



RED KITE ALLIANCE



We are proud to announce that Nidderdale High School has been recognised by Red Kite for our commitment to promoting Respect, Equality and Diversity within our school community.

As part of our ongoing journey towards achieving the full RED award, we are actively promoting initiatives that foster an inclusive and respectful environment for everyone. We believe that by prioritising these areas, we can create a supportive and empowering atmosphere for all members of our school community.

To further our commitment we will be launching a new section on our website. Meanwhile, [click here](#) to see our Statement of Intent which has been signed by representatives from our students, staff, and governors, and outlines our goals and the steps we are taking to make Nidderdale High a beacon of inclusivity and respect.

We invite all parents and carers to visit the website to learn more about our initiatives and see how we are working together to make a positive impact.

Mr Devanney

Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

The slightly delayed start of term was somewhat snowier, more complicated and treacherous than we would have ideally wanted but it was also an excellent opportunity for our whole school community to demonstrate respect, responsibility and resilience.

We were so impressed by the way students returned to school and the respect they showed for the decisions we had made about site safety. Thank you to all members of the staff team for their efforts to help us re-open school as soon as possible helping with site clearance, transport, communications, extra duties and planning for change at short notice. Thank you to families who had to make difficult journeys and deal with transport changes into this week.

Year 11 have been straight into preparations for the all important final few months of their time with us. Last Thursday Year 11 students had the opportunity to meet Sam, a second year Theology undergraduate at Durham University, and George, a first year Natural Science undergraduate at Cambridge University, to talk about post-16 choices and university life. This week students received their Mock Exam Results and reflected on next steps needed to prepare for the final set of mocks in March. More information for parents will be available at our forthcoming event to support approaches to revision. It is also an important few weeks for Year 9 as they begin the Key Stage 4 options process and their journey towards GCSE success.

As you will see on the remaining pages of the Nidd News, NiddVenture have been making the very best of the snow both at home and further afield.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

Year 7 and 8 House Competitions

On Wednesday the 18th and Friday 20th December Nidderdale High school PE held our first house competition of the year for Year 7 and Year 8. This included teams competing in football, netball and badminton representing their houses; Whernside, Pen-Y-Ghent and Ingleborough. Students showed great pride, determination and passion while competing across the 3 different sports. We had some outstanding skills on show which have been developed in PE lessons over the course of term 1.

Overall it was a great experience for students to show the skills they have learnt in their chosen sport and was brilliant for us as a PE department to see what we have been teaching in lessons come to fruition in a competitive environment against each other.

Congratulations to all the houses. After counting the results for Year 7 in 1st place we have Pen-Y-Ghent with 41 points, 2nd place Whernside with 38 points and in 3rd place Ingleborough with 29 points.

A special mention goes to the following students who were chosen by the opposite team as Player of the Match: Ella, Lowansa, Mylee, Sienna, Lilly, Naomi, Olivia and Lizzie for netball, James and Oliver in the football and Connie, Alfie and Saffy for badminton.

All students should be very proud in their performances and as a PE department we would like to congratulate Year 7 on a brilliant first house event of the year! Well done!

In Year 8 it was even closer for top spot. In joint 1st place we have Pen-Y-Ghent and Ingleborough with 39 points and 2nd place Whernside with 29 points

A special mention goes to the following students who were chosen by the opposite team as Player of the Match: Evie, Bethan and Dottie for netball, Noah, Henry and Sonny in the football.

All students should be very proud in their performances and as a PE department we would like to congratulate Year 8 on a brilliant second house event of the year! Well done!

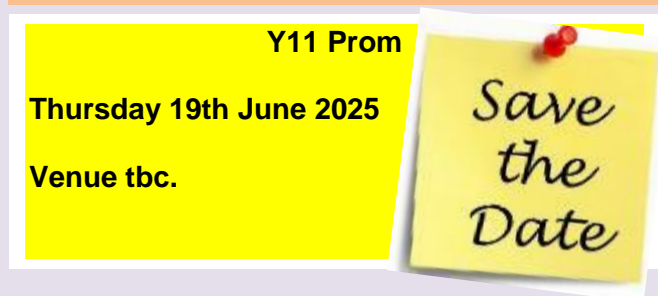
PE Department



Careers - Start exploring your next steps

Today's the day to start exploring skills and careers information. You can look at your qualification and training options or get career ideas that would suit you.

<https://www.skillsforcareers.education.gov.uk/pages/young-people>



JOIN OUR TEAM

We are recruiting!

We are seeking a new full time Trust Estates Officer – Further details available from [Trust Estates Officer | Moorlands Learning Trust](#)

Applications close 8am 4th February 2025

Also seeking a Casual Site Team Worker and Invigilators – please contact Mrs Robertson for further details admin@nidderdale.mlt.co.uk or telephone 01423 711246

NiddVenture closer to home!

Year 7 Nidd Venture group had a great start to the year with a day out in the snow at Scotgate Quarry and also went to investigate the effects of the big thaw at Trollers Ghyll where some exhilarating high water was encountered.



Year 11 Mock Results Session

We are thrilled to share some fantastic news about our recent Year 11 mock results session. The maturity and dedication our students demonstrated while analysing their results were truly commendable. They not only reflected thoughtfully on their performance but also identified practical next steps to enhance their grades.

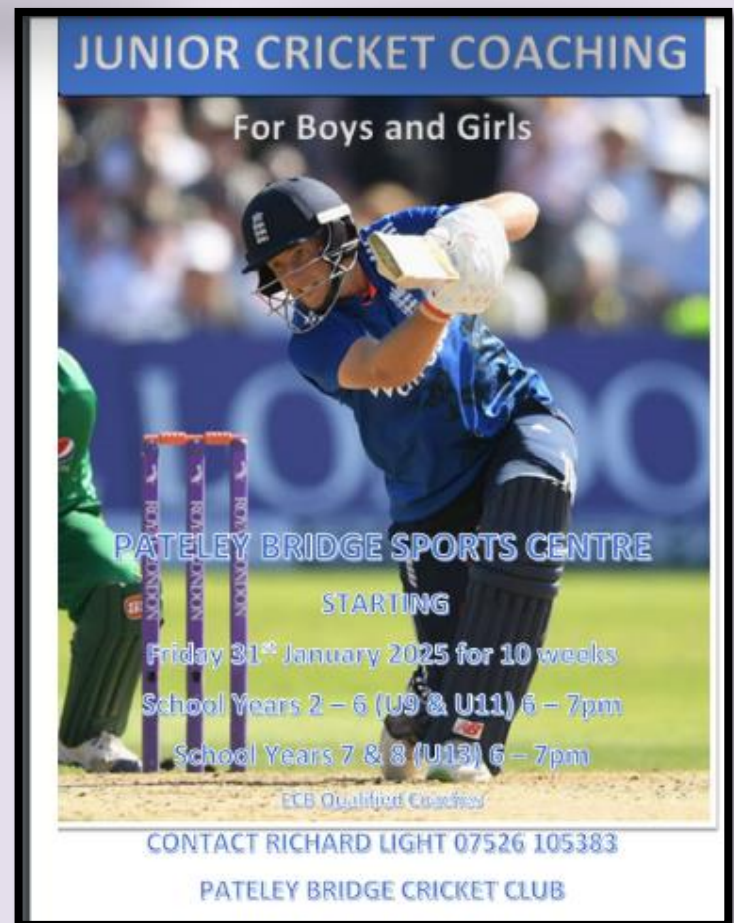
As we move forward, we encourage students to maintain a consistent revision schedule and complete homework regularly each night as we approach the exam period. This disciplined approach will undoubtedly support their progress and confidence.

We also invite all parents and carers to join us for our upcoming Revision Workshop Evening on January 30th. This event is designed to provide valuable insights into effective revision strategies and how you can best support your child during this crucial time. Please check your emails for further details about the workshop.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping our students achieve their best.

Dates for the Diary

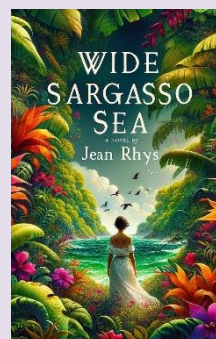
- Thursday 23.1.25 - Year 9 Parents Evening
- Thursday 30.1.25 - Year 11 'How to Revise' Evening 4pm
- Thursday 30.1.25 – Year 11 London Trip Parent Information 5.30pm
- Thursday 6.2.25 - Year 8 Parents' Evening and Y11 appointments by invitation
- Friday 7.2.25 - Year 9 Options Form Deadline



JUNIOR CRICKET COACHING
For Boys and Girls

PATELEY BRIDGE SPORTS CENTRE
STARTING
Friday 31st January 2025 for 10 weeks
School Years 2 – 6 (U9 & U11) 6 – 7pm
School Years 7 & 8 (U13) 6 – 7pm
ECB Qualified Coaches

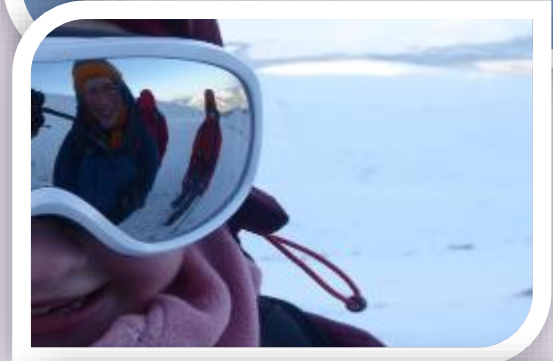
CONTACT RICHARD LIGHT 07526 105383
PATELEY BRIDGE CRICKET CLUB



Book of the week/fortnight:

Students in Miss Draper and Mrs Clark's Year 11 classes have been studying Jane Eyre for their English Literature GCSE.

They might find it useful to read Wide Sargasso Sea, which retells the story from the point of view of Bertha.



NiddVenture Cairngorms Trip

Last Friday 7 of our most intrepid NiddVenture adventurers set off on the trip of a lifetime with Miss Tuffs and our amazing parent volunteer Greg Parsons for a Winter Skills training weekend in the Cairngorms.

Glenmore Lodge is Scotland's National Outdoor Training Centre providing training at the highest levels including for other Outdoor Education instructors. We were privileged to be able to use the centre accommodation, facilities and support / safety network because Miss Tuffs does some work as an instructor at the centre.

The activities undertaken by our students are not often available to school age students and they certainly made the most of every opportunity, as you can see from the photos. From ascending and descending in deep snow, to walking on ice and learning winter mountain safety techniques, to snowball fights and the Team Nidd Winter Olympics - personal achievement, pushing beyond your comfort zone and lots of fun were firmly on the agenda.

Well done to every member of the team – students, staff and volunteer – for exemplifying every one of our Team Nidd values throughout the trip.

Ms Jordan

