

One of the joys of Niddventuring is making the most of the different opportunities that arise with the arrival of different weathers. Snow is certainly one that brings great excitement and we seized the opportunity for a snowy local adventure when it came last week - an absolute privilege to have such beauty on our doorstep that requires nothing other than some determination, fitness & spirit of adventure to reach it.

Well done to Ollie, Leo & Ethan for sumitting Great Whernside on an absolutely beautiful day. Great to see you embracing all the fun that winter can bring!

Miss Tuffs

Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

We are pleased to share lots more news exemplifying our school values of respect, resilience, empathy and ambition in this Nidd News. The contributions need little introduction from me.

Thank you for all donations to Children in Need several weeks ago as we raised over £600.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

Thanks to all our visitors who attended **Nidderdale High School Careers Fair**. This event brought together a variety of colleges, sixth forms, training providers, and career specialists who were eager to share insights into their fields. Whether students are considering further education, apprenticeships, or exploring different industries, Nidderdale High School Careers Fair 2025 provided valuable information to support informed decision-making.

A big thank you to our contributors: St Aidan's Sixth Form, Ripon Grammar Sixth Form and Isabella, Y12 student and Nidd alumni, Harrogate Grammar Sixth Form Hallie & Lily, Y12 students and Nidd alumni, Harrogate College, Leeds City College, York College, North Yorkshire Police, Army Recruitment team, Evolve, Ripon / Craven College, Sunflowers Day Nursery, The National Horseracing College, Alice Clarke Jeweller, Nidd alumni.



JOIN OUR TEAM

We are recruiting for a
SENDCo Assistant &
Invigilators

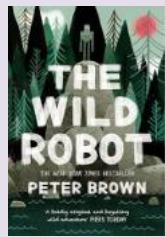
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Year 7 Hill Days

Year 7 Hill Days are now complete after an elemental trip to Whernside for 7W. Some very joyful photos were captured on a rather challenging day for photos due to trying to keep the camera lens free of water!

Special mention to Alan, Wren, Izzy, Will & Peter - the 5 little adventurers to reach the summit. Superb resilience in some torrential icy downpours, great enthusiasm & determination and we were rewarded with some beautiful atmospheric views on the way down.



Reading Recommendations

The Wild Robot by Peter Brown - A robot stranded on an island learns to survive and interact with animals, offering insights into ecological systems and biological relationships.

Horst: Patterns from Nature by Martin Barnes - Horst photographed the detailed textures and forms of natural objects, including plants, rocks, shells and butterfly wings. Martin Barnes re-examines these images in Horst: Patterns from Nature.



Well done & thank you to Harris & Carmen for your wintery Spar grocery delivery services to so many elderly residents around Pateley - they hugely appreciate your efforts & cheerfulness!

A Visit to Ripon Cathedral

35 Year 10 and 11 students recently visited Ripon Cathedral for an inspiring and thought-provoking workshop about Christianity and the ethics of war. The day offered an opportunity to reflect on history, literature, and moral questions.

The opening workshop explored the life and work of Wilfred Owen. The students then learned about local lives and experiences of war, discovering the stories of individuals remembered within the Cathedral.

The day concluded with a talk from Reverend Lt Col Mercer, a former military lawyer, who guided students through complex ethical questions surrounding war.

We are incredibly proud of our students who represented Nidderdale with such maturity. They were shining examples of our school values, showing respect, empathy, and ambition throughout the day.



PSHE update

Since the start of September students in PSHE have been covering their personal development and health unit. For year 7 students this has included support with transition, healthy friendships and will look at the menstrual cycle. We recommend the following websites for further information. We would like to take this opportunity to remind students that we have feminine products including eco-friendly options available at school.

In years 8 and 9 students have been developing their knowledge around drug and alcohol use including the impact of vaping. In year 10 this knowledge is used to help students develop their skills on how to deal with peer pressure. We recommend and signpost the following websites if parents or students want to find out more information or seek support. Alternatively, teachers and pastoral staff are here to support all students.

Year 7

<https://www.always.co.uk/en-gb/>
<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

Year 8 – Year 10

<https://drinkdrughub.co.uk/>
<https://talktofrank.com/>

Year 11

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/our-impact/childrens-stories/>

This half term students have moved onto their flourish section of the PSHE lessons where they will learn, understand and develop their skills to look after their mental health.

Mrs Kay

During their dedicated reading lesson this week, our Year 7 students were delighted to receive their Bookbuzz gift book.

The Bookbuzz scheme gives students the chance to choose a book and keep a book they'll love from 16 fantastic titles, selected by an expert panel of librarians.

Ms Lester

RIPON RUGBY CLUB



GIRLS RUGBY TRAINING

MONDAY NIGHTS
6-7PM

STARTS
MONDAY 1ST
DECEMBER



3 Week taster

No experience necessary –
Learn new skills

All girls welcome to
come and give it a try

Boots & Gum shields
required. Bring a drink.

U14 - U15 U12 - U13
(YEAR 9-10) (YEAR 7-8)

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Student Librarians

Our student librarians were recently rewarded for all their hard work helping run our school library with a trip to The Everyman in Harrogate to see a live recording of the musical Six!

As well as providing toe-tapping musical entertainment, the show retold Henry VIII's wives' stories through empowering songs, teaching history, gender roles, and resilience in a modern context.





Student recognition

Recently Harry Peel attended the Annual 25th Design and Technology awards at the Triumph Visitor Experience in Hinkley, to receive The Royal Academy of Engineering Excellence Award for Outstanding Pupil: Age 12-16. He won this award for his ambitious Year 11 GCSE Design Technology project.

Harry gave himself the challenging goal of designing and manufacturing a gritter attachment for his ATV. Harry's idea addressed the real issue on his family's farm: feed wagons and farm vehicles often struggle to access the lane in icy conditions, risking wasted produce and financial loss. By reusing materials on the farm and applying knowledge gained from visiting Econ, a professional gritter manufacturer. Harry analysed existing technologies and developed his own design and through 2D and 3D modelling he refined his concept into a safe, efficient and fully functioning product.

Harry's solution touched on all three Eduquas contexts; improving safety, supporting net zero through reuse and recycling, and sustaining farming as a cultural tradition. His ability to justify every design choice and explain each component's function demonstrated maturity far beyond his years. He scored 100%. You can learn more about the awards and hear Harry talk about his design on you tube by [clicking here](#)

Harry is pictured receiving the award from Beccy Sanderson Senior Programme Manager with Mr Clemmett, his DT teacher

Harry's project was part of the school's annual Design Area of Learning Exhibition held on Monday 17th November featuring amazing Art, Photography and Design Technology work. This was a really well attended event celebrating the success of all of our talented students and giving parents/carers the opportunity to see the end result of months of hard work and inspiring younger students in their own Design projects.



Cairngorms Winter Trip Team 2026 announced

Congratulations to Jonny, Max, Alfie, Daniel, Rosie & Heather - our Cairngorms Winter Trip Team 2026. Their places on the team were hard earned due to the very high quality of application & effort from all 17 applicants. Some of this year's team have previously applied for these trips and not gained a place, but they've taken feedback positively and worked hard where improvement was required which makes it even more special to be able to reward their efforts with a place this year. It also hopefully sends out a strong message to others that resilience and perseverance are key and with continued effort, you give yourself the best possible chance for the next opportunity!

Training for our 2026 team begun this week with a first attempt at crampon fitting and a speedy hill walking session to work on mountain fitness. A strong team is building already, along with a great deal of excitement for the adventures ahead.

