



Dear Parent/Carers,

On Wednesday 2nd October, we held our annual Open Morning and Evening and welcomed prospective students and their parents/carers to Ilkley Grammar School. It was a really positive event as over 500 families visited IGS to gain an insight into the quality of education and wide range of personal development and enrichment opportunities on offer – these include over 90 clubs and activities, over 30 iLeader positions of responsibility, over 55 trips and visits and 15 performing arts events.

We are really proud to showcase the school and we have had some brilliant feedback about our student ambassadors who are the backbone of the event. They are tour guides who help families to navigate our site, explaining what it is like to be a student at IGS. They volunteer to help out in subject areas, talking about their work and encouraging visitors to engage in the activities, as well as demonstrating some of our extra-curricular activities in areas such as music, drama and PE. A special mention goes to Harriet Carter and Seb Ford who, after 22 school days at IGS, showed great confidence and poise to speak to several hundred people in B:Hall about how quickly they had settled, their favourite subjects and the range of clubs which they had already joined. They were accompanied by two of our Head Students, Lottie Johnson and Justin Derla, who also described the opportunities which IGS has given them, as well as the quality of teaching and support and the dedication of staff from which they have benefitted. Lottie spoke poignantly about remembering when she joined the school in year 7 having come from a class of 13 students at Asquith Primary School and the wonderful memories and friendships she has made over the past 6 years.

Another special mention goes to our year 8 band “Suspended” which is made up of Saskia Peacock (drums), Charlie Kirk (lead vocals), Alice Birch (keyboard), Oscar Blakemore (guitar) and Euan Griffiths (bass guitar). They performed a powerful rendition of “Beautiful Things” by Benson Boone to four separate audiences, showcasing some of the fantastic talent which we are so fortunate to have at IGS.

I would like to thank all of our student volunteers for giving up their time to support the staff and promote the school. They were fabulous role models, and it is always wonderful to see them have so much pride in IGS. Many of our visitors praised our students and the vibrancy of the evening with examples of comments as follows:

“Thank you for a wonderful evening. Your staff and students’ passion is a joy to see.”

“I wanted to express what pleasure it was to attend the Year 7 open day last week. My child was slightly nervous about attending but the nerves melted away very quickly. The pupils showing families around are a credit to their family, staff and school; they spoke highly about what IGS has to offer and gave some insights into the life of a Y7 pupil.”

“Our tour around the school and the presentation were fabulous . . . I was impressed by how smiley all the staff were, even when they didn’t think anyone was watching, and also how confident and articulate your existing students are.”

As Mr Hooper, Year 7 Progress and Experience Leader stated:

“Our student ambassadors were the glue that held this event together. Always on hand to help explain and direct or show families around the school, they were an absolute credit to IGS. We received so many compliments from prospective parents about the help they received, and they truly helped show the school in its very best light.”



Well done and thank you to all those who supported – we couldn’t put on an event like this without you!

Carly Purnell
Headteacher



Headteacher's Awards

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

Milo Mills 7JEF; Cooper Thomas 7KMH; Har-Krishan Chana 8ARJ; Ralph Taylor 9BET; Lauren Bolser 10PC; Oliver Patterson 11JPM; Aaron Meeson 10DJJ; Ryuji Uchimura 12HB; Harriet Carter 7WJ; Seb Ford 7ACU; Lucy Dinsdale 9SP; Alice Aynsley 11SB; Sasha Garnett 11AC; Imogen Oliver 11DJJ; Beatrice McDermott 11LIR; Sapphire Cochrane 11SCJ; Saskia Peacock 8JOW; Charlie Kirk 8SFQ; Alice Birch 8ARJ Oscar Blackmore 8JOWEuan Griffiths 8AJC

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.



THE SCHOOL REBUILDING PROGRAMME

On Wednesday 9th October, IGS held the Public Exhibition for the School Rebuilding Programme from 5pm-8pm which was attended by approximately 200 visitors. They were able to talk to members of the Project Team including representatives from the Department for Education and the contractor, Bowmer + Kirkland, as well as senior leaders from the school and Moorlands Learning Trust. Feedback is being sought on the plans (the deadline is the 20th October) prior to the submission of the planning application. We encourage parents, carers and students to view details of the plans on the project website ilkleygrammarplans.co.uk where you can also access the feedback form. You can also email info@ilkleygrammarplans.co.uk with any questions and register for updates.

Below are a few images of the development, as well as answers to some FAQs below. A key point to note is that there will be **no temporary classrooms as part of the project** and priority has been given to protecting the curriculum.



FAQs

Which buildings are being retained and which are being demolished?

There are 4 key buildings which are being retained:

- 1) The Victorian part of the Marshall building
- 2) Bronte – built around 2000
- 3) Armitage – built in 2019
- 4) The School Resource Provision

The rest are being replaced as part of the project. The Victorian part of the Marshall Building, Bronte and Armitage which are to be retained have been identified on the picture below left, with an image of the newly developed site to the right.



When will work start and how long will it take?

The timescale for regeneration is largely dependent on the planning process. Whilst we will continue to keep parents/carers and students informed as the project progresses, you can also subscribe for updates on the project website. If planning approval is received on time, then the anticipated timescales are as follows:

Phase 1 – Approximately 17 months from the summer term 2025 – October/November 2026

The new teaching block will be built on the existing tennis courts

Teaching will continue in the existing buildings until the new teaching block is built – there will be no temporary buildings. There will be some disruption to outdoor PE facilities during the construction period and we will have to fully utilise our off-site facilities on the A65.

We are likely to operate a split lunch during this period to ensure all students have access to outdoor space, as well as indoor catering facilities.

The school will decant from existing buildings around October half-term 2026 into the brand-new teaching block.



Phases 2/3 – Approximately 20 months from October/November 2026 to June 2028

This will involve 3 main elements some of which will be constructed simultaneously.



Element 1: Reroofing and refurbishment of the Victorian part of the Marshall Building (approximately 9-10 months) until August 2027

The art classrooms in Marshall will be recreated in the current technology block (L block) as technology will, at this point, have been decanted into the new teaching block. There will be no impact on the art curriculum as the art facilities will be recreated in L block whilst the roof repairs are being completed.



Element 2: Demolition of the 60s/70s extensions to the main part of the Marshall Building (and other buildings once the Marshall roof refurbishment is finished) and the construction of the new Sports Centre and pool (approximately 18-20 months) to June 2028.

This will involve demolition of the current pool and gym although we will still have the Sports Hall fully in operation:



Element 3: Summer 2028 – demolition of the current Sports Hall once the new Sports Centre is constructed



PRIDE



RESPECT



COURAGE



RESPONSIBILITY



KINDNESS



RESILIENCE



Will there be temporary accommodation during construction?

No, the existing teaching buildings will be used during the construction period. Once the new teaching block is complete, there will be a temporary decant from the Marshall building into 3 existing blocks (L, K and T) to enable roofing works to be undertaken safely. Temporary changing facilities are likely to be provided during the rebuild of the new sports block when the pool and gym are out of action.

How will construction be managed during national exam periods?

There will be strict restrictions on the type of work permitted in national examination periods and Bowmer + Kirkland will work with the school to ensure no disturbance occurs. The phasing of the programme ensures that the current sports hall will be available until the new sports hall is completed so that students can continue taking their exams on site.

Please also be reassured that IGS have recent experience of managing a construction project on site from when Armitage was constructed in 2018-2019. We will not allow construction works to affect students' GCSE, BTEC and A Level examinations when qualifications are at stake.

Will the capacity of the school increase?

The School Rebuilding Programme is a condition-led project and is replacing provision which is in a poor condition, and which is approaching the end of its lifespan. It is not an expansion project. Student numbers in years 7-11 will not increase and, whilst post-16 numbers do fluctuate, they are expected to stay in line with current numbers.

Which year groups will benefit from the new facilities?

If planning and construction go ahead as scheduled, the current years 7-11 will benefit as follows:

CURRENT YEAR GROUP	NEW TEACHING BLOCK	NEW SPORTS CENTRE/ POOL
Year 11: Green Ties	Approximately Oct/Nov year 13	
Year 10: Silver Ties	Approximately Oct/Nov year 12	
Year 9: Blue Ties	Approximately Oct/Nov year 11	Summer term year 12
Year 8: Purple Ties	Approximately Oct/Nov year 10	Summer term year 11
Year 7: Red Ties	Approximately Oct/Nov year 9	Summer term year 10
Year 6	Approximately Oct/Nov year 8	Summer term year 9
Year 5	Approximately Oct/Nov year 7	Summer term year 8
Year 4	From start of year 7	Summer term year 7
Year 3	From start of year 7	From start of year 7

What environmental measures are being taken?

The new building will be constructed to meet government specifications and has been targeted by the Government as being Net Zero Carbon in operation at handover. Bowmer + Kirkland use a 'Fabric First Principle' which ensures the fabric, heating, ventilation, water and lighting systems are designed to be energy efficient. In addition, Bowmer + Kirkland will comply with Government policies and will provide an Energy Statement which outlines sustainability credentials.



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



A selection of year 7 photos taken recently by our professional photographer



Music

IGS MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

LIVE @ LUNCH

Friday lunchtimes in C8 (Y7-11 and 13)
Monday Y12 lunchtimes in C8 (Y12 only)

Come and eat your lunch and enjoy an informal performance by IGS musicians.

Musicians wishing to perform need to contact Dr Peters to book a performance date. nicholas.peters@igs.mt.co.uk

IGS MUSIC SHOWCASE

WEDNESDAY
6 NOVEMBER 2024
7PM

TICKETS
£8 (ADULT)
£6 (CHILD)

KING'S HALL, ILLKLEY

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!

PIC-COLLAGE



IGS Music Showcase at 7pm on Wednesday 6 November at the King's Hall, Ilkley.

For the second year running we will be showcasing the vast array of musical talent we have at IGS in the amazing King's Hall. The concert will include performances from a variety of our music groups including the jazz band, drumline, bands, pop choir and more! Part of the evening will involve the third year of the IGS Battle of the Bands, with bands battling to be crowned by independent judges as this year's IGS Band Heroes. The winning band will go forward to represent IGS at the Red Kite Battle of the Bands at The Warehouse, Leeds on Thursday 23rd January 2025. Tickets are priced at £8 for adults and £6 for children and are now available from Bradford Theatres. <https://www.bradford-theatres.co.uk/whats-on/ilkley-grammar-school-musical-showcase>

The IGS Music Department presents a brand-new informal concert series called Live @ Lunch.

The concerts take place on Friday lunchtimes in the C8 music classroom and provides an opportunity for IGS student musicians to perform a solo piece in front of a friendly audience. This new initiative is for the benefit of both students wishing to gain solo performance experience as well as students that would like to enjoy some musical culture at lunchtime. The performances so far have covered a wide range of musical styles and instruments so there is certain to be something for everyone! If students wish to perform as part of this new series, then they need to email Dr Peters (nicholas.peters@igs.mt.co.uk) to agree a performance date.

Music : Leeds

We have external partners coming in to school to deliver a workshop on creative pathways for our Year 9- 13 Music students, on the morning of Tuesday 8th October.

The session will equip students with the knowledge and information they need to succeed in the music industry, should they wish to pursue a career or opportunity in this field and inform students of the many exciting pathways open to them as musicians, or simply interested in music.



PRIDE



RESPECT



COURAGE



RESPONSIBILITY



KINDNESS



RESILIENCE

The benefits of reading are well established: it increases empathy and kindness, builds vocabulary, increases academic achievement, and broadens students' horizons (Quigley + Coleman, 2019, Francis + McArthur, 2020). Therefore, at IGS we dedicate time to reading during tutor time to offer exposure to, and foster a love for, reading.

In Key Stage Three this takes the form of shared reading, where the tutor reads aloud to the class and the students follow along on their iPads. This then graduates to independent reading at the end of Key Stage 3 and into Key Stage 4, where students are given the autonomy to choose the book that they read silently during tutor time. This year we have some exciting texts that Years 7, 8 and 9 are reading, see below for more details.

What you can do to support your child:

Ask them about the book they are reading in tutor time. Questions such as: 'what has happened in the book this week?', 'what do you predict will happen next?', and 'what are you enjoying about the book?' will encourage them to think and reflect on the texts beyond tutor time.

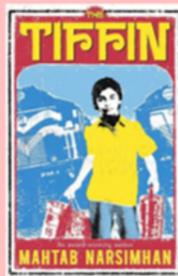
Promote a love of reading! Take them to a bookshop, talk to them about the importance of reading, have a comfy space where they can read, and encourage them to spend time reading at home.

Encourage them to watch the film or TV series that is related to the book they are reading. A Kind of Spark has been adapted into a TV series available on BBC iPlayer, and the Irish film A Quiet Girl is based on Foster, the Year 9 text.

Encourage them to use the school library. Each Year our librarian Mrs Harrison creates displays around the tutor time books with plenty of suggestions of books to read if they enjoyed the book in form time.

Bea Townsend: Reading Champion

Year 7 Reading Curriculum

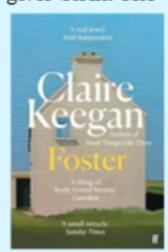
		
Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
A Kind of Spark Elle McNicoll	Example: Cloud Busting Malorie Blackman	The Tiffin Mahtab Narsimhan
This is the story of 11-year-old Addie as she campaigns for a memorial in memory of the witch trials that took place in her Scottish hometown. Addie knows there's more to the story of these 'witches', just like there is more to hers. Can Addie challenge how the people in her town see her, and her autism, and make her voice heard?	Davey is the new boy in class and Sam can't stand him. He thinks Davey is a Grade A moron. But when the two are thrown together Sam discovers that Davey's eccentric way of looking at the world makes life a lot more fun. Until the day something terrible happens... A funny and sad story, told completely in verse.	When a note placed in a tiffin (lunchtime delivery box) is lost, a newborn Kunal is separated from his mother. Twelve years later, Kunal lives under the thumb of his foster father, Seth. When it impossible to stay where he is, Kunal asks his friend, Vinayak to help him find his birth mother. Vinayak introduces Kunal to the tiffin carriers, and a plan is hatched.

Year 8 Reading Curriculum

		
Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Roll Call Malcolm Rose	Rat Patrice Lawrence	Example: Seven Ghosts Chris Priestley
Luke Harding is a young forensic investigator who works with his robot side-kick Malc. This case involves a series of murders in which the victims seem to have one thing in common: they are all named Emily Wonder, and the murderer is not leaving much by way of physical evidence to help. Can Luke and Malc work out the motive and solve the case before another Emily Wonder is murdered?	When his mum is sent back to prison, Al knows exactly who's to blame. Mr Brayker from downstairs has been making trouble for Al's mum ever since they moved in. Al is determined to get his revenge with a plan that involves the only two creatures he can rely on: his pet rats, Venom and Vulture. But things don't turn out exactly as he'd imagined ...	Jake and the other finalists in a writing competition have been invited to a stately house for a tour like no other. They hear the stories of seven ghosts who haunt the halls as they are taken on a tour. But strange shadows follow Jake as he journeys through the house and with each tale Jake hears, he begins to feel more uneasy. All is not as it seems and soon Jake will discover that something is very wrong ...

Year 9 Reading Curriculum

Half Term 1	Half Term 2 onwards
Short Story: Foster by Claire Keegan	Independent Reading
Foster is a coming-of-age story set in rural Southeast Ireland and narrated by an unnamed girl who is sent to live with her mother's relatives on a farm while her mother gives birth. She has no notion of when she will return home. In the strangers' house she finds affection she has not known before, and slowly she begins to blossom in their care.	Students will start independent reading after the October half term holidays. They will be expected to bring a physical fiction book that they read silently for the duration of tutor time. They can borrow books from the library or bring their own book into school. All Year 9 students will have a tutor session in the library over the coming weeks, so they are confident in the process of borrowing a book. Independent reading will follow a graduated approach: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book 1: Physical fiction text • Book 2: Physical fiction text or E-Book • Book 3: Fiction or non-fiction text or reading around their subject.



Sport Updates

English Schools Fell Running Championships - Sunday 6th October 2024

A number of runners represented IGS at the English Schools Fell running championships at Giggleswick School on Sunday 6th October. There were some fantastic results with Jake Norris finishing 2nd individually and Charlie Porteous 4th. The team ended the day in a very creditable 7th place amongst some very strong company. The medals were presented by British fell runner Jasmin Paris MB who has been a national fell running champion and who has set records for the Bob Graham Round and the Ramsay Round. In 2024, she became the first woman to successfully complete the Barkley Marathons.



Bingley Harriers Schools XC race, Wagon Lane, Bingley

Year 7 /8 Girls	Year 7/8 Boys	Year 9/10 IGS girls all finished within 5 spaces of each other!
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🏅 Harriet Carter 1st - with a time of 7:45 🏅 Charlotte Pedley came in 3rd with a time of 7:51 🏅 Sophie Leijssen and Milena Morgan were in the Top 10 finishing 8th and 9th 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🏅 Charlie Porteous came 1st with a time of 7:12, closely followed by Tyler Griffiths in second (7:16) 🏅 Thomas Jebb 5th with a time of 7:27 and Seb Ford placing 10th with a time of 7:47 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🏅 9 - Marcie Ford: 09:01 🏅 10 - Heather Crolla: 09:07 🏅 11 - Alice Gardner: 09:10 🏅 12 - Charlotte Braham-Smith: 09:14 🏅 13 - Millie Porteous: 9:19

Football

The Y11 Boys' Football team beat Bradford Forster Academy 13-2 in the first round of the ESFA National Cup. This is a fantastic result – well done team!

Year 8 Rugby Tournament

The year 8 rugby team travelled to Ripon School for a Yorkshire Cup tournament. The top two teams will progress to a semi-final.

The other teams involved in the tournament were Giggleswick school, Settle and South Craven.

The IGS boys performed very well throughout the tournament to come back with 3 wins from 3 games:

- They beat Giggleswick 5-0
- They then went on to beat Settle 15 – 0
- And finished off by beating South Craven 20 – 0

A fantastic performance and results from the Year 8s – especially from player of the tournament – Shay Cousins.

Dates for Diaries: Upcoming Post-16 Open Events



Ilkley Grammar School (Post-16): 13th November (6-8pm). An outstanding school with outstanding post-16 results. Lots of further information can be accessed by exploring the following link: <https://www.ilkleygrammarschool.com/post-16-students/admissions-information/>

Aviation Academy: 9th October & 10th October (5:30-7:30pm)

<https://www.craven-college.ac.uk/events/>

Bradford College: 15th October (5-7pm)

<https://www.bradfordcollege.ac.uk/events/>

Leeds City College: 16th October (4:30-7pm). LCC has 3 main campuses (Park Lane, Printworks and Quarry Hill – please check which campus provides the subject/course you are interested in studying)

<https://leedscitycollege.ac.uk/events/>

Leeds College of Building: 16th October (4-7:30pm). Has North & South campuses (please check where your subject/course is based)

<https://www.lcb.ac.uk/events/>

Keighley College: 23rd October (4-7pm). Has quite accessible entry requirements for trades.

<https://keighleycollege.ac.uk/events/>

Harrogate College: 23rd October (5:30-7pm)

<https://harrogate-college.ac.uk/contact/events/>

ShIPLEY College: 14th November (5:15-7pm)

<https://www.shipleys.ac.uk/discover-more/events/>



PRIDE



RESPECT



COURAGE



RESPONSIBILITY



KINDNESS



RESILIENCE

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
Famously Independent
EST. 1979

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.



PRIDE



RESPECT



COURAGE



RESPONSIBILITY



KINDNESS



RESILIENCE