



NICE DAY – 14 November

The main focus for this week's NICE day was the Anti-Bullying Week theme 'All Different, All Equal'. Students took part in sessions relating to resilience, LGBT inclusion and anti-semitism, including the Holocaust. Key Stage 3 students also took part in refugee and asylum seeker awareness and Food, Drama, Art and Technology workshops, which all addressed the anti-bullying week theme.

Year 7 and 8 were also involved in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) challenges to link to the launch of some exciting new STEM clubs which will take place on Tuesday lunchtimes.

We were also pleased to welcome the RSBP who gave a presentation and hosted a debate on the future of Hen Harriers in Great Britain. It came as no surprise to hear that the behaviour and engagement of students was praised as being the best the presenters had ever encountered.

Head of School Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers

I was so delighted to be able to share our Ofsted success with you earlier in the week. I hope this week's Nidd News provides you with even more evidence of what we are doing on a regular basis to ensure that our young people make the best possible progress in every aspect of their development.

Our new inter-form competition has been really well received by students in KS3 and you can read a little more detail about this over the page. It's great to be able to have such a positive focus with students in Year 7-9 and to see them supporting each other to be the best they can be.

Over the next few weeks we will be working with students to ensure that we can be even better with a 'back to basics' focus. Please support this work at home by checking that your child has all of the correct uniform and equipment they need on a daily basis. We will be spotlighting uniform, basic presentation and correct equipment as part of a whole school commitment to being prepared for learning.

Kath Jordan, Head of School

Former Nidderdale student, Lauren Gilby is pictured below with her artwork 'Remembrance'. This amazing work has been a focal point for everyone arriving in Pateley Bridge, at the top of the High Street, in recent weeks.



Sports House Competition

Whenside are the early pace setters in the new Sports House Cup after the first term's competitions. Year 7 and 8 competed in badminton and hockey, year 9 in rugby and netball, year 10 basketball and netball and finally year 11 in football. Just before Christmas will see the next round of sports competitions and these will be the sports that are currently being taught in PE lessons. A very close start which kicks off an exciting year of in-house sport! Mr Coad

Forthcoming events

- 18/19 Nov – Lantern Workshops
- 23 Nov – Y8 Parents' Evening
- 4 Dec – Full Governing Board meeting
- 12 Dec – Y7 theatre trip - The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
- 15 Dec – Lantern Parade/Late night opening Pateley Bridge
- 15 Dec – PTFA sponsored trips: Y7/8 Pantomime trip / Y11 Christmas Market trip to York
- 15 Dec – Christmas Jumper Day
- 19 Dec – School Christmas Lunch
- 20 Dec – Showcase Evening & PTFA Grand Raffle Draw

Nidderlicious

The [full menu is here](#) and on the school website. We require a Relief Kitchen Assistant to work occasional hours – please contact Mrs Naylor for further details after 2pm (01423 714104).

Post 16 Careers Event held on 9 Nov

The Post 16 Careers Information Evening was a huge success attended by a range of Post 16 providers enabling our students in Years 9,10 and 11 to access information regarding their next step after Nidderdale High School.

Children in Need

How fitting that on Children in Need Day the Shoeboxes were collected for Operation Christmas Child. Thank you to all contributors.



Aiming Higher

Congratulations to Jack Kirk and Jonah Wild who both achieved an A* in their GCSE French exam and to Louise Gibbon, Madi Penney and India Shenton who achieved an A grade. 50% of the students who sat GCSE French achieved an A*-B grade. This is an amazing achievement for these students who sat their exams in Year 10 and we look forward to more fantastic results from our students this summer. Congratulations also to Molly Howard (now in Year 10) who took advantage of the opportunity offered to Year 9 students at Nidderdale High School to study for an additional GCSE in Spanish.



Congratulations to the 221 students (61.7%) who are exceeding the school attendance target of 95.5% for this academic year.

There are 103 students with 100% attendance for the academic year, 77.7% from KS3 and 22.3% from KS4.

Whole school attendance is currently 94.4% with Year 7 (96.6%) exceeding the school attendance target.

Mr MacNair

Showcase Evening

Save the date – Weds 20th December and join us for an evening of song, dance and talent. Remember to send in your Grand Raffle ticket stubs and money.

PTFA News

We require helpers to enable the PTFA to provide refreshments during the Showcase on 20th December. If you are able to either bake mince pies or help serve coffees, teas and gluhwein during the Showcase interval please contact Mrs Robertson at school or by email admin@nidderdale.n-yorks.sch.uk

Rewarding Good Behaviour, Attendance and Attitude to Learning

The Key Stage Three Inter-Form Competition sees all eleven forms across the Key Stage battle it out for half-termly and termly prizes.

Students win points for their forms each week for the following:

1. Highest percentage attendance
2. Highest number of positives
3. Lowest number of negatives

Students who also receive a Nidderdale STAR postcard or are the top ClassCharts scorers in their Year Group also boost their form's position on the leader board.

Last week 7JK, 8HT/MS and 9SP received their half termly prize of sweets and a fruit basket – Well done!

The termly prize of a Pizza Party and DVD is still all to play for! The current leader board is :

Form	Points	Position
7JK	265	1
7MC/RB	260	2
8HT/MS	251	3
7SR	218	4
9SP	216	5
9JO	204	6
7PT	179	7
9LG	170	8
8AM	163	9
8DB/KD	135	10
8BC	115	11