



Head of School Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers

This has been one of our shortest half terms but also one of our busiest. We have so much to mention we have added a third page to this week's Nidd News! In addition to the news included in the articles, we are also celebrating another win in the annual Rotary Technology Challenge where our Year 10 students won the Design category. Look out for more detail on this in our next Nidd News.

Year 9 students are currently concentrating on choosing their GCSE Options - I was delighted to see so many families attend Options interviews to consider these next important steps in their education together. It was also lovely to have so much positive feedback in the parental questionnaires.

Wishing you all a well deserved half term break.

Kath Jordan, Head of School

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[Click here for Meal Deals w/c 19th February 2018](#)

Next themed day 19th February Chinese New Year - Year of the Dog



Year 7 Extended Learning Project – Castles

Year 7's Extended Learning Project included making a model of a castle. Pictured above are just two of the fabulous examples that were handed in. Students have worked hard to produce replica castles including drawbridges, turrets and pillars. One castle was made out of cake! Students are pictured peer-assessing the models.

The castles are distributed across school for all staff, students and visitors to see.

Mrs Witherwick

Forthcoming events

- 12 – 16 February Half term break
- 19 February: School reopens, Year 11 Core Mocks begin Full Governors meeting
- 22 February – 6pm French Trip Parents meeting, SEND Governor training
- 1st March – Y7 Parents' Evening
- 8th March - Hyde Park Picturehouse Y7
- 13th March - Jane Eyre - Harrogate Theatre and Durham Cathedral visit - History students
- 15th March 3.15pm PTFA meeting
- 23rd March - NICE Day and Skipton Castle Y7 visit
- 13th July - Durham Cricket Match Trip

Volunteering in School

Do you have up to 2 hours a week to mentor a young person in our school? We have students interested in music, graphic design, farming, gardening, business and many other things. If you could offer them the chance to talk about their interests, help in the school garden, complete coursework or just share experiences of the complexities of life, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Anneliese Walker (Senior Pastoral Officer) for more information. Volunteering is subject to references and DBS clearance.

Safeguarding



Please can we ask all parents and carers to remain vigilant with respect to social media. Whilst we recognise that students enjoy socialising online, particularly in group chats, on Snapchat and Instagram and many other sites, we would ask that parents and carers please keep an eye on the content of conversations.

In school, we continue to have conversations about staying safe online and respecting others. We want students to treat each other as they would wish to be treated by others. Once students are out of school, we need parents and carers to continue to keep talking about the use of social media and staying safe and to have regular conversations about the appropriate use of social media. Please also ensure that the parental controls are activated.

Recommended site for internet safety advice:

www.internetmatters.org

Reminder

Aerosols are not allowed in school (deodorant, body spray etc). Energy drinks are also not allowed.

Job opportunities:

We are looking for Invigilators for the Summer exams series and for a Kitchen Assistant. More information on our website vacancies tab and NYCC Jobs Bulletin. St Cuthbert's school are looking for a clerical assistant – this is also advertised in NYCC Jobs Bulletin.

Amazing Art

An environmentally-aware talented teenage artist from the Dales is finding success from trash by making art from discarded scratch cards.

James Thomas, 16, a former pupil from Nidderdale High School, gathers the cards then uses them for more creative purposes

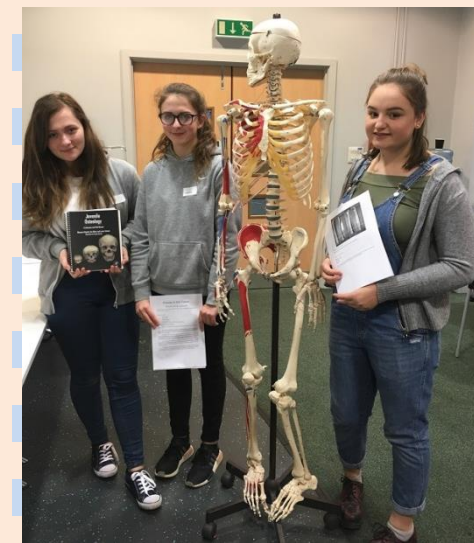
[Click here for more information.](#)

The "Much more than meets the eye" exhibition 2018 is on at Ripon Cathedral until 2nd March 2018. Amazing Art, do visit if you can!



Aiming Higher

Year 10 students attended a day at Sheffield University where they had to solve a real life murder of the Princes in the Tower. They had to use their new knowledge and skills on Osteoarchaeology and Law to prepare a debate on 'who killed the Princes'.



Are you interested in becoming a school mentor?

This is a voluntary service in which members of the local community with a desire to help young people and their local High School volunteer their time to support students.

Can you motivate?

CAN YOU INSPIRE?

Have you a relevant skill or expertise you could use to help students?

PAIRED READING....

SPECIALIST SUBJECT SUPPORT

GUIDANCE

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Contact 711246