



Head-Line Online

June 11th 2010

Summer definitely didn't arrive this week, but the exam season is in full swing - and we continue to think of our students in the throes of GCSEs, AS or A levels. They are clearly working hard and their attitudes and conduct have been excellent.

The World Cup kicks off today and alongside it we have launched our first IFEST teams ahead of July.

On Wednesday July 7th Ilkley Grammar School will be holding its first cross curricular Innovation Day, known as IFEST (Ilkley Festival). The normal timetable will be collapsed for the day and students will be studying a variety of topics with the broad theme of Global Citizenship. Students will work in small groups of mixed ages and will be randomly allocated to represent one of the nations participating in the ongoing World Cup. It is hoped that the activities arranged for the day will be exciting and worthwhile and will allow students to use and develop their Personal Learning and Thinking Skills (ICREST).

The day will be a non uniform day and students are encouraged to come to school dressed in a colour appropriate to the country they represent - the bold may even wish to wear national costume! It is hoped that, as with most non uniform days, students will make a £1.00 donation to the Jolaurabi School Fund in Kenya, a charity adopted and supported by Year 10 students.

In the run up to the day, we would very much like you to encourage your son/daughter to find out some information about the country they represent. Students will be rewarded for bringing such information to school on the day with 'pastoral' stamps.

The day will end as normal at 3pm after a Big Space Presentation in which each country will share their new learning with the other three countries in their group.

If any parent would like to drop in during the day, we would be more than happy to show you round. Contact me if you think you would like to - and also join us in B Hall for a World Cup semi-final in the evening!



It was disappointing that only three parents joined 'Take-a-Break' on May 28th. I appreciate many parents work, and I'm happy to be more flexible in opportunities for you to drop in, meet each other and talk, too, to myself and other members of the Leadership Team. In response to a request from a number of parents, we will run 'Take-a-Breaks' next year across different days of the week.

The final 'Take-a-Break' will be on a Thursday not a Friday anyway this year, since school closes for the summer holiday on July 22nd.

Our students continue to be our best advert - as individual ambassadors inside and beyond school, as groups involved in community activities and generally in their attitudes to learning, support of each other, relationships and behaviour. Only 14 so far this year are not being invited onto Celebration Day in July - and this speaks volumes about our school community and them meeting our high expectations. Their successes continue to say the very best things about young people today.



Attendance Champions

Top of the form this week:

Year 7: 7SMS with 99.1% attendance

Year 8: 8LC with 99.5% attendance

Year 9: 9JM with 95.5% attendance

Year 10: 10PB with 98.6% attendance

Year 11: Study Leave



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Calendar

- **18th June Year 12 Doctor Day**

Forward Planning

- **21st June** Year 12 Study leave ends
- **21st June** Next Steps UCAS conference
- **22nd June** Year 9 Enterprise Day
- **22nd June** Parent Information Evening
- **23rd June** Year 9 Enterprise Day
- **24th June** Year 9 Enterprise Day
- **24th June** Year 13 HE Fayre
- **25th June** Year 12 Geography Fieldwork
- **28th June** Biology Fieldwork
- **29th June** Biology Fieldwork
- **29th June** Year 10 Mock Interviews
- **30th June** Year 10 Mock Interviews
- **30th June** Year 9 Cross Curricular Specialist Schools Project (PM)

- **1st July** Year 6-7 Parents' Transition Meeting
- **1st and 2nd July** Post 16 Stratford Trip
- **2nd July** Training Day
- **5th July** Training Day
- **5th and 6th July** Chemical Industries Cumbria
- **7th July** Biology Fieldwork
- **8th July** Year 7 Parents' Meeting
- **8th July** Year 9 Rounders
- **8th and 9th July** Chemical Industries Cumbria
- **9th July** Year 10 Rounders
- **12th July** Year 7 Public Speaking (am)
- **12th July** Year 12 Rotary Public Speaking (pm)
- **14th July** Summer Concert
- **19th July** Super Tutor Group Activity (am)
- **20th July** Celebration Assembly
- **21st July** Celebration Day
- **22nd July** Celebration Assembly
- **22nd July** School Closes after Lunch

You can view the 2010 - 2011 Holiday dates [here](#)

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