis England coaching collaboration with Askwith Primary School

Nine student sports leaders attended Askwith Primary with Mr Ewbank to collaborate with Table Tennis England to coach students in Y3-Y6. This was part of a trial of a new course looking to empower primary schools to access table tennis with limited space and equipment, playing on desks/tables, whilst also looking to embed links with secondary school leaders. TT Kidz is currently being re-developed and will be re-launching in Spring 2025 which will feature resources and videos including some of the IGS students on the website!

Well done Amelia Nichols; Beth Bee; Henrietta Morton; Bella Atwell-Skevington; Cora Levy; Minnie Garwell; Dylan Parkinson, Arthur Joli and Freddie McCutcheon!



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Music News – Exam Successes!

Congratulations to the following IGS music students for their exam successes!

Jack Greenhall - Debut- Distinction- Drum Kit
Mitchell Thompson- Debut- Distinction- Drum Kit
Mahalia Beevers- Grade 4- Merit- Singing
Julietta Spotto- Grade 5- Distinction- Singing
Isabelle Atkinson- Grade 6- Distinction- Singing

In addition, congratulations to Y13 Emma Chapman, (pictured right). Fresh from her role as Cosette in Les Miserables, Emma participated in the Mrs Sunderland Festival. This competition is highly prestigious and attracted over 5,000 competitors. Emma competed in the Vocal Recital for ages 17+ Class and was successful in beating 10 other singers, all of whom are currently at conservatoire studying classical singing! This is an amazing accomplishment Emma, well done!



WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Do you work in the art, craft or design industry?

CREATIVE CAREERS



In a drive to **promote creative careers**, we would love to share real life examples of art, craft and design jobs that are held across our IGS community. You can help by filling in our short Microsoft form [here](#), about you and your job, and we'll use the information provided in lessons to create a careers display.

Many thanks, **Claire Harris: Head of Art**

IGS year 12 IT students are about to embark on running a social media campaign for a business over a 6-8-week period.

We are looking for businesses to work alongside, so that students can develop a social media strategy and their understanding of this field, as well as you benefitting from a social media manager and analyst. Please get in touch for more details: victoria.brides@igs.mlt.co.uk



Please be aware of two upcoming charity events organised by the School Council in aid of Comic Relief 2025

Charity Teacher Talent Show

The Student Council are running a 'Teacher Talent Show' on Thursday 20th March in B Hall, 3pm- 4pm in aid of Comic Relief. Students are currently approaching teachers (and voting for teachers) **Please see poster.**

Non-Uniform Day- Wear Something Red for Comic Relief

There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 21st March for Comic Relief. Students (and teachers) are encouraged to wear something red, if they already have something red they can wear. Students' choice of clothing must be appropriate to a school setting; donations can be made via ParentPay.



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ILKLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

TEACHER TALENT SHOW

IN AID OF
COMIC RELIEF

THURSDAY 20TH MARCH

15:00 – 16:00

VENUE: B HALL

TICKETS CAN BE BOUGHT THROUGH PARENTPAY

£2 ENTRY

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**ALL THE MONEY RAISED GOES TO
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Please speak to Mrs Pymar or your Student Council representative for more information.



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Safe and responsible Mountain Biking on Ilkley Moor


LEADERSHIP & INFLUENCE


SPORT, INTERESTS & CULTURE


HEALTH & WELLBEING


DISCOVERY & ADVENTURE

WE ARE AWARE THAT MANY STUDENTS ENJOY MOUNTAIN BIKING ON ILKLEY MOOR.
IF DONE SAFELY AND RESPONSIBLY THIS IS AN ACTIVITY THAT SUPPORTS BOTH PHYSICAL AND MENTAL WELLBEING.
BRADFORD COUNCIL CURRENTLY SUPPORT SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE BIKING ON THE MOOR. ILKLEY MTB ALSO STRONGLY ENCOURAGE SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE BIKING.

Guidelines for Mountain Biking on Ilkley Moor

- 1. Stick to the Trails:** Always ride on the marked trails. Don't create new paths or cut corners.
- 2. Be Polite:** Say "hi" to other trail users and be respectful. The trails are for everyone, not just bikers.
- 3. No Digging:** Don't dig or make new trails. Any trail work needs permission from Ilkley MTB and Bradford Council.
- 4. Take Your Trash Home:** If you bring it with you, take it back. Don't leave litter on the trails.
- 5. Ride Safely:** These trails aren't for racing. Be careful and don't try to set speed records.
- 6. Winter Riding:** In winter, stick to trails on harder ground to avoid damaging the softer ones. Consider riding elsewhere to let the trails recover.
- 7. Respect Wildlife:** Ilkley Moor is home to many animals and plants. Be mindful of them while riding.
- 8. Trail Junctions:** Be extra careful at trail junctions and blind corners. Slow down and watch out for others.
- 9. No Night Riding:** Avoid riding at night to prevent disturbing wildlife and other trail users.
- 10. Follow Council Rules:** Adhere to Bradford Council's access policy to keep the trails open for everyone.

These guidelines are taken from Bradford Council and Ilkley MTB guidance

<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/environment/countryside-and-rights-of-way/access-on-ilkley-moor/>



ILKLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

A MOORLANDS LEARNING TRUST ACADEMY

Design & Technology Technician role available at Ilkley Grammar School!



We're looking for a D&T Technician to join the team at Ilkley Grammar School, two days a week during term time. We are a supportive team in a busy, practical department covering many different D&T subjects, with full training provided.

Please see the full details on our website

- Two days per week
- 8-30m until 3pm with a 30-minute unpaid lunch
- Could work around school runs, if required
- Join an amazing, hardworking team!
- Work alongside creative students across years 7 to 13 to manufacture their bespoke products
- Our workshop department has four workshops, one technician's workshop, a CAD suite and a CAM room with a laser cutter and 3D printers
- Full training will be provided both inhouse and externally to meet your needs.



Please see the advert on the [vacancies on the IGS website](#) or use the QR code

Please contact rachel.eyles@igs.mlt.co.uk if you have any further queries – thank you.

Closing date: 8am 21 March 2025



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Fancy your chances at the



QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT



Friday 21st^h March 2025

Ilkley Grammar School "B Hall"

Bar opens 7pm. Quiz starts 7:30pm



ILKLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

A MOORLANDS LEARNING TRUST ACADEMY

Includes supper:-
meat or veggie
curry AND dessert.

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TICKETS £15 per person

Come as a team OR join a table on the night.

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Parent/Carer Support Group

About Us:

The Parent Support Group is an online support group, facilitated by NHS mental health practitioners. The group is a safe space for parents to get together, share their experiences and build positive relationships. A different subject is discussed each month and parents will receive useful information and strategies around the chosen monthly topic.

For an invite, please email: mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com

Next Parents Support Group details: Tuesday 18th March 2025
Topic: “Supporting your child: The teenage brain”.



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Bradford District and Craven
Health and Care Partnership



NHS
Bradford District Care
NHS Foundation Trust

Parent/Carer Support Group

Supporting Emotional and Mental Health



Tuesday 18th
March



10:30am or
7:30 pm



Held on
MS Teams

Please email the address below

THIS MONTHS TOPIC: **THE TEENAGE BRAIN**



Join us for this session where we will be discussing all the things linked to the Teenage Brain. We will be covering information around how understanding brain development may inform emotional wellbeing as well as discussing opportunities to learn new knowledge to support your young person.

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Dear parents/carers,

These two Ilkley Literature festival events are taking place in B: Hall on Saturday 29th March and any IGS students attending will get 20% off. There are two events – one on Net Zero (Chris Goodall) and the other on AI (Patrick Dixon) – hugely valuable cultural capital for any Post-16 students and strongly recommended for any Post-16 students studying Geography, Politics, Computer Studies, Media Studies or IT.

[Ilkley Lit Fest spring events: Exclusive discount for IGS students!](#)

You've got an exclusive IGS student discount on our upcoming events!

We're giving IGS students an **additional 20% off** their student tickets for our upcoming events on Sat 29 March. **That's just £7.20 per ticket for IGS students.**

Select your tickets (**remember to select ticket type 'Under 25s/student'**) and then enter promo code **IGSSIXTHFORM** at check-out to get 20% off your ticket.

Read on to discover the events taking place on Sat 29 March. You [can book online now](#) or call our box office on **01943 816714**.

Choose your events!

We're taking on the big issues on Sat 29 March, including AI, the state of the justice system and the future of the planet. Get up to speed and join in the conversation by booking your discounted under 25/student tickets today using promo code **IGSSIXTHFORM**

Patrick Dixon: How AI Will Change Your Life

Sat 29 March
2-3pm
Ilkley Grammar School, B-Hall

Chris Goodall: Possible - Ways to Net Zero

Sat 29 March
7.30-8.30pm
Ilkley Grammar School, B-Hall



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