

York and North Yorkshire Science & Technology Challenge Day -19th May2017

Congratulations to students who took part in the Science and Technology Challenge Day at the University of York and brought home the Overall Winners' Trophy. Their Trophy sits proudly in the School cabinet.

Year 9 students Emily Busby and Louie Loseby will now be invited to take part in a regional Challenge Final to be hosted and led by the University of Sheffield in early January.

See their report overleaf.
Mr Hawkins



Heads of School Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

At a time when many schools will be starting to think about 'winding down' for the summer, we are gearing up for a new academic year. As soon as our current Year 11 have left us on Friday 16th June, we will be moving to our new timetable on Monday 19th.

Students in Years 7 – 10 will move to Years 8 – 11 and begin new courses. Current Year 7 and 8 students kick start their year with assessments across a range of subjects. Current Year 9 will be welcomed to Key Stage 4 and make a formal start on GCSE courses, although in reality many have already started GCSE level work.

As this will be the final Nidd News our Year 11 students and their parents will receive, we would like to take the opportunity to wish them well for the final week of exams. We are sure they will be enjoying a well-earned rest after that, before embarking on their summer adventures.

Kath Jordan and Siân Dover, Joint Heads of School

Goodbye and Good Luck to the Class of 2017.



Social Media

Are you aware as parents/carers that it is illegal for children under the age of 13 to be on certain social networking sites? Please regularly check the sites your child is using.

Forthcoming Events

12.6.17 – Exams continue
w/c 19.6.17- End of Year Exams Y7/8
19.6.17 – New academic year
21.6.17 - Berlin Trip
23.6.17 – NICE Day
26.6.17 – Y11 Prom
26.6.17 – Full Governors' meeting

Nidderlicious News

Meal Deals at £2.50
w/c 12th June 2017



Monday: Mexican Fiesta.

Tuesday: Roast pork, Australian crunch.

Wednesday: Sticky chicken and noodles, peach crumble.

Thursday: Homemade pizza, choc chip rock bun.

Friday: Curry Friday: chicken korma, ice cream.

The **full menu** showing all options is on the school website at www.nidderdale.n-yorks.sch.uk

Student Achievement

Grace Pawson, Elwen Salisbury & Scarlett Wild are pictured with their Platinum Award and prize for gaining 400 positive points. This is the first time the award has been earned since classcharts were introduced – who will be next? Who will be the first male student? Will it be YOU? **Well done girls!**



Isaac Light has been selected for the Yorkshire Elite Junior Cricket squad and is now heavily involved in training sessions to prepare. Well done Isaac!

Safeguarding Support

We all want our children to live in a safe and loving environment so that they can grow up to become happy, confident adults. You will already know that your children can be vulnerable to risks both inside and outside the home, and will have taken steps to protect them so they can grow, learn and develop to their fullest potential.

Protecting your children from radicalisation and extremism is similar to protecting them from the other harms you may be more familiar with, such as drugs, gangs and sexual exploitation.

Please access the latest guidance from the Department of Education via the link below

<http://educateagainsthate.com/>



Our Whole School attendance target for the academic year is **95.5%** and the current whole school attendance is **93.3%**. Years 7 (95.4%) and Year 8 (95.2%) lead the attendance charts. There are currently 19 students with 100% attendance since 20 June – an excellent achievement! Since our return from the Easter holidays, 150 students (47%) have achieved 100% attendance.

3D Printer now available in school



Ripon based product design firm Pd-m has donated a top of the range 3D printer to us through the support of GoPrint3D. The MakerBot Replicator has the ability to build three dimensional plastic objects to an accuracy of 100 microns.

We were delighted to accept this generous donation and look forward to seeing it in use in lessons.

Pictured with Mr Hawkins are Kevin Askew from GoPrint3D and Richard Hall of Pd-m with the MakerBot Replicator 3D printer.

More information in the local press next week.

STEM Challenge Event Report

“We have recently taken part in the North Yorks Design and Technology day at York University. Each school was put into pairs and partnered with two students from another school. We were partnered with two students from a school near Whitby. On the day we did three main activities which included programming a robot, learning about medical things and making an electronic vehicle. Our group of four won the robot programming activity. Seeing as our school is so small we were surprised with this result and when the judges explained we had won the whole day **overall**, we were amazed!

We had an amazing day and it was so nice to meet other people who enjoy the same things as you. We can't wait for the finals in Sheffield”.

Emily and Louie.