

## Bewerley Park 16 – 20 October



A week of rock climbing, canoeing, caving, kayaking, sailing, gyhll scrambling, Mountain challenges, zip wires, mountain biking and many more exciting activities were undertaken by our Year 7 students in a week long residential at Bewerley Park. The aim of the residential was to develop relationships and improve resilience in a challenging environment.

Students were grouped in their House teams and had to work together to complete activities. Everyone encouraged and supported each other which meant that all students felt part of a team.

This was a fantastic week where students demonstrated grit, determination and resilience.

## Head of School Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers

As you will be aware, the school received an Ofsted short inspection just before the half term break. Thank you to all parents who took the time to complete the Parent View survey and for your overwhelmingly positive responses. I look forward to sharing the full inspection feedback with you in the very near future.

Just as we have received our 'school report', students in all year groups will be receiving their first reports of the year in the very near future. Please do use this opportunity to review your child's progress and attitude to learning at home and contact school if you need any further information.

Our older students are already now turning their attention to next steps beyond Nidderdale, with many students in Year 11 feeling inspired to focus on their studies by this week's assembly with Mr Renton, Head of Sixth Form at Harrogate Grammar. We will be continuing this theme next week with our Further Education Evening - all students and parents from Years 9-11 are welcome to attend.

Kath Jordan, Head of School

## Lantern Parade

It is that time of year when members of our community come together to work on creating some fantastic willow and tissue lanterns to parade through Pateley Bridge to celebrate the festive season! The theme for 2017 is 'Geometric shapes' such as those found in crystals and precious stones. Each maker will keep their own lantern after the parade.

There will be a weekend workshop held on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th November at School from 10am until 3pm to create this year's lanterns. The procession is scheduled for Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December (Pateley late night shopping night) from 6.30pm-8pm approx.

Please book your place by emailing Bidy Noakes on : [biddynoakes@btclick.com](mailto:biddynoakes@btclick.com) or phoning 01423 711 958.



## Forthcoming events

- 9 Nov – Further Education Evening 6-7pm
- 16 Nov – Y12 GCSE Certificate Presentation Evening 6-7pm
- 18/19 Nov – Lantern Workshops
- 23 Nov – Y8 Parents' Evening

## PTFA News

A huge thankyou to all those who contributed by baking or helping at the PTFA Cyclocross Refreshments on 29 Oct – we raised £390 towards funds for students.



Tickets for the Grand Raffle out to families next week.

## Nidderlicious

Meal Deals at £2.50  
w/c 6 November 2017

Monday: Bonfire Lunch.

Tuesday: Sticky Chicken and Noodles, Bread and Butter pudding.

Wednesday: Homemade Lasagne, Crunchy Fruit Crumble.

Thursday: Homemade Pizza, Carrot cake.

Friday: Thai Lamb Curry, Brownie.  
*The full menu is on the school website.*

## Student achievement



Mo & Dexter Leeming-Sykes are racing in the winter Cyclo Cross Yorkshire Points series having both moved up an age category to U16 boys and U14 girls.

In the Cyclocross competition held at school on 29 October, Dexter did particularly well in the youth race coming first overall and first in his category. He had to work hard due to a mechanical problem on the start line but managed to catch back up and pass to take a convincing win.

## Nidderdale Show

Despite 20 adult entries, Connie Milburn received 2nd place in the adults butterfly buns. Well done Connie!



## Ministry of You Group

Year 7 Ministry of You group took on a spooky seasonal theme with students carving out their own pumpkin lanterns. Joshua and Milly chose traditional designs whereas Lucy decided on a more unusual pirate theme for her pumpkin!



Congratulations to the 215 students (60% of school population) who are exceeding the school attendance target of 95.5% for this academic year.

There are 128 students with 100% attendance for the academic year and as we progress through November and December we would encourage all students to remain resilient and aspire to exceed the school attendance target of 95.5%.

Our whole school attendance is currently 94.4% and with good attendance in November and December we could reach our target!

Mr MacNair

## Rewarding Good Behaviour, Attendance and Attitude

Watch this space for more details of a new KS3 InterForm Competition which will reward form groups for their collective achievements for attendance and positive Classchart points.

Bonus points boosters will also be available for our weekly Nidderdale STARS.

