



Dear Parents/Carers,

Sharing our glowing Ofsted report with students, staff, parents, and the wider community two weeks ago was a truly proud moment. Since its official publication on the Ofsted website, I have been continually reminded of how remarkable our students are. Their achievements, which fill me with immense pride, shine through in so many ways and have included the following areas:

Outstanding Sporting Achievements – from teamwork to individual success

On Saturday 1st February, I watched our year 8 and 9 rugby teams play in the finals of the Yorkshire Cup and Yorkshire Plate at West Park, Leeds. Both finals were competitive and the IGS teams fought hard right through to the final whistle, showing real resilience, character and representing the school with pride. Whilst they were beaten on the day by strong opposition, getting to the final and coming second in Yorkshire in their respective competitions is a fantastic achievement and a result of a high level of skill, teamwork, practice and preparation.

The rugby was followed by an afternoon at GSAL, watching 29 of our students race in the West Yorkshire Schools’ Cross Country where they represented the Bradford district, racing against competitors from Leeds, Kirklees, Wakefield and Calderdale. There were some brilliant individual achievements which are detailed in the sports section of the bulletin including Max Brett who came first in the year 7 boys’ race and Archie Budding who secured victory in the boys’ senior category where IGS dominated, placing first, second, third and fourth! While we await final confirmation of the students who will advance to the national finals, IGS will be well represented with at least 10 students expected to have qualified for the national stage. Well done to all of our runners for representing their school and district so positively!

There have also been fantastic results in football at local, regional and national level – where our year 7 boys’ B team are through to the **quarter-final of the English Schools’ competition – as well as in netball with convincing victories for our year 11 and 9 A teams.**

Creative Excellence

Being amongst the 450 strong audience at The Wardrobe in Leeds to enjoy the Red Kite Battle of the Bands competition, organised by IGS staff Jess Pymar and Nick Peters, has been another recent highlight. The event provided a fantastic opportunity for bands across alliance schools to perform live at a professional venue and be judged by industry experts who included Simon Rix of the Kaiser Chiefs, as well as enabling IGS students to run the show and perform key roles behind the scenes. We were treated to a fabulous display of young musical talent, including the IGS band, Duktape, who gave a memorable performance of their own song “Brain Drain.”

I have also been privileged to watch some of the rehearsals for Les Misérables and have been blown away by students’ performances as they rehearse for next week’s shows. The talent on display is truly breathtaking! I have also been incredibly impressed by the hard work that has gone into creating the set, costumes, and all of the technical elements. I don’t want to give anything away, but if you’ve secured tickets, you’re in for a spectacular evening!

High aspirations and ambition:

As many of our year 13 students are receiving offers from universities, conservatoires and for apprenticeships across the country, 9 students have been offered places at Oxford or Cambridge this year to read Natural Sciences, Mathematics, Engineering, Law, and Languages. Applying to Oxbridge is always an extremely rigorous and character-testing experience and all students who put themselves forward for this process have demonstrated ambition, resilience and courage regardless of the final outcome.

This is always an exciting time of year as students start to see their offers coming through, reflecting years of hard work and commitment. Whether heading to university, conservatoires, or securing apprenticeship or employment opportunities, we are incredibly proud of all our students as they aim high and take these important next steps. For more examples of the diverse destinations our Year 13s are considering, please see the feature in this week’s bulletin as the offers continue to roll in.

In all the examples above, the success is not only a reflection of the talent and commitment of our students but also the hard work and commitment of staff who give up their evenings and, at times, weekends to provide amazing opportunities for our students and support them to achieve their Personal Best. I would again like to reiterate my thanks to colleagues, as well as recognising the importance of parents/carers for your support and encouragement of your children.

A reminder that school finishes for February half-term next Friday 14th February at 3pm and reopens on Monday 24th February (week B). Please note, that reception is not manned over the holiday period; the admin@igs.mlt.co.uk email will be checked periodically but emails will not be forward to staff until they return to school.

Best wishes,

Carly Purnell
Headteacher



Headteacher's Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded the Headteacher Award over the last fortnight: Eden Adams 7KL; Bella Buckley 8IGD; Ali Awan 9SP; Florence Selvon 9PDH; Charlie Deacon 10CLL; Sam Bryson 11JPM; Jasper Russell 12GND; Hassan Miah 12MO; Harriet Carter 7WJ; Hadyn Bridgen 8IGD; Jake Perry 9BET; Evelyn Kennedy 10HGW; Katie Griffin 11JMP; Isobel Tate Smith 13RTS

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.



Year 9
OPTIONS GUIDE
2025-26



On behalf of Ms. Cloughton Year 8 and Year 9 Parent/Carers Invitation to Options Evening

You will now be aware, the Options processes have started for both year 8 and year 9. I would like to warmly invite year 8 and year 9 parent/carers to attend the year 8 and 9 Options Evening. It will take place on Wednesday 12th March, 4pm-7pm. We are excited to be able to welcome you and year 8 and 9 students to visit subject areas and explore the curriculum and all it has to offer. Please keep abreast of any communications relating to options processes.



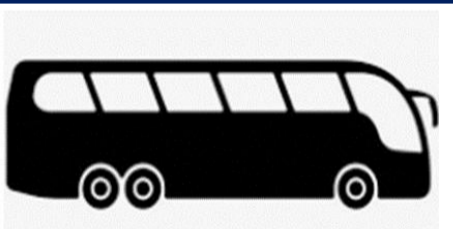
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Please be aware, you can visit curriculum areas from 4pm, but there will be presentations by Mrs Purnell and Ms Cloughton at the following times in B Hall, explaining the Options process in full:

Year 8: 3.30 pm and repeated at 4.45pm and 5.45 pm

Year 9: 4.15pm and repeated at 5.15pm and 6.15pm



Extra-Curricular transport - voluntary contribution

We are proud to offer a range of extra-curricular activities for our students here at IGS. Previously, transport to and from these activities has been provided to students and we have done our best to shield participants from passing this cost on. Unfortunately, costs of this have continued to rise and ultimately is making this position unsustainable. For students who are participating in these activities Parents/Carers are able to make a voluntary donation via Parent Pay to support covering transport costs to and from the school field for extracurricular activities. If you wish to make a contribution, please visit ParentPay.

CREATIVE CAREERS

Do you work in the art, craft or design industry? If so, we would love to hear from you.

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



MUSIC NEWS!

DukTape

A huge congratulations to the band 'DukTape' (James Nice Y11, Sam Woodward, Y11 and Finlay Craggs Y13) for their phenomenal performance at the Red Kite Alliance Battle of the Bands at The Wardrobe, Leeds



Photos by Emie Grimwood @emiescamera

A huge congratulations to the band 'DukTape' (James Nice Y11, Sam Woodward Y11, and Finlay Craggs Y13) for their phenomenal performance at the Red Kite Alliance Battle of the Bands at The Wardrobe last Thursday. DukTape got the whole audience of over 450 people singing along to the catchy chorus of their original song 'Brain Drain'.

This year, twelve bands from across the alliance battled it out in front of a judging panel including leading figures from the music industry: Simon Rix (Kaiser Chiefs, Holy Moly Management), Sally Bryant (A&R / Artist Manager, Dance To The Radio / Futuresound) and Satnam Galsian (Music:Leeds / Launchpad). Well done to the winners of this year's competition, the band 'Vertigo' from Temple Moor.

Another congratulations must go to the IGS student backstagers Niamh Goodall Y9, Dylan Hurst Y12, Francis McCann Y11 and Zac Wilson Y11, who ran the event. They maturely and professionally dealt with technical and organisational difficulties throughout the day and behind the scenes, ensuring transitions between bands were slick and the event was a success. The venue staff at The Wardrobe were incredibly complimentary of all our students and we couldn't be more proud of them!

Thank you to all the IGS staff, parents/carers and students who came along to support. We hope you enjoyed the evening as much as we did!



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55 Oxbridge offers in 5 years - Ilkley Grammar School again celebrates Post-16 destinations success

The Class of 2025 secures 9 Oxbridge offers as many students receive offers to study on an exciting range of courses at university and pursue competitive apprenticeships across the country...

As we approach the end of January, Ilkley Grammar School is starting to see a more detailed picture of 2025 student destinations as university and apprenticeship offers come through. Most students have yet to make their final choices but offers have been coming in from universities across the country to study on courses from Ancient History to 3D Animation and as diverse as Cognitive Neuroscience and American Studies; Cyber Investigations with Digital Forensics; Data Science; Environmental Science; Forensic Psychology; Illustration; International Relations; Italian & Spanish; Marine and Freshwater Biology; Mathematics with a Year Abroad; Mental Health Nursing; Midwifery; Molecular Cell Biology; Musical Theatre; Optometry; Pharmacology; Philosophy; Psychology with Neuropsychology; Rehabilitation and Exercise Science; Real Estate; Social Work; Public Health; Theology; Theoretical Physics; Zoology and many more. The destinations range from Aberystwyth to Aberdeen and from Ulster to Dundee and beyond.



Some students have also set their sights further afield, for example Archie Budding (pictured left) has recently been offered an athletics scholarship (for cross country and track and field) to study at Grand Canyon University in Arizona while studying economics and finance. Closer to home, Jessie Duckworth (pictured right) is the first IGS student ever to have secured a place on a highly competitive course with Norland College, one of the most prestigious childcare providers in the world.



Mr Gutch, Deputy Headteacher says *'the uncertainty of the application phase has changed to a sense of excitement as students have started to receive offers from their chosen destinations. Some find it hard to believe that*

the academic work and wider personal development experiences that they write about in their applications really do translate into life-changing offers and opportunities. Mirroring a national trend, an increasingly large cohort of students is making the decision to apply for Degree Level Apprenticeships which, with highly competitive interview processes and challenging entry requirements, open up hugely valuable pathways for students.'



Although the application window for apprenticeships remains open until after results day in August, and students haven't typically received offers for Degree-level Apprenticeships yet, many IGS students are currently pursuing this route, for example with the BBC. IGS also recently had a visit from Proctor & Gamble who showcased their apprenticeship pathways.

In the Creative Arts several students have made applications to Conservatoires, with Emma Chapman (pictured left) receiving an offer from the Leeds Conservatoire and a reserve offer from the Royal Northern College of Music.

With Bradford celebrating its position as the national city of culture in 2025, students are also celebrating creative industry offers. These

include: Alisha Pitts to study Architectural Design at Salford; Nancy Gale (pictured right) Fashion Design & Technology at Manchester Metropolitan; Lucija Coelho Fashion Design at Leeds Arts or Nottingham Trent, and Henry Cesar De Sa (pictured right) has received an offer from Loughborough University to study Construction Management with a placement year in industry.



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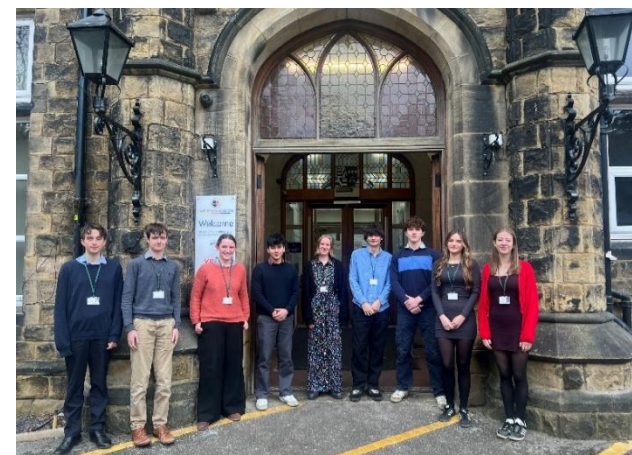


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Continued Oxbridge success with over 55 offers in 5 years

With nine students receiving offers to Oxford or Cambridge in recent weeks, IGS can celebrate sustained success over the last 5 years, during which period, over 55 students have received offers from Oxbridge.

This year congratulations go to 9 students including Nicholas Archer (Mathematics, Cambridge), Rachel Joyce (Natural Sciences, Cambridge), Cameron Leach (Spanish and Portuguese, Oxford), Caden Murphy (Engineering, Cambridge), David Purvis (Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology, Cambridge), Lois Skelton (Law, Oxford), Benjamin Swift (Natural Sciences, Cambridge), Isobel Tate-Smith (Natural Sciences, Cambridge), Hannah Tomlinson (Mathematics, Cambridge)



Mr Sykes, Associate Assistant Headteacher says, *“It is always a privilege to work closely with students supporting them with their applications. This is where all the hard work comes together, bringing them within touching distance of their chosen destinations. It is also wonderful to work alongside such experienced and dedicated staff at IGS as well as with members of the wider Ilkley community who provide opportunities beyond those which the school alone can offer. I would like to say a huge thank you to these people for their time and efforts for our students.”*



With a requirement to submit an early application, highly specialised subject-specific interviews, and a range of additional aptitude tests, individual Oxbridge preparation at Ilkley Grammar School was complemented by weekly support sessions with live virtual Q+A sessions with visiting speakers and also with alumni who shared their experiences of applying to Oxbridge. Applicants also benefitted greatly from a series of mock interviews offered by local contacts and the school is very grateful to them for their support.

Mr Gutch, Deputy headteacher added *“Alongside the successes there are of course many very talented students who were disappointed this time but who have very bright futures ahead of them. We are very proud of all the students who applied to Oxbridge this year, indeed we are very proud of all our students who are challenging themselves and working towards achieving their ambitions this year – wherever that may take them.”*

None of these offers would have been possible without the support provided by all the members of the post-16 team and the support of the subject teachers who invest so much time and energy in supporting the academic and wider development of students and who provide specialist support and advice of the highest quality.

Headteacher, Carly Purnell, stated:

“We are incredibly proud of our students who have once again secured offers from Oxford and Cambridge. Earning a place at these world-renowned universities is a testament to their exceptional talent, academic ability, and resilience throughout a highly competitive and intense selection process. This year, offers have been received to read Natural Sciences, Mathematics, Engineering, Law, and Languages—fields that require not only academic excellence but also deep intellectual curiosity and commitment. Every student deserves recognition for their ambition and hard work, and we know they will make the most of the opportunities ahead.”



“It is also important to recognise the efforts of all year 13 students, irrespective of the university or course to which they have applied. Beyond Oxbridge, we are also celebrating the many exciting offers our students are receiving from universities and apprenticeship providers across the country which include: Bangor; Birmingham; Bradford; Bristol; Cardiff; Durham; Edinburgh; Exeter; Glasgow; Imperial College, London; Lancaster; Leeds; Liverpool; Loughborough; Manchester; Newcastle; Northumbria; Nottingham; Queen’s Belfast; Sheffield; UCL; Warwick; and York, with more offers arriving each day. We are delighted to see their efforts rewarded and wish all our students the very best as they prepare to take their next steps.”

Director of Post 16, Alex Fox, added:

‘We are very excited about the opportunities our students have been able to access this year. To succeed on these competitive pathways students must look far beyond the A level curriculum, the commitment and desire to do so is a real credit to the successful students this year and we wish them all the best in their exams this year.



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On Wednesday 29th January 55 year 10 students took part in a day of public speaking workshops with two facilitators from the Speakers Trust. The Speak Out Challenge is a national public speaking competition with 35,000 year 10 students taking part from across the UK. During the workshops students learned techniques for speaking in public – how to structure a speech, how to use eye contact, tone, volume and hand gesture to create variation and emphasis and to get your point across. Many of the students had never given a speech of this kind in public but by the end everyone had prepared and delivered a short speech on a topic of their choice. Topics included electric cars, the Oasis ticket controversy, the march of technology, why we should be able to wear trainers in school as well as a powerful and moving speech by a Ukrainian student about their personal experience of the conflict over the last few years.

Students were able to put themselves forward to take part and, as this is a new skill for many students, others were also nominated by tutors and teachers to participate. A huge well done to all the students involved for overcoming nerves and any uncertainty and for being willing to take part in the day. Throughout the day IGS colleagues who were involved remarked on the warm and supportive atmosphere created by the students.

Ms Cloughton and Mr Willet had the privilege of being in the final session of the day and listening to all the speeches. So many of the speeches had memorable moments, some funny and others thought-provoking, but the following students have been specially commended by the Speakers Trust facilitators, Ms Cloughton and Mr Willet for their final speeches: Evelyn Kennedy; Sophie Mydlowski; Darius Cizmas; Luke Wright; Honor Jeffries; Sam Hess; Julia Blakemore; Freddie McCutcheon; Ash MacIntosh-Dixon; Sofi Bender; Tholi Gale; Mia Fisher; Mahalia Beevers and Jamie Kemp.

While the emphasis during the day is on the development of public speaking as a skill, a group of students will be selected to deliver their speeches in an assembly with a final school winner and runner up being selected to progress to the regional final.

"I really enjoyed taking part in the Speak Out Challenge because it was a unique experience. What I found challenging was getting out of my comfort zone and talking in front of people in my year I didn't really know. I learnt the importance of body language as well as of using hand gestures. At the start of the day, I wasn't too sure if I was going to push myself to complete it but by the end of the day, I was happy I did. What surprised me was that it wasn't as difficult as I thought it was going to be. I am now much more confident and comfortable talking to large groups of people. In my final speech I spoke on the topic of women's rights and abortion. I am really happy and privileged to have had this opportunity." **Mia F, Year 10**

"Participating in the Speak Out Challenge and delivering my final speech about my journey to the UK was a transformative experience. At times it pushed me out of my comfort zone, helping me grow in confidence and refine my communication skills in front of a group of people. I also learned to express myself more clearly, control my tone and facial expressions and speak with conviction. I want to thank the Speak Out Challenge team because it taught me important skills that will stay with me for life."

Sofi B, year 10

Mr Gutch & Mr Willet

Year 7 visit to Maths City



Across the last two weeks, we have taken 120 year 7 students to the Trinity Centre in Leeds to visit Maths City. They were a credit to IGS throughout, tackling a range of problem-solving puzzles and hands-on challenges both individually and in teams. When asked about the trip, Rosie James (7FEN) said, "even if maths isn't your favourite subject, it was all about games that made you think and have fun working with friends and in teams. I really enjoyed some of the games that brought maths to life - especially a shape challenge that I completed with my friend and Mrs Varley". Gabriel McLaughlin (7FEN) added, "it was a really good day for building teamwork, and it gave people a chance to get to know new people. My favourite part was the interactive city planner where we had to try and build the perfect city while thinking about pollution, noise and traffic." **Mr Nahl**

SPORT UPDATES

PLAYSTATION U12 9V9 SCHOOLS' CUP FOR B TEAMS
QUARTER-FINAL DRAW
TIES TO BE PLAYED ON OR BEFORE 1st March 2025

ST JOSEPH'S RC ACAD. / SOUTH HUNSLEY SCH.	Vs.	THOMAS TELFORD SCH. / GATEACRE SCH.
POYNTON H. SCH. / ILKLEY GRAMMAR SCH.	Vs.	SANDWELL ACAD. / ALDRIDGE SCH. / NORTHAMPTON SCH.
SHENFIELD HS. / STATIONERS' CROWN WOODS ACAD. / THE CHARTER SCH. EAST DULWICH	Vs.	RICHARD HALE SCH. / DR CHALLONER'S GRAMMAR SCH.
GLENMOOR & WINTON ACADEMIES / WEYDON SCH.	Vs.	TUNBRIDGE WELLS GRAMMAR SCH. FOR BOYS / HURSTMERE SCH.



A huge congratulations to the year 7 B team who advanced to the quarter finals in the English Schools' competition following a 3-2 win against Poynton High School yesterday.

It was a closely contested game, but IGS secured the victory with a display of skill, teamwork, and courage. This is a fantastic achievement and means that they are in the last 8 of the competition, equalling IGS's best performance to date at this level.

On Wednesday 5th February, the day before the match against Poynton, the live draw for the quarter finals took place at The Hawthorns (West Bromwich Albion's stadium) [Link to the full live stream \(Time: 7:45-8:20\)](#). IGS's victory against Poynton High School means that they will play 1 of 3 schools who are yet to play each other. This will be a home fixture, and we hope to see a strong level of support to cheer on our year 7s in the quarter final to secure their **place in the semi-final and beyond!**

A huge well done to the team who are listed below:

William Thomson	Lorcan Doherty
Zac Johnstone	Nate Ritchie
Freddie Clarke	Ruben Pitchforth
Ben Murray	Thomas Clarke
Henry Pretty	Thomas Greenwood
Isaac Zane	William Morris
Ishy Zane	

Man of the Match was William Thomson who delivered some great saves throughout the match

6th Form Boys' Football

Congratulations to the 6th form boys' football team who beat Boston Spa 1-0 in Leeds and District Cup semi-final. They now play Ralph Thoresby in the final at Leeds Beckett University with the date TBC.

U16 Girls' Football

Congratulations to the U16 girls' football team who beat St Mary's Menston 3-0 in the Leeds Cup quarter final. They now play Roundhay in the semi-final after half term.



WEST YORKSHIRE SCHOOLS' CROSS COUNTRY



WY XC GSAL Saturday 1st February 2025

Ilkley had 29 runners racing at GSAL on Saturday having qualified in an earlier round at Northcliffe in January. There were some amazing individual performances from all our runners, and we are now awaiting confirmation of the qualifying teams for the finals weekend in West Sussex on Saturday 15th March. Max Brett had a convincing win in the year 7 boys' race with Seb Ford crossing the line in 5th. Harriet Carter put up a fantastic fight to finish 2nd in the year 7 girls' competition alongside Charlotte Pedley who finished in 9th position. Milena Morgan was the first IGS student to cross the line in 10th place in the junior girls' race while in the junior boys' race, Charlie Porteous placed 3rd, and Robert Carter 7th. Jake Norris had a great run in the intermediate boys' race with a photo finish on the line to take the 3rd place podium! Our senior runners did not disappoint with Matilda Irvine finishing in the top 5 in the girls' race. However, it was our senior boys that stole the show with Archie Budding, Otis Brooks, Owen Ashdown and Matthew Wolfenden finishing with a textbook 1, 2, 3 & 4 and great work by Oscar Shinn in 10th! Well done to all our fabulous and talented runners, and thank you to all the staff who came to cheer them on- your support is much appreciated!

Year 9 Netball

On Thursday 23rd January our year 9 netball A team were back in action after the Christmas break against Skipton Girls. **The girls played some patient netball and controlled the game throughout, winning 14-3.**

- **POM - Beatrice Ritson**

Year 9 were in action again on Monday 27th January against BBG Academy.

Results below:

- UI4A 14-10 BBG - **POM Beatrice Ritson**
- UI4B 3-12 BBG - **POM Bella Paraschiv**

Year 11 Netball

Our year 11 netball team faced Harrogate Grammar School on Wednesday 29th January. This was their last match against another school as their final match will be against our very own senior A team on Monday 10th February. **The girls ran out 31-11 winners against Harrogate Grammar.**

Congratulations, and thank you, to all the year 11 netball team who have contributed and been part of the team over the past 5 years. Many of whom have represented IGS at netball since year 7. You have been an absolute pleasure to coach and work with and I hope you all continue to play netball wherever your next steps take you.

Miss Allen



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IGS RUGBY TEAMS: YORKSHIRE FINALS

Year 8 Rugby Team's Yorkshire Cup Final Journey: A Tale of Grit and Progress



The year 8 rugby team's remarkable journey to the Yorkshire Cup final is a testament to their resilience and skill. It all began with a dominant run through the early stages of the competition, as they triumphed over South Craven, Ermysted's GS, and Giggleswick School—who also hosted the first round.

The team faced a significant challenge in the form of Wolfreton School in the quarter-finals. Despite the daunting two-hour bus journey to Hull, the young players shook off their travel fatigue and delivered their finest performance of the season, defeating Wolfreton 20-10 in a hard-fought, physical encounter.

With their eyes set on the final, the team prepared diligently for their showdown against PHGS. Despite giving their all on the day, the year 8s faced a tough defeat, falling 35-15 to a formidable PHGS side—a team that had previously beaten them 45-0 less than a year ago. The result, though disappointing, highlighted the impressive progress made by the squad.

Special mention goes to James Earnshaw, who was named opposition player of the match, and Shay Cousins, who received the prestigious Players' Player of the Match award. The final score may not have been in their favour, but the team's journey through the tournament stands as a testament to their determination and growth.



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Year 9 Rugby Team's Journey to the Yorkshire Plate Final: A Battle of Determination and Growth



Year 9 Rugby



The year 9 rugby team kicked off their Yorkshire Cup campaign with a series of strong performances, securing victories over Upper Wharfedale School and Beckfoot. Despite narrow defeats to Ripon GS and Ermysted's GS, their resilience shone through, setting the stage for a promising run in the competition.

Though they were eventually knocked out of the Cup, the team's journey continued as they advanced to the Yorkshire Plate final, where they would face a formidable opponent in King's School, Pontefract.

The final began with a bright start for IGS, as they took the lead in the opening minutes. However, King's School quickly regrouped and launched a determined comeback, ultimately securing a dominant 43-7 victory.



Despite the defeat, standout performances were recognised, with special praise going to Lucas Hemming who was voted the opposition's player of the match, and Charlie Cheerman, who earned the coveted Players' Player of the Match award.

While the final score may not have gone in their favour, the year 9s can hold their heads high, having shown impressive

growth and determination throughout the tournament.

Y9 Man of the match: Lucas Hemming (pictured right)



Year 7 Rugby

Well done to our year 7 rugby team who showed tremendous resilience, bravery and spirit to come back from 10-0 down to draw the game 10-10 against Crossley Heath. Sadly, they lost overall on the "away rule" where if a game is a draw at the final whistle, it is the away team who automatically proceeds to the next round. Whilst this was a huge disappointment to the team, they should be very proud of their run in the competition and the way they have played as a team. We know they will come back stronger!



1st XV

Our first XV played in the semi-final of the Yorkshire Cup, narrowly losing to Ripon Grammar School. IGS were down 19-0 at half-time but came back strongly in the second half to even the score 19-19. Unfortunately, the team gave away a penalty in the final seconds and lost the match 22-19 with the final kick of the game. Well done to all the players for their resilience and determination!


Upcoming Matches:


Our 'Silver Ties' are playing away against Prince Henry's Grammar School next week in the Yorkshire Cup semi-final match and our 'Green Ties' are playing King James School, Pontefract in the Yorkshire Plate final at West Park, Leeds on Thursday 6th March (4pm KO). Both teams have performed well in their competitions, and we wish them the best of luck in their upcoming games. Hopefully, our 'Silver Ties' can also secure a win next week and play in the Cup final on the same day as the Plate Final (the kick off would be 3pm).

Overall, it has been a very positive year for our rugby teams with all teams reaching semi-final or final places across the Yorkshire Cup or Plate competitions!

 **Red Ties** - Yorkshire Plate Semi-final

 **Silver Ties** - Yorkshire Cup Semi -final: game to be played week commencing 10th February 2025

 **Purple Ties** - Yorkshire Cup Final

 **Green Ties** - Yorkshire Plate final: game to be played on Thursday 6th March

 **Blue Ties** - Yorkshire Plate Final

 **1stXV** - Yorkshire Cup Semi-final

Fancy your chances at the



QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT



Friday 21st March 2024
Ilkley Grammar School "B Hall"
Bar opens 7pm. Quiz starts 7:30pm



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