



**Congratulations to the Class of 2024**

## Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

We were delighted to welcome our new Year 7 students to Team Nidderdale on Tuesday and the whole school on Wednesday. Students have made a really impressive start with a focus on being the best they can be. Mr Devanney our new Deputy Headteacher, invited students to reflect on their lives as a story and challenged us all to consider one thing we could do to ensure a 'wonderful story' this year.

In order to support students (and parents) to understand our behaviour system in school, Mr Devanney has asked staff to apply the system as 'Remind, Reset, Remove, Restore' supported by taking every opportunity to 'Praise, Praise, Praise' and to share this praise with parents through Classcharts and direct contact home. So far we have been really impressed by the way students have conducted themselves in school.

As well as welcoming new students into school last week, we were also joined by new staff in PE, Maths, Science, Art and Food. It has been lovely to see all staff and students connecting and reconnecting in a really positive and kind way, underlining the importance and power of positive relationships in our school.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

Amongst the many students celebrating excellent results were: Eleanor De Souza achieving all 11 grades at 7-9 and Callie Tropa with 11 GCSEs including 10 at grades 7-9. Archie Davies and Isaac Haley both achieved 11 GCSEs with 9 at grades 7-9, whilst Adam Stanley, Ravi Frady and Summer Mason each achieved 8 grades 7-9.

Across the full range of subjects, one third of all students achieved at least one top grade 7-9. All students are now planning their next steps which include A Levels at Harrogate and Ripon sixth forms, performance scholarships, high quality apprenticeships and college places in Harrogate, York and Askham Bryan.

'We are so very proud of all of our students as they continue to navigate the many challenges created by the disruption to their education during the pandemic and in the years that have followed. It has required the very highest levels of determination, resilience, and commitment from students, together with exceptional levels of support from staff and families.

We are proud of everything our school community has done to ensure success for our students and help them to take their next steps towards their future studies and careers. Above and beyond their academic achievements, many of our Year 11s have been role models for the kindness and respect that is so important to who we are as a school. We wish them all the very best for their future.

### Calendar Dates

- Thursday 12.9.24 6.00pm Welcome to Key Stage 4 Evening (Year 10 Parents)
- Thursday 19.9.24 5.00-7.30pm Open Evening (Year 6 Parents)
- Thursday 26.9.24 6.00pm Year 7 Settling In Evening (Year 7 Parents)
- Thursday 26.9.24 7.00pm Year 11 Essentials Evening (Year 11 Parents)
- Friday 25.10.24 school closed for Staff Training

### Further GCSE Success

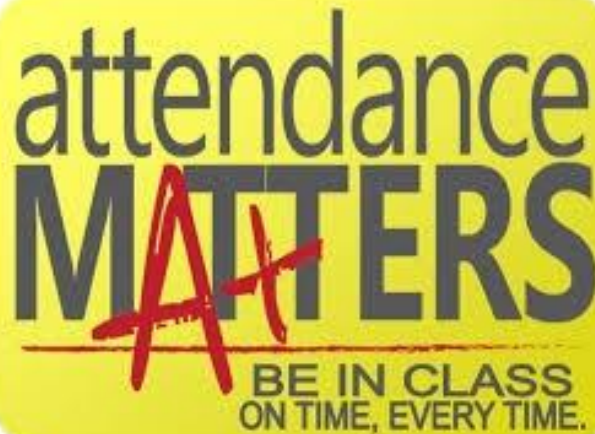
As well as our outgoing Year 11 students achieving incredible success in GCSE French (92% Grades 4-9 and over 50% Grades 7-9!) two students were also celebrating success after taking MFL GCSEs at the end of Year 10.

Congratulations to Hallie for achieving Grade 6 in French and Lily for achieving Grade 5 in German.

### Attendance

Congratulation to all students who achieved 100% attendance for the first week of term. Over 90% of our students were in school, on time, everyday. It is so important to establish strong patterns of attendance in the early weeks of term. Individual and group attendance will be celebrated throughout the year with positive points and rewards. Please follow the link for more information about how to support your child with good attendance.

[How to improve your child's school attendance and where to get support – The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)



### New information system

Please note that the school is now using a new information system called Arbor, as we have moved across to this new cloud based system there have been a couple of glitches impacting the payment system and Classcharts. Please accept apologies for inconvenience this may have caused.


In time, we will be making more use of Arbor for parents and students for homework, behaviour, communication and payments. However, for now, the systems that parents are familiar with will remain in place and we will provide more information about changes in due course.

### Bike Club visit

Just before the end of the summer term, Bike Club helped Miss Tuffs with a Year 10 work experience visit for one lucky student completing their work experience at The Hope Bike Factory. What an adventure and amazing opportunity this was! The Hope Bike Factory absolutely went above and beyond for us... Over a 2 hour tour of every single part of the factory and a huge amount of knowledge imparted about all elements of the manufacturing process. We also found out that they're making all of the British team's Olympic bikes.... All students loved it. Great to see them so engaged and focused!





 <b>Extracurricular PE Timetable 2024</b>				
	Lunchtime 12:40 – 13:10		After school 15:20 – 16:20	
	Sports Hall	PE		
Monday	KS3 football (RG)	Table Tennis (OB)	KS4 Netball (VW)	Rugby (RG/OG)
Tuesday	Dodgeball (PC)	Badminton (RG)	Volleyball (PC)	Bike club* (HT)
Wednesday	Netball (VW)	Squash (OB)	KS3 Netball (VW/JK)	Running club (HT)
Thursday	Volleyball (JK)	Table Tennis (RG)	KS3 & KS4 Football (OB/RG)	Table Tennis (BM/JK)
Friday	KS4 football (OB)	Squash (JK/VW)		

## Flyer for Open Evening



### INVITATION TO NIDDERDALE HIGH SCHOOL'S OPEN EVENING ON 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024 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



What a fantastic job our new Spar delivery team did on their first morning of delivering groceries to elderly residents all over Pateley and even as far as Blazefield. Polite, respectful, determined, kind... and understanding of the incredibly valuable impact they have on an elderly person's day just by talking to them for a few minutes. Thank you Callum & Zara and I'm really looking forward to doing that job with you for the rest of the year! Ms Tuffs

