

Nidd

NEWS

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Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

This term has seen a great many changes, plenty of opportunities and a wide range of successes. Thank you to all families for your patience and support with the introduction of Arbor and the changes to the behaviour system and reports.

Congratulations to all students who have collected positive points for demonstrating our values in school, with special mention to Sam Ashton who was the first student in school to collect a full house of TEAM NIDD values positives.

In recent weeks we have had several visitors in school who have made particular mention of the sense of team and family within our school community. A recent review noted Nidderdale 'is a school where staff and students are seen as individuals, being both seen and heard. Community is the central thread'. Another visitor who had spoken with students remarked that students 'recognise that they have a family here who they can turn to when they need support.'

At the end of an incredibly long and busy term, I would like to thank staff for their hard work and commitment, students for their resilience and achievement and families for their ongoing support.

With very best wishes for a happy and peaceful Christmas break.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

Christmas Stalls Fundraising Event – 17th December

Congratulations to our Form Hamper Winners:

KS4 Winning Form Group - 10 Ingleborough (Mrs Brown/Dr Binding)

KS3 Winning Form Group - 9 Ingleborough (Mrs Thorpe/Ms Porter)

Thank you to all the form groups that took part and for all the donations brought in by students, staff and form tutors.

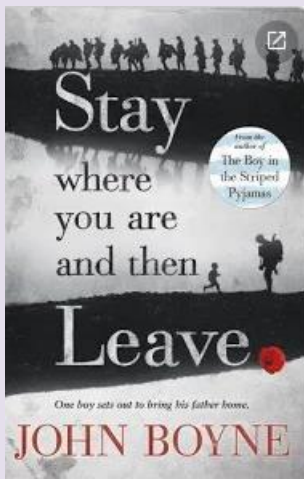
A huge £895 was raised and will be split between our chosen charities of Lymphoma Action and Investing in our school future.

We're taking part in the annual GCHQ Christmas Challenge. Students will be set the task of cracking seven fiendish puzzles and then using their answers to uncover a hidden message. You can have a go at home too!

The challenge is available for download from the GCHQ website. Here's the link www.gchq.gov.uk/files/GCHQ%20Christmas%20Challenge%202024.pdf

Good luck! Mrs Carpenter





Reading

Students in Year 9 have been studying WW1 and War Poetry in their History and English lessons.

If they are interested in this topic, we recommend reading Stay Where You Are and Then Leave by John Boyne.



Christmas Lunch Thankyou

A huge thankyou to Mr Vass and team for the marvellous full Christmas lunch for all staff and students on Tuesday 17th December.

York Christmas Market visit 18 December

Year 11 enjoyed a reward trip to York Christmas Markets with their form tutors. After two intense weeks of mock exams, it was the perfect way to finish the term for those students who have met behaviour expectations and demonstrated our values.



Thank you to all our very talented photographers for entering so many stunning photographs for our calendar competition this year. Judges, Ms Carpenter, Mr Devanney and Miss Byrne had an almost impossible task to choose 13 pictures from nearly 40 entries. Many of the pictures illustrated our beautiful landscapes, incredible sunsets and one of our students was fortunate to capture the Northern lights when they danced above us recently over Nidderdale. Watch out for our calendar on sale in school. We will also be making some of the photographs into pastoral postcards so more of you can enjoy them.

Anneliese Walker
Pastoral Support and Family Outreach Worker

Information from the Pastoral Team

The Screen Time Diet: Helping your teen find balance with their Tech

Please see the useful guide below – this could assist parents in finding balance for their teenagers given that much of school, socializing, and leisure time centres around screens.

<https://www.mytutor.co.uk/blog/parents/the-screen-time-diet-helping-your-teen-find-the-balance-with-tech/>

Uniform Stockists

Message from Rawcliffes, Harrogate: Just to let you know our store will be closed from Wednesday 12th December, we will open the 27th and 28th, then closed until the 3rd of January 2025.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

PREPARATION FOR ADULTHOOD GUIDE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SEND

We have been asked to share this digital guide for young people with SEND with families.

[Click here to see the guide](#) which was co-produced by young people, parents/carers, SENDIASS and NYC. The guide can be used as a reference point and is broken down into four areas i.e. 'Education and Employment', 'Independent Living', 'Friends, relationships and being part of your community' and 'Health'.

Our target for school attendance is 95.5%

95% Attendance and above:
91 out of 100 students leave high school with 5 good GCSEs

Compared to

90% Attendance and below:
36 out of 100 students leave high school with 5 good GCSEs

ATTENDANCE FACTS

0 days off school in a year 0 lessons missed	100%	Perfect attendance
2 days off school in a year 10 lessons missed	99%	Excellent attendance
5 days off school in a year 25 lessons missed	97%	Good attendance
10 days off school in a year 50 lessons missed	95%	Slightly below average attendance
14 days off school in a year 70 lessons missed	93%	Poor attendance
20 days off school in a year 100 lessons missed	90%	Very poor attendance

The greater your attendance, the greater your achievement.

A student who ends the school year on 90% attendance will have missed four complete weeks of school

Attendance is always included in progress reports in December, April and July



Reporting Student Absence

Please ring the School Absence Line 01423 711246 or send an email to Mrs Jaques, School Attendance Officer

sophie.jaques@nidderdale.mlt.co.uk

by 9 a.m. on the morning of absence.



Nidd Venture

Another fantastic display of outdoor instructing from two of our Yr 9 students at Brimham Rocks with Glasshouses Primary School this week. Kind, caring, encouraging to all, fantastic use of their initiative, always in the right place to be helpful without ever needing to be told and natural teachers. They showed a maturity way beyond their years and really rose to the responsibility & a new challenge. Thank you, Lily & Rosie, (or was it Rudolph)! It was an absolute pleasure working with you both and a lot of fun! Your enthusiasm & positivity gave those children a great day out.

Ms Tuffs

Christmas Jumper Day Tue 17th December

It was nice to see the festive jumpers and dresses.

£515 was raised for our school charities.

Thank you for all your contributions 😊

Reminder

Staff training day Monday 6th January 2025.

Students return to school Tuesday 7th January 2025.

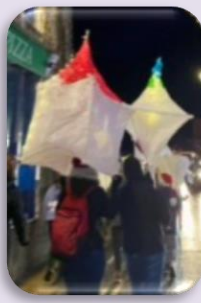
We return on a Week 2 of the timetable.



Term dates

Term dates for the rest of this academic year and the next academic year 2025/26 are now on the Calendar tab of the school website.

www.nidderdalehighschool.co.uk



Lantern making workshop and Parade – Pateley Bridge 6 December

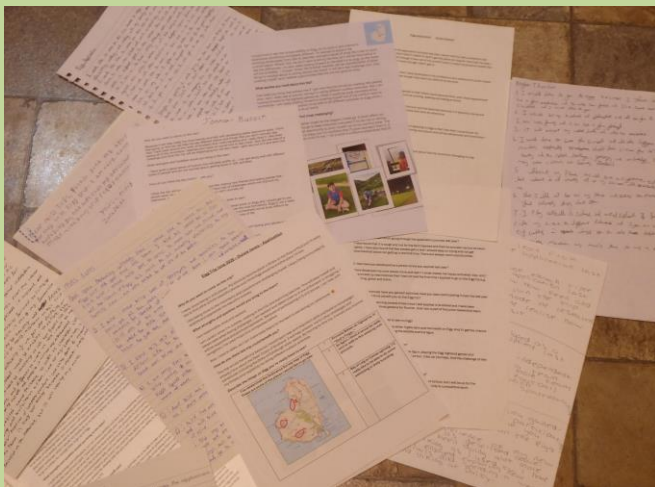
On 30th November we were delighted to welcome students and their families, together with some of the younger families from our community to take part in a lantern making project. It was lovely to see different generations working together to produce some ambitious pieces. The lanterns then formed part of the parade which marked the start of Pateley late night shopping, with music and carols. Rudolph also put in an appearance on the festively decorated NiddVenture delivery bike.



Thank you to Jack Lees who represented Nidderdale Youth Council as badge maker at the Pateley Bridge Lantern Parade and late night shopping. He was rushed off his feet! Also thank you to Poppie Thorpe and Emma White for managing the school stall so brilliantly well.
Pastoral Team



Trip to Eigg 2025



The process of selecting the team for our Eigg 2025 Trip is well underway. Twenty written applications were received and all twenty progressed to the interview stage.

Every student involved has risen to the challenge and answered questions with thought, honesty & enthusiasm. It's been very evident that a great deal of work & research has gone into many of these applications and some impressive knowledge of the Isle of Eigg has been demonstrated. Thank you all for your, hard work, determination & commitment. I've enjoyed reading your applications & talking to you all. You are certainly making my job a difficult one, but in a good way!

Miss Tuffs

NiddVenture students spread a huge amount of happiness to elderly residents in the community when on delivery rounds. The festive season provides a great opportunity for spreading kindness & taking more fun and laughter to those who maybe can't get out to seek it for themselves anymore.

This week Rudolph has been on the delivery rounds on his festive bike, to the delight of many!

