



## Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

We have now been working on Arbor for two weeks for all homework and behaviour. Thank you for your patience and support as we have moved all families to new log ins and some new ways of working and communicating. Our focus on our school value of ambition has been well reflected on Arbor, being the top awarded positive for all of our values. In the first week of this half term we awarded 235 positive points for ambition and 178 for resilience.

Each Area of Learning has been reflecting on how each of our school values are promoted and demonstrated across all subjects. From the empathy shown by designers, to the ambition generated by reading challenging texts and the responsibility needed for practical science it has been really interesting and inspiring to see just how many different ways our core values are promoted through school. We will look forward to sharing more about this in the weeks to come.

Please do take time to read the new Trust Policy about school attendance and our own school information about student attendance which can be found on our website. Attendance continues to be a key focus in our school and at local and national level. We are pleased that current levels of attendance are better than this time last year but are keen to push much closer to our 95% target.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

## Winter Mountaineering Trip

Congratulations to the following students for gaining a place on our first ever Winter Mountaineering Trip to the Cairngorms, which will take place in January 2025:

Ben Rushworth  
Dulcie Jones  
Eleanor Metcalfe  
Ellie Horne  
Jack Lewis  
Josh Hunt  
Tess Carnall

These students have shown great commitment to outdoor adventure & their personal fitness over the last few years.

It's very exciting to be able to challenge them further and expand their horizons with a new adventure in the wintery Scottish mountains.

This week we embarked on our first training session for the trip; a hilly, fast paced local walk on a very beautiful evening.

Thank you all for your enthusiasm and effort. You are a very strong team already.

Miss Tuffs



**Children in Need –  
Fundraising**

So far we have raised  
£600

## Careers Fair

Thursday 28 November 4-6pm.  
The event is open to year groups  
9,10,11 and parent/carers.



## New Student Leaders

Jack Gomersall and Vic Baker have been voted in as Student Leaders (Head Boy/Girl).

They are also leading the anti-bullying campaign in school with the Key Stage 4 Student Leadership Team and will present an assembly to Year 7/8 soon.

More superb community work from the Year 7 girls today. They continued with their garden renovations and graveled all around the mosaic after digging it out and even measuring the depth with a ruler! They also pruned and weeded an elderly resident's garden. They certainly take pride in doing a good job. They work very hard on their own initiative, are always kind to each other & everyone we encounter and full of enthusiasm!

Miss Tuffs

## Lymphoma Action

This year, our chosen charity is Lymphoma Action, a charity dedicated to providing expert information to people living with this form of cancer. This is the only charity in the UK that offers help for those directly impacted as well as those caring for someone living with lymphoma (the fifth most common cancer). A team of specialist healthcare professionals offer information and support throughout diagnosis and treatment; this is why we feel this charity is worthy of our support as it positively impacts thousands of people's lives.

We have already raised a small amount of money for this charity from the art exhibition and will be donating more by holding fundraising events during this academic year. This charity helped over 32000 people in 2023 and is gaining more support each year. Hopefully with our support, more people will be aware of lymphoma action and more can be supported by the incredible work they do.

Tess Carnall and Dulcie Jones

More information can be found by [clicking here](#).

We have added an optional donation to Lymphoma Action to Gateway. We will forward all donations at the end of academic year to the charity. The button to use is 'Senior Students Chosen Charity Donation'.



## Parents' Evenings 2024/5

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| • 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            |





### Anti-Bullying Week 2024: Choose Respect

Anti-Bullying Week 2024 takes place from Monday 11th - Friday 15th November, with the theme: Choose Respect.

Bullying can take many different forms and have a lasting impact on mental health and wellbeing.

Young people who have experienced bullying are more likely to suffer with their mental health as a result. If you or someone you know is being bullied, it's important to know you don't have to face it alone. Support is available and you can text Shout to 85258 to talk to our trained volunteers any time. It's free, confidential and anonymous to use Shout.

[Click here](#) to access free resources that can help provide you with guidance and support if you're being bullied.

Anti-bullying workshop for parents: [click this link](#) to view a pre-recorded webinar.



### School success starts with attendance

At Nidderdale High, we know that regular school attendance is key to unlocking every student's potential and ensuring strong academic progress. Research consistently shows that high attendance directly contributes to improved outcomes and helps students stay on track with their studies. Missing even a few days can impact understanding, disrupt progress, and affect grades.

Our school value of ambition is all about striving to be the best version of ourselves, and that starts with being present and engaged each day. When students show up consistently, they are showing a commitment to their learning journey and embodying the ambition that we celebrate at Nidderdale High.

We encourage families to support us in maintaining high attendance, aiming for our school target of 95%. Together, let's help every student achieve their potential and build the resilience and ambition they need for a successful future.

Updated information about attendance procedures can be found on the [school website](#).

### Christmas Lantern Workshops

Mrs Thorpe has secured funding to support some lantern making workshops in school on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November for families in Year 7. This is your chance to get creative and work with your child to design stunning lanterns for the parade. All materials are provided, and it's completely FREE! Younger siblings are welcome to join the fun too.

On Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December, bring your lantern to life! The parade kicks off at 5:30pm from the Auction Mart and ends at the Pet Shop in town at 6pm, where it will join a festive choir and band. You are then free to enjoy late night opening which commences at 6pm. Spaces are limited, so grab your spot now and make this Christmas extra special with a lantern you've created together!

Further details are available in a letter sent to Year 7 parents on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

