

Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

We have been delighted to see students returning to school well prepared for learning and demonstrating our Team Nidd values.

We are over-subscribed in Year 7 and have welcomed new students into most other year groups at the start of this year, with lots of positive comments about how well our new students have been welcomed into our community.

Year 7 will begin their NiddVenture journey this half term with the first of the House Hill walks taking place this week. We will look forward to welcoming Year 7 parents into school towards the end of September.

Over the summer, we saw the start of a major project to replace significant sections of the roof. This is now well underway and the first phase should be complete by the end of this month. Internal improvements, including new flooring for staircases (completed), fire doors and LED lighting are also planned. We are grateful to Moorlands Learning Trust for prioritising funding for these projects and to the Estates team for making sure the projects run smoothly.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher



GCSE Results

We were delighted to celebrate exam results with our outgoing Year 11 students at the end of August.

Amongst the many students celebrating excellent results were: Hallie Gaston achieving all 11 grades at 7-9. Connie Pawson achieved 11 GCSEs including 9 at grades 7-9. Matthew Fazal, Calen Lock and Ieuan Parsons all scored at least 7 top grades each. Ieuan included an A* in Welsh amongst his top grades, which he studied for at home in his own time.

One third of all our students achieved at least one top grade 7-9. All students have now embarked on their next steps which include A Levels at Harrogate and Ripon sixth forms, college places in Harrogate, York and Askham Bryan and high-quality apprenticeships with a range of employers.

We are so very proud of all our students who worked with the very highest levels of determination, resilience, and commitment, together with exceptional levels of support from staff and families. Above and beyond their academic achievements, many of our Year 11s have been role models for our Team Nidd Values, showing ambition, respect, kindness and empathy. We wish them all the very best for their future.



Calendar Dates

- Thursday 18th September - 5.00-7.30pm Open Evening (Year 6 Parents)
- Thursday 25th September – 4.00pm Year 7 Settling In Evening (Year 7 Parents)
- Friday 24th October - school closed for Staff Training

[All term dates / staff training days etc are available on the school website – click here.](#)



PTFA

PARENTS, TEACHERS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

PTFA Provisional dates for events

26 Sept – Colour Run
23 Oct – Quiz

[More information about the PTFA is on the school website, click here.](#)

The date of the next meeting is Monday 29th September at 5.30 p.m.

Introducing the inaugural Nidderdale High School PTFA event.....

The KS3 Colour Run



Friday 26th September 2025 during Periods 4 & 5 for students in Years 7-9

Tickets & sponsor forms will be available via the School Gateway in September

More information to follow next term



Congratulations to Jacob!

On Saturday 6th September Jacob raced at Hawkstone and faced a huge challenge to race and retain his title as The British Sprint Enduro Champion. He was successful and retains the title for the second year.



Team Ingleborough made an excellent to our Year 7 House Hill Days. Great to see so many of them appreciating the beauty of the Yorkshire Three Peaks, relishing a challenge and the feelings of accomplishment that come with reaching the top & getting safely down. It was the highest peak most of them had ever been on and some lovely displays of teamwork and support for one another were seen. A special well done to the 13 summiteers and Mrs Parkin for reaching the very top. Thank you all for a great day out in the hills!

Every day COUNTS!



School success starts
with attendance

We are really pleased to share that our whole school attendance is currently averaging 95% – a fantastic start to the year. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that students are in school, on time, and ready to learn each day.

Strong attendance is one of the most important factors in a child's success at school. Every day in school means more learning, greater progress, and stronger friendships. Even a small drop in attendance can add up – for example, missing just one day every two weeks equates to almost a full month of lost learning across a school year.

By working together to keep attendance high, we can make sure every student has the best chance of achieving their full potential, both academically and socially.

Thank you again for helping us make attendance a priority at Nidderdale High School.

Representing our school in the community

Students are reminded that their actions in the community are noted by members of the public. For example, several students were commended for their kindness, respect and responsibility in giving up their seat on the number 24 bus to allow older passengers to sit down.

We would encourage all of our students to remember the importance of consideration for others and to take every opportunity to show kindness to others.



INVITATION TO NIDDERDALE HIGH SCHOOL'S OPEN EVENING ON 18th SEPTEMBER 2025 from 5.00 to 7.30 p.m.

- Headteacher's Address at 6pm and repeated at 7pm
- Tour the school
- Meet staff
- Hear from some of our current students

- Nidderdale High School is a "Good school" – Ofsted 2023
- Nidderdale has 'high ambitions' and a 'wide curriculum offer' – Ofsted 2023
- Winners of 2020 and 2021 National Pastoral Care in Education Award
- Finalist for Outstanding Contribution to Pastoral Care 2023

We are proud of:

- Consistently good GCSE results
- Progress made by all students across a range of GCSE subjects often well above national averages
- Students who live out our Team Nidd Values
- Innovative curriculum to meet the needs of all students including NiddVenture and Flourish
- Outstanding pastoral care
- Student/teacher relationships - staff are wholly committed to the welfare and education of the students

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Information about the school is also available on the school's website
www.nidderdalehighschool.co.uk

Nidd Venture – Community aspect

Harris & Carmen hugely impressed me on their first outing as this term's community grocery deliverers. This job involves cycling all over the local area, up many hills, helping deliver groceries from our local Spar shop to elderly people who can no longer get out to get their own shopping. The cycling was a challenge that both students tackled with resilience, positivity and determination. More importantly, their helpfulness, kindness and the way they spoke to all the people we encountered on our adventures with respect, friendliness and genuine effort to brighten their days was absolutely superb! They totally understood what a valuable job they were doing and did it to the best of their ability.

Thank you both for your efforts and I'm very much looking forward to working with you this term!

Miss Tuffs.

The Great Outdoors – Yorkshire dales

Four students who have shown fantastic commitment and boundless enthusiasm for adventuring in the outdoors over the last few years took their skills to the next level over the holidays.

Completely of their own initiative, Eleanor, Ellie, Dulcie and Jack embarked upon their own Yorkshire adventure, catching the train to Ribbleshead and successfully making their way over the hills to Kettlewell in 3 days.

This adventure was entirely planned, prepared & carried out on their own and so much fun had along the way - there is no better outcome than that from all the adventuring we've done together over the last few years! It's an absolute pleasure to see your ever-growing skills and enthusiasm for the great outdoors and I hope that was the first of many of your own happy trips together. Well done for taking the leap of faith, trusting your abilities and making it happen!

Miss Tuffs



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.

Open Day

9-2pm Sat 13th Sept

A new Community and arts alternative provision is opening in Pateley Bridge- We are going to be opening for you to take a look! Come and support, suggest ideas- There's space and we need your ideas. Thread is here to work for the community and support young people across Nidderdale! Come and say Hi!

Date Sat 13th Sept

Time 9am - 2pm

Location Behind St Cuthberts Primary Pateley Bridge- walk through the playground HG3 5HL

Weaving creativity into everyday life

Thread

Just Do- Be you



Summerbridge Methodist Church

Sunday November 23rd at 2.45pm

STARGAZERS

featuring an

Art Competition

for primary school and secondary age children

featuring any elements of the night sky, spacecraft, phases of the moon, and planet mobiles

CASH PRIZES!

All entries should be delivered to The Vicarage, Dacre Banks, or your school, by Monday 17th November.

Also featuring a first showing of the interplanetary movie Astralis

with Martin Whipp (Astronomer: Lime Tree Observatory, Grawthorpe) joined by Revd Alastair Fenwick and Philip Wilby (composer)

£5 donation: Children free : Profits to Holy Trinity Church, Dacre Banks