



Year 10 - Senior Team 2022/23

We welcome our new Year 10 Student Leadership Team who join our existing Y11 Student Leadership Team of Xiara, Tegan, Rory and Will.

Meetings are held during Flourish sessions and lots of great ideas have been shared around Investing in our (school) Future and charity work.

Senior Students have voted for Epilepsy UK as our chosen charity for 2022/23. They are also busy setting up mentoring projects including a KS3 homework club, peer mentoring, reading mentors, corridor duties and eco-club.

More news to follow from our Student Leadership Team in future Nidd News.

Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

This has been a very busy first half term as we have been able to introduce far more sports fixtures, theatre trips and NiddVenture activities to our calendar. We have also been pleased to reintroduce some events back in school for parents too.

Yesterday we were pleased to welcome our Senior Education Adviser into school for a full day focused review of our safeguarding work. We were delighted to receive enormously positive feedback about this important aspect of our work. The 'energy, enthusiasm and passion' of the pastoral team was commented on. Students from Years 7-10 met with the adviser and he spoke about how much he enjoys speaking with Nidderdale students as they are 'always so articulate, reflective and perceptive'.

As parents will be aware, one of the most significant safeguarding risks for teenagers is unmonitored activity online. Alongside the education we provide in school, please continue to support your child at home to make safe choices online. Check parental controls on your wifi, set rules and expectations for use of the internet, monitor your child's mobile phone and make use of the advice and guidance included in the monthly 'online safety' newsletters sent from school.

Friday is a school closure day for all staff and students so we will look forward to seeing students back in school on Monday 31st October. I hope that all members of our school community can enjoy a well earned break next week.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

**Enjoy
half
term**



Visit to National Apprenticeship Show

On Wednesday 5th October, Miss Eglin arranged a trip to the annual National Apprenticeship Show in Harrogate for all Year 11. Students enthusiastically took the opportunity to learn more about apprenticeships from a wide variety of providers. They returned to school armed with plenty of information to help them decide which direction to take post year 11.



Area Cup – Football Well done!

Year 8 travelled to Rossett for the area cup round of 16 tie. An excellent performance secured a win and progression to the quarter finals. A great brace from George T, a sensational goal scoring corner from Jess DS and Seth W with a clinical finish on debut secured a 4-1 win. Whilst all players were superb, player of the match went to Ezra H for his composure and skill at the back. Players' player of the match went to Jess DS for dominating the middle of the pitch.

Mr Barrass



JOIN OUR TEAM

We are recruiting –
**Invigilators and
General Kitchen
Assistants**

Please see the recruitment
page on our school website
for more information.

[Click here.](#)

Reporting Student Absence

Please ring the
School Absence Line
01423 711246 or
send an email to Mrs
Jaques, School
Attendance Officer at
sophie.jaques@nidale.n-yorks.sch.uk
by 9 a.m. on the
morning of absence

Calendar reminders

- 21.10.2022 School closed for staff training (rearranged from 19.9.2022)
- Half term break w/c 24.10.22
- 31.10.22 - School reopens
- 21.11.22 – Governing Board meeting
- 24.11.22 - Y10 Parents' Evening (online)
- 16 Dec – school closes 2.15 p.m.
- 3.1.23 – School closed – Staff training day
- 4.1.23 – Students return to school



Netball News

We have had a busy half term with netball fixtures. We have played four matches with both home and away fixtures. All teams who played have played well and represented school in a manner that left me feeling very proud.

We are looking forward to the netball games in the next half term as we have entered the new Dales Cup tournament. We will face six other schools which is very exciting.

Miss Wilcock



NiddVenture

It's been an extremely busy & productive half term for NiddVenture. We began the half term with our first ever Ghyll Scrambling session using all our shiny new kit. The Year 8 girls involved in this activity really rose to the challenge, embraced the cold water and helped & supported each other beautifully.

Year 7 House Hill days have taken place. Mountains have been conquered, but more importantly these days have provided an opportunity for students & their form tutors to bond and get to know each other better.

Community work has continued with a vengeance. Many miles have been walked delivering prescriptions & groceries to the elderly residents of Pateley Bridge; barrels outside local shops on the High Street have been replanted with bedding plants; hedges have been cut; baking produced & delivered; shelves stocked in Spar and the bowling green weeded. Many thanks to all students who have embraced this work with such enthusiasm, positivity & empathy. You have represented the school superbly & brightened so many people's days...

The polytunnel has flourished thanks to the combined efforts of students & staff. Our produce has been of a high enough standard & quantity for Spar Pateley Bridge to purchase it from us and sell it in the shop. Thank you to Spar for their continuing support of our work. All proceeds so far have paid for the creation of a Photobook celebrating last year's NiddVenture highlights.

After school Bike Club & Trail Running Club have been attended regularly by a committed group of students from a range of year groups. It's been fantastic to see older students welcoming & encouraging new Year 7s into these groups. Thank you all for your never-failing enthusiasm, kindness and effort in these sessions.

Happy holidays from Team NiddVenture!



Congratulations!

Emily came 2nd in her age group championships at her Triathlon Club and also received the Coaches' Choice "Best Girl Award" overall.

We are really proud of her commitment to her triathlon training.

Well done!

Max (Year 7) has been performing with Pateley Bridge Dramatic Society in a play called Eugene Aram. The show ran over five nights and told the story of Nidderdale born Eugene Aram, who for over a hundred years, was thought to be the most notorious murderer in England. Max played the part of young Eugene.



The Great Reading Race

Year 7 have made a great start on the Great Reading Race reading scheme. Bronze awards have already been presented to Connie Barratt, Will Poulter, Alanna Lock, Rose Lofthouse and Sam Cryer. Connie has also achieved her Silver award! Well done to all those keen readers-keep at it and you may win a place on my Reader Reward cinema trip in November!

Miss Lester

School Governance

Would you like to help oversee the running and strategic direction of our vibrant, popular and successful secondary school? Would you like to play an important role in a school at the heart of the local community in Nidderdale and beyond? If so, why not consider joining Nidderdale High School's governing board?

Being a governor is a rewarding experience with responsibilities and time commitments compatible with what most people can offer. No specific experience is required, nor do you need any special qualifications or professional skills. All you need is a desire to help the school and the local community.

The current governing board is made up of volunteers with a wide range of personal and professional backgrounds. To complement the existing skill set of the governing board, experience of project management and oversight would be useful but whatever skills and time you can contribute will be welcome. Support and full training will be provided.

For more information about the current vacancy, please contact Mrs Robertson, Clerk to the Governing Body at school or via email admin@nidderdale.n-yorks.sch.uk or for more information on school governance in general, visit the The National Governors' Association website www.nga.org

Buzz Books

Year 7 students have now received their free Bookbuzz book gift. Bookbuzz is a reading programme from BookTrust that aims to help schools inspire a love of reading in 11 to 13-year-olds. Participating schools give their students the opportunity to choose their own book to take home and keep from a list of 15 titles. They are all carefully selected by a panel of experts to ensure quality, suitability and to encourage reading for pleasure.

