



# TEYNHAM NEWSLETTER

## July 2024

## Head Teacher's Update

We've done it again! We are at the end of another amazing year of both highs and lows, however, in reflecting back, there were far more highs than lows and that is always what we need to celebrate. The lows have been challenging but as we know, challenges test our resilience and when we overcome these as ISP pupils always do, it makes their achievements even more significant. When looking back over the year, the highs outweigh the lows by a long way and that's a testament to the pupils' ability to adapt and overcome as well as the staff's positivity and commitment to supporting our pupils' educational, social and emotional journey whilst in our care.

It's been a great year and we are so proud of our pupils and all that they have achieved. I also want to thank the staff team who play a huge part of the pupil's success is down to their hard work and commitment to supporting better outcomes for our pupils.

The highs have been tremendous as you will see in our newsletter.

### Ofsted

**In the second full week of the new academic year 2023, we had a full 3+ day inspection with the outcome of 'Good' for Overall Effectiveness with both Behaviour and Attitude and Personal Development achieving an 'Outstanding' grade.**

- "Pupils are immensely proud of their school. They develop strong bonds with staff and feel listened to and well cared for. Those pupils who have been at the school for a longer period demonstrate excellent behaviour and attitudes, both in lessons and at social times."
- "Pupils' personal development is exceptional. Despite the significant barriers that pupils face, staff are relentless in providing opportunities for pupils that are no different to their peers in mainstream schools. An extensive range of trips and visits, alongside a well-thought-out personal development curriculum, prepares pupils very well for the future. Pupils who once struggled to see a positive future now have a much brighter outlook. By the time they leave school, pupils are ready to pursue their next steps, academically and also socially and emotionally."
- "Staff have high expectations for pupils. Pupils learn well in lessons and show resilience. They use several strategies that staff have taught them when they feel anxious or unsettled. As a result, pupils recognise what triggers their anxiety and know what to do to calm themselves."

**Mrs C Cox**  
**Head Teacher**

## What the pupils say:

What have you most enjoyed about being at ISP school this year?

- Making new friends and having trusted teachers
- This year I have finally began to make friends which I have struggled with for as long as I can remember
- The trips
- Having amazing teachers and PEGS in my class
- Having lots of fun
- Making progress in my work and meeting new people
- Science and PE
- Just being here is a blessing
- The most supportive teachers
- Playing football at break
- Getting vouchers if we behave well.

## English

It has been a very exciting year for our learners, and many have taken advantage of the interesting opportunities that have supported their English lessons. For World Book Day, everyone in school dressed up as characters from the literary world. Students were also involved in a schools' production of Hamlet.



## Photography

A highlight of the new Photography GCSE course was our trip to Tate Modern where students were able to see famous photographs and artworks in a world-famous gallery. Shortly afterwards, the Year 11 students became the first cohort to complete the GCSE course at ISP Teynham



## History

A highlight for this year's GCSE students was a trip to the battlefields of Belgium, which brought History lessons alive.



## Sports Day

Another fantastic day on the sports field included a wide range of activities. Even though it was not a very hot day, there was still lots of energy around.



## Activities Week

All the students at ISP Teynham took part in different events throughout this special week. These included trips and group activities such as painting a mural.



## RE

Throughout the year, students have had regular RE Days which have included activities and even a trip to a Sikh temple.



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**Pupils get on well with each other and are generally respectful. Staff tackle problems swiftly. Consequently, pupils feel happy and safe.**

- Ofsted

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# Enrichment

We had the pleasure of having the Watermill Wolves visiting us and hosted our first ever careers fair. We did important charity work for Children in Need and Red Nose Day. In June, we got in the Euro's spirit by having activities based on different countries in the competition and having a community football match. In January, our choir also performed brilliantly as part of the Young Voices Choir at the O2 Arena.



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