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# NEWS

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## Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

It has been a short but action packed term. In recent weeks there has been a real focus on kindness, creativity and volunteering to help others.

The highlight of the NiddVenture calendar so far this year has been the 'Tea Party' catered for, served and hosted by some fantastic KS3 ambassadors for our values of kindness and respect. Miss Tuffs has been inundated with notes of thanks and requests for repeat events. Our NiddVenture students have also impressed with their grounds keeping skills on the Bowling Green.

Year 9 & 10 students enjoyed a Rewards Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park. Year 9 students have also taken their Maths studies into the great outdoors with their Fish Pond Woods curriculum work.

We are sad to say goodbye to two members of staff as we end the term. Mrs Cheeseman is moving back to her first love of PE teaching at a new school and Mrs Beard is taking her kindness, care and pastoral support to work with young people beyond the school setting – KS3 parents see a separate letter about arrangement for next term. We have been pleased to welcome Mr Calderbank to our Maths team and we are delighted that he will now be working with school to the end of this year.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

## Student Leadership Team and Student Volunteers Easter Bake Sale

Thank you to everyone for the donations for the bake sale. We were able to raise over £200 to share between our chosen charities.

Yorkshire Air Ambulance  
Men's Sheds  
Investing in our school future

Thank you to Maria for designing the advertising poster which has been on display in school.

Mrs Ashton



## Senior Citizens' Tea Party – 12<sup>th</sup> March

Well done to Zach, Maisy, Naomi, Eleanor, Ellie & Lucy for setting up, decorating the room, helping to safely collect all the people, taking tea & coffee orders, carrying drinks, serving cake, taking them all back, cleaning up afterwards. They worked with respect, great responsibility, kindness and pride in doing a job properly.

They rose to the challenge and gave these local senior citizens a very special morning.

The only person to smash any of that lovely crockery was me.....!

Miss Tuffs





## Spring art competition for year 7 and 8

We had some beautiful entries all of which are on display in the main hall.

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Emma with her handmade daffodil vase.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Dottie with her Spring poem and lamb drawing.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Violet with her collection of sky and landscape photographs.

Well done to all entrants.

Mrs Beard & Mrs Parkin



## Pastoral Team News

Today we say goodbye and a huge thank you to our Pastoral colleague, Key Stage 3 Pastoral Officer, Sarah Beard as she leaves us to continue her work with young people and their families out of the school setting.

The unique way Sarah works has impacted on the lives of so many of our students, their families and also staff at the school. Thank you to all the students who have taken the time this week to reflect on what Mrs Beard means to them and the difference she has made. The recurring word used to describe her is 'kind.' She has a huge heart and she shows compassion and care that is unfailing and truly heartfelt. She has found time for our students when there are no minutes left in the day. She has noticed those young people who have felt invisible or hurt. She has heard every student who has felt they have no voice. She has been patient, supportive, tolerant, understanding and calm. She has taught all of us that we should never give up on ourselves or each other. She finds solutions when it feels like there is nowhere left to go. She leaves her door open for those who feel vulnerable and she ensures that every young person in need can feel hope for their future, even when the moment feels dark.

We don't know what the Summer Term will bring but whatever comes our way, and whatever challenges we face, we can do no better than to wonder, "What would Mrs Beard do?" And we will show more kindness and we will get up and go again, just as she has encouraged us to do every day. Good luck in your new post Sarah. You have been amazing.

## Thank you Mr Connors

The termly Pastoral Pamper Hamper has been awarded to Mr Connors for his support for the Pastoral Team and all their students.





## World Book Day

On 7th March, we celebrated World Book Day with a treasure hunt. Tickets were hidden around the school - once found, they could be exchanged for a free book and limited edition scented book mark.

Twenty sharp-eyed students spotted tickets and were rewarded with brand new reading material!

Ms Lester



## Congratulations

Well done to Eva Eyres who has won third prize in the Belfast Gardens under 16s photography competition.

This stunning photograph was taken in Botanic Park, Belfast and reflects the stunning early autumn colours.

## Congratulations – Performing Arts

Summer had huge success at the Harrogate festival of music, speech and drama. Coming away with 4 first places in group devised acting, music hall singing, solo musical theatre singing and the overall winners' class for young musician in singing against 2 amazing classical singers.

She qualified for the final young musician of the festival which is the closing class of the festival next Sunday. Shown here with her super proud singing teacher, Helen.



## Reminders

- **22 March 3.15 p.m.** - School closes for Easter break and re-opens to all students on **8 April 2024** (note some other schools may have this date as a training day).
- W/c 8 & 15 April GCSE Art & Photography & BTEC Creative Media assessments
- W/c 15 April Y10 Exams
- 6 May – School closed – bank holiday
- 9 May GCSE Exams begin
- 27 May – 31 May 24 – Half Term
- 5 July – School closed – staff training day
- 19 July **2.15 p.m.** school closes for summer break

