

Thank You from Parents/Carers and the Community 2023-24

Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 11:08 AM
To: Emma Wood (IGS)

Could I just say that IGS teachers are amazing and always go the extra mile.

They've always reacted quickly and compassionately to {our daughter} if ever we've needed anything which thankfully so far hasn't been so often.

I'd just like to say that your support from the admin team echoes the above. Nothing seems too much trouble which as a parent is very reassuring. Thank you very much.

I'll be in touch asap.

Many thanks Emma, have a lovely weekend.

Sincerely

IGS parent



Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2023 5:27 PM
To: Carly Purnell (IGS) **Cc:**
Subject: Heartfelt thanks

Dear Ms Purnell,

I want to extend my appreciation and say thank you, to you and your team for the warmth you showed to our staff and clients who attended the trip to Ilkley Grammar on 7th October 2023.

I have heard wonderful feedback about the day and in particular, the art activities, walk on the moors and humble approach from those who put so much work in to make it all happen. Days like this are rare for the families we work with and offer much needed respite from the challenges of day to day life in the Asylum Process, especially when they are coordinated with such attention to detail and human kindness.

We are grateful to you all.

Very best wishes,

Safeguarding Policy and Practice Manager

Sent: Friday, October 6, 2023 2:57 PM
To: IGS Admin Email
Subject: Open Evening - Wednesday 4 October:

Good afternoon

After visiting your school on Wednesday evening, I feel compelled to send you a brief email to convey our experience.

We, my wife, and I with our daughter, had contacted you in advance because my wife is a wheelchair user so wanted to be sure we would be able to have access to look around.

It was very clear that care, thought and preparation had gone into our visit. We were told where we could park, the member of staff we saw on arrival was aware we were coming and seats had been reserved in the main hall so we could sit together, with a wheelchair space.

After the Headteacher's presentation, two Year 9 pupils had been assigned to give us a tour. They were delightful, very engaging, warm and friendly towards us and had obviously been shown in advance how to use the lifts. They really helped to make the whole experience informative and enjoyable. Even small details had been thought about, they had been provided with a torch and a member of staff caught up with us a couple of times to see how we were getting on.

Please, if you could pass on our thanks to them it would be appreciated, they were wonderful ambassadors and a credit to the school.

We hope to have the opportunity to visit again if {our daughter} is selected to attend next September.

Warmest regards

IGS parent

Sent: Monday, November 20, 2023 8:03 AM
To: Gill Cavaliere (IGS)
Subject: Positive Feedback

Good Morning,

I caught the number 62 bus home on Friday.

I was proud to see how many IGS students were being patient, kind and respectful.

The bus was very busy due to delays.

Students stood up and moved to allow elderly passengers and disabled passengers to be able to sit down and be safe during their journey.

All students were quiet, well behaved and kind.

Well done.

Proud of them all.

Kind Regards

IGS staff colleague

← Post



Sean Anthony Sherwood 
@Sean_Sherwood

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I want to extend a huge thank you to Ilkley Grammar School for inviting me to be the guest speaker at last night's GCSE awards ceremony at the Kings Hall Theatre. I was truly blown away by the showcase of musical talent from the students, and in particular, the Chapman family duo who delivered an incredible rendition of "Bellini."

Meeting the outstanding staff and students who won awards was nothing short of inspiring. It was evident from the moment I arrived that the staff have created an environment where young people can truly flourish and leave with all the tools they need for the next part of their journey.

The core values of the school were on full display, and it was my absolute honor to be a part of the evening. A special thank you to Gemma Cloughton & Carly Purnell for their incredible hospitality and support. I wish you both and all at IGS every success for the future. 🌟

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Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2023 8:11 AM

To: IGS Admin Email

Subject: FAO: Mrs Purnell

Dear Mrs Purnell,

We would like to pass on a huge well done to the team of staff and the students who put together the Battle of the Bands concert last week. What a wonderful spectacle for the school, you must be proud. It is inspiring for the next generation starting (or coming) to your school. Please pass on to the staff involved, as we appreciate these things take time and patience!

Kind regards

IGS parents

Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 10:59 AM

To: IGS Admin Email

In response to the e-mail sent this morning regarding Year 11 Mock examinations, I would like to feedback that the whole process as a parent of a Year 11 child has felt calm, organised and very well managed. My son has known the expectations and this has allowed him to revise and sit his examinations without un-due stress or panic. Many thanks for ensuring this is the case.

Best wishes

Y11 parent

Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 2:57 PM

To: IGS Office

Subject: FAO Headteacher of IGS

Hello,

We wanted to say a heartfelt thank you to the fantastic PE team who took our daughter to Suffolk this weekend as part of the cross country finals. She had an amazing time, was looked after incredibly well and came back really motivated and happy. We appreciate the staff do this in their own time and we're so grateful to them for their commitment and nurturing of the running team - first class.

Thank you again

IGS parents

[Redacted]

Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 12:41 PM

To: Carly Purnell (IGS)

Subject: Compliment

Thank you for being so helpful and making our sessions run smoothly, we wish every school was as good as yours. Merry Christmas and Happy new year to all of you as well.

Kind Regards

NHS Immunisation Team

[Redacted]

...@ilkleytowncouncil...

Dear Gill

Please do pass on my thanks to Carly and the team for hosting such a brilliant evening. I go to a lot of these - and I can tell you it was such a pleasure to be at this event - I could see and feel the care and attention to detail that your staff poured into every citation. So thoughtful. The evening was a joy and I know both students and parents will be very grateful to you for it and for the years they have spent under your tutelage.

We have special set of young people in this town, you, and a very special school to sit alongside them. What a fantastic collaborative team you are!

Anything I or the Council can do to help you continue your brilliant work please do let me know.

Very Best Wishes

Ilkley Mayor

[Redacted]

Sent: Sunday, January 7, 2024 8:05 PM

To: IGS Admin Email; Andrew Marshall (IGS) Cath Walsh (IGS) Claire Harris (IGS) Joshua Sykes (IGS) Lara Ramrattan (IGS) louise grant; Louise Mortimer (IGS)

Subject: Thank you

Dear All,

I am writing this email to say thank you for being amazing teachers. I really appreciate your support and guidance throughout my time at IGS. I was overwhelmed to receive the Kathleen Hewitt Edwards award at the presentation evening; thank you so much for thinking of me, I am so grateful.

I am looking forward to studying Chemistry at the University of Bradford in September this year, and I am hoping to join their drama society.

Could you also please forward this email to Mrs Purnell, Mrs Batch and Mrs Jordan since I do not have their email addresses.

I will keep you posted on my educational endeavours.

With my best wishes to you all,

IGS student

[Redacted]

Sent: Friday, January 19, 2024 11:06 AM

To: IGS Admin Email

Subject: Battle of the Bands

Morning,

I wonder if you could possibly forward this email to the music department who I presume organised last night's Battle of the Bands? Just wanted to say thanks for doing so! It was an excellent evening with a great atmosphere that was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

It was a superb opportunity for all the pupils that took part and the whole thing was run with great efficiency!

Ilkley were a well deserved winner of the audience vote.

Many thanks - parent of a Roundhay High School participant

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30.01.24 **SJV** Huge thanks once again to all those involved in ensuring the HPV vaccinations ran smoothly. The vaccination team said how impressed they were at the efficiency of the day, the polite behaviour of the students and thanks to the staff who ensured that the classes arrived on time. We were finished just before lunch time with 15 needed for the afternoon which were very quickly caught up with. Once again, the Imms team said thank you to IGS who they say they always enjoy visiting because of the efficient way the day runs. **To all those involved thank you very much for your support**

Half term ski-trip thank yous from parent, carers (20.02.24)

Dear Mr Carr,

We just wanted to thank you and the rest of the IGS staff for giving up your time to enable {our son} to have such a memorable trip to Bardonecchia.

It hasn't gone unnoticed how much effort will have gone into organising it and the added headache you had when faced with changing location.

We really appreciate all your efforts and would be grateful if you would pass on our thanks to all concerned.

{Our son} had a fantastic time and is already looking forward to the next trip!

Thanks again.

Kind regards,

IGS Parents
[Redacted]

Dear Mr Carr,

We just wanted to email to thank you for all the time and effort you put into the Italy ski trip for year 9. Our daughter has had an amazing time. It was her first time skiing properly and you have given her an excellent experience. We appreciate all the work that goes into the organisation of such a trip and it is no small undertaking. And then having to find a new venue at such short notice must have been a nightmare, but you clearly pulled it out the bag! {Our daughter} has loved everything about the trip - the skiing, the apres ski activities and even the coach journey!! Please pass on our thanks to the whole staff team who were involved and looked after our teenagers during the trip. It sounds like it was lots of fun, and {our daughter} has been full of tales since we picked her up yesterday!! She can't wait till the next one!

Everything you (and your team) do for the children is greatly appreciated by us parents! We are lucky to have you at IGS.

All the best,

IGS Parents
[Redacted]

Good morning,

I just wanted to pop an email over, to say a huge THANK YOU to yourself and the rest of the staff involved in this years ski trip. It must be so difficult to arrange a trip like this, and for you all to give up your half term week!!

My son has had an incredible time. He has pushed himself out of his comfort zone and had a truly great experience. Being able to gain independence and confidence, all whilst learning a new skill! It was great to hear how he has had the opportunity to spend time with peers, he doesn't usually get the chance to - and how the students encouraged each other throughout the trip!

He said the main things he learnt from the trip was "Even when things seem hard, if you push yourself, and face your fears, most of the time you can actually do it" - this was amazing to hear, and shows to be the trip was exactly what I had hoped for him. A first-hand thanks from myself to all the teaching staff from IGS who showed encouragement and support.

Again, a huge thank you for giving my son such an incredible experience.

Kindest Regards,

IGS Parent
[Redacted]

Hi Mr Carr,

We just wanted to say thank you so much for the ski trip. I know a lot of time and effort has gone into organising it especially with the last minute changes you had to deal with. Thank you to you and all the other staff involved for looking after them and giving up your half term week to take them.

{Our daughter} has had a fabulous time.

Thank you again,

IGS Parents
[Redacted]

Dear Mr Carr,

Just a quick email to say thank you, {our son} has had a fabulous time on the ski trip, and has been bitten by the ski bug 🏂

Thanks again for all the hard work to you and your colleagues who were also in the trip.

IGS Parents
[Redacted]

Dear Mr Carr

I would like to express my admiration and gratitude to you and your staff for the execution of this trip. (Our daughter) had the best time and actually did learn to ski!!! Seriously - it was amazing to hear about it and see the photos. What an experience for all the children.

Many thanks!

IGS Parents
[Redacted]

Sent: Friday, February 23, 2024 1:24 PM
To: IGS Office
Subject: GCSE extra revision classes

I wanted to write to say thank you to the teachers doing the extra revision classes after school. Teaching is completely undervalued and {my son} and I really appreciate the extra help he is given.

{Our son} has been going to Mr Nahl and Mr Crisp's extra classes all year and will soon start Mr Burton's PE class.

Please pass on my thanks to these brilliant and dedicated teachers.

Thanks

Year 11 Parent
[Redacted]

Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 2:58 PM
To: IGS School Comms
Subject: Re: Spanish Students return leg to Ilkley

Hi Kevin

Thanks for sending the information across

I wanted to say a HUGE thank you to you and Miss Bono and Marisol for all your efforts with the exchange.

{Our daughter} had such a fantastic experience. Actually a life enhancing and huge developmental experience!!!! ...

The whole experience has been super exciting, allowed them to take a big brave step and test their confidence. {Our daughter} has proven to themselves that they can do scary things and I know that the seeds which have been sown from this experience will definitely grow into even bigger successes of their future.

{Our daughter's} confidence and ability with their learning of Spanish has grown too.

Thank you so much for encouraging this sense of adventure in a positive and nurturing way.

We'll see you on quiz night

IGS Parents
[Redacted]

Sent: Friday, March 1, 2024 11:07 AM
To: Carly Purnell (IGS)
Subject: The Show

Hi Carly – hope you're doing ok. I just wanted to say how much we all enjoyed Grease last night (3 generations of our family). We thought it was superb and had a level of professionalism that was truly impressive. It's going to be difficult to top!

Well done to all the teachers, crew, and performers.

IGS Parent
[Redacted]

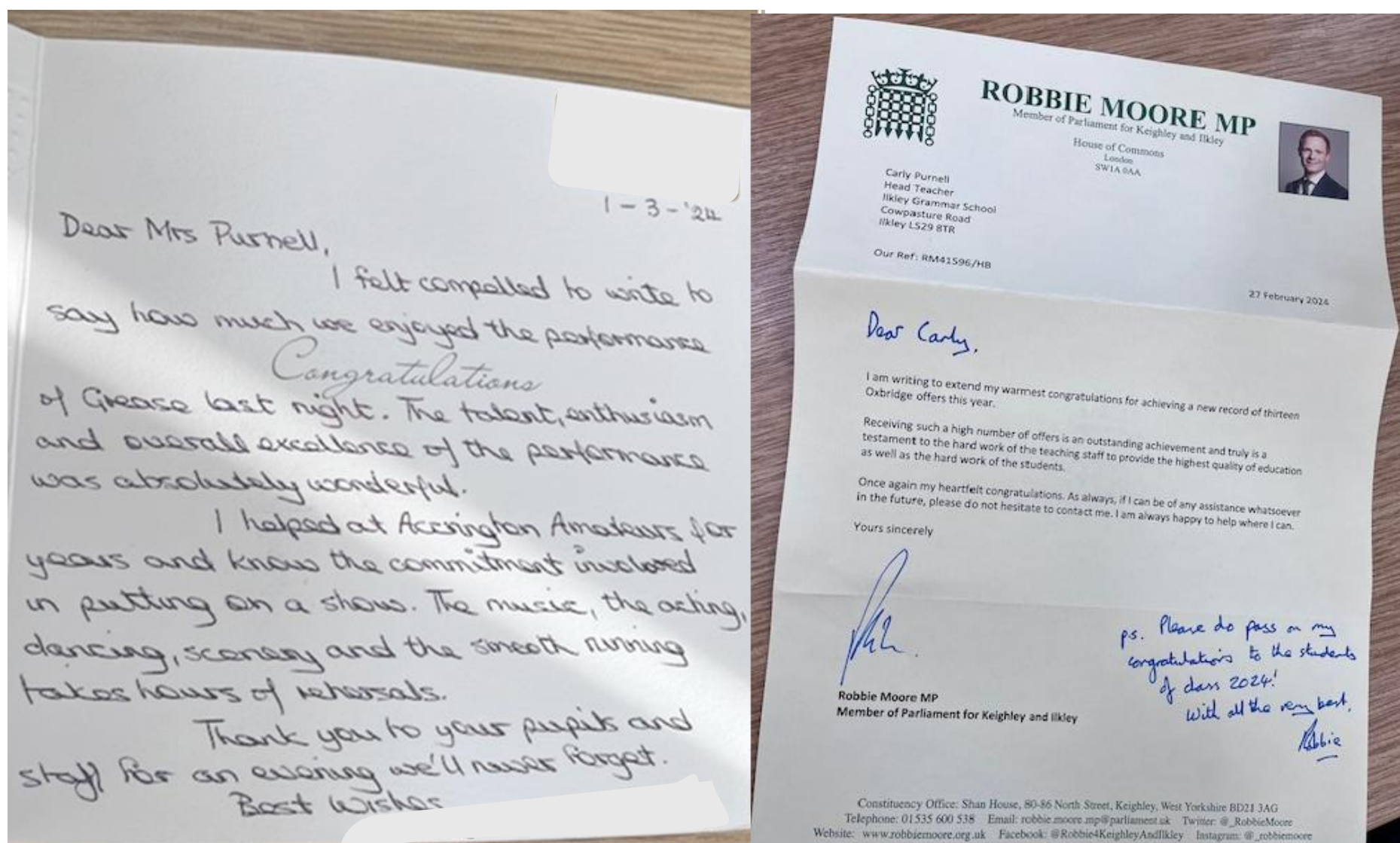
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2024 3:19 PM
To: Saul Peltier; Adam Falkner
Cc: Carly Purnell; Robin Burton
Subject: Positive feedback from member of public

Hi Saul, Adam,

A lady has just called to say how lovely our students were this afternoon on the Moor. She said lots of students said hello, were polite and considerate and stopped to pet their dog. She was with her sister who has a student with us and said she was going to give feedback as well.

Kind regards

IGS Staff Member
[Redacted]



Iceland thank yous from parent, carers

Sent: 27 March 2024 21:04

To: Robert Greening (IGS)

Subject: Re: Iceland 2024

Dear Mr Greening,

Just a quick not to say a massive thank you to you and your colleagues for all that you have done to make the trip to Iceland so memorable for {our son} He has had a fantastic time and whilst it was a little odd for us that he was away for his birthday, he couldn't have had a better time than bathing in the secret lagoon and having a burger at the Hard Rock Cafe. The drum sticks were a lovely touch. We are very grateful.

Every blessing,

IGS Parents

Sent: 28 March 2024 10:25

To: Philip Walton (IGS) Robert Greening (IGS) India Parmar (IGS) Rebecca Pullan (IGS) Alex Crisp (IGS)

Subject: Thank you!

Hello!!

I hope you all had a lovely sleep after our tiring journey yesterday, I wanted to say a quick thank you from all of us for making the trip so fantastic - it really was a once in a lifetime opportunity and we're all so grateful for you guys making it such a magical experience. This message comes from like 15 different people, not just me so don't worry. Thanks guys!!!! Go geography!

IGS Year 12 student

Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 9:30 PM

To: IGS Admin Email

Subject: A BIG thank you

Hi

Hope you have all had a good Easter.

Please could you pass on mine and {our son's} thanks to the teachers who took him and his fellow students to Iceland.

He had such an amazing time - a school trip never to be forgotten.

Kind regards

IGS Parent

Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 5:54 PM
To: Carly Purnell (IGS)
Subject: Iceland trip

Dear Mrs Purnell

My name is RB and I was the guide with your school trip a couple of weeks ago. I'm a retired teacher/ lecturer of sixth form and undergrads, geology and geography.

I have been guiding now for 10 years with schools and colleges.

I am writing to say that I was so impressed by the knowledge, enthusiasm and courtesy of your students. Throughout the trip they asked me questions and were really excited about visiting a totally different environment and culture.

Rob Greening and all the teachers were brilliant in supporting me, we got on really well. I have explained that if your school visits Iceland again I would love to guide them.

At the farewell gathering I did tell the students and staff how impressed I was and that I would write to you.

I don't often contact the head teacher of the schools I guide, but as a former senior teacher I know how important it is to pass on positive comments.

Best wishes

RB
[Redacted]

10.04.24: To Sue Varley from potential new parents/students

Hi Sue,

Just wanted to say a huge thank you for giving us the opportunity to look around the school this morning. The girls (were brilliant and answered all our (many!) questions.

We all came away feeling really positive about the school and Ilkley as a whole.

[Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2024 17:37
To: Rosanna Booth (IGS)
Cc: Matt Carr (IGS)
Subject: Nell Bank

Hi Rosie,

Hope you're having (or have had?) a good break. I just wanted to pass on our thanks to you and IGS for the help we had from your students at our events last week.

Mia F (two days), Mia H, Erin L and Grace A (now a regular) really helped to make the Easter Egg Hunts a huge success. I hope they enjoyed themselves and benefitted from the experience. With students from St. Mary's and Prince Henry's as well, it was great to have good representation from a younger age group. I have thanked them personally, but please add to that if you see them.

As an independent charity now, these events are so important to us, especially to help fund our Assisted Places Scheme. I'll be in touch in due course about our summer events!

Regards,

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[Redacted]

Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2024 11:37 AM
To: IGS School Comms
Subject: Revision information evening on Tuesday

Hello Communication team.

Please would you pass on my gratitude to Mrs Capstick and Mr Mills for the very informative and useful Revision information evening on Tuesday.

It was delivered so skilfully and appropriately, allowing all who was present to have a really good insight into myths and challenges of revision whilst offering valuable revision techniques.

I learnt a lot.

Absolutely well done! Thank you.

Best regards

Year 10 Parent
[Redacted]

Sent: Monday, June 3, 2024 3:09 PM
To: IGS Admin Email
Subject: A Quick Thanks To The A Level Maths Teachers

I am the father of {a year 12 student}.

He went into school during the recent holidays for some maths support session thingy.

I assume that it was a bit like the after school sessions that he sometimes attends.

(I think he stopped those for a while but has now started again)

Wow - done during the holidays – very impressive and definitely a case of you going the extra 8 furlongs.

He found it helpful and very importantly enjoyable/interesting being able to go and get the extra support.

When we were out on Friday night he took great delight in showing me a question that he had done there and explaining to me how it was done.

I genuinely felt quite jealous. Pure maths has a beauty all of its own and my skills are long gone.

He seems to have gone from really not enjoying maths that much – just get the blooming GCSE done and out of the way - to lapping it up with interest and joy. A beautiful to see transformation.

I know he has certain teachers for his A Level maths but this is also a larger thanks to the department in a general sense.

I am sure any of you could have ended up being his maths teachers but that you all work as a team.

I am also not even sure whether it was one of his current teachers that he saw during the holidays.

Anyways – THANKS

What is a math teacher's favourite sum? Summer

Not long to go!

Sent: 08 June 2024 19:13

To: James Pearce (IGS)

Subject: Thank you

Hello Mr Pearce

Thank you to all the IGS staff who facilitated the bronze D of E practice expedition this weekend. You all deserve a medal! {Our daughter} has loved it...even if they did get a bit lost! Fingers crossed for the assessed one.

Regards,

IGS Parent

Sent: 18 June 2024 16:23

To: Clare Robun (IGS)

Hi Mrs Robun

Just a quick email to say thank you for the support {our son} has received at IGS, I know teaching isn't easy these days but honestly, I have been so impressed with the school over the last 5 years, the support that {our son} has received has been excellent, you should be extremely proud of all the teachers they are a credit to the school.

Thank you once again

Year 11 Parent

Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2024 8:54 PM

To: IGS Admin Email

Subject: Thank you

Dear Mr Simpson and Mr Comiskey

Both myself and my daughter, would like to pass on our thanks to you both for being such fabulous and inspiring business studies teachers for her a level.

She loved it so much that she went on to university and found out today she has obtained a BSc(Hons) Accounting & Finance 2:1 and she says that it is you two that inspired her, despite Mr Comiskey's rubbish references to the 1990s/Leeds United/bootcut jeans etc!!

Here she is out celebrating with me today !

So once again, thank you both sincerely.

Former Parent and Student

Sent: Friday, June 28, 2024 1:22 PM

To: IGS Admin Email

Subject: Fw: Final Opportunity to collect Free ModiBodi products for all students on Thurs 4th July

Hi,

Just a quick email to say what a fantastic scheme/idea this is and wanted to pass on my thanks/congratulations to all involved. Long may it continue.

All the best, have a great weekend,

{IGS Parent}

Sent: Friday, July 5, 2024 10:50 PM

To: IGS Admin Email

Subject: Creative Arts Evening

Dear Ilkley Grammar Creative Arts Team,

I just wanted to email and thank you for a really uplifting couple of evenings that were part of your creative arts festival. The work and performances were brilliant but what really shone through was how well supported, encouraged and confident the performers were.

The work you all put in to the event, and of course in advance, to give the pupils the opportunities to do what they love and showcase their talents is very much appreciated. On a personal note, {our son} has got so much from his Music A level and the extra curricular activities and each time he has the opportunity to perform his confidence grows a bit more. It's been remarkable to see. Thank you for encouraging him.

Kind regards and best wishes for a lovely summer break when it arrives.

IGS Parent

Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2024 12:46 PM

To: IGS Admin Email

Subject: FAO Mrs Purnell

Dear Mrs Purnell

I would just like to take this opportunity to pass on my thanks to you and your staff for the opportunities you offer to the students. I have two children in {KS3}, and both seem to continue to thrive at IGS. {Our daughter} was delighted to receive Headteachers Award this week to have her efforts recognised.

In particular, I really want to give a mention to all the staff offering extra curricular activities. They are really very much appreciated and I can really see how much my two have enjoyed participating this year. Between them they have done netball, rounders, badminton, athletics, orchestra, drama club, MFL film club and band. They have taken part in the Christmas concert, Battle of the bands and Creative arts festival. Such great opportunities which have really helped their confidence to grow.

Hopefully they can enjoy a jam packed C and C itinerary next week!!

Many thanks. Wishing you a lovely summer break.

IGS Parent

Sent: Friday, July 19, 2024 8:51 AM

To: IGS Admin Email

Subject: Big thank you to all

Dear staff

Just to say thank you to each and everyone of you for all that you have done for both my children. Hope you have a great summer and enjoy your well deserved break.

IGS Parent

Sent: 28 August 2024 19:39

To: IGS Admin Email

Subject: FAO Mr Purnell - thanks

Dear Mrs Purnell

May we thank you and your colleagues at IGS for the incredible support and teaching experienced by our daughter during her time in sixth form.

From our first encounter with IGS – with a member of the reception team who instantly put us through to Mrs Pickard – throughout the past two years, the professionalism, kindness and care that {our daughter} has benefitted from has been outstanding.

Of particular mention, as well as Mrs Pickard, are the exceptional Ms Walsh, Ms Rennie, Miss Simkiss, Mr O'Brien, Mr Fox and Mr Sykes, along with all {our daughter's} subject teachers in business, politics and geography. We are so grateful for their expertise and experience. They have all kept {our daughter}, and us, going through some very challenging times. We also appreciate the other staff, teaching and non-teaching, with whom we have not had contact but who contribute to creating the brilliant and remarkable environment at IGS.

As a result of excellent teaching, pastoral care and SEN support, plus large dollops of patience, humour, forbearance, encouragement and guidance, (our daughter) achieved good grades at A-level and is now looking forward to studying at University. It is an amazing achievement by all involved as it was only in January, about five days before the UCAS deadline, that she decided to apply to university and, thanks to the heroic efforts by staff, was able to do so.

IGS has been such a positive experience for our family. Thank you.

We wish you and everyone at IGS another successful year.

Kind regards,

IGS Parent

Sent: 22 August 2024 13:57

To: Carly Purnell

Hi Carly

Please can I express my gratitude to all IGS staff who has supported and taught (our daughter) over the last 5 years. . .

She has struggled in education and been playing 'catch up' all the time but has persevered and today shows how much she has tried. We are so proud of her.

She is now apprehensive but excited about her next chapter of her life - college.

Thank you again for all IGS contributed to her life.

Kind regards

From a very proud mum and dad

IGS Parent

Sent: Friday, August 16, 2024 2:59 PM

To: Alexander Fox (IGS) Alexander Fox (IGS) Cath Walsh (IGS) Jamie Gutch (IGS) Joshua Sykes (IGS)

Subject: Thank you very much

Hello all!

Our family doesn't even know how to thank you for what you've done over the past two years. 🙏 ...

These two years were definitely not easy for him . . .

But what you did for him is incredible and how you taught and supported him throughout these two years. 🙏

We just want to say thank you very much from all of us. We are very proud of him and I know that IGS is proud as well.

May the next three years be the most interesting and exciting for {our son}.

We will never forget what you did for him. Thank you incredible people and teachers. ❤️ ❤️ ❤️

IGS Parent