

Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

Since our return from the Easter break, we have been really busy in school – apologies for the lack of a Nidd News two weeks ago!

Our Year 11 students have been involved in the final stages of their in school practical exams for GCSE and BTEC and are now about to embark on their written GCSE exams starting on Monday 15th May. We wish all of our students the very best as they begin the final and all important phase of their journey with us. Parents of Y11 students, please look out for letters containing exam regulations information (shared with students this morning) and an update about attendance at Prom.

We have also had a busy time working with visitors to the school in our continued reflections on how to ensure our provision for students is excellent. These visits have focused on a range of subjects and on the additional support we give to young people with additional needs. The feedback has been consistently positive, reflecting the emphasis on kindness and respect in positive relationships; identifying thoughtful curriculum planning; celebrating the success of some of the more innovative aspects of our curriculum which aim to be responsive to need and recognising the wealth of expertise, enthusiasm and commitment of our staff team.

Having reflected on the way many of our students show their commitment to school, we have added a new positive to classcharts for 'Over and Above', worth 3 points. This is a welcome addition for students in Y7-10 working towards their points total for Flamingo Land, alongside the much anticipated double points week, next week.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher



Educational Visit to Theatre

During our last week before the Easter break, we twice visited the West Yorkshire Playhouse to watch an adaptation of Golding's "Lord of the Flies." As well as being of immense value to our GCSE students who are studying the text as part of their English Literature course, the performance provided a hugely entertaining and thought-provoking visit to the Theatre.

Ms Lester

Findings from our recent reviews:

The school plays a critical role in meeting the needs of all its young people and their families.

Learning is carefully sequenced so that students can progress through a variety of topics which afford the opportunity to remember more and acquire more knowledge

...very clear about lesson structures citing starter/retrieval quiz, reading with scaffolding and modelling responses for pupils alongside an emphasis on discussion work.

Pupil comments: 'all teachers are helpful and friendly', 'everyone looks out for one another', 'people are nice', 'teachers are fair,' 'everyone is very kind', 'teachers help you' and 'I like my teachers they are kind'.



Pastoral Support Easter Raffle / Bake Sale and tree planting

Two year 9 pupils held an Easter Bake Sale and Chocolate raffle to raise money to buy a tree in memory of Skye Wilson a former pupil of Nidderdale High School.

Thank you for all the donations made to help make this event a success and congratulations to the winners.

We have now planted a Magnolia tree at the front of school. Thank you to Rebecca Newcombe and Tabitha Davies for organising this event and Oliver Jowett for helping to plant the tree.

Another very active NiddVenture month...

Mr Couldwell has been hard at work extending our after-school provision this term and has managed to set up a Sailing Club with the help of the Yorkshire Dales Sailing Club up at Grimwith Reservoir. I am sure his efforts have been much appreciated by the students who've had this opportunity.

Many NiddVenture students have been hard at work in our polytunnel. It's been cleaned inside & out, weeded, new compost dug into the beds & many vegetables planted. Spar Pateley Bridge continue to support our NiddVenture projects in so many ways and their latest act of kindness is a very generous donation of compost & grow bags. Thank you; we are extremely grateful for this!

Team Eigg have continued with their preparations for our summer adventure and have put together a fantastic assembly to inform the rest of the school about our trip. They have certainly demonstrated their commitment, enthusiasm and superb teamwork whilst doing this.

And finally, our Year 11 NiddVenture boys have enjoyed a trip to Saltburn Beach to celebrate the end of a hugely successful year on this course. These boys have demonstrated unfailing kindness & support towards each other, a great willingness to challenge themselves and a never-ending enthusiasm for all the adventures we have embarked upon. They have grown immensely in confidence, resilience & skill and exceeded all my expectations this year. I will certainly miss them and wish them all the very best for their exams and next adventures!

Miss Tuffs

Information from the Pastoral Team

The Screen Time Diet:

Helping your teen find balance with their Tech

Please see the useful guide below – this could assist parents in finding balance for their teenagers given that much of school, socializing, and leisure time centres around screens.

<https://www.mytutor.co.uk/blog/parents/the-screen-time-diet-helping-your-teen-find-the-balance-with-tech/>

Academic Year 2022/2023 Calendar Reminders

- 15 May 23 – GCSE exams begin
- 22 May 23 – School concert (further details tbc)
- 3.15 p.m. Fri 26 May – school closes until 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

Nidderlicious

Menu options w/c 15th May 2023

- Monday:** Pork and Apple Burger, Chocolate Brownie
Tuesday: Spaghetti and meatballs, Australian Crunch
Wednesday: Hunters Chicken and Rice, Muffin or Traybake
Thursday: Homemade Pizza or Fish Finger Sandwich
Friday: Chicken Tikka Masala and Rice, ice cream

The full menu is always available on the school website.

Please ensure your child has funds on their account.