



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

Thank you to all members of our school community for their patience during the period of school kitchen closure. We will aim to confirm by the end of the day on Friday, what level of catering service we can provide next week. We are hopeful that full normal service will be resumed!

This year we have been reflecting on the best way to report student progress to parents and have made some changes to our reports. You will receive a letter from Miss Draper with your child's first report of the year giving some explanation of the rationale behind our reporting. She will be happy to answer any other parental queries as each year group report is issued.

In this newsletter you will be able to read some more information about Maths at Nidderdale High School. As we focus on a different subject or group of subjects each half term, we look forward to sharing more information about each subject with you across this year.

Our Senior Student team will also be reporting on some of their school experiences through the Nidd News. We look forward to sharing their views with you in future issues.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

Remembrance

Thank you to Mr Pancott who has lead year group assemblies this week on the theme of Remembrance. At 11am today, Will Fitzgibbon led us into our silent act of remembrance by playing the Last Post as he has done for us for in previous years.

Mrs Witherwick took a group of Year 9 students and some of our Senior Students to Pateley War Memorial to represent the school in the community's act of remembrance. Thank you to our senior students for laying the school's wreath and representing the school on this important occasion.

In December, many of our Year 9 students will have the opportunity to visit many of the sites we reflect on at this time of year when they take part in the joint Battlefields / French trip. Thank you to Mr Pancott and team for organising this really important residential trip.

Come and join our team!

We are recruiting a Teacher of Maths, a General Teaching Assistant, Invigilators and Casual Kitchen Assistants – full details for all roles available on the school website. [Click here](#)

Extra Bank Holiday – School closure advanced notice

In light of the announcement of His Majesty King Charles III coronation on Saturday 6 May 2023, an additional bank holiday has been announced and therefore school will be closed on Monday 8 May 23.

The updated terms times/holiday dates and training dates list is on the school website. The dates for academic year 2023/2024 are also shown. [Click here.](#)

Calendar reminders

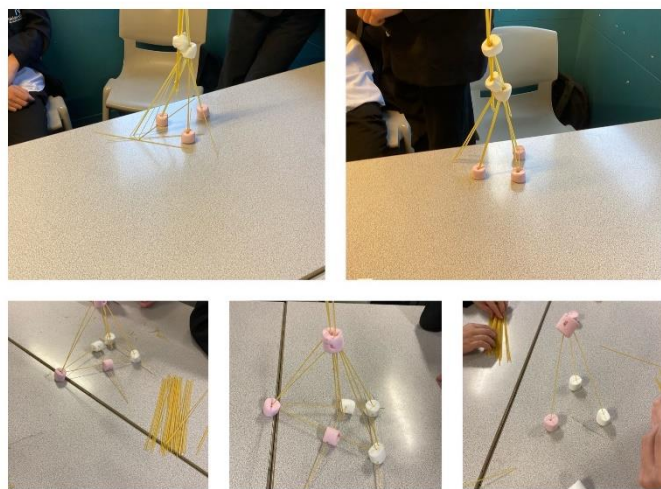
- 21.11.22 – Governing Board meeting
- 24.11.22 - Y10 Parents' Evening (online)
- 28.11.22 – 9.12.22 Y11 Mock examinations
- 13 Dec – School Christmas Lunch
- 16 Dec – school closes 2.15 p.m.
- 3.1.23 – School closed – Staff training day
- 4.1.23 – Students return to school

Reporting Student Absence

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



Photograph
Taken by Mrs
Jaques 9.11.22



Careers – Teamwork

The last two weeks in Careers we have been focusing on Teamwork.

Year 10/11 took on the Spaghetti and Marshmallow Challenge. The highest tower so far supporting a marshmallow for 1 minute is 54cm.

Students attending Niddventure with a career Focus also worked as a team to build a supporting shelter for the Shetland Ponies at Corn Close Care Farm.

Well done to all students.

Mrs Eglin



Save the date

The school will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 18th November with a non-uniform day. Students will be allowed to attend in appropriate non-uniform but this is not a fancy dress event. Further details about how to donate will be shared in due course.



Rewards

We are delighted that so many students are making enthusiastic use of their well-deserved Classcharts positive points in the Classcharts Rewards Store. Students in lower school have been stocking up their pencil cases with a range of stationery, Key Stage 4 students have been making use of the Pateley Pass and students in all year groups have taken advantage of the pop up cinema trips and half-termly NiddVenture reward days.

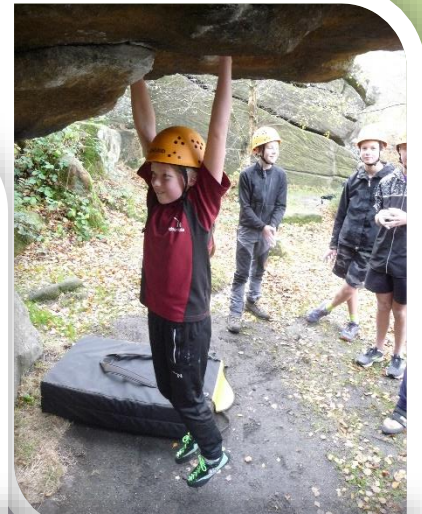
We are also reintroducing some whole school reward events across the year. We hope to take Year 11 students, who have met the Classcharts target, to the York Christmas Market as a post-Mocks treat. Miss Draper and Miss Lester are making final arrangements for a full Year 7 trip to see Charlie and the Chocolate Factory in the new year.

More information about both of these opportunities will be shared shortly.

NiddVenture

What a very lovely Rewards Trip with a fantastic group of students. They were brilliant! Hardworking, kind, caring, inclusive and made great decisions about their own and each other's safety! It was an absolute pleasure taking them out.

Miss Tuffs



Maths focus

Each half term we are focusing on a particular subject or group of subjects as we continue our curriculum development work. Last half term we were taking a closer look at Maths. In Year 7 and 8 students are led through the Maths Mastery curriculum designed by White Rose. We are very fortunate that our Maths Lead, Mr Thompson is a Secondary Maths Specialist for the national mastery programme which means that as well as developing our curriculum, he is responsible for supporting other schools in the area to develop their maths curriculum. This gives him the opportunity to discuss our curriculum with a wide range of experienced colleagues, sharing guest practice and reflecting of the best approaches to support students to make great progress.

As part of our closer look at maths it was great to see how teachers are supporting students to retain what they learn in maths. A common feature in lessons visited by other staff was the 'Last lesson, last week, last month' starter activities which aim to make links between topics and and reactivate prior knowledge.

Our Local Authority adviser was able to discuss our students' experience of maths across a range of year groups. His feedback was extremely positive confirming that staff use a wide range of methods to help students to know and remember more. Students in Year 7 spoke about enjoying the increased challenge of maths lessons at secondary school.