



Maths Niddventure

Year 9 students have been putting their maths skills into practice on a Niddventure trip to Fishpond Woods in Beverley.

Working in small groups, the students have used pacing to estimate distance and compass bearings to navigate around an orienteering course. They have been able to accurately calculate the height of the trees by standing a known distance from the base of the trunk and measuring the angle to the top of the tree using a clinometer.

Back in the classroom, the students used scale drawings or trigonometry to work out the height of the trees.

And of course we got to enjoy the bracing Nidderdale spring weather!

Mr Thompson

Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to the final Nidd News of the Spring term, as we come to the end of an action packed term.

Students have had the opportunity to take part in theatre and museum visits, a trip to London, DofE preparation, visits to Corn Close Farm and Nidderdale Llamas, NiddVenture maths trips, reward days and primary school outdoor adventure leading sessions. They've also made time to sit mock exams, start GCSE assessments in practical subjects and choose option subjects. Some students even fitted in building a snow sculpture or taking some snowy photographs on our snow day earlier this month. No wonder we're all feeling ready for a holiday!

As we close out this term, the time has come for us to bid farewell to Mrs Kate Naylor, our Nidderlicious Catering Manager. There's no need to panic - she is leaving the famous flapjack recipe for team to continue with! Mrs Naylor leaves with our thanks and all our good wishes. We look forward to welcoming Mr Vass to lead Team Nidderlicious in the new term.

Staff have worked incredibly hard this term to ensure all our young people have the best opportunities for success. They richly deserve this Easter break. Wishing all members of our school community restful and relaxing holiday. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday 17th April.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

YOUTH COUNCIL Day to Day



Nidderdale Youth Council

We were delighted to welcome Councilor Murday and Chloe Thwaites into school last week to deliver assemblies to all year groups to introduce the Nidderdale Youth Council. A number of keen Nidderdale students who want their voice to be heard and to make a positive contribution to the communities they live and go to school in, have signed up to become part of the new council. We look forward to hearing more about their work in the future.

We have also created time and space to hear our students' voices on issues relating to use of the student toilet facilities and litter around the site. We look forward to our students being the force for change through their own good choices and their suggestions for improvements in the new term.

Tewit Youth Senior Band

Will Fitzgibbon competed with the Tewit Youth Senior Band in the National Youth Brass Band Championships. In order to help the band, Will change his instrument from a cornet to a Bb Bass just a couple of months ago and bossed it! As you can see, the Bb Bass is one of the largest instruments in the tuba family.

The young band worked incredibly hard to overcome gaps still remaining from being unable to play during Covid. Many of them gave up extra hours on weekends and evenings to reach a standard that enabled them to compete in the Championship Section where they earned a Silver certificate.

Their department was excellent and they were great ambassadors for the Tewit Youth Organisation, the School and Harrogate.

Jayne Fearnely

Student Orchestra Tour

Student orchestra VaCO (Vacation Chamber Orchestras) will be touring the Dales this Easter holiday with a varied and family-friendly programme of music. Tickets are free for under 18s and £12.50 for adults.

Vacation Chamber Orchestras

EASTER CONCERT TOUR

PATELEY BRIDGE ST CUTHBERT'S
12th April: 7.30pm

SHAROW ST JOHN'S
13th April: 7.30pm

AYSGARTH ST ANDREW'S
14th April: 7.30pm

SKIPTON CHRIST CHURCH
15th April: 7.30pm



RICHARD SHEPHARD - *The Selfish Dragon*

DUKAS - Villanelle (Horn: Benjamin Hartnell-Booth)

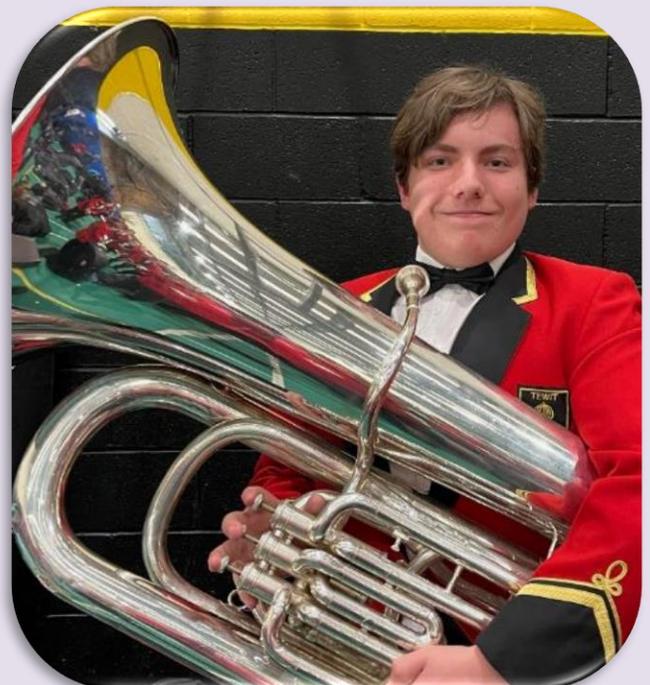
MOZART - *A Musical Joke* & works by LALO, MARTINU & KELSEY

TICKETS:

ADULTS **£12.50**; STUDENTS **£5**; UNDER 18s **FREE**

Available on Eventbrite & on the door (from 7pm)

www.vaco.org.uk





Create a Crown fit for a King

Competition – Stray Ferret

To celebrate Charles III's coronation, the Stray Ferret and Ogden of Harrogate are holding a competition for children to design two crowns fit for the royal occasion. For further details and to enter: please submit a photo of your crown drawing, painting or creation to the Stray Ferret's website – [click here](#) . The competition will run from March 27th until April 21st 2023.

NiddVenture

It has been another very busy term on the NiddVenture front. We have braved wind, rain, ice, snow, water (*and the occasional bit of sunshine!*), all in pursuit of positive growth & development and had a huge amount of fun in the process.

Mr Couldwell has recently attended an evening at Knaresborough Rotary Club to thank them for the funding they provided us with last year that enabled us to purchase so much of our quality outdoor kit. This has enabled us to offer an amazing variety of activities to our students, and the smiling faces in these photos demonstrate just how much they value these opportunities. We are extremely grateful to Knaresborough Rotary Club for their ongoing support of NiddVenture.

A very dedicated group of students are consistently attending After School Bike & Running Club, whatever the weather! They continue to impress with their commitment, respectful attitude and constant enthusiasm. They also continue to make rapid progress in both fitness & skill. Many thanks to Mrs Warner for her weekly help & dedication to the Running Club.

Eight students from these clubs have completed a rigorous application and interview process in order to be selected for our upcoming trip to the Isle of Eigg on Scotland's beautiful west coast in July. We are currently in the midst of planning, preparing & getting very excited about this trip! Duke of Edinburgh Bronze & Silver Training has also taken place and some exciting routes have been planned for next term's expeditions.

We ended the term with a NiddVenture Classcharts Rewards to Brimham Rocks. All students excelled on this trip in terms of their effort, enthusiasm and kindness towards one another. And so ends another very active term & I would like to thank all students involved in NiddVenture for their resilience, commitment and the joy they bring to our adventures. Happy Holidays!

Ms Tuffs



These barrels were planted outside Pateley Ice Cream shop by students back in October (see bottom photo). They look beautiful now!

Nidderlicious

Hot meal deals @ £2.95 w/c 17th April 2023

- Monday:** Spaghetti bolognese, Lemon drizzle cake
- Tuesday:** Sticky Chicken and rice, jam sponge
- Wednesday:** Sausage and tomato pasta, muffin or traybake
- Thursday:** Homemade Pizza or Fish fingers and tomato sauce
- Friday:** Chicken Korma and Basmati rice, Ice cream

The full menu is always available on the school website.

Please ensure your child has funds on their account.

Academic Year 2022/2023 Calendar Reminders

- 3.15 p.m. 31 Mar 23 – school closed to Mon 17 April 23
- 17 April 23 – School reopens to all students
- 17 – 28 April – year 10 exams
- Mon 1 May 23 – Bank Holiday
- Mon 8 May 23 – Bank Holiday
- 22 May 23 – School concert (further details tbc)
- 3.15 p.m. Fri 26 May – school closes to Mon 5 June 23
- Thu 6 July 23 – Y6 Transition day 1 and Parents' Evening
- Thu 13 July 23 – Y6 Transition day 2
- 2.15 p.m Fri 21 July 23 – school closes for Summer break

Reminders

- Parents of children travelling on the 736H and 739H please ensure you have noted the update letter regarding transport costs from September 2023.
- Year 7 parents please note the letter regarding changes to group arrangements from 17th April.
- All students return to school on Monday 17th April, it is NOT a staff training day.
- Lesson attendance information is now available via ClassCharts. If you have had contact from school previously about your child's lateness to lessons or non-attendance, please monitor via ClassCharts and encourage full lesson attendance.

Uniform

A reminder that school uniform skirts are no longer required to carry the school logo but must be black, pleated and should be close to knee length. Lycra skirts are not permitted.

Hoodies and sweatshirts are not permitted in place of or underneath blazers. A plain black, v-neck jumper is permitted as an optional extra item of uniform to be worn with the school blazer.

We saw a very significant improvement in student uniform this term but in recent weeks some students have allowed their standards to slip again. We would appreciate parents' full support in ensuring correct uniform is worn every day.



Dacre Tennis Club is celebrating its THREE BRAND NEW COURTS with...

Free and fun

COME-AND-PLAY' TENNIS SESSIONS

INFORMAL, FRIENDLY, ALL WELCOME, BALLS PROVIDED, RACKETS AVAILABLE TOO

GREAT VALUE MEMBERSHIPS ALSO AVAILABLE

New adult member annual subscriptions only about £6/month for unlimited use of the courts, friendly club social tennis sessions, competitions, and more. Juniors are less than £3/month and coaching is also available.

FREE SESSION DATES: (Just drop in!)
Sat 15th April 2-5 pm
Mon 17th April 6-8 pm
Weds 10th May 1.30-3.30 pm
Weds 17th May 1.30-3.30 pm
Weds 24th May 1.30-3.30 pm

CONTACT
<http://www.dacretennis.net> or call Jane on 07714 707890 or find us on Facebook

INFO:
Dacre Tennis Club is volunteer-run for both friendly social tennis and match tennis. All welcome! Members have free use of the three brand new, all-year artificial grass courts and can join in the frequent social tennis sessions and club competitions. The club plays in local competitive leagues. Junior and adult coaching available too.

LOCATION: Max Pullan Sports Field, Dacre Banks, HG3 4FB



Gonville & Caius UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

EVENTS AND RESOURCES

WHO ARE WE?
The University of Cambridge is a renowned, competitive university located in the east of England. The university is split into 31 "colleges", which are where students live and study. We are Gonville & Caius College, one of those colleges! We offer events for students interested in coming to study at the University of Cambridge.

WEBINAR: THINKING ABOUT CAMBRIDGE? INTRODUCTION AND ADVICE
25 APRIL 4:30 - 5:30 PM ONLINE
If you are in year 9/S2, you might think that the end of secondary school is a long way away, but by year 11/S4, it might feel a bit closer! One of the options for after you leave school is going to university. If you're curious about what university, especially Cambridge, might be like, sign up for our webinar [here](#).

YEAR 9/S2 - YEAR 11/S4

SUBJECT TASTER EVENINGS
19 APRIL - 10 MAY 5:00 - 6:30 PM ONLINE
Our Subject Taster Evenings give you a chance to experience a university subject at Cambridge! There is sample teaching, a chance to meet college lecturers, and a Q&A with current students. You can sign up for as many subjects as you like [here](#).

YEAR 12/S5

CAIUS EXPLORE
23 MARCH - 31 JULY ONLINE AND IN CAMBRIDGE
This is a creative competition where you can show your skills and try your hand at a university subject! Each subject has its own unique task you might be asked to write an essay, record a podcast, or design a presentation. The authors of our favourite entries can attend a celebration day in Cambridge! It's designed for year 12/S5, but younger years can also submit entries. Find out more [here](#).

SOCIAL MEDIA
We also have social media with advice, tips, and behind-the-scenes looks at university life! You can find us @CaiusSchools on these platforms:
YouTube Instagram TikTok Twitter

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If you have any questions about our programmes, applying to university, or anything at all, please feel free to get in touch!
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