

Head of School Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

Over the last few weeks, staff have been engaged in our 'Brilliant because...' campaign. So far many staff have received personal messages about why they are 'brilliant'. In the coming weeks we will be extending this to students, inviting them to tell each other why they are brilliant and in our final achievement assemblies, some students will receive extra 'Brilliant because...' recognition from staff and their peers.

Last week I attended ASCL conference where the Secretary of State for Education said, "Keep doing what you're doing. We have the best generation of teachers and leaders, the best schools, we've ever had". I certainly believe that Nidderdale High School has the best staff team we have ever had, with every member of that team striving to provide the best possible education for your children. You will see further examples of the opportunities available in this Nidd News.

Finally, I would like to extend a 'Brilliant because...' to parents. The support we receive from parents is invaluable and I would encourage you to continue working with us to make your child's experience at Nidderdale High School the best it can be.

Kath Jordan, Head of School

School Leaders Lunch

During the School Leaders Lunch on 10th March at the Red Lion, Burnsall, Jonah Wild and Gen Ashton (Head Boy and Head Girl) met Julian Smith MP. Gen Ashton said, "I had a brilliant time meeting other Head Boys and Girls from other schools in our constituency. I learned about current affairs in more depth as Julian Smith answered lots of student questions about Brexit, politics and education".



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Maths Challenges

Four students from years 8 and 9 enjoyed a day of stretching their brains at the Regional Final of the UK Mathematics Trust Team Challenge. The event, which was held at Lawnswood School in Leeds, required the students to work as a team to solve four different rounds of puzzles and problems. They competed against 25 schools from North and West Yorkshire and finished in a very creditable 6th place. Well done to Isaac, Jack, Benji and Tom.

In February students from Years 11, 10 and 9 took part in the National Maths Challenge. Well done to Jack Kirk for achieving a Silver Certificate and Amelya May, Joseph Hinchcliffe, Molly Howard and Benji Howard for achieving Bronze Certificates in this National challenge.

Primary links

KS3 students enjoyed working with More Able students from local primary schools (pictured above) on a creative writing challenge afternoon.

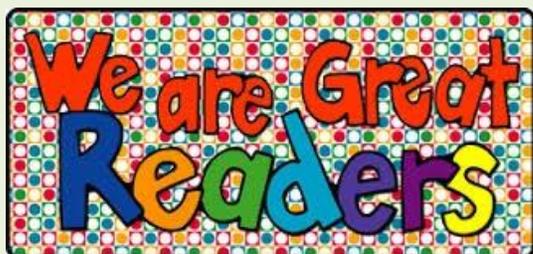
Students from Year 9 will spend part of the next NICE Day (23 March) preparing a maths extension lesson and we look forward to welcoming more students from our local primaries in the Summer term.

Miss Draper

Forthcoming events

- 17th March – GCSE Art/Photography catch up
- 19th March – 29 March Y10/11 Mocks
- 19th March – French trip
- 23rd March - NICE Day and Y7 Skipton Castle visit
- 24th March – Food, Resistant Materials catch up
- 28th March – Egg competition judging, p.m. Achievement assemblies
- 29th March – school closes 3.15 p.m. for Easter break
- 30 March to 15 April School closed
- 16th April – School reopens for staff and students

Library News



Enthusiastic reading from our Year 7 students has resulted in some staggering facts and figures! So far in this academic year we have:

- 9 word millionaires
- 4 gold award winners
- 4 silver award winners
- 12 bronze award winners
- 974 quizzes taken equating to 11 books read per student on average.
- 28, 190, 329 words read in total.

Across the year group, students have achieved an average of +9 months on their reading age.

Points are close for this term's Accelerated Reader Form Prize with 7SR currently in the lead. Will they take the form room cup from 7MC/RB?

PTFA News

It's back by popular demand! The decorated egg Easter competition for all year groups. [Click here to see the tweet of the poster for details.](#) Entries to be brought to school from Mon 26th March.

Student Achievement

Well done and good luck to:

Isaac Light who is attending North Yorks U13 Cricket Trials at Bedale next week.

Dexter Leeming-Sykes who has been selected to attend British Cycling's Regional School of Racing programme, which is the first step on the Great Britain Cycling Team's rider route. Dexter is one of 31 boys to have been selected across the whole of the North of England and is looking forward to the start of the circuit racing season.

Attendance

Information from the old school log books:

- In 1892 - Average attendance was 67%
- On 5th February - 59% attendance . Smallpox prevalent in the neighbourhood and parents afraid. The caretaker fumigated the school with carbolic acid every day.
- In 1894 - 3 x 2/6 books given to children with 100% attendance.
- 25 Jan 1907 –79.9%
- 25 Jan 2007 –86.4%
- 25 Jan 2017 –94.4%
- In January 2018 attendance fell to 93.9%. Many students were absent with coughs, colds, sickness and flu however 31 students still have 100% attendance. The cost of rewarding for 100% attendance has risen from 2s6d to £5!

Whole School Attendance this academic year is currently 94% against our target of 95.5%.

Mr MacNair

Welcome Year 6

We are delighted your child has been offered a place at Nidderdale High School. We look forward to meeting with you and your child to ensure a smooth transition from Primary to Secondary School.

What happens next?

A member of our teaching staff will visit your child at his/her Primary School over the coming weeks. The visit provides the opportunity for your child to ask any questions and for the transition process to be explained. Letters of introduction with a pack of information will be sent out to Parents/carers after Easter.

Note these important dates:

- **Year 6 Transition Day 1**
Thursday 5th July 2018
- **Year 6 Transition Day 2**
Thursday 12th July 2018
- **Year 6 Parents'/Carers**
Evening Thursday 12th July 2018 at 6.00pm

Nidderlicious

Happy St Patrick's Day:

Today's menu:

Beef & Guinness Pie
Chocolate Pudding &
Chocolate Sauce



We will shortly be introducing our Summer meal deals @ £2.50, a wrap or roll, flapjack or fruit, a drink.

Next week's menu will be published on the school website.