

Fusion RACING



Formula 1 in Schools

The F1 in Schools STEM challenge is an educational project endorsed by F1 to develop students' skills in design, engineering, project management and business development.

They have to design and manufacture a miniature race car to exact specifications as well as developing a team brand and funding their progress by interacting with businesses and enterprise schemes just like a real F1 team.

On 6th February, two teams (Year 8 / Year 10) entered their first regional Formula 1 heats at the Stem Learning Centre UK at York University. They competed against other schools from around the area in the Entry Class level to understand the basics of the competition. Both teams had a fantastic day and learned a lot from other schools and the judging process and they are now looking forward to moving up to Pro and Development classes in next year's competition.

Mr Clemmett

Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

It's been quite some time since the last Nidd News was published, hence the bumper 4 page edition as there's been a lot going on!

Year 11 started this half term with their final formal GCSE mock assessments and are now preparing for and completing their final practical assessments in many subjects including Food, ICT, Drama, Art, Photography and DT.

Meanwhile, Year 9 have just completed the important process of selecting their GCSE subject choices for September 2024. We will be in contact with parents before Easter if there are any issues with choices but we expect to be able to create groups to cater to all student choices.

We were delighted to learn that we continue to be a popular choice within and beyond our catchment area as we expect to be full again in Y7 for 2024-25.

In other good news, the new Nidderlicious menus continue to be really popular with students and Mr Vass was delighted to receive the top hygiene rating of 5 (Very Good) in the recent inspection.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher



After School Bike Club

After-school bike club has been very well attended this term. It has been really nice to see older students using the knowledge gained from their long term attendance at bike club to teach younger students.



Message to students from Mr Barrass & PE Department: GET INVOLVED!

There are many great opportunities for all students for extracurricular sport/physical activity. Of note, two of our year 10 GCSE PE students are leading a new dance club on a Tuesday lunchtime in the squash court. On a Tuesday after school, girls and boys in year 7 and year 8 have the opportunity to be coached in football by Nidderdale alumnus and football fanatic Connie. All girls have the opportunity to be coached in football by player coach Mrs Parkin. Finally, every Thursday Mr Moffat, player and coach at Copt Hewick table tennis club leads table tennis sessions in the squash court.

No sign up required. Make sure you have your PE kit. After school sessions start at 15:15 and end at 16:20.

Demolition Squad

The double George demolition squad! Both George B's in Year 7 did a superb job of dismantling and clearing this shed for a local elderly resident. Extremely hard working, respectful, kind & efficient... What superb representatives of Nidderdale High School!

Spot the difference in the photos below!



Community Links

What an efficient, kind, hard-working group of students on a recent NiddVenture Rewards trip. They decided amongst themselves what they wanted to bake, produced it all with no help and then delivered to many elderly people and hardworking members of our community.

They certainly brightened many peoples' day with their smiles, kindness & enthusiasm. Well done to all of you!

Miss Tuffs



Summer Trip 2024 to Isles of Eigg and Rum

Congratulations to the following students for gaining a place on this year's summer trip to the Isles of Eigg & Rum! Josh Hunt Y9, Ben Rushworth Y9, Jack Lewis Y10, Heather Graham Y8, Eleanor Metcalfe Y9, Poppy Jaques Y10.

They will be joined by 3 of last year's Team Eigg who will be assisting me in the training of this year's team. The competition for a place on this trip was extremely high. The standard of effort, resilience & determination from all the shortlisted applicants throughout this whole process has been very impressive and makes the gaining of a place on this trip even more special.

I am very much looking forward to adventuring with our new Team Eigg over the coming months! Well done & thank you for the humble way you accepted the good news of your success!!

Photo of applicants in action during the selection process.

Miss Tuffs



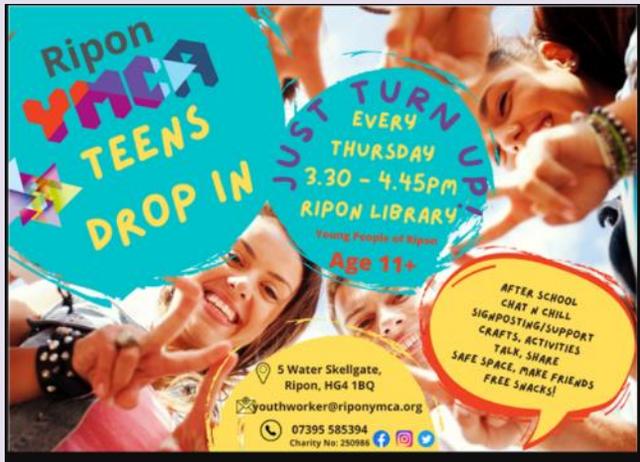
Ripon Parent / Carers

We have been asked to share this message with you:

If you are tired of your children always on the mobile phones or devices some of these activities might be useful to help them have a break from social media or gaming platforms and engage in local activities.



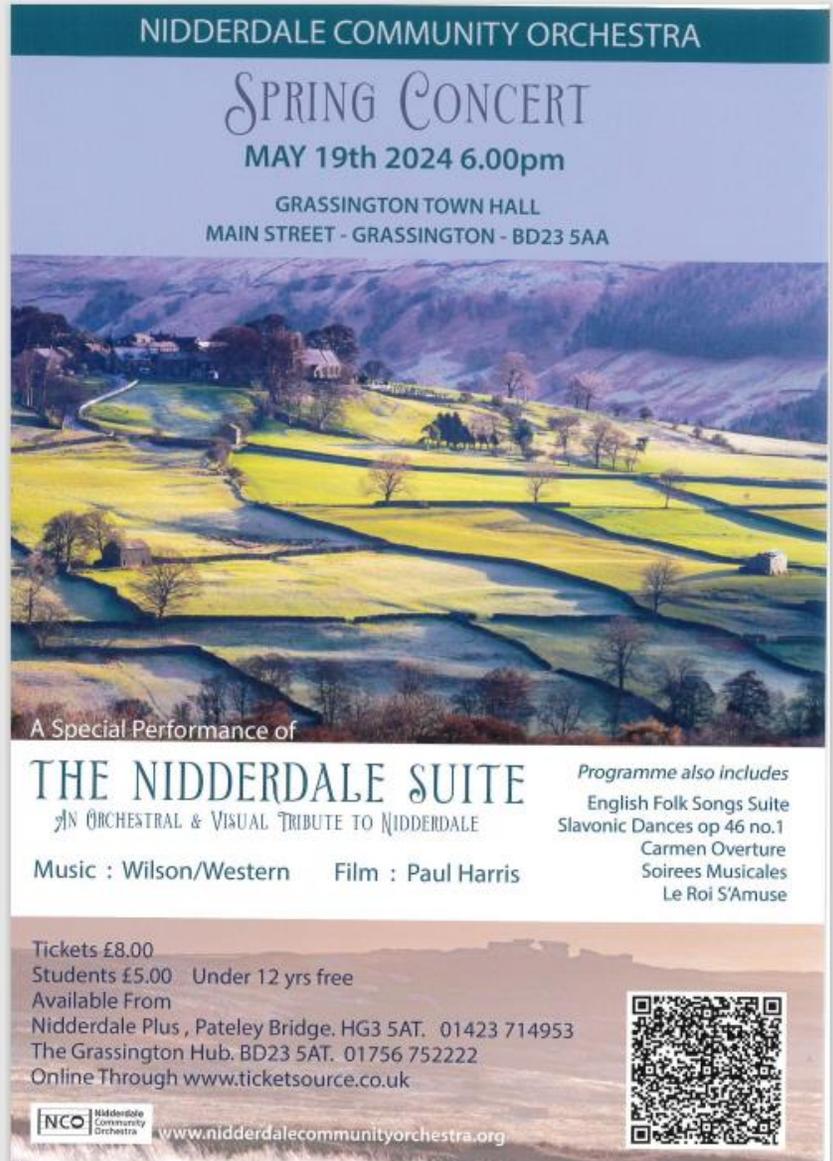
COME AND JOIN US FOR
SPARK
IT'S FREE JUST TURN UP
SPORTS
TEAM GAMES
ACTIVITIES
WORKSHOPS
AGE 11+
EVERY TUESDAY 6-7.30 PM
AT SPA PARK
RUN BY RIPON YMCA



Ripon YMCA
TEENS DROP IN
JUST TURN UP EVERY THURSDAY 3.30 - 4.45 PM
RIPON LIBRARY
Young People of Ripon Age 11+
AFTER SCHOOL CHAT & CHILL
SIGNPOSTING/SUPPORT
CRAFTS, ACTIVITIES
TALK, SHARE
SAFE SPACE, MAKE FRIENDS
FREE SNACKS!
5 Water Skellgate, Ripon, HG4 1BQ
youthworker@ripnymca.org
07395 585394
Charity No. 250986

Reminders

- Year 7 Parents' evening - 7th March 2024
- **22nd March 3.15 p.m.** - School closes for Easter break and re-opens to all students on **8th April 2024** (note some other schools may have this date as a training day).
- **24th May 3.15 pm** - School closes for half term break and re-opens to all **3 June 24**



NIDDERDALE COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA
SPRING CONCERT
MAY 19th 2024 6.00pm
GRASSINGTON TOWN HALL
MAIN STREET - GRASSINGTON - BD23 5AA
A Special Performance of
THE NIDDERDALE SUITE
AN ORCHESTRAL & VISUAL TRIBUTE TO NIDDERDALE
Programme also includes
English Folk Songs Suite
Slavonic Dances op 46 no.1
Carmen Overture
Soirees Musicales
Le Roi S'Amuse
Music : Wilson/Western Film : Paul Harris
Tickets £8.00
Students £5.00 Under 12 yrs free
Available From
Nidderdale Plus, Pateley Bridge, HG3 5AT. 01423 714953
The Grassington Hub, BD23 5AT. 01756 752222
Online Through www.ticketsource.co.uk
www.nidderdalecommunityorchestra.org

Theatre trip - 29th February



On Thursday 29th February, a group of Year 7 students attended Leeds Grand Theatre to watch the musical "Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World." This was an empowering new stage show with characters and songs that packed a popstar punch. We all really enjoyed the show and sang the songs all the way home!

Miss Lester



PSHE update

Year 7

Since students started at Nidderdale they have used PSHE lessons to support their transition to secondary school, we have also looked at other important changes that take place including puberty, if you would like more information, the following website gives up to date and concise information: www.brooke.org.uk

We have now started our flourish curriculum on all things Mental Health. This year we will be focusing on emotional regulation and healthy coping strategies. A great source for further guidance is <https://www.annafreud.org/resources/children-and-young-peoples-wellbeing/self-care/>

Year 8

Year 8 started their PSHE curriculum discussing the impact of social media on body image, a very relevant topic with the increase use of social media of young people. A key takeaway from this learning was to focus on what our bodies can do for us and to complement other aspects of ourselves.

We have now moved onto drug and alcohol education starting with the impact of caffeine on our body and daily routine. For further information, see <https://www.talktofrank.com>

Year 9

Year 9 continued with their drug education from last year and have now moved onto the Flourish curriculum exploring the impact of grief and how to use healthy coping strategies to support good mental health. A great resource for further information is <https://www.youngminds.org.uk> It also provides insightful stories from other young people.

Year 10

Year 10 learnt more about the social impact of drug use and how to combat peer pressure. As part of their Flourish curriculum, they have looked at how to reframe negative thinking and how to recognise mental ill health, for further support students have been signposted to the following website <https://www.youngminds.org.uk>

Mrs Kay, Director of Learning Wellbeing



Year 11 London Visit – 7 – 9 February 2024

Mrs Witherwick, Mrs Murgatroyd, Mr Wolfram and Mr Connors took 46 year 11 students to London for 3 days. It was an early start for us all...4am!

When we arrived in London we headed straight for the Houses of Parliament. We had a tour of the House of Lords, saw the opening of Prime Minister's Questions and saw some people we recognised such as Matt Hancock and Suella Braverman. We also met our MP (Julian Smith) and asked him some questions about his role and what parliament were currently debating.

In the afternoon we visited the London Eye and London Dungeons...which was rather scary! After refuelling at the Hard Rock Cafe, we all went to watch 'Six the Musical', Mr Connors was especially excited about this part of the programme.

The following day was a bit wet and wild, but we didn't let this dampen our mood. We ate our cooked breakfasts and packed up ready for another day of exploring. We walked through the streets of London and saw Buckingham Palace, Downing Street and Horse Guards Parade. We then boarded a boat and sailed up the Thames to admire the sites from the comfort of a river cruise boat. The man in charge said that we were the best school he had experienced in the last 2 years which was really lovely to hear.

We disembarked at the Tower of London and saw the ravens, the Crown Jewels, stood on the spot where Anne Boleyn was beheaded and experienced shivers in the torture tower. The beefeaters were very friendly and willingly obliged to have many photos (especially with Mrs Murgatroyd!)

We were pleased to have a couple of hours off after our cultural immersion and spent them in Covent Garden where we saw street performers and browsed the shops. In the evening we went bowling and enjoyed another burger.

On our last day we packed up nice and early and headed to 'Frameless'. We all enjoyed diving into famous pieces of art and appreciating art in a completely different way.

The trip was a huge success and our students really made the staff feel proud to work at Nidderdale. The only criticism of the trip was "it wasn't long enough"!

Mrs Witherwick