



Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

Our final Duke of Edinburgh expedition of the year is complete - well done to all bronze award students for making it a successful one. Some excellent teamwork, organisation, navigation and camp skills were witnessed on the journey from Littondale to Wharfedale. It wasn't quite the weather for capturing any 'shadow' photos in anticipation of this year's Nidderdale Show photography competition, but all students positively dealt with all they encountered. There was also plenty of energy left for some competitive campsite football, where the girls gave the boys a run for their money! Special mention of the most burnt pan ever witnessed in Nidderdale Duke of Edinburgh history, and to Alex Lamb for his superb cleaning skills in returning that pan to a spotless state! Thank you all for an enjoyable few days roaming our beautiful Dales hills.

Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

As we reach the end of GCSE exam season for our Year 11 students, all staff would like to congratulate our young people on their hard work, commitment and resilience through the last few weeks. Once the final exams have been completed on Monday, no doubt thoughts will turn to suits, dresses and hairstyles for our highly anticipated Prom at the Cedar Court Hotel next Thursday. We will look forward to celebrating Year 11's time at Nidderdale in style with red carpet arrival, photos and dancing.

As Year 11 step down from Team Nidderdale, we look forward to welcoming our newest Team members as Year 6 begin their transition visits to school. We have already welcomed some of our newest members of the school for some short transition and 'getting to know you' days and are planning to welcome all of our new Year 7s for their full transition days in early July.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher



Athletics

Team Nidd Athletics squad refused to be intimidated by much bigger and far more experienced teams at the Harrogate & Craven Athletics championships last week.

Some fantastic results from the whole team in conditions that certainly weren't conducive to top athletic performance! Team Nidd's spirit shone fine sportsmanship was displayed by our athletes. Top results included:

Lily Peel - 1st in 100m & Shot put
Max Booth - 2nd in Long Jump
Violet Lumley - 2nd in 200m
Dottie Pawson - 3rd in 300m
Seb Hudson-Turner - 3rd in Javelin
1st in the boys 4 x 100m relay
3rd in the girls 4 x 100m relay

All these students will progress to the next round. Congratulations to all participants.



Green Hat Gardening – Recognition

The grant from the Ernest Cook Trust inspired more than just green fingers.....

[Click here to see the article](#)

Well done to Fred Hall who inspired another new NiddVenture after a wander down by the River Nidd, where we encountered a great deal of wild garlic. Fred asked if we could make something with it and then suggested wild garlic pesto. Recipes were looked up, the key ingredient harvested and a very professional looking & tasting meal produced!



22 Days of Mr Connors

Last half term saw a wide range of fitting tributes to Mr Connors - some whole school and some amazing individual or small group activities organised by staff and by students themselves. Thank you to all staff involved in planning and supervising activities, with particular thanks to Mrs Witherwick, who was the driving force behind '22 Day of Mr Connors'.

During our fundraising activity focus, the respect, kindness and enthusiasm shown by our students was an amazing tribute in itself. The generosity of parents, wider family members and community supporters has been nothing short of breathtaking. We will look forward to sharing a roundup of activities with you and revealing the grand fund raising total in the next couple of weeks, once all sponsorship and donations have been confirmed.

We will also look forward to sharing our plans for the seating area which will benefit all students and will be constructed as lasting memorial to our much loved and missed teacher and colleague.

DoE Bronze self-led training

Well done to Emily & Lulu for showing great enthusiasm for further adventures and with support from parents, undertook their own extra Bronze Duke of Edinburgh training expedition in the Lake District over half term. The girls enjoyed scrambling along Striding Edge on to Helvellyn, honed their camping skills and put in some fine work practising their navigation!



The cashless catering system in operation ensures discretion for those on free school meals.

You can apply for FSM through [NYCC's website - click here](#). Applications are usually processed by them on the same day as receipt of the form.

Free school meals are changing in 2026.

From September 2026, the Department for Education is introducing new benefit criteria which will mean that all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit will be entitled to receive a free school meal.

Transitional protection is ending. If your child currently gets a free school meal because they have been protected under transitional protection rules but you no longer receive Universal Credit, then their entitlement will **end in August 2026**. From then on, only families in receipt of Universal Credit will qualify.

Reminder

The School Calendar for the remainder of this academic year and the term times / training dates for 2026/2027 are available on the school website by [clicking this link](#).

School will be closed on Friday 3rd July for a staff training day.

Note:

School breaks up 12.30 p.m. 17th July 2026 and reopens on 8th September for Years 7 and 11. All other students return on 9th September 2026.

A staff training day will be held on 7th September with school being closed to all students.



Well done to Jonny, Ben, Jacob & Rufus for completing our most adventurous Yr10 NiddVenture of the year so far - a full ascent of Strans Ghyll in some very entertaining water levels! Fantastic to see you all embracing that challenge.



As we enter the final weeks of term, every school day counts. Important learning, assessments and our exciting end of year trip to Flamingo Land are still to come, making regular attendance more important than ever. Attending school every day helps pupils stay on track academically, maintain positive routines and enjoy all that school life has to offer.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school regularly and on time. Together, let's finish the year positively and make the most of every learning opportunity.

Mrs Jaques

🎉 KS4 Colour Run – A Fantastic Success!



Following the success of the recent KS3 Colour Run, the PTFA organised a similar event for our KS4 students – and it proved to be just as fun.

Students enjoyed taking part in a fun and energetic event, with plenty of colour and laughter on display throughout.

As well as being a memorable event, the Colour Run also raised valuable funds of £505, which will go towards supporting future opportunities and resources for our students.

We are incredibly grateful to the PTFA for their ongoing commitment and hard work in organising events such as this.

If you are interested in getting involved with the PTFA, please visit the school website or contact school directly for more information.

