

Show Success

Well done to Robert who achieved 3rd place with his Tractor at the Nidderdale Show and to Mrs Jaques for her 3rd place prize in the perennial flower arranging category.

More Show news and pictures overleaf.



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

Last week we were delighted to welcome families of Year 6 pupils to our annual Open Evening, where I talked about celebrating success in all its forms. How fitting that this week's Nidd News should be so full of the successes our young people and school community achieved at the Nidderdale Show!

Our Open Evening is also a great opportunity to showcase our school values and it was lovely to read so much positive feedback about the high levels of kindness, respect, responsibility and pride shown by our student tour guides and helpers.

Across the last two weeks we have also welcomed a range of external visitors to school who have all commented about the warmth of relationships in school and the polite and respectful behaviour of our students.

Meanwhile we have been so very impressed with our Year 11 students, who have demonstrated high levels of ambition, with record numbers attending Maths, Science and Art after school sessions in September.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

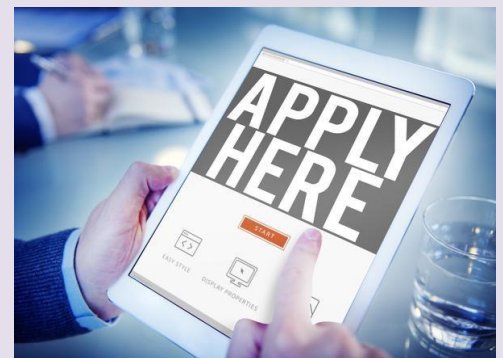
JOIN OUR TEAM

We are recruiting:

Exams Officer, Data and Cover Manager to start as soon as possible.

[Please click here to see full details on our school website.](#)

Applications through My New Term close at 9 a.m. on 5th October 2026.



More Nidderdale Show Success

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our second attempt as a school at the Nidderdale Show. We retained last year's 1st place in the jam category, came 2nd with Callum's bread rolls and 3rd with some fine bramble jelly from Grace.

Many thanks to Heath, Peter & Marley for their excellent cottage loaf, George Billanie for a fantastic foccacia, Amy Skelton for her chocolate fridge cake, Max for Scotch eggs and Finn & Owen Mullholland and Henry Bellaries for more entries in the preserves section. Thanks to all parents for assisting with this mission too!

As well as our school success, there were many individual student achievements to celebrate. Well done to the following:

Harris for his cup-winning sheep showing performance and Callum & John for more prizes with their sheep.

Jess Graham for 1st Gimmer lamb & best fleece.

Ella Kirkby and Archie & Duncan for their cattle showing efforts.

Brooke Ryder for her cup winning horse riding performance.

Bethan Parsons for 1st place with her potatoes and a very fine 1st place & cup winning Swiss roll - judged to be the best exhibit in the Children's Home Baking Classes!

Rory & Callum Crockford for showing their tractors and exhibiting hay.

Robert for 3rd Place with his tractor.

Emma White for a 2nd place with her painting.

Tilly Horne, Harris Leeming, John Peel & Jessie Ewbank for more prizes in the art and baking classes.

Ben White & Alex Randall De-Andres for entries in the photography categories.

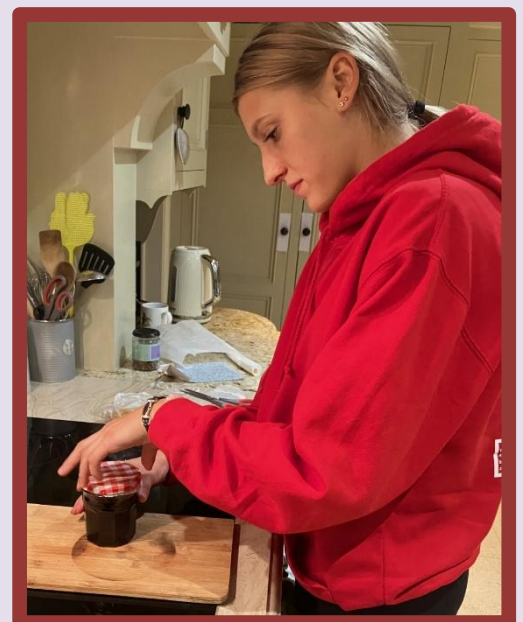
Mrs Jaques for a great 3rd place in the perennial flower arranging, which deserves an extra special mention given all flowers were grown on Greenhow Hill!

Apologies to all other students who I missed - please let us know of any successes not mentioned here.

Prizes or not, well done to everyone from Team Nidd who was involved. A pleasure to see you all entering into the community fun and challenging yourselves - without that effort & support, there would be no show!

Miss Tuffs

More pictures on the back page of our newsletter.



Year 7 success in climbing their House hills



It was a very happy three days in the clouds on our Year 7 Hill Days! Atmospheric conditions were encountered on all three hills and a compass was even used to find the trig point on Ingleborough, such was the thickness of the summit cloud!

All conditions were embraced by Year 7, a great deal of positivity & resilience was shown and more students than ever reached the top of their House Hill. Special mention to the Whernside form who had every member of their team on the summit!

Thanks to Mrs Parkin for accompanying us on all three days and to all Year 7 Form Tutors for supporting with this NiddVenture.

Well done to Year 9 student Sienna Chilcott, who assisted us on all three days as part of her Scout Hill Walking badge. This was Sienna's second last badge in her bid to gain every Scout Badge - an excellent example of ambition!

Miss Tuffs

PTFA Colour Run



Students enjoyed an afternoon of laughter, colour and community spirit at our recent Nidderdale High School Colour Run.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the PTFA for organising this fantastic event and for the time, effort and enthusiasm they put into making the day such a success.

Participants tackled the course while being showered with vibrant colours, creating a fantastic atmosphere and plenty of memorable moments. The event was a huge success, bringing our school community together and raising an incredible £2,000 for the PTFA.

The money raised will be used by the PTFA to support a range of projects and opportunities that benefit our students.

We're always looking to grow our PTFA and welcome new members. If you are interested in getting involved and helping to support our school community, please get in touch with us by email at nidderdaleptfa@gmail.com

Term Dates 26/27 and 27/28

Please note that all Term dates including staff training closures for this academic year and next (27/28) are available on the school website [or by clicking this link.](#)

Year 11 – Your Year of Success

Parents of Year 11 students should have recently received the first of our Year 11 updates setting out key dates, expectations and opportunities. Please look out for regular updates and make sure the key dates are in your diaries.

We will be launching our Year 11 offer in the next few weeks to ensure that all of our students understand the demands of this exam focused year, are able to access all of the support and receive the recognition and reward that their hard work will bring.

The Year 11 offer will include a Revision Hub on Teams, alongside further revision opportunities and masterclasses delivered during the school day and after school.

Mrs Ashton will be providing individual careers guidance and advice to all students in Year 11 as well as organising post-16 information assemblies and information about Open Days.

With mock exams starting at the end of next month, now is the time to get organised and build sustained study habits to ward off the last-minute panic.

Well done to all students who have already accessed the additional revision support.



YEAR 11 REVISION SESSIONS

AS AT 16.9.26

	LUNCHTIME	AFTER-SCHOOL
MONDAY	Art and Photography	Art and Photography 3.20 to 5pm
TUESDAY	Art and Photography	Design Technology, Ms Porter 3.15 to 4.30/5pm Art and Photography by arrangement with Ms Brohier
WEDNESDAY	Maths, ICT 1 Maths, Mrs Warner from October half term Art and Photography	Science, Room 16 Art and Photography by arrangement with Ms Brohier
THURSDAY	RE, Room 19 Art and Photography	Maths, ICT 1 Art and Photography 3.20 – 5pm
FRIDAY	Geography, Room 20/21	French (Week B), Room 3, Mrs Gibson 3.15 to 4.30 English, Mrs Clark's Y11 3.20 – 4.20 from February until last exam

☒ REVISE
☒ BUILD CONFIDENCE
☒ IMPROVE YOUR GRADES
☒ ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS

ALL YEAR 11 WELCOME!

YOU GOT THIS!



Well done to Tilly

Well done to Tilly who took great interest in our Green Hat Gardening Hats, displayed an ambition to make one in less than a week!

Tilly has shown great commitment to learning how to and has made her own hat in her favourite colours!

Reminders

Year 11 Parents' Evening
15 Oct 26

PTFA Quiz Night
21 Oct 26

School closed 23 Oct 26
Staff Training Day

Half term break
26 – 30 Oct 26

Every Lesson Counts: The Importance of Attendance

At Nidderdale High School, we know that excellent attendance is one of the biggest factors in student success. Every lesson is carefully planned to build on previous learning, meaning that each lesson lays the foundation for the next.

When students miss school, they can find it more difficult to connect new learning to what has already been taught. Even a single missed lesson can create gaps in understanding, making future learning more challenging. Regular attendance helps students maintain continuity in their learning, build confidence, and make sustained progress across all subjects.

Beyond the classroom, attending school every day also supports friendships, wellbeing, and participation in the wider life of the school.

Our aim is for every student to achieve attendance of 95% or above, giving them the very best opportunity to thrive academically, socially, and personally.

Year 9 Flourish

Year 9 have successfully begun their Flourish Volunteering, which will see all Year 9 students undertake some volunteering activities within the community and around the school.

They've already brightened the day for many people and also contributed to the Nidd Green Hat Gardening aim of brightening our school grounds!



Team Eigg 2026

Well done to Team Eigg 2026 for presenting a fine assembly about our summer Eigg trip to all year groups. It takes some courage to stand up and speak in front of your peers, but the team rose to this challenge admirably, retelling many happy tales of our adventures.

During the assemblies, all students were made aware of the expectations if they wish to heighten their chances of being selected for next summer's trip.

We will look forward to beginning the selection process for Eigg 2027 in March!



Nidd Green Hat Gardeners

The Nidd Green Hat Gardeners have made a great start to the new year, with many new NiddVenture students showing great enthusiasm for this project. We've removed the old flowers from the lettering, successfully outwitted the rabbits to prevent them playing in our letters whilst awaiting the new plants and collected our new primroses from Horticap. It was another very special trip to collect the plants, with our students mixing beautifully with the Horticap staff & students. Thank you to all students involved for representing Nidd High so well - some very positive comments have been received about the way you conduct yourselves when out in the community.



