



Students recently had an inspiring assembly delivered by Mr Day on our school values of Responsibility and Empathy.

All students and teachers were set the two challenges of reducing the amount of plastic they use and recycling the plastic that they do use. Mr Day will be launching a Form competition this week to encourage students to take responsibly for reducing the amount of plastic they use.



## Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

The Spring term is now fully under way with Years 9, 10 and 11 engaged in plans for their future. Year 9 are making their GCSE option choices. It was great to see both our Options Evening and Year 9 Parents' Evening so well attended with over 80% attendance at each event. Thank you to parents and carers for your interest and the support you are giving to our young people as they make these important decisions.

Year 11 are finalising their post-16 choices for sixth form, college and apprenticeships and preparing for the final set of mocks after half term. Parents and students were able to access more advice and support with revision strategies at our 'How to Revise' information event on Thursday.

Mrs Ashton continues to support individual students in Year 10 with Work Experience plans and all Year 10 were able to access more careers guidance through Barclays Life Skills programme. They will be returning next month to continue work with our students.

As the last Nidd News was so focused on all things snow, we overlooked giving an update on staffing. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Gallimore into the Design Area of Learning as our permanent teacher of Food and Nutrition. We are grateful for the expertise and skills of colleagues from the Moorlands Learning Trust Estates team who are looking after the site whilst we recruit a new site manager. Please do take a look on our website for some casual hours vacancies in the Estates team and for invigilation.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher



## Year 11

Last week we celebrated the efforts of Year 11 students who had been nominated by their teachers for attaining high grades in their recent mock exams or for making excellent progress compared to their Year 10 exams or who had demonstrated real commitment to revision and home learning.

Well done!



Year 10 NiddVenture students ended the navigation & walking section of their course with a beautiful trip up Pen-y-Ghent in the remains of the snow.



## U13 girls cup fixture 20<sup>th</sup> January vs King James' School

Nidderdale U13 girls' football team travelled to King James' Knaresborough for an England Schools Football Association cup fixture. This was their first 9 a side match together as a team and the girls demonstrated high levels of resilience and ambition throughout.

Although the game ultimately didn't go our way against a really strong King James side, every member of the team should be extremely proud of themselves. They showed real resilience and kept going right to the end, scoring a goal in the final seconds of the game. Well done!

Mr Baxter



## Edge Hill University Maths Challenge

Since October, a group of year 9 students have been working with Mr Harrison to enter a Maths challenge competition run by Edge Hill University.

Students have had to work together to answer a tough Maths problem, they have then created presentations to display their working out and reasoning. This is the first round of the competition, and we eagerly await the results to see if they have got through to the second round.

A big well done to Rosie, Evan, William, Heather, Violet, Chloe and Daniel for all of your hard work.

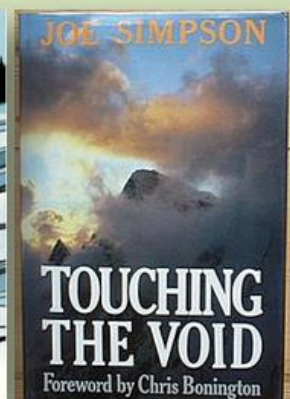


## Reading

If you have been inspired by the latest NiddVenture adventures, why not try reading:

'Swallows & Amazons'  
Arthur Ransome (Year 7 & 8)

'Touching the Void'  
Joe Simpson (Year 9 upward)







School success starts  
with attendance

At Nidderdale High School, we're thrilled to see our attendance figures improving, with a current rate of **91%** – a notable increase compared to this time last year. However, we're not stopping there. Our goal is to reach **95% attendance**, and we need your help to make it happen.

The **Spring term** is a critical time for learning. It's when students build on their progress from the Autumn term, tackle new challenges, and consolidate their knowledge. For our **Year 11 students**, this period is especially important as they prepare for their **GCSE exams in May**. Regular attendance ensures they stay on track and are fully equipped to achieve their potential.

We understand that winter illnesses and other challenges can sometimes make attendance difficult. However, every school day missed is a missed opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed. Parents and carers play a vital role in promoting strong attendance habits, and we value your continued support.

Here's how you can help:

- **Encourage daily attendance:** Remind your child how important school is to their future.
- **Schedule appointments wisely:** Try to book medical or other appointments outside of school hours.
- **Talk to us:** If your child is struggling with attendance, reach out to the school – we're here to help.

Mr Devanney, Deputy Headteacher



## Respect, Equality and Diversity: Living Our Values

As part of our ongoing journey to achieve the full **Respect, Equality, and Diversity Award**, we are embedding our school values into all aspects of school life, including our assemblies and wider opportunities for students.

Last week, **Mr Day** delivered an inspiring assembly on **respect**, linking it to our commitment to the environment.

By exploring how individual actions can make a difference, students were encouraged to think about how respect extends beyond people to the world around us.

We've also been focusing on our commitment to **equality** by broadening opportunities for our students; we recently organised additional **careers events** with **Barclays** for Year 10 students, giving them valuable insights into the workplace and future possibilities.

Additionally, we invited university students to share their personal experiences of higher education, ensuring all students have access to the information they need to start contemplating their next steps.

Students are pictured below in the Barclays Life Skills presentations.





### NiddVenture News

The excitement continues on the NiddVenture Expedition front... The twenty students who applied for this summer's Eigg Trip have all been out on a bike test to further assess their capabilities and ability to work as a team. After the bike testing stage, the list was narrowed down to eight students who have already participated in more activities to help with selecting the five students who will make the final team.

This week we ventured into Skrikes Wood on a hilly after-school walk that also involved putting up some tents.

All students have demonstrated excellent commitment, respect and real determination to gain a place on this trip. I have also greatly appreciated the enthusiasm & reliable help of the existing Team Eigg 2025 members, Bethan, Emma & Alex, during the selection process. They are certainly taking their Team Eigg responsibilities very seriously and are creating a very solid foundation for our new team.

Thank you & I am very much looking forward to adventuring with you all over the coming months!

Miss Tuffs

### NiddVenture Primary News

We had another very successful day with St Cuthbert's Primary School this week. Our first ever all boys trainee instructor team played a big role in giving eight children a very enjoyable day out at Brimham Rocks and up at Two Stoops. Thank you Alex, Jacob & Oliver for your help, care & kindness towards every student. You really rose to the responsibility you were given & showed great judgement. Well done!



### Children's Mental Health Week 3 – 9 February 2025

Click on the link below for good advice from [giveusashout.org](https://giveusashout.org) to see activities and ideas to support wellbeing all year round.

[12 ways to support your mental wellbeing throughout the year](https://giveusashout.org)

### Looking Out for Each Other

At Nidderdale High School, the wellbeing of every member of our school community is a top priority. If you are ever concerned about someone in our school - whether it affects you directly or someone else, please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can report a concern by email to [support@nidderdale.mlt.co.uk](mailto:support@nidderdale.mlt.co.uk) or by phoning the school directly on 01423 711246.

Together, we can ensure our school remains a safe and supportive environment for everyone.

### JOIN OUR TEAM

We are seeking a new full time **Trust Estates Officer** – Further details available here: [Trust Estates Officer | Moorlands Learning Trust](#)  
Applications close 8am 4<sup>th</sup> February.

Also seeking a **Casual Site Team Worker** and **Invigilators** (including readers and scribes).

More information and application forms on our website  
<https://www.nidderdalehighschool.co.uk/our-school/vacancies>