

# Parent, Carer Bulletin: 19.07.24



ILKLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

A MOORLANDS LEARNING TRUST ACADEMY

Dear Parents/Carers,

I write to you as our annual Challenge and Celebration Week 2024 comes to a close. Once again, we have a wide range of activities going on, from residential trips, day visits, in-school activities and work experience placements. These have provided students with new challenges and opportunities which have included:

- ❖ 189 students on European residential trips including Berlin, Krakow, Geneva and Rome
- ❖ 248 year 8 students in London for three nights
- ❖ 218 year 9 students in Shropshire for three nights
- ❖ 301 year 7 students on day trips including Leeds Sailing, Forbidden Corner, 'Walk the Wharfe' and Flamingoland
- ❖ 16 key stage 3 students enjoying a carousel, relishing in a whole host of activities from manufacturing in DT to making props for the school production in Art and team building at Nell Bank
- ❖ 54 year 8 students and 89 year 9 students taking part in the year 8 and year 9 carousel respectively, daring themselves to climb treetops at Go Ape, enjoying Laser Tag and bowling, experiencing the rides at the Pleasure Beach in Blackpool and exploring White Scar Caves in Ingleton
- ❖ 321 Year 10 and 12 students developing their work skills and looking ahead to their future careers whilst fulfilling work experience placements
- ❖ Two teams of students who are currently in Borneo experiencing a trip of a lifetime with World Challenge. Students and staff are making a difference to local communities through their voluntary work with a focus on wildlife and environmental conservation.

Organising this week for five-year groups and almost 1500 students is a significant logistical undertaking and a special thank you again goes to Joy Heyworth in the finance department and Matt Carr, Associate Assistant Headteacher, who make Challenge and Celebration week happen. They really do go the extra mile, giving up hours of their time, to organise, plan and deliver the week for our students and I am grateful to them for their commitment, positivity, solution-focussed and student-centred approach to everything they do.

The success of a week on this scale is undoubtedly a whole team effort and I would also like to thank all of the IGS staff who willingly give up their time and without whom the range of activities and opportunities would not be possible. We are already starting to plan next year's programme with expressions of interest for the year 8 and 9 residentials due to go out imminently so the planning can begin.

All the best for a relaxing and enjoyable summer.

Kind regards,

Carly Purnell

**Headteacher**



PRIDE



RESPECT



COURAGE



RESPONSIBILITY



KINDNESS



RESILIENCE





# Rome



# London



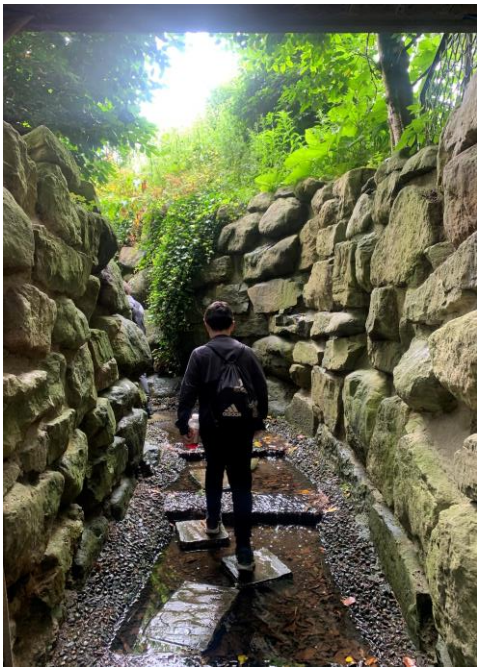


Berlin

# Y7 Leeds Sailing







Y7 Forbidden Corner



Y7 Walk the Wharfe

# Y8 Go Ape & Bowling



# Y9 Shropshire







Y9 Caves & Ingleton Waterfall

# Y10 Work Experience





# Les Mis Set & Props Workshop