

Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

At the end of a long and tiring half term, it is fantastic to be able to share so much news featuring the continuing enthusiasm and energy of our school community. This half term we have tried to share more news linking to our values of ambition and pride. We have also, in the last few editions, tried to showcase more of our students' work, which I hope you have enjoyed seeing and reading about. School is closed to students on Friday 25th October for staff training. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday 4th November.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher



Art Homework

Year 7 were asked to produce a homework that fitted into a matchbox – this is no mean feat! We looked at artists such as Joseph Cornell and other projects. The rules were 'it had to tell me something about the student; this could have been family, finds, hobbies, aspirations, dreams, places that have been visited'. I was honestly blown away with the creativity, the time, the care and the amazing artistic ideas on display in very small matchboxes.

We had drawings, books, models, collections and recipes. Some students decided to change the shape of the match box, I have seen cars, tractors, dragons & swimming pools, football stadiums and spaceships! You should all be so proud of the work you have produced. I have enjoyed looking at each and every one. A special mention goes to Millie F, Kadan C, Lily M and Sienna C and James H, Oliver W and Hermione H and Oliver L

Mrs Thorpe

Nidderdale RE curriculum receives national recognition!

The work that Miss Byrne has been doing in RE to support students in learning and remembering new specialist vocabulary has recently been showcased at a national online RE conference. The 'Old Friends and Mysterious Strangers' tool is used at KS3 to help students to know and remember more.

This is what students said about this last year. It helps me to: '...remember the word and bring it to life'; '...remember lots of words and extend our knowledge'; '...remember the word I've learned before and then extend the meaning'. 'It helps us to categorise our new RE vocabulary and remember the most information possible. I believe it works as it relates to real things in the world.'

Miss Byrne is keen to promote 'a culture of ambitious study' in Humanities and said, 'this tool seems to support a positive, supportive learning atmosphere in which students feel able to acknowledge uncertainty and foster curiosity.'

We are so proud that the work that our students have completed and their views about this strategy have been shared with a national audience of education professionals. Thank you Miss Byrne for your commitment to excellence in the classroom.

Sports Fixtures roundup

It has been a busy half term for sports fixtures with a total of six events taking place. This includes three Dales' Cup Football Tournaments for Years 7-11, a Harrogate and District football tournament for Year 7&8 girls and an Area Cup football match for Year 10 boys. Most recently, there was a Year 7&8 Dales' Cup Netball Tournament.

The Year 7&8 football team triumphed to a 2nd placed finish after some impressive results throughout against Wharfedale and Settle. In addition, the Year 11 boys' football team showed serious character after a difficult start to the tournament, just missing out on winning the trophy by 1 point.

All teams should be very proud of their performances having shown great resilience across all fixtures. The effort and umpiring skills shown by the Year 11 netball team is acknowledged and highly appreciated as during the Year 7&8 Dales' Cup netball tournament their support meant the tournament ran smoothly and efficiently with all participating students able to enjoy this opportunity to represent the school.

Well done all players!

Ms Wilcock



Spooky NiddVenture

One of our more novel NiddVenture activities! It was great to see students with such a diverse range of skills working so well together to produce this decorated car for Halloween.

Miss Tuffs



Niddventure Outreach

A very exciting first use of our AALA license this week. AALA enables us to offer our NiddVenture services to others and provides a great opportunity to build positive relationships with other local schools. Three Year 8 girls assisted me in taking 10 children from Glasshouses Primary School to Brimham Rocks on a beautiful autumn day. All the primary school children enjoyed, achieved & grew in confidence as the day progressed.

It was a fantastic demonstration of rising to true responsibility from the Year 8 girls. Their care, professionalism, use of their initiative, selflessness and patience was absolutely superb and commented upon by both the students and staff of Glasshouses Primary School. Thank you Emma, Poppie & Zara - I hugely appreciated your outstanding help and you could not have been better representatives of Nidderdale High!

Miss Tuffs



Parking Consideration

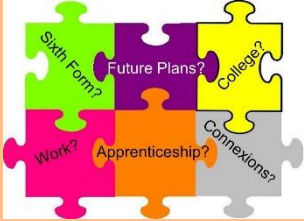
Sunflowers Nursery have asked if parents can be mindful of their customers and not park in front of their building or in their car park when collecting children from Nidderdale High School.

Energy Drinks

Energy drinks can be harmful to young people. We are therefore grateful to Dales Corner Market and Spar, who are working with school to assist in the health and wellbeing of young people within our community by not selling Energy drinks to students in school uniform. [For more information click here.](#)

Reminders

- Year 10 Parents' Evening – Thursday 21st November
- Careers Fair – Thursday 28th November 4 to 6pm
- Children in Need Non-Uniform Day - Friday 15 November 2024 – suggested donation of £2 per person to wear non-uniform (no fancy dress or pyjamas please) to be paid via school gateway.



Science Waistcoat Design Competition

In collaboration with the World Snooker Tour and Johnstone's Paint, we're offering young people, between the ages of 11 and 14, an exciting opportunity to design a waistcoat that will be worn by a top snooker player during the Johnstone's Paint Masters at Alexandra Palace.

The Science Waistcoat Design Competition invites young people to create a waistcoat and share their scientific inspiration behind the design. You can draw or paint the design on the template. **The closing date is 4 pm 7 November 2024.**

The winning design will be showcased live on the BBC in January 2025.

[Click here](#) for further details on how to enter and to access the template.



Good luck!

Mrs Carpenter

Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme

It has been a very busy month for the students taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh award with a number of them completing their award. We have had 7 Bronze awards and 4 Silver awards confirmed.

Congratulations to all who have completed their award and I look forward to signing off more in the coming months. Remember to get all of your sections signed off by your assessor.

If you are in year 9 and would like to take part in the Bronze, please let me know or fill in the form as enrolment is still open.

Mr Couldwell



Scouts
Upper Nidderdale Scout Group

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NOV

Pateley Bridge Bonfire & FIREWORKS

PATELEY SHOWGROUND 6PM
Entry By Donation

Torchlit Procession & Bonfire 6.30pm
Fireworks 7pm

FREE TO ENTER BEST GUY COMPETITION

PULLED PORK : HOT DOGS : HOT CHOC

ORGANISED BY UPPER NIDDERDALE SCOUT GROUP
By kind permission of the Nidderdale Agricultural Society

Suggested Donation £4pp - £15 family

SORRY NO SPARKLERS ALLOWED