

# Ifield School's Newsletter

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Dear Pupils, Families, Staff, Governors and Friends of Ifield,

With the academic year of 2022-23 now drawn to a close, it is always a joy to reflect on the school year, in which our pupils have achieved a great deal of personal and academic success. As always, we are incredibly proud of our pupils and all that they have achieved.

I would like to thank all our families, Governors and the Friends of Ifield who have all contributed to a very successful year.

I wish all our Year 14 leavers continued success as they move onto the next phase of their lives, we will miss them immensely and look forward to hearing from them in the future.

For those students and staff leaving Ifield, please always remember 'Once a Friend of Ifield School, always a Friend of Ifield School.'

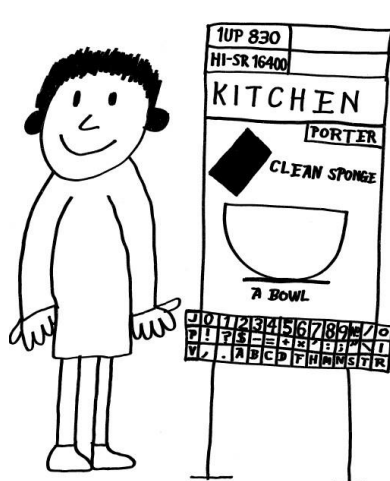
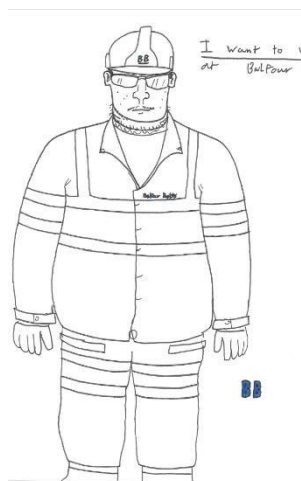
Lastly, I would like to recognise the incredible Ifield team, who every day show your children compassion, kindness and commitment in supporting them in all aspects of their learning and progress.

Finally, on behalf of our pupils, staff and Governors, I would like to wish you and your families a very happy and safe summer holiday. I wish nothing but the best for you all throughout the summer holidays and look forward to pupils returning on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 for yet another exciting academic year.

With gratitude and best wishes,  
Maddie Arnold-Jones

## Careers Week

During the penultimate week of term, students engaged in a fantastic Careers Week. A former student was invited to speak to our current students. He spoke so well about his journey after graduating from Ifield School. Our staff also joined in the learning and shared their past occupations, which included being a 999-call Handler, a Manager at McDonalds, an Animal Care Assistant and even a Locksmith, amongst many others. The best part was that our pupils had the opportunity to ask questions and participate in activities related to the different hobbies and jobs they had learnt. Some of them even became very creative and drew pictures of their dream jobs. It was truly an amazing week, filled with excitement and inspiration.



# Arts News

## *This is the Greatest Show!*

Throughout Arts Week in term 5, pupils and staff worked hard to film sections of the song 'This is Me' to create an Ifield Music Video. The theme of Circus and theatre fitted so well with the opening to 'The Greatest Showman' soundtrack and we knew pupils were very keen on the song. Each class learnt a section and decided what they would perform for their filming, some used the green screen, some sang and signed, some used their workshop footage from the Arts Week, we even had some dancing and acrobatics! Due to permissions of some pupils it will not be available on the school's website, however, pupils will have the opportunity to view their work and the video was available to watch during Achievements Evening.

## *Kent Album Project- Square Peg Arts*

On 5<sup>th</sup> July, seven Ifield students from Key Stage 4 and 5 attended a song writing workshop with Paul Richards from Square Peg Arts. The project aim is to create a new song written by young people across a variety of districts within Kent, with each song representing the district through the eyes and views of the young people. Ifield School and St George's School are the representatives for Gravesham District. Ifield's students have brainstormed all the ideas and feelings they had linked with Gravesham resulting in a song around community, history with strong links to the River Thames called: 'Take a Look Around'. The students then composed their own lyrics and melodies at the workshop, they each sang with Paul and recorded their ideas which have been incorporated into the Gravesham song. Following the workshop, students then attended St George's School Recording Studio on 10<sup>th</sup> July and recorded their vocals to be used on the final edit of 'Take a Look Around'. Our students were a credit to Ifield School, sharing their mature ideas and work ethics throughout the project. It was a pleasure to see their confidence grow, one student initially said, "I can't sing on my own" and then volunteered to perform solo vocals on 10<sup>th</sup> July! The song will be released at a Premiere event on 5<sup>th</sup> November at the Gulbenkian Theatre, and it will be available on Spotify and YouTube. A making of documentary will also be available following the Premiere event. Watch out for Ifield's Pop Stars!





## Colour Dash

On a very hot Sunday in June, staff from Ifield School took part in the 'We Are Beams' Colour Dash held at Jeskyns Park. All involved managed to complete the 2.5km course and lots of fun was had by all.



## Save The Date

Ifield School's Summer Fun Day on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September  
from 11am-2pm. Stallholders wanted!



## Parent Pay

**From September 2023, we will only be accepting payments via Parent Pay and will no longer accept cash or cheques.**

At Ifield, we use Online Payments on IRIS ParentMail, an online payment service which allows you to pay for Dinner Money, Breakfast Club and School visits, including Residential visits, quickly and easily on your smartphone, tablet or computer. You can pay electronically using credit and debit cards, as well PayPal.

If you have an Android or Apple smartphone, we would highly recommend you download the free IRIS ParentMail App so that you can make easy, online payments on the go if you have not done so already. To do this, simply search for "ParentMail" in your App store.

Please note, your bank statement will display either the 'School Name' or 'IRISPAY', dependent on your payment method.

If you need any additional information or assistance with the app, please use the help site:  
[www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/](http://www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/).

If you have questions relating to the amounts owing for meals, please contact the school office.