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# NEWS

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## Year 9 Battlefields 23-26 January

The four day battlefields trip was incredible and definitely an experience we will never forget. We spent our first full day visiting Vimy memorial and the Somme. We visited Poiziers cemetery, The Devonshire regiment cemetery, Thiepval, Lochnagar crater and Newfoundland Park. Seeing the number of gravestones and all the names on the gravestones was really humbling and it made us understand that we must never let a war of that scale happen again. Mrs Witherwick was able to visit the grave of her Great Great Uncle for the first time. This was a very special moment for her as she was only the second person to ever visit him.

In the evening, we went to the local bowling lanes to play pool and tenpin bowling where Josh Hunt was the winning student with 78 points, it was a lot of fun!



## Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

It's been a busy few weeks in school with the hugely successful Year 9 Battlefields trip taking place and final preparations for the Year 11 London trip in hand. Our FI in Schools teams are also getting ready for their competition next week.

There is a real focus on next steps and transition at the moment. Year 9 have started the process of choosing their Key Stage 4 options. Options booklets, information about option blocks and a parent presentation have all been sent out to parents. Options interviews with students have started to take place this week and students are thinking carefully about the range of academic subjects and work focused / skill building opportunities available to them.

Meanwhile, Year 11 are preparing for 6th form interviews with a range of local sixth forms and considering college and apprenticeship options. Year 11 are also working towards their final mock assessments which take place immediately after half term. Their independent study efforts on Seneca Learning have sent us right to the top of the leaderboard!

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

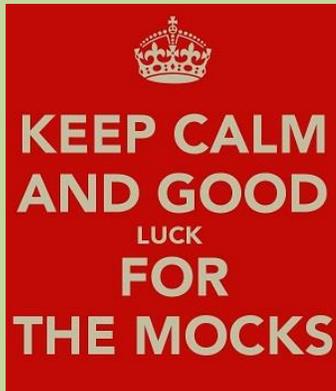
On Thursday we went to the Ypres salient to places like Bayernwald German cemetery, Tyne Cot cemetery, hill 62 trenches and museum and the 14-18 experience museum. In the evening, we went into Ypres itself to attend the last post ceremony at the Menin Gate; two students (Ben Rushworth and Dulcie Jones) represented the school by laying a wreath. It was a very proud moment for the school and Ben and Dulcie met the Australian Ambassador.

After that we went to the chocolate shop near the cloth hall. On the Friday we came home extremely tired, but we all had a wonderful time in Belgium and France. A huge thank you for all the staff that helped to make this trip so special.

Written by: Ben Rushworth, Josh Hunt, Tess Carnall, Dulcie Jones and Eleanor Metcalfe



**Year 11 Mock Exams and Revision Sessions**  
Year 11 Mock exams start w/c 19<sup>th</sup> February.



Please [click here](#) to see in-school revision sessions and click [here](#) for revision tips for parents.



We have recently reviewed our catering facilities to ensure we are providing the best for our students.

We have made changes to our queuing systems and to the menus adding some new options alongside our students' favourites. The latest menu is shown below (w/c 5 February). Other weekly menus can be accessed each week on the website. Feedback from students has been very positive.

Please look out for a letter via School Comms regarding changes to the procedure when accounts are in overdraft.

Information about Free School Meals can be accessed [here](#). The qualifying information is laid out clearly and there is a link to an application form.

Catering Team

## Safer Internet Day – 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### Inspire change by modelling how to be safe online

Just as in their offline lives, children need online role models too. Make a difference by having regular discussions about the online world.

Not sure where to begin? Use the tips and conversations starters on the UK Safer Internet website.

Set clear and fair expectations about how the whole family should use the internet and technology, and demonstrate these yourself.

These tips have been written to help you support your child to stay safe and happy online. For more guidance, information and quizzes for all age groups [click here](#) (links to the UK Safer Internet Centre website).



On 23rd January, a group of Year 11 students attended a performance of Shakespeare's Macbeth at the Royal Opera House in York.

With innovative use of the Porter as a narrator, the performance delivered an invaluable revision session as well as an enjoyable afternoon's entertainment for all.

Ms Lester



| Nidderdale<br>Week 3 | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  |
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| <b>Main Meal</b>     | <b>Meatball Subs</b><br>Juicy meatballs cooked in our spicy tomato sauce, stuffed into a sub roll & topped with cheese, nachos & house salad<br>(gl)(mk)(sd)<br>Please ask for vegetarian options | <b>Homemade Chicken &amp; Cheese Pizza</b><br>Homemade pizza bases topped with our delicious pizza sauce, cheese & chicken served with coleslaw<br>(gl)(mk)(eg)<br>Please ask for vegetarian options | <b>Yorkshire Burrito</b><br>Large Yorkshire puddings filled with chicken & mashed potatoes. Served with seasonal vegetables & gravy<br>(gl)(eg)mk<br>Please ask for vegetarian options | <b>Popcorn or Fish &amp; Chips</b><br>Popcorn chicken or fish & chips, served with chips, beans or sweetcorn<br>(mk)(gl)(fsh)<br>Please ask for vegetarian options | <b>Chicken Tikka Masala</b><br>Tender chicken pieces poached in our homemade curry sauce served with steamed rice and naan bread<br>(mst)(gl)(mk)(soy)<br>Please ask for vegetarian options |

Our Youth Council reps have asked us to share this notice with you:

### **Nidderdale Youth council**

We are recruiting new members between the age of 11 and 18 who are keen to make a difference in Nidderdale and have a passion for positive change. We meet twice a month to discuss our campaign on accessibility, organise events and improve our local area. In addition to building your confidence and communication skills, joining the youth council will mean that you can help to bring about the change that you want to see in Nidderdale, and have your voice heard.

If you are interested in joining, below is a link to a Teams meeting to take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> February between 4.00-5.00pm, where we will be talking through our campaign and welcoming new members.

<https://teams.live.com/joinmeeting/9480407190216?p=JxCCTCbYvRel8wA0>



### **Impromptu Careers lesson!**

On Friday 19th January, we happened to see the air ambulance land in the showground. We ventured over and they could not have been more welcoming or keen to inspire & educate.

The Pilot named Colin had a great conversation with Seth, (an aspirant pilot) about the science of flying and the importance of Maths, English & Science if he wants to become a pilot.

Miss Tufts

#AirAmbulance

<https://www.yorkshireairambulance.org.uk/>

We have been asked to share this notice with you:

### **Mums Football - Darley Sports Field** **Sunday Mornings**

Due to popular demand we have set up a Ladies football team for all abilities.

We are a non-profit making volunteer run football club so, whether you are a former player or would just like to give it a try everyone is most welcome.

It's great fun and a fantastic way to stay fit. There is also a great social side and a fantastic way to meet people and make friends.

If you would like to find out more about our FREE Taster Sessions at Darley Sports Field please get in touch with Mike at [mikeandjanec@googlemail.com](mailto:mikeandjanec@googlemail.com)

### **Message from North Yorks Council:**

If you're struggling to pay for food and other essentials, there are local schemes and organisations in North Yorkshire which may be able to help or point you in the right direction. You'll find information about emergency financial support, managing debt, benefit entitlement, energy bills and staying connected all in one place at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/costofliving](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/costofliving)

North Yorkshire Council's cost of living web page also has information about pension credit, schemes to help families and local community-based support including Warm Welcome spaces as well as advice on staying safe and well.

### **Reminders**

- Year 11 London Trip 7-9 February 2024
- Half Term break – w/c 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024
- Year 8 Parents' evening - 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024
- Year 7 Parents' evening - 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024
- **22<sup>nd</sup> March 3.15 p.m.** - School closes for Easter break and re-opens to all students on **8<sup>th</sup> April 2024** (note some other schools may have this date as a training day).