

## Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

This week in assemblies, I have tried to summarise our successes for 2022-23 and what makes Team Nidderdale unique and special. It was quite a tall order in 15 minutes!

Included in our successes: an Ofsted inspection in January securing a renewed Good grading, with our 'high ambitions' and innovative curriculum being noted, alongside a wide range of other external reviews noting our many strengths. Our NiddVenture programme has reached a wider range of participants with NiddVenture Rewards Days included in our new Classcharts Rewards Store and, of course, the amazing Eigg Expedition. Our Flourish programme has received some national interest as Mrs Kay has been invited twice to present at an education conference.

Over the past 2 years, almost a third of our teaching staff team have completed National Professional Qualifications and all of our Pastoral Team have achieved Youth Mental Health First Aider status. We are really proud of the commitment our staff team have made to being the best they can be.

Our students have achieved a huge amount in lessons, in the school run extra-curricular activities and through out of school interests. We are really proud of their commitment to be the best they can be.

In the new academic year, we will be making some changes to the operation of our behaviour policy. Please look out for important communication about this in September.

As we come to the end of a really busy year, I would like to wish all members of our school community a happy and restful summer break. We will see Year 7 and 11 students on Tuesday 5th September at 8:45am and all students on Wednesday 6th September at 8:45am.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

## National Association of Pastoral Care in Education (NAPCE) Awards

Congratulations to Miss Tuffs who has secured a place as a finalist in the 2023 National Association of Pastoral Care in Education (NAPCE) Awards. She has been nominated in the category of Outstanding Contribution to Pastoral Care. Anyone who has had the opportunity to work with Miss Tuffs this year, will know just how well deserved this nomination is. The Awards ceremony takes place in September. Good luck Miss Tuffs!

## Careers Visit

This half term Year 10 students have visited RAF Leeming as part of looking at opportunities for Post 16 Options. They were able to look at the vast amount of careers available.



## Visit

On 13<sup>th</sup> July, a group of Year 7 students were rewarded for their enthusiastic participation in the year 7 Great Reading Race scheme with a day's visit to Leeds Industrial Museum.

Ms Lester



We are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Carpenter (Director of Learning, Science), Mr Clemmett (Teacher of DT & Food) and Mrs Phillips (Teacher of Maths) to our staff team from September.

Mr Cook (Deputy Principal at The Skipton Academy) will also be adding some capacity to our Senior Leadership Team team from September as he will work across the two schools, spending two days each week with us. We are so pleased that this will be one of the first benefits of working within Moorlands Learning Trust.

We have also been really pleased to welcome Mrs Kay back to school recently following her maternity leave.

We say goodbye and thank you to Mr Mangeolles and Miss Goddard who are both moving on to other Yorkshire secondary schools from September.

This year we have been fortunate to work with Mr Bibby one day each week as he has provided specialist music teaching for Key Stage 3 students. We will be sad to see him go but he is returning to his full time role at The Skipton Academy. We will continue to work in partnership to explore options for future performing arts provision.

Finally, not a goodbye as such, but a refocus of role. Dr Binding has decided to reduce his working hours from September. We are delighted that, although he is stepping down from his Director of Learning role, he will continue as our specialist Teacher of Physics three

### Recent exam success

Congratulations to Harry who has passed his Gold street dance exam as well as Grade 3 piano.

Also congratulations to Summer, as she has passed Grade 7 musical theatre singing and Grade 2 piano.

### Successful Summer Stalls event

Thank you to Mrs Ashton and all of the Pastoral Team, the Senior Student Team and the students supporting Pastoral for a really successful Summer Stalls event, raising over £550, giving new parents a very welcome opportunity to purchase pre-loved uniform and creating a fantastically warm and welcoming atmosphere for the newest additions to Team Nidderdale.

Thank you to all Y7/8 Form Tutors for entering into the spirit of the colour themed hamper competition

All proceeds from the raffle will be shared between **Epilepsy Action** and **Investing in our Future**.



Thank you also to parents and local community for their support in donating prizes, bakes and contributing to the incredible Form Group hampers, buying raffle tickets and attending on the evening (Y6 families). A special mention and thanks to:

Cocoa Joe's, Pateley  
The Crown Hotel, Lofthouse  
Michelle Bradley  
JOT Gallery (James Owen Thomas)  
Nidderdale Llamas



## Start of term reminders

Monday 4th September - Staff Training Day - school closed to all students  
Tuesday 5th September - Students in Year 7 and Year 11 return to school  
Wednesday 6th September - All students return to school



- All students are expected to attend in full school uniform. See the letter sent to all parents/carers last week.
- Please make sure all uniform items, including PE kit, are clearly marked with your child's name.
- Students should be on site by 8.40am and should be in their form rooms by **8.45 am**. Students should use the toilet before 8.40am so they are not late to registration and lessons.
- Students are expected to bring their own equipment (including PE kit and food ingredients when required) to school each day. Remember that a suitable school bag is an essential item.
- Please check your School Gateway account to ensure your child has funds available to buy break time snacks and lunch.
- Please ensure you have a Classcharts log-in as this is one of the main ways we communicate with parents on day to day issues.

### Flamingo Land

On 15th and 22nd June we took a total of 163 students to Flamingo Land as part of our whole-school rewards scheme. Students worked especially hard from March to May to ensure that they met the required 150 positive ClassCharts points to go.

Both days were hugely successful. The weather was glorious, which made the need to go on the log flume even greater for some cooling relief! Mrs Murgatroyd embraced the water ride, which was a good job as she was by far the soggiest coming home!

The queues were relatively small, if at all, which enabled students to maximise their time and experience. Students enjoyed going on a variety of rides, including the newest ride at the Park "Sik". Unfortunately, it did leave a few of the staff team feeling a tad 'sick' by the end of it!

Staff and students alike enjoyed the sea lion shows as well as tiger feeding and the red pandas.

Students were too busy having fun for us to take many pictures, but you can see from the return coach picture that there were many happy faces.

Mrs Witherwick





### Year 11 Leavers' Prom at Ripley Castle

Year 11 donned their glad rags for the end of Year 11 Prom at Ripley Castle and student arrivals did not disappoint! We had students on motorbikes, in a track car, Lamborghinis, Ferraris, Bentleys, an American police car and it wouldn't be a Nidderdale Prom without a procession of tractors.

Year 11 looked absolutely fabulous and embraced the opportunity to regroup as friends and share stories of their favourite Nidderdale High School memories. Students danced the night away to tunes both old and new, thanks to DJ Mr Beck.

Congratulations Year 11 on completing your Nidderdale High School journey. We will see you on results day!

Mrs Witherwick



### DofE Award Round Up

Another successful Duke of Edinburgh Award year was rounded off with completion of the Bronze expedition at the start of July. This year, the school was able to support students to work towards their Silver Award for the first time ever. This year the Flourish programme was used to support Bronze DofE students to prepare for the different aspects of the award. Thank you to Mr Couldwell, Miss Tuffs, staff volunteers and external tutors for all of the work done to ensure successful Bronze and Silver expeditions for ever increasing numbers of students.



Senior Student Chloe Hunt came up with the great idea of collecting donations for Nidderdale Food Bank. Thank you to everyone who donated and showing such kindness. We will be delivering the box to St Cuthbert's Church this week.

The photo shows Alison and Chloe - Student Leadership Team.



## Trip to Eigg

From conquering the mighty An Sgurr, to environmental cleanup projects; from exploring the costal caves to the Nidd Island Games – Isle of Eigg beach edition, the Team Eigg 2023 expedition was an amazing success.

The impact of the experience is summed up by one of the lucky participants:

'This was an experience of a lifetime I will definitely be going back whether it is with school or family. It was amazing. It was good we got to help even if it was only a little. In that week I learned more than I would in a month of school. I'm very grateful to have been one of the lucky 8 who got to have that amazing experience. I hope I will get more opportunities like this in the future. Thank you so much for making the trip happen.'



## Nidd Nell's Adventures

Mrs Parkin happened to win this doll at the Summer Stalls raffle event. She took an instant liking to her, as did many students. Some staff did too and introduced her to Miss Tuffs who invited her to join Team Eigg's expedition.

Pastoral Team made her some appropriate items of clothing and she headed off with Team Eigg! Miss Tuffs kept to her promise to send daily pictures of Nidd Nell and the students' adventures.

Mrs Parkin



### Pastoral Project

The final Pastoral Project of the year has been completed by Oli J and Rebecca N.

They recycled a broken old cello and transformed it into a beautiful new work of art using decoupage sheet music and paint.

The addition of the poignant words added to the Pastoral Support wall has transformed an area of the room and created a bespoke piece of interior design.

Ms Walker



### Year 6 Transition Days

We were delighted to welcome our newest Team Nidderdale members to school on Thursday 6th and Thursday 13th July for their Transition Days and to share their successes with parents in their first Parents' Evening.

Our newest students loved their lessons, loved the food and showed us they can be ready, respectful and safe. We look forward to welcoming them into our school community in September.

Miss Draper

### Flourish Programme



Do you have spare time or capacity to share a skill with our students? [Click here](#) to see a letter from Mrs Kay, Director of Learning for Wellbeing requesting your assistance in increasing the Flourish offer for students.

*'Let us strive to flourish. More than we strive to accomplish'.*

Well done to Mr Mangeolles who achieved 2nd place in his Age Category at 'Chillswim'. This was 7.5 miles – Ullswater Lake End to End Openwater Swim in very choppy and stormy weather. It took Mr Mangeolles 3.5 hours to complete!



### INVITATION TO NIDDERDALE HIGH SCHOOL'S OPEN EVENING ON 21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023 from 5.00 to 7.30 p.m.

- Headteacher's Address at 6pm and repeated at 7pm
- Tour the school
- Meet staff
- Hear from some of our current students

- Nidderdale High School is a "Good school" – Ofsted 2023
- Nidderdale has 'high ambitions' and a 'wide curriculum offer' – Ofsted 2023
- Winners of 2020 and 2021 National Pastoral Care in Education Award
- Finalist for Outstanding Contribution to Pastoral Care 2023

#### We are proud of:

- Consistently good GCSE results
- Progress made by all students across a range of GCSE subjects often well above national averages
- Students who are Ready, Respectful and Safe
- Innovative curriculum to meet the needs of all students including NiddVenture and Flourish
- Outstanding pastoral care
- Student/teacher relationships - staff are wholly committed to the welfare and education of the students



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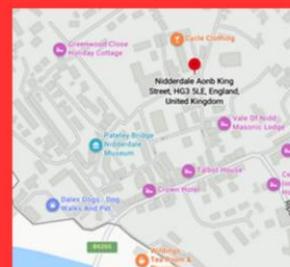
Information about the school is also available on the school's website  
[www.nidderdale.n-yorks.sch.uk](http://www.nidderdale.n-yorks.sch.uk)

## Nidderdale Youth Council Meetings

Make a difference in your local area and get your voice heard!

#### Agenda:

- Leadership Elections
- Debates on first campaigns
- Future Plans
- Councillor Q&A



### Coming up!

- Mon 24th July, Campaign Workshop via Zoom
- Mon 31st July Meeting @ Kings Street, Pateley Bridge
- Fri 11th August, Youth Cabinet @ Northallerton
- 21-23rd August, Residential @ Dearne Valley, Kingswood

More info, text Chloe on 07973762347