

Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

It has been an incredibly busy couple of weeks for Team Nidd as this packed newsletter demonstrates. Thank you to staff who have created so many opportunities for students to demonstrate ambition and to explore ideas and places beyond their usual experience.

This week we were pleased to invite visitors into school to conduct our Red Kite Alliance Peer Review. We asked them to take a closer look at 'all things inclusion' from attendance to behaviour, learning support to alternative curriculum opportunities.

We were delighted to receive really positive feedback about these aspects of our work and will put plans in place to take forward some really helpful suggestions for how we can improve experiences further for all members of our school community.

Our visitors, including a serving Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher and a current Ofsted inspector, all noted the warmth of relationships, the care for and knowledge of each individual and our desire for every young person to succeed. They also noted that our students are proud to be part of our school community and that they are positive, polite and want to succeed.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher



March 12th was Young Carer Action Day and the theme this year is 'Give Me A Break.' Some of our wonderful Young Carers met for breakfast with Mrs Ashton and Ms Walker for our opportunity to say a big thank you for the incredible support they give to family members who need additional help. It is not easy juggling school life and having the responsibilities of being a Young Carer but our students spoke with love and pride and it was a privilege to join them for a breakfast break.

Thank you to our Nidderlicious Team for supporting our Young Carers.

If you are a Young Carer and we are not aware of your role, please let the Pastoral Team or your Form Tutor know so we can meet you too.

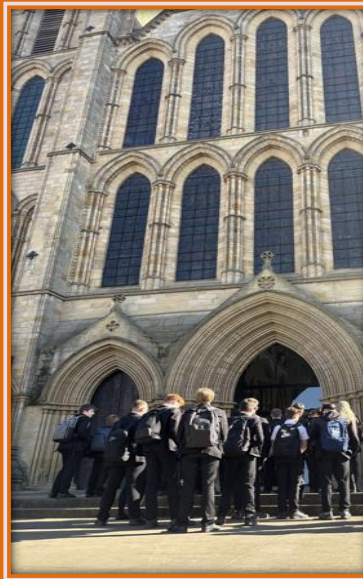
Ms Walker



Year 10 Mock Exams

Year 10 Mock Exam dates are 22nd April to 2nd May 2025. Further information and helpful revision tips are on the school website:

<https://www.nidderdalehighschool.co.uk/students/exams/>



Communications Area of Learning - Poetry Competition

Some of our students recently entered into a poetry writing competition run by Young Writers and we are delighted to announce that 9 of our students have been selected as finalists and will have their poems published in an anthology of poetry. To have your writing published is an incredible moment for any writer and something to be hugely proud of.



God and the Big Bang Workshop Trip at Ripon Cathedral

This week, 33 of our Year 9, 10, and 11 students had the opportunity to visit Ripon Cathedral for an engaging workshop exploring the interaction between Science and Faith. Led by scientists from Durham University and Exeter University, the workshop provided students with a thought-provoking space to discuss a variety of topics, including the nature of knowledge, the role of curiosity, and the topic of climate change. Our students participated with such enthusiasm and respect, engaging in ambitious debates and conversations that deepened their understanding of these complex subjects. We are immensely proud of our students on this trip and students were also thanked by the organisers at the cathedral for their respect and contributions.

Miss Byrne

Trees For Nidderdale / Rotary Clubs of Harrogate & Ripon - Carbon Balance Scheme

Ben and James took part in the Rotary Club's tree-planting scheme on 6th March at Intake Farm above Middlesmoor in glorious weather conditions. More information is available on the treesfornidderdale.org website.



Poetry Escape invited students aged 11-18 to write a poem on any theme and style. From friendship, identity and current affairs to hobbies, favourite things & everything in-between.

To have so many of our students selected as finalists is an incredible achievement and something we are very proud of. All of the finalists are in with the chance of winning an iPad mini with the prizes announced next term.

Well done to Adam Harrison, Heather Graham, Henry Bellaries, Jake Sanderson, Maddy Hacker, Rosie Mallender, Tess Carnall, Violet Lumley and Zac Thompson on your fantastic achievement and good luck with the final!



The Yr7 NiddVenture group recently seized an opportunity to go caving with Beverley Park Outdoor Centre.

The boys showed great enthusiasm, resilience, teamwork and spirit of adventure in our extensive explorations of Dow Cave near Kettlewell.

Miss Tuffs

Humanities Reading Challenge: A Celebration of Ambition and Passion for Reading

Last week, we hosted our Humanities Reading Challenge, encouraging students to explore books of their choice from a wide selection related to Humanities subjects.

We were thrilled to receive over 80 enthusiastic book reviews from students, showcasing their passion for reading and learning. To celebrate this impressive response, rewards were selected at random during a joyous lunchtime event, attended by many of our book review entrants.

We are incredibly proud of our students' efforts and look forward to seeing even more students embrace this challenge in the future.

Miss Byrne



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Science Area of Learning

We have had a fantastically busy fortnight in Science!

We kicked science week off with a trip to the conference centre to be involved in an Endocrinology day with [the Endocrinology Society](#), where year 10s and 11s had a really valuable hands on experience.

During science week we have started compiling entries for various competitions these include an advert for a chosen career in the NHS, the civil service STEM project and the British science week poster competition (closing dates 28th March).

In form time and in classes, students have had the opportunity to enter The Big Science quiz (winners and prizes to follow) as well as attempt the science practical challenges including floating peas and balloon operated cars.

Mrs Carpenter



Y11 GCSE Geography Fieldwork Trip to York

Year 11 Geography students spent the day in York City centre on 20th March conducting their human Geography GCSE fieldwork.

They were investigating the effectiveness of York's sustainable transport system and it was a pleasure to see so many of them push themselves outside their comfort zone to talk to the public and conduct questionnaires!

The weather was so good that some of them suggested that it felt like a foreign country!

We even had time at the end of the trip to see some of York's flood defences that we studied earlier in the year.

A brilliant trip with some brilliant students.

Thank you to all staff who made the trip possible.

Miss Byrne