



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

We have had such activity packed September that our fortnightly Nidd News has briefly become a weekly publication!

This week saw the launch of our new website. Please follow the link here www.nidderdalehighschool.co.uk to explore the new site.

Alongside the new website, we have taken the opportunity to refresh our vision and launch our values. Parents & carers have been invited to give feedback on the development of our values with our young people - please follow the link in the letter sent earlier this week. We look forward to working in partnership with parents to embed our core values in all aspects of our work.

We were delighted to host families of Year 6 children at our Open Evening last week. All of our values were ably demonstrated by our student helpers in classrooms and tour guides showing visitors around school. It was great to receive so much positive feedback from our visitors about the work we do in school.

We continue to develop our work in school using Arbor and will be updating parents about how this may affect our behaviour system and setting homework in due course. Please continue to use ClassCharts until further notice.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

Student Leaders

We were delighted to receive so many great applications for our Senior Student team. Our students spoke with passion, pride and enthusiasm about our school and the contribution they want to make.

Our new Year 10 Student Leadership Team:

Ellie Horne
Pippa Haley
Emily Mallender
Ben Rushworth
Joshua Hunt
Jessica Wilson
Dulcie Jones
Tess Carnall
Alfie Elston
Rose Procter-Kirkley
Eleanor Metcalfe

Emily King and Aidan Roberts will join as new Year 11 Senior Students to our existing team of:

Vic Baker
Jack Gomersall
Georgie Apperley
Isabelle Nelson
Eli Grayshon
Hallie Gaston
Matthew Fazal
Hannah Robson

Mrs Ashton



Durham University Trip 18th September 2024

Last week our Year 11 students had the wonderful opportunity to visit the Theology and Religion Department at Durham University. The trip included two mini-lectures by Professor Alec Ryrie (a world-renowned historian) and Dr Guillermo Martin-Saiz.

Year 11 students also had the opportunity to hear more about university life in general and ask any further questions about studying at Durham University.

Following the lectures (and a delicious lunch!), we had a fascinating tour of University College (Durham Castle). As part of the tour we were fortunate to visit the Norman Chapel, which dates from the 11th Century and also the Great Hall.

Ms Byrne

Invitation to Parents and Students

The Design Department are excited to invite you to a viewing of our talented Art, DT and Photography students GCSE (2023-2024) work.

We would be delighted to have family and friends join us from **5-7pm on Thursday 24th October**. We hope you can join us to celebrate our students' creativity!

📣 NYC are calling for 11-18s to be part of the Nidderdale Youth Council relaunch!!

🧑‍🎓 Passionate about improving the lives of young people locally?

★ Interested in learning about democracy and local politics?

👥 Up for FREE events, workshops and residentials created by young people for young people across North Yorkshire?

It's a great volunteer opportunity, with meetings held every other Monday in Pateley Bridge and online (Teams). The group will be youth led, with members electing their own leadership roles, and deciding how the group should run in November. Now is an excellent time to join!

Email nyvoice@northyorks.gov.uk to register your interest! **First meeting (online) 7th October 5-6pm.**

Save
the
Date

Parents' Evenings 2024/5

- 26th September 2024 Y7 Pastoral Evening 6pm
- 26th September 2024 Y11 Essential Evening 7pm
- 17th October 2024 Y11 Parents' Evening
- 21st November 2024 Y10 Parents' Evening
- 16th January 2025 Y9 Curriculum Evening 5 to 7pm
- 23rd January 2025 Y9 Parents' evening
- 6th February 2025 Y8 Parents' Evening
- 6th March 2025 Y7 Parents' Evening

Team Eigg member Ellie Horne continued her Scottish Island explorations in the summer holidays with a very exciting trip to the Isle of Skye. After our last Eigg trip, team members were told that whoever was the first to visit Skye and submit a report of their trip would win the much coveted 'Skye badge'. Ellie absolutely rose to this challenge and wrote a superb report containing some very beautiful photos.

Well done Ellie!



Roald Dahl Day

Friday 13th September was Roald Dahl Day. In the spirit of one of his best loved books, Golden Tickets were hidden around the school and students were invited to hunt for them.

Lucky ticket finders were able to swap their tickets for a scrumdiddlyumptious Wonka bar! Students were also given the opportunity to win a Wonka bar by completing a Dahl Day Facts quiz. Well done to all the winners!

Ms Lester



Every day
COUNTS!



**School success starts
with attendance**

At Nidderdale, we believe that every day in school counts! Our current attendance rate is 92.4%, but we are aiming for 95% and above.

Regular attendance is key to helping students achieve their best, both academically and socially.

Being in school ensures that students don't miss out on valuable learning opportunities, allowing them to build strong relationships with teachers and peers, develop important skills, and stay on track with their education.

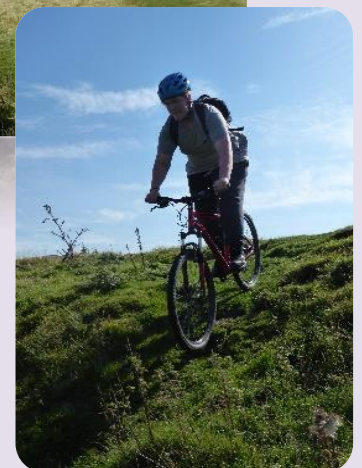
Improved attendance also leads to better exam results and a greater chance of future success.

Let's work together to reach our target and make sure our students get the most out of their time at Nidderdale!

NiddVenture

Year 10 NiddVenture students have started the year very positively and are already embracing the many opportunities we are so fortunate to be able to offer them at Nidderdale High. This half term we are focusing on mountain biking and improving cycling technique, fitness & road safety. All students made excellent progress on our first trip of the year to Scar House Reservoir.

Miss Tuffs



After School Running Club

A record-breaking attendance at After School Running Club this week! Lovely to see so many students from all year groups trying their best, encouraging each other, welcoming our new Yr7 members and enjoying running. Many of these students are excitedly preparing for our upcoming participation in the Area Cup team cross country event where they will compete in teams of 4 against other schools in our region. Judging by this week's performance, our presence won't go unnoticed!



FREE EYE TESTS

We have been asked to share this message with you:

Please take your child for a FREE eye test. Check this website to find your local opticians: [Sight Tests - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Encouraging children & young people to manage their screen time and get outdoors more often can help their eyesight.

The leaflet was produced by North Yorkshire Council's Public Health Team.

[Eye Test Leaflet](#)

Any queries please contact the NYC Public Health team nypublichealth@northyorks.gov.uk

ROCK SKILLS COURSES



Rock Skills courses were developed by the national governing body, Mountain Training, to encourage a pathway to climbing qualifications and a range of skills courses accessible to the younger generations. Each course is tailored to the needs of the group and offers amazing ratios and venues to inspire climbing further as a hobby.

Ilkley Cow & Calf - Rock Skills Introduction
30th (10-17 years old) or 31st (14-Adults) October
£75.00 per person

ROCK SKILLS INTRODUCTION

- 10+ YEARS OLD
- NO SKILLS REQUIRED
- KEEN TO LEARN CLIMBING

- CHILDCARE VOUCHERS
- INDOOR CLIMBERS WELCOME
- QUALIFIED INSTRUCTORS
- 1:6 RATIOS



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H.M.C.
Harrogate Music Centre

Open Morning

Musical Opportunities for All

Saturday 28th September 9.30-12.30

(See overleaf for ensemble times)

St Aidan's C of E High School

Please contact emily.jones@northyorks.gov.uk for more information and to book your place.



Music Centre Ensembles & Times

9.30 - 10.05	9.30 - 10.45
10.15 - 10.50	9.30 - 10.45
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Brass Presentation 10.00 - 10.30
Woodwind Presentation 11.15 - 11.45

For more information regarding the standards and instruments in each ensemble, please visit www.harrogatemusiccentre.org.uk



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