

# Parent, Carer Bulletin 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025



ILKLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

A MOORLANDS LEARNING TRUST ACADEMY

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another successful Challenge and Celebration Week here at IGS, I wanted to take this opportunity to share some highlights with you and reflect on what has once again been a memorable and enriching week for our students. This unique annual event continues to provide a broad range of experiences - from overseas adventures and cultural day trips to in-school projects and work placements - all designed to broaden horizons, build resilience, and create lasting memories. This year, C and C week has involved:

- ❖ 231 students embarking on European residential trips including Paris, Berlin, Krakow, Geneva and Rome
- ❖ 241 year 8 students enjoying a three-night stay in London
- ❖ 243 year 9 students embracing the outdoors on a three-night residential in the Lake District
- ❖ 282 year 7 students taking part in a mix of day trips including Leeds Sailing and Flamingo Land, as well as 2 days of activities at the school field and an overnight camping experience
- ❖ 20 key stage 3 students engaging in a carousel of activities from DT manufacturing and a creative arts day to walking the Wharfe and team-building at Nell Bank
- ❖ 58 year 8 students challenging themselves on treetop courses at Go Ape, exploring White Scar Caves and Ingleton Waterfalls, sight-seeing in York and enjoying thrills at the Pleasure Beach in Blackpool
- ❖ 32 year 9 students participating in a varied programme including High Adventure and the North Yorkshire Water Park, as well as Blackpool Pleasure Beach and York



PRIDE



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RESPONSIBILITY



KINDNESS



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- ❖ 320 year 10 and 53 year 12 students gaining valuable insights into the world of work through a wide range of work experience placements
- ❖ 15 students currently in Eswatini with World Challenge, taking part in voluntary work supporting conservation efforts and community projects – a truly life-changing experience

Coordinating a programme of this scale, involving over 1200 students simultaneously on school trips, 70 coaches and 5 return flights, as well as over 370 students on work experience is no small feat. In addition to the work experience team, I would like again to extend particular thanks to Joy Heyworth in the finance department and Assistant Headteacher Matt Carr, whose dedication and hard work make Challenge and Celebration Week a reality. Their tireless efforts, positive outlook, and unwavering commitment to students are what make this week so special.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the collective energy and enthusiasm of our staff, who volunteer their time and go above and beyond to deliver these opportunities. My sincere thanks go to every member of the IGS team for helping to make this week so memorable. Planning is already underway for next year's Challenge and Celebration Week, and we'll be inviting expressions of interest for the year 8 and 9 residentials early in the autumn term.

Wishing you and your families a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Best wishes,  
Carly Purnell  
Headteacher



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# Challenge and Celebration Week 2025



**5** return flights



**70** coach journeys



**231** students on European residential trips



**484** students on UK residential trips



**270** Year 7 students camped over night



**392** students on day trips



**15** students travelled to Eswatini for World Challenge



**330+** students completed work experience



PRIDE







D&T sweet dispenser project



Year 7



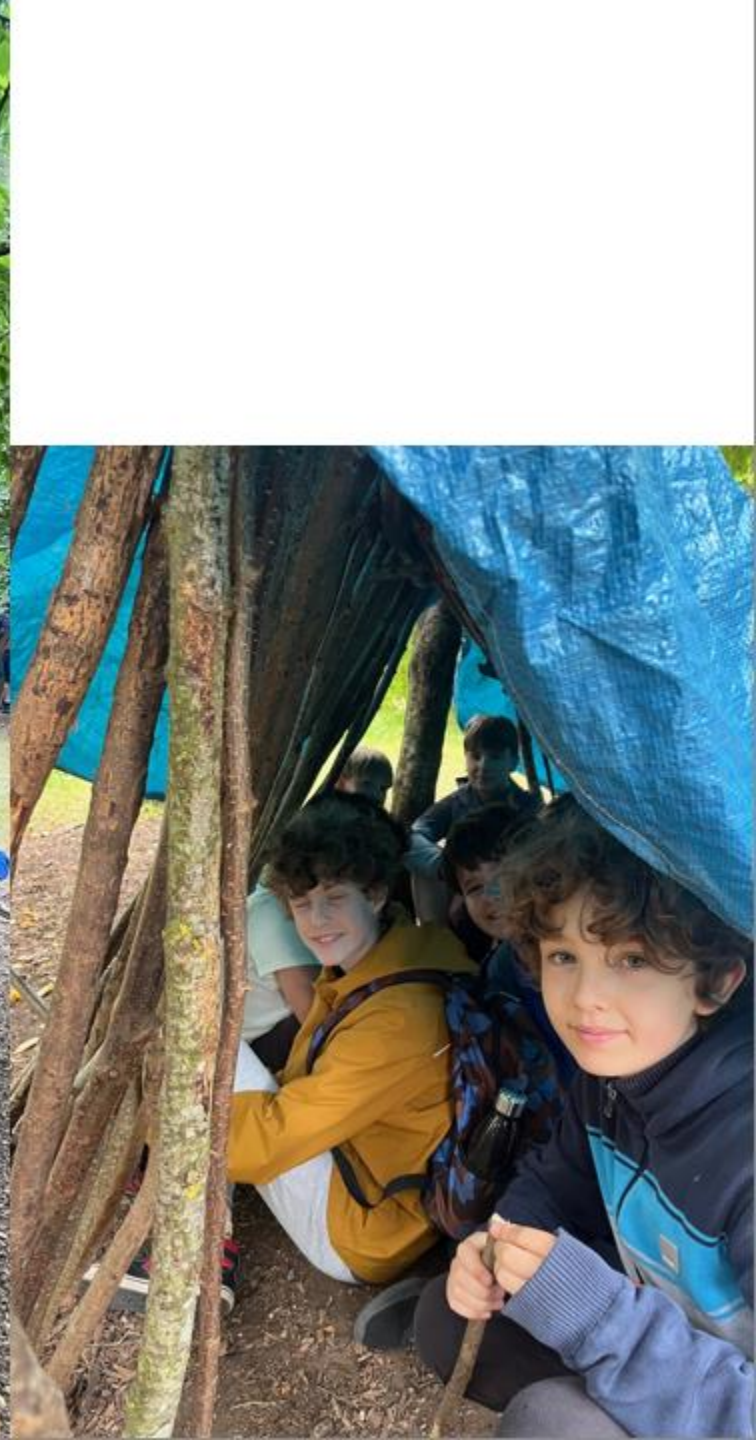
# Big Camp











**Nell Bank**



























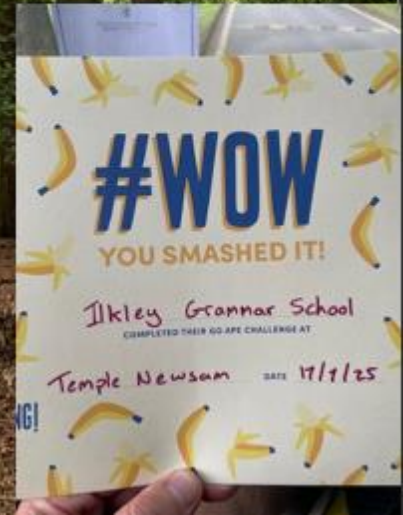








# Year 8 Carousel





# Year 9 Lakes Trip































Year 10  
work  
experience





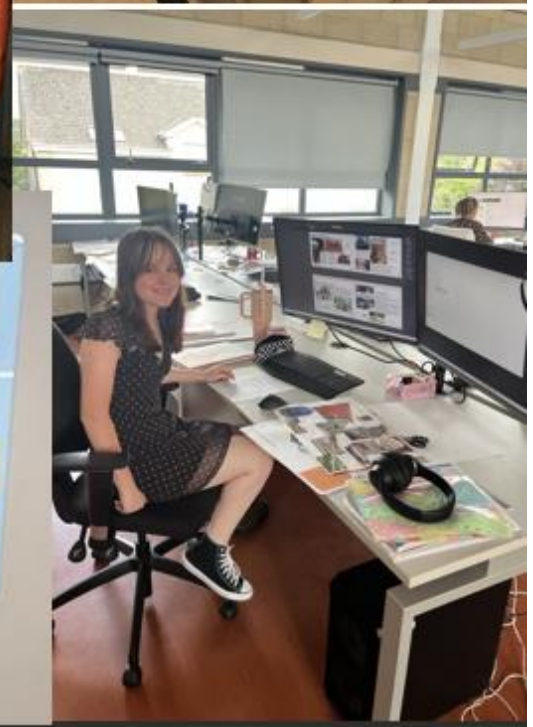
















Year 12 Rome Trip





# Year 12 Krakow trip









# Year 12 Paris trip

