

Dear Parent / Carer

Today we are marking the midway point of Year 11 GCSE exams with a pizza party, ice cream and traditional shirt signing and a fond look back at their Year 7 photos! We are really proud of the way Year 11 have approached their GCSE exams so far and wish them the best of luck for their remaining exams. On several occasions when afternoon exams have overrun slightly, the entire school community has walked past the hall and exited the building in complete silence - no small achievement and a credit to younger year groups for respecting the importance of these exams.

This week we welcomed some of our 2018-19 Year 7 cohort into school for the first of their extended transition sessions. We look forward to meeting all of our new Year 7 students after half term.

Wishing you all a restful (and hopefully sunny) half term break.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

Classcharts Update

Students are continuing to be rewarded for a full range of positive contributions to school life through Classcharts.

Last week: 90% of all points were positive - 2261 positive points were awarded

Last month: 92% of all points were positive - 6255 positive points were awarded

Year to Date: 91% of all points are positive - 79,526 positive points awarded so far. This is already a school record!

Last week the most positive points were awarded for Good Work with 997 points awarded.

Remember to login in regularly to check your child's individual Classcharts record. Download the app for easy access. Contact the office if you need a reminder of your login details.



Visit to York University – 21 May

On Monday 21st May, 12 Year 8 students were invited to a Science Technology English and Mathematics (STEM) competition at York University. The students were paired up with 2 other students from various schools in the County. The students were given 3 totally different tasks to complete throughout the day. Programming robots to follow a course set up in the classroom, use a computer programme to design police style E fit of their teachers and construct a vehicle to travel a short distance in the quickest time. The students had an excellent day and were a credit to the school.

Sam Smithson and Ben Middleton were awarded trophies as a part of the winning team in the robot challenge.

M Hawkins, Director of Learning for Technology/Art

Forthcoming events

- **28 May – 1 June – Bank holiday/half term**
- **1 & 2 June – School open for Y11 Revision**
- **5 July – Y6 Induction Day**
- **6 July – School closed to students (Red Kite Day 5)**
- **11 July – Year 11 Prom**
- **12 July – Y6 Induction Day 2 and Parents Evening 6pm**

Congratulations

Congratulations to Will Bradley in Year 11! Will entered a writing competition in the Farmers Guide Magazine recently. He completed a questionnaire and had to write in no more than 25 words why it would be important to him to have a new tractor.

Will was absolutely delighted to hear he had won a brand new Red Case Tractor for 6 months.

He took part in a photo-shoot and interview with Farmers Guide Magazine for an article which will be published in their next issue.

"I'm going to use it everyday for different jobs" said Will.

It's just not cricket!

Year 8 cricket team were in cup action against Ripon Grammar School on 18th May and played a superb game. The score was very close and the team made an amazing effort.

Nidderdale 120-7 (20 overs) Isaac Light 23, Leo Wilson 50 not out.

Ripon Grammar 121-6 (18 overs) Leo Wilson 4-8, Rachael Hattan 1 wicket.



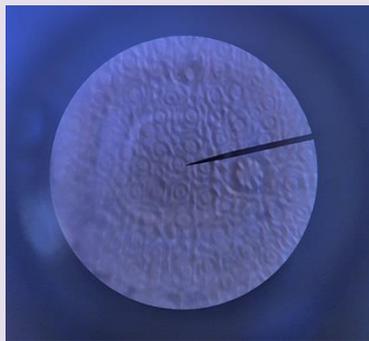
Race for Life

'Team Nidderdale' Race for Life Club, is a female only running fitness programme taking place after school each week with the goal of completing the Harrogate Race for Life on Sunday 15th July. Training sessions begin on Monday 4th June. Go Team Nidd!! More information from Mrs Wright.

Transition Visits – Year 6

Visits to Y6 pupils starting in Y7 in September have been arranged across 17 feeder schools between 11 and 29th June. We look forward to meeting you in your primary school and to welcoming you to your Induction Days on 5th and 12th July. Y6 Parents' Evening will be held on 12th July at 6pm.

Biology Classroom work



Pictured above is a photograph of a very clear image of a lower leaf surface observed through a microscope by year 8 students in their Biology lesson with Mrs Towse.

Nidderlicious

Hot meal deals @£2.50 w/c 4 June

Monday: Sausage and Chive Mash, Vegetables, Orange muffin

Tuesday: Pork and Apple Burger in a Bun, Banoffee Pie

Wednesday: Sweet & Sour Chicken, Australian Chocolate Crunch

Thursday: Homemade Pizza, Raspberry Jelly

Friday: Thai Chicken Curry, Melon Slice

Cold meal @ £2.50 always available.

The full menu is always available on the school website.

Themed days coming up

**Mexican Day – 12th June,
American Day 4th July.**

Aiming Higher

We are delighted to be offering our 4th University visit of the year - a visit to Leeds University to take part in a University taster day called "Discover Pathways to Law". Students will learn and then apply human rights-related legal concepts to a case study in a challenging debate. Students will work in teams to create convincing arguments, write compelling speeches, and deliver clear spoken presentations. Alongside this, students will also be given a tour of our Leeds University campus and a chance to find out what university is all about.

Maths Challenge

We will be hosting a Maths Challenge afternoon for Year 5 and 6 students on Thursday 21st June.

The challenge sessions will be delivered by a group of Year 9 students and supported by Mr Thompson, our Director of Learning.