



## Duke of Edinburgh – Silver Award

Our students impressed me on their recent practice expedition.

After a first night camping near Hawes, the 3 teams climbed Great Shunner Fell in thick fog on Friday before descending to a second night's camp in Keld. Saturday saw the groups tackle various routes along beautiful Swaledale in glorious sunshine! It was lovely to see students appreciating their surroundings, working well together, improving their campcraft & navigation skills and treating everyone we encountered with respect & kindness. Well done, it is a pleasure taking you out!

Miss Tuffs



## Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

This week has been dominated by important goodbyes. Yesterday, Year 11 marked the half way point of their exams with traditional shirt signing, leavers' hoodies and their Leavers' Assembly. We took the time to reflect on their journey through secondary school, marked by Covid in their first two years and a return to the full GCSE specifications and full examination schedule in their later years. It was good to see that they were also the year group that led the way with many of our NiddVenture activities and were the first cohort to complete DofE Silver.

We wish them a well-earned, mid-exam season break over half term before the final few weeks of exams in June.

Yesterday we also said our goodbyes to Dr Johnson who is moving to be Lead Practitioner in Science at a school in another Local Authority. We are really grateful to her for delaying her move so that she could support Year 11 classes and wish her the very best for the future. Mrs Carpenter has been reviewing the science timetable to maintain some continuity for students in the final half term before we welcome Mr Mallon to the Science team in September.

This half term we have also been engaged in the really exciting process of appointing a permanent Deputy Headteacher to the school. I am delighted to confirm that Mr Anthony Devaney will be joining the school in September. In the weeks to come we will provide information to parents and carers about any changes to lines of communication and focus areas around behaviour & attitudes

Kath Jordan, Headteacher



### Duke of Edinburgh - Bronze Award

Year 9 students recently participated in a final training day in preparation for their qualifying expedition in June. All students participated with enthusiasm and made good progress with their map reading skills and knowledge of how it feels to carry a large expedition bag up and downhill! Hopefully all are now feeling confident & looking forward to their upcoming expedition.

Miss Tufts



I recently took a group of students to **Craven College Aviation Academy** at Leeds Bradford Airport. Students were able to look at careers within Aviation Industry.



Mrs Eglin

### Soundproof Box Theatre Company visit

It was a brilliant experience for our students to have the theatre company in school recently.

Both sessions were very impactful with all students fully engaged. The themes around healthy and unhealthy relationships in the 'Red Flags' production were so powerful and the ability to interact with the actors was very cleverly done. Following the performance, the pastoral team noticed an increase in conversations around relationships and particularly in recognising harmful relationships.

We continue to reflect on 'Red Flags' as we explore this incredibly important theme further.  
Ms Walker



### Senior Student - Review

Year 9, 10, 11 had a recent visit from Soundproof Box, an interactive theatre company. Watching the performance based on toxic relationships and waving red flags was very engaging and started many conversations between students, teachers and the actors.

Interviewing the actors and their played characters was particularly useful for our drama students as this enabled them to ask about qualifications, background to drama and experience in the drama profession.

Isabelle Nelson

## Congratulations to George Beckett (Y7)

George walked a VERY challenging 18 miles on Sunday 20th May and raised an incredible £340 so far for Young Minds!! We are all very proud of him!



### NiddVenture

Students have been working hard in the poly tunnel.



Well done to Mrs Jaques who stayed up to take this magnificent photograph of the Northern Lights (aurora borealis) over Greenhow recently.

Enjoy  
half  
term



### Reminders

- 27 May – 31 May 24 – Half Term
- 3 June – School re-opens. GCSE exams continue.
- 5 July – School closed – staff training day
- 19 July – school closes for summer break
- 2 Sep 24 – Staff training day
- 3 Sep 24 – Y7 and Y11 return to school
- 4 Sep – all year groups return to school

### Pastoral Department Request

Flourish gardeners are keen to replenish the Pastoral garden paths and build a new walkway through the planting.

*Please donate any spare bark, mulch or plants to this enthusiastic team.*



# Adventure Club

If you want to help them grow in confidence, learn team building skills and make new friends book a space for May half term now!

Our Adventure Club gets young people active, in touch with nature and trying a range of outdoor activities

- Climbing
- Caving
- High ropes
- River scrambling
- Canoeing
- Sailing
- And much more!

**Bewerley Park Outdoor Education Centre**  
Pateley Bridge

**East Barnby Outdoor Education Centre**  
Whitby

28, 29, 30 and 31 May  
8.30am to 4.45pm

Suitable for ages 8-13  
£50 per young person per day, 10% discount for siblings or booking more than one day

Activities vary depending on date, location and weather  
Please bring a packed lunch, snacks and drink

Go to [outdoored.co.uk/AdventureClub](http://outdoored.co.uk/AdventureClub)




**OOLS** North Yorkshire Outdoor Learning Service

# Fun-filled family days

Join us for a range of activities that might include paddleboarding, sailing, canoeing, high ropes and caving

Get together and enjoy an action packed adventure in the real outdoors this May half term

**Bewerley Park Outdoor Education Centre**  
Pateley Bridge

**East Barnby Outdoor Education Centre**  
Whitby

30 and 31 May  
9.30am to 4pm

Suitable for adults with children aged 8+  
£48 per person per day

Activities vary depending on date, location and weather  
Please bring a packed lunch, snacks and drink

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## ROCK CLIMBING CLUBS

Our clubs started in 2021, with the ambition to engage and enthuse young people in all aspects of climbing, both indoors and out. Our clubs have grown and continue to do so, with amazing and inspiring locations to learn. The goal, to become strong independent climbers, reaping the benefits of self-confidence and passion for sport.

Individual sessions - £23.50 (Wed) or £27.50 (Sat) p/p  
Block sessions - £22.00/£26.00 per person (Block only)

**PRE-REQUISITES:**

- PASSION TO CLIMB
- 8+ YEARS OLD
- 2.5HR/3HR SESSION
- WEDNESDAY OR SATURDAY
- OUTDOOR (APR-OCT)
- INDOOR (OCT-APR)





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## OPINIONS ON POLICE, FIRE & CRIME?

Volunteer for the North Yorkshire Youth Commission

Are you 10-25 & living in North Yorkshire?

Opinions about Police, Fire, Crime & Issues Young People Face?

Deadline: 14<sup>th</sup> June

To apply & for more info contact: [emily@leaders-unlocked.org](mailto:emily@leaders-unlocked.org)

Work alongside other young people to make a change.

Advise the York & North Yorkshire Office for Policing, Fire, Crime and Commissioning, part of the York & North Yorkshire Combined Authority.

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