



Nidderdale Students Reflect on War and Empathy at Ripon Cathedral

On Tuesday, 45 Nidderdale students had the opportunity to visit Ripon Cathedral, where they delved into themes of empathy and justice against the historical backdrop of war.

The day began with a thought-provoking talk on the poet Wilfred Owen, whose work vividly captured the harsh realities of the First World War. Students explored the power of empathy through Owen's words and discussed the emotional toll of war on soldiers and families.

Following this, they heard powerful stories about the impact of the First World War on Ripon's local residents. Listening to these personal histories allowed our students to reflect on the resilience and sacrifices of those from the local community.

In the afternoon, Reverend Lt Col Mercer, a former military lawyer who served during the Iraq war, shared insights into the just war theory and the legal considerations involved in military conflict. His talk sparked meaningful discussions on the ethical complexities of going to war.

We are incredibly proud of our students, who represented Nidderdale with maturity and thoughtfulness. They exemplified our school values of respect, ambition, and empathy throughout the day.

Mr Devanney

Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

This week has seen the full launch of our use of Arbor for behaviour and homework, alongside implementation of the changes to our behaviour system.

Students are able to collect positive points for behaviours that reflect our Team Nidd values of respect, responsibility, ambition, empathy, resilience, inclusion, kindness and pride alongside positive points for good work. All students have had the opportunity to demonstrate empathy in our series of Remembrance focused assemblies, led by Mr Pancott.

As with all new systems, we are aware that there may have been a few difficulties with accessing the parent portal and some teething problems with 'assignments' (homework setting). Thank you to parents / carers for your patience and cooperation as we work through these issues and find solutions.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher





Successful Art and Design Showcase

On Thursday the 24th of October, Team Design held an exhibition of work showcasing the GCSE work of our previous year 11 in Art, DT and Photography. The event was a great success with staff, past students, parents and the community attending. Senior students and our Formula 1 team supplied the event with refreshments as part of their fundraising efforts and the atmosphere was fantastic.

Jack Boddy and Alice Graham were the first recipients of prizes for exceptional work in photography and art respectively; both of these students are continuing their creative studies post-16. These prizes were funded through the Lynn Cook bursary (set up in memory of a former Deputy Headteacher at the school). We are grateful to her husband Sam for his generous donation to set up the bursary and were delighted that he was able to attend the exhibition and see the work of the students being presented with awards.

We would like to say well done again to all involved and a big congratulations to all who exhibited with their outstanding effort and exceptional standard achieved through their work.

Halloween Competition

Year 7 and 8 students were invited to enter a Halloween competition to create a piece of art, write a poem or story with a Halloween theme. The entries were of a very high standard, and it was very difficult for Mr Devaney to pick the winners.

1st prize went to Olivia Smith Year 7 who had written the first chapter of a book and presented it with book cover ideas and illustrations, a lot of time and effort and talent shown here Olivia, Well done. Olivia won a £10 voucher for The Pancake House.

2nd prize went to Oliver Wood Year 8 who entered a fabulous Halloween scene in pastels. Oliver won a £5 book voucher for Paper People Book shop in Pateley Bridge.

3rd prize went to Jess Ellmore Year 7 for her amazing tic-tac-toe game made from clay using pumpkins and ghosts as counters. Jess won a book donated from Paper People Book shop.

4th prize went to Lola Ball Year 8 for her talented painting of a Halloween scene. Lola won a bag of Halloween goodies.

Well done to all the students who entered, we have a very talented group of Year 7 & 8s.

Mrs Parkin



Reminders

Year 10 Parents' Evening
Thursday 21st November

Careers Fair
Thursday 28th November 4pm to 6pm



Children in Need Non-Uniform Day Friday 15 November 2024

– suggested donation of £2 per person to wear non-uniform (no fancy dress or pyjamas please) to be paid in cash to form tutor.



Navigation / Orienteering Skills

Year 10 NiddVenture students began the new half term with a long walk in our beautiful local surroundings. The autumn colours were at their very best and appreciated by all.

This half term's focus is on hill walking, navigation skills and orienteering.

Year 7 Girls' NiddVenture Course



The Year 7 girls' group made a fantastic start to this half term's NiddVenture course. They worked beautifully together to clear the community garden at the bottom of Panorama walk, especially the clearing of the mosaic.

This was commented on by a member of the public who walks past it regularly and said they'd never seen the mosaic before because it was hidden by weeds.

The girls also completed some gardening jobs for elderly residents and delivered prescriptions with much enthusiasm - and all in a morning's work!

Thank you all for your effort and kindness to each other & everyone we encountered. You certainly cheered up many people in the community and I'm really looking forward to working with you in the coming weeks!

Miss Tuffs

