

Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

We were delighted to be able to celebrate many amazing individual GCSE performances with our outgoing group of Year 11 students during the summer. This included a number of students achieving grades 7-9 across all or most subjects as well as students who had overcome adversity and personal challenges to secure grades beyond their expectations that have enabled them to move to their next steps with confidence. Once again, every young person leaving our school was supported into the right 6th form, college or apprenticeship place for them.

This year, our new Year 11 group have started the year in the right way with a commitment to revision and preparation from Day 1.

Meanwhile our new Year 7s have already demonstrated many of our Team Nidd values, particularly resilience as they have conquered their House Hills with their tutors, Mrs Parkin and our NiddVenture staff. They have made an excellent start as our newest members of Team Nidd.

This year we look forward to every member of our school community reflecting High Expectations, committed to our Nidderdale Essentials, with everything underpinned by our Team Nidd Values.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher



**INVITATION TO NIDDERDALE HIGH SCHOOL'S
OPEN EVENING ON 24th SEPTEMBER 2026
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

- 'Everyone is made to feel welcome at Nidderdale High School' - Ofsted 2026
- 'There is a shared drive to secure Achievement for all' - Ofsted 2026
- Ofsted recognises 'Respectful and caring relationships' 'Leaders know pupils well and ... provide effective pastoral support'.

We are proud of:

- A focus on student progress leading to good outcomes and secure next steps for all
- 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

A welcoming school at the heart of our community.

If you're considering secondary school options and want to learn more about life at Nidderdale High School, we would be delighted to welcome you and your family.

Find us at: Low Wath Road, Pateley Bridge, Harrogate, HG3 5HL



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admin@nidderdale.mlt.co.uk



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



Y7s conquer House Hills

Well done to all Year 7s and their form tutors for conquering their House Hills this week. A great deal of fun & plenty of bonding has taken place whilst roaming our Three iconic Yorkshire Peaks. Full report to follow in the next edition of Nidd News...



Nidderdale Show – Sunday 20th September

Thank you to all students who've been hard at work preparing our Nidd Show entries, both at home and at school. Your support of this bit of community fun is very much appreciated!

As a school, we've entered the following items:

- 1 white cottage loaf
- 1 focaccia
- 4 wholemeal bread rolls
- 4 pieces of chocolate fridge cake
- 2 Scotch eggs
- 1 jar of grapefruit marmalade
- 1 jar of rhubarb & ginger jam
- 1 jar of fruit jelly
- 6 small fruited tomatoes

Look out for our hopefully prize-winning entries if you're visiting the Show this weekend and best of luck to all students who are participating in the Show in any way.

A full report will follow in the next Nidd News edition...please let us have a note of any individual success too.



Seasonal illnesses

Click on this link to see useful advice regarding seasonal illnesses.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

Year 10 Work Experience – July 2027



Well done to Yr10 student Emma White for a fine display of proactivity. A year in advance, Emma has already organised her work experience placement for next July.

Inspired by her Yr8 visit to the Isle of Eigg, Emma has requested to do her work experience on Eigg with The Scottish Wildlife Trust. The request has been approved & she will be working alongside Norah, Eigg's Wildlife Ranger who we work with on all our school trips to Eigg.

Over the coming year, with Norah's guidance, Emma will be learning more about conservation & wildlife management on Eigg and then assisting with various projects throughout her week on Eigg.

This is a fantastic example of seizing an opportunity and I'm very much looking forward to completing the most distant staff work experience visit ever to support Emma in another very exciting NiddVenture!

Reminders

- 24th September – Open Evening Year 6
- 1st October – Year 7 Pastoral Parents' Evening
- 15th October – Year 11 Parents' Evening
- 21st October – PTFA Quiz evening
- 23rd October – School closed, Staff training day
- 26th – 30th October – Half term break

Every day COUNTS!

School success starts
with attendance

Ready to Learn – Equipment

Being properly equipped is an important part of being ready to learn. We ask all students to arrive at school each day with a **suitable school bag** containing the equipment they need for their lessons, including **pens, pencils and a ruler**, alongside any subject-specific equipment required.

Having the right equipment helps students to settle quickly, make a positive start to lessons and make the most of their learning time. It also supports the high expectations and good routines we want to establish across school.

We would really appreciate parents and carers checking regularly that their child has a suitable bag and the equipment they need for school.

We understand that there may sometimes be difficulties in providing equipment. **If this is the case, please contact school. We will always be happy to help and will do so sensitively.**

Thank you for your continued support in helping our students arrive **ready to learn**.

Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!

The dates for Parents Evenings are published on the school website – [click here to view](#).



Thank you to Soph for making an excellent start to the Nidd Green Hat Gardening year. On the very first day back, Soph enthusiastically tended to our 'NIDDERDALE' lettering, tidying it up beautifully after the long summer break. She also came out with this fine comment:

'This is such a good thing to do. It gives a great first impression of our school and shows we care. It's a really good thing for the whole community too'.

Soph summed up very nicely some of the key intentions of Nidd Green Hat Gardening and we're very much looking forward to replanting the lettering with autumn/winter plants in a few weeks' time.

Summer Holiday Adventures



NiddVenturing has continued throughout the holidays for some students. These experiences were not family holidays, but adventures that students have chosen to pursue in their own time to extend their skills and further their love of the outdoors.

Well done to: Jonny & Rosie for completing a week's climbing course in the Peak District.

Jonny, Max, Will & Ben for a first solo adventure and camp in the Lake District.

Last year's Yr11 students Dulcie, Ellie, Eleanor, Josh & Ben for a first wild camp and circumnavigation of the Isle of Canna, more Isle of Rum explorations and another solo walking adventure to Swaledale.

Thank you all for sharing your adventures - it's very special to see your enthusiasm & all that you've learnt through NiddVenturing becoming embedded in your lives for the future.

Miss Tuffs



Running Club 2026



It was a very joyful running club reunion to begin the school year. Such was the enthusiasm to get back to it and share the summer's adventures that our first session was held on the very first day back - complete with two new Yr7 members, Tilly & Aggie! Both girls fully involved themselves straight away, beautifully welcomed & encouraged by the older members. Thank you all for such a positive Day 1 back at school and I'm looking forward to another year of running club adventures with you all - Three Peaks round attempt two has already been mentioned!

NCO Nidderdale Community Orchestra

'COME and PLAY DAY'

Sunday October 18th 2026

10.00am - 4.00pm

The Memorial Hall

Park Road, Pateley Bridge, HG3 5JS

This orchestral 'Come and Play Day' is a fantastic opportunity for local musicians to participate in an orchestral workshop in a relaxed atmosphere with members of NCO, under its Conductor, **Bryan Western**. The event is open to all players over 16 yrs who play orchestral instruments.

The cost for the day, which includes all music and light refreshments is:

ADULTS £10.00
STUDENTS 18 or younger FREE

On the day please bring:

A music stand

A Packed lunch

A copy of your music (this will be sent to you via email for you to print out or load on to a device, prior to the event!)



THE PROGRAMME

English Folk Song Suite: Vaughan Williams

Jurassic Park: John Williams

Symphony No 8 movts 1 & 1V: Anton Dvorak

The day will end with an informal concert. Please invite friends and family to come to this.

If you would like to find out more or want to take part, please email the NCO Secretary: biddynookes@btinternet.com, with the following information:

Your name and best contact information: Your instrument: Your musical experience: Any special requirements for the day.

NCO 'Come and Play Day' is generously supported by the Pateley Bridge Town Council Mayor's Fund