



## Year 11 Visit to York

As a well earned treat after the intensive mock exam period, Year 11 students visited the St Nicholas Market Trail in York to catch up on their Christmas shopping!

We look forward to 2018 being a real year of success for these students as they focus on revision and preparation for their GCSE exams in May and June.

## Head of School Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers

We have begun the New Year refocusing on our 'Team Nidderdale' ethos with assemblies reflecting on the importance of teamwork, cooperation and fairness. We particularly enjoyed a clip showing what happens when inequality disrupts teamwork – ably demonstrated by a pair of capuchin monkeys!

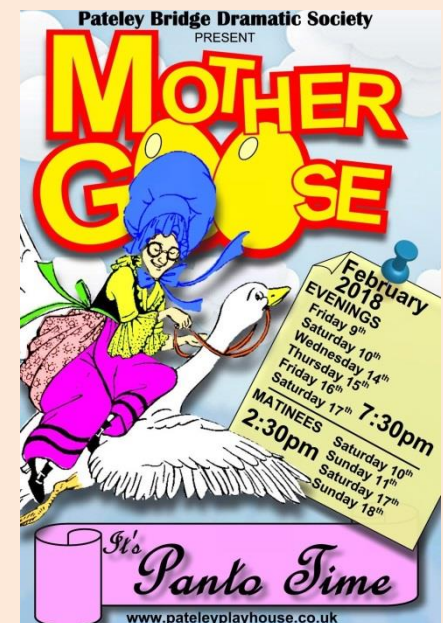
Continuing to work in partnership with staff, students, parents and the community, we look forward to 2018 being another year of success.

Kath Jordan, Head of School

### Inter-form Competition – Pizza Party Celebration

Well done 7MC/RB who were the inaugural victors in the new Inter-Form Competition. They beat off competition from ten other forms to be rewarded with a Pizza Party for achieving the most positive points, least amount of negative points and highest attendance across the Key Stage. The competition is now reset and all Key Stage 3 forms have the opportunity to top the table in the Spring Term.

Watch this space for regular Leader Board updates!



Staff and students past and present are involved in Pateley Bridge's Mother Goose Panto. Tickets go on sale on Saturday 20th January at 2pm directly from the playhouse or online.

## Forthcoming events

15<sup>th</sup> January – Governor training SEMH  
16<sup>th</sup> January – PTFA Meeting 3.30 pm Art Room  
18<sup>th</sup> January – Year 10 Parents' Evening  
23<sup>rd</sup> January – Battlefields Trip (Y9)  
25<sup>th</sup> January – NICE Day  
29<sup>th</sup> January – HGS Sixth Form Interviews

## Nidderlicious

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Following our work on NICE Day, we will be launching a new Anti-Bullying Group, in conjunction with the Anti Bullying Alliance. Many students have volunteered to be Anti-Bullying Ambassadors or to make posters and spread the Anti-Bullying message across the school.

All students will complete a Wellbeing Survey which will steer the Anti-Bullying Group's work over the next few weeks.



### Spring term Attendance update:

**56.7% of students are exceeding the school attendance target of 95.5% for this academic year.**

**59 students still have 100% attendance for the academic year, 80% from KS3 and 20% from KS4.**

**Whole school attendance is 94.2% and is slightly higher than the same time last year (93.5%).**

Mr MacNair

## Twitter feed

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## Aiming Higher Maths Ninjas

All students in Years 7 and 8 complete a weekly Maths Ninja assessment during form time. The assessment is completed in 5 minutes and tests students on Mental Strategies, Times tables and Key Skills. They get a mark out of 10 for each section and an overall mark out of 30. The following students have achieved at least one Black Belt in their Maths Ninja tests last term:

Roman Salter, Matthew Edwards, Henry Bastow, Edward Winter Bell, Dakota Hunter, Dylan Sawyer, Josie Dodds, Thomas Howard, Ivan Jackson, Freddie Howard, Sam Beckett, Milly Hobson, Joshua Bailey, Eleanor Hollings, Adam Lofthouse, Will Thompson, Bailey Broadhead, Will Allen, Archie Greensit, Max Burill, Emma Falokun, Mollie Wirght, Thomas Szan, Charlie Troup, Rachael Hatton and Jami Brown. Here's a sample from the Key Skills section.

- $9.1 \times 13.13$
- What is the value of  $(-5)$  cubed?
- $(8-2)^2 + 3 \times 4$

These students have done fantastically to achieve full marks in one or more of the Maths Ninja tests.

## Word Millionaires

All students in Year 7 are taking part in the accelerated reader scheme.

Congratulations to the following students who have all read ONE MILLION words each last term - Evie Lowes, Jeevan Shergill, Josie Dodds, Thomas Howard, Zachary McCulloch, Evie Richards.

## Useful reminders

- The Flexible Learning Zone is open every lunchtime for KS4 revision
- Year 11 applications to sixth form need to be submitted before the end of January.
- Work experience placements need to be arranged for Year 10.

## Oh no they didn't! Oh yes they did!

On Friday 15th December, a group of year 7 students enjoyed a festive trip to the Grand Opera House in York to see the pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast'.

The evening was thoroughly enjoyable and was some student's first experience of a traditional pantomime.

## Resilience Reward

During the last week of term Mrs Wright held a rewards afternoon for students who have shown a high level of resilience since September. A small number of students who may have found the transition from primary school difficult, or have overcome a personal barrier to their learning were taken off timetable for the afternoon to take part in a Christmas Craft workshop.

**PTFA News** We raised just over £500 in our Grand Christmas Raffle Draw which was drawn on 20th December. [The list of prizegivers and prizewinners is here.](#) We also raised £87 from the sale of refreshments at the Showcase. Thank you to everybody who bought tickets and well done to all prizewinners.

- Next planning meeting: Tuesday 16th January 2018 at 3.30 pm in the School Art Rooms - All Welcome.
- We continue to [easypfundraising.org.uk](http://easypfundraising.org.uk) to raise funds. Please register to help us earn funds to sponsor student activities outside of the curriculum. £146 raised so far – [link to easy fundraising here.](#)