

Our target for school attendance is 95.5%

ATTENDANCE FACTS



95%
Attendance and above:
91 out of 100 students leave high school with 5 good GCSEs

Compared to

90%
Attendance and below:
36 out of 100 students leave high school with 5 good GCSEs

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| 0 days off school in a year 0 lessons missed | 100% | Perfect attendance |
| 2 days off school in a year 10 lessons missed | 99% | Excellent attendance |
| 5 days off school in a year 25 lessons missed | 97% | Good attendance |
| 10 days off school in a year 50 lessons missed | 95% | Slightly below average attendance |
| 14 days off school in a year 70 lessons missed | 93% | Poor attendance |
| 20 days off school in a year 100 lessons missed | 90% | Very poor attendance |

The greater your attendance, the greater your achievement.

A student who ends the school year on 90% attendance will have missed four complete weeks of school

Attendance is always included in progress reports in December, April and July



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

As we move into the final weeks of this academic year, there are a number of reward and celebration events planned. Next week the school Blackpool rewards trip takes place on Thursday, with our Eigg expedition team setting off on Friday. As Year 11 complete their final GCSE examinations today and in the early part of next week, their attention will turn to preparation for Prom. The PE Team are working on plans for this year's Sports Day – more information to follow.

We are also very much focused on plans for next year with timetabling, learning group planning and preparations for our Year 6 transition events.

Families who currently pay for out of area transport via North Yorkshire Integrated Passenger Transport service, please ensure you have read and responded to information about arrangements for next year.

Please note a change to the plans for our return to school in September. Monday 2.9.24 will remain a training day for staff. On Tuesday 3.9.24 we will welcome YEAR 7 ONLY (not Year 11 as previously communicated). Wednesday 4.9.24 is the return date for all other year groups.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

Rugby success

Congratulations to Harry and Max who play rugby for Wharfedale RUFC and recently represented West Yorkshire when they were selected to join the RFU's Development Player Programme (DPP).

They took part in a series of three rugby games across the county and have now been selected to continue the pathway next season.

Student Leadership Team

Attendance and Reading Mentors will begin their work with KS3 students this week.

The team are also in the process of planning a presentation to deliver to Headteacher on how they plan to work towards an Eco Award application with launching new eco-friendly initiatives in school with SLT approval.

Bake Sale & Book Stall – Friday 28th June 2024

This month is Men's Mental Health Awareness Month. To bring support and help to donate to our Men's Mental Health Charity 'Men's Sheds', we have decided to have a bake sale on Friday 28 June 2024 please bring any cake donations to reception on the date. A book stall will also be available for students to buy from to help raise money for our chosen charities. Children's book donations would be appreciated too.

Thank you from Matthew Fazal, Year 10 Student Leader & Senior Student Leadership Team.

Nidderlicious News

Students are currently completing an on-line survey regarding the current food offer in school. Results will be analysed and used to expand the offer.

An extract of next week's menu is shown below. The full menu is on the school website.

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| Nidderdale Week 3 | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Main Meal | Spicy Chorizo Pasta Spicy chorizo chunks with our homemade tomato sauce served with penne pasta & garlic bread (g)(mk) | Homemade Meatball Pizza Homemade pizza bases topped with our delicious pizza sauce, cheese & meatballs served with vegetable sticks (g)(mk) | Hunter's Chicken Bacon wrapped chicken topped with tangy BBQ sauce & cheese, oven baked served with mashed potatoes and peas (mk) | Chicken Burger or Fish & Chips Chicken burger or fish served with chips, beans or sweetcorn (mk)(g)(fsh) | Chicken Korma & Rice Homemade korma served with fluffy rice (mk)(mk) |
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FEAST – Entitlement to free school meals through holidays

We want to ensure that we provide the best possible education here at Nidderdale High School, supporting students to achieve their potential. A healthy meal at lunchtime is an essential part of this.

As you know, families that meet certain criteria may be eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals. We want to support our families to apply to receive these for free wherever applicable.

Alongside free lunch during term time, being registered for benefits-related Free School Meals also entitles your child to free activities and meals during the Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays through FEAST.

Further, when students are registered for benefits-related Free School Meals, our school receives additional funding ('Pupil Premium'), which is pooled and used for extra support and initiatives throughout school. It's vital for everyone that all children who are eligible for Free School Meals are registered as such.

The automated FEAST vouchers are ready to go out to registered eligible families/students on the 17 June when the system goes 'live'.

What do I need to do?

If you are not in receipt of Free School Meals and believe you are eligible, you can apply for Free School Meals on the North Yorkshire Council website here: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals>

Eigg Trip

Team Eigg are in their final stages of preparation for our very rapidly approaching Scottish adventure. We had a superb training day at Sutton Bank where they absolutely demonstrated all the qualities that gained them a place on this trip: kindness, resilience, fitness, positivity & excellent teamwork. They have bonded beautifully as a team that includes students from 4 different year groups, and have consistently shown reliability, dedication and respect in all our preparations. They thoroughly deserve this opportunity and we are extremely excited about taking them out to Eigg & Rum! Thank you all for your efforts so far. Not long now until the adventure begins...!

Miss Tufts



Tug of War - Achievement

Congratulations to Holly Middleton and her tug of war team who achieved third place in the National Federation of Young Farmers Clubs North of England heats on Saturday 8th June. Well done to Holly and the team.

Uniform Donations

A reminder that we collect unwanted school uniform items. If your child has grown out of their school uniform or your child is in Year 11 and will no longer need to wear uniform, we would be very grateful if you would consider donating it to school to help others.

Please send your clean washed items in to school. Thank you in advance for your support.

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

Another successful Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition. All students coped well with weather for all seasons - wind, rain and sun!



Lunchtime RE on Fridays Room 8 is open to all students in Year 10 and 11 - Feel free to drop in.

Please join us on Friday lunchtimes at 12.40 to watch a short pre-recorded discussion from the University of Chester about religion, philosophy & ethics. The recordings are followed by a discussion and biscuits with the group. It is a good way to learn about RE topics in greater depth.

Previous topics have included: The miracles of Jesus & Secularisation
Some recent thoughts on the group:

"It is very inspirational! I learn new things every time I go!" – J. Year 10

"It gives me confidence about passing my GCSE." – Theo, Year 10.

"It helps me feel like I have more knowledge of philosophical topics and gives me further knowledge on RE post-16." - Isabelle, Year 10