

Year 7 had a great morning at Ilkley Literary Festival on 5th October when they met Emma Carroll, award-winning author of 'Letters From The Lighthouse' and 'The Girl Who Walked on Air'. She signed books, gave advice and talked about her new book 'Secrets of a Sun King'.



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted to bring you an extra page of news this week as there are so many individual whole school achievements to celebrate. There's already so much going on for Team Nidderdale this half term and news here of some exciting opportunities coming up too.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

National Mental Health Awareness Day - 10 Oct

Form tutors delivered mental health awareness information this week during registration time. Senior Students have chosen MIND as the school's charity to fundraise for. Head Girl, Hannah Reinsch said, 'Our school's exceptional support for the students' well-being is one of the main attributes that makes our school great. Today, good mental health is incredibly important for everyone's day to day life. By creating awareness for mental health with the students and choosing to raise money for the charity, Mind, this year, we feel we can continue to passionately support the students of Nidderdale High School and their well-being.'

Forthcoming events

- 16 October – Duke of Edinburgh Award launch evening 6pm School Hall
- 18 October – Y11 Parents' Evening
- 18 October – Drug Awareness Evening
- 22 October – Full Governing Board meeting
- 25 & 26 October – Year 7 to Beverley Park
- 5 November – Bonfire Lunch
- 8 November – Careers event/Further Education
- 12 November – PTFA Meeting all welcome 5.30 pm Room 5



On 27th September, we welcomed 'Susannah the Storyteller' who led Y7 in storytelling workshops followed by a performance of some classic Russian folk tales. Several enthusiastic Year 7s joined Susannah on stage to help tell her tales! Ms Lester.

Y11 Parents Evening - 18 Oct 2018 4.30-7.30pm

We welcome all Y11 parents to this important parents' evening to discuss progress and achievement and pre-GCSE updates. During the evening our Healthy Child Team representative will be available to offer advice and guidance regarding the well-being of students in their final year at Nidderdale. Mrs Eglin, Careers Adviser will also be available to discuss Post-16 Options. Please make an appointment.

An informative Drugs Awareness Workshop will follow parents' evening from 7pm and we would encourage as many parents as possible to stay for this. Important information all parents should be aware of will be presented by a selection of guest speakers including Outreach Team, NYCC Prevention Service, Healthy Child Team and North Yorkshire Police. We look forward to seeing you on 18th October.

Y11 Revision Sessions

All Y11 students have received a revision and intervention timetable highlighting sessions across the week before school, during lunchtimes, and after school. We are encouraging students to attend subject specific sessions which will support their learning and progress prior to mock exams in December. A copy of this timetable can be found on the school website. Please encourage your child to attend these sessions. Those who attend will receive a positive classchart point, parents can see attendance by checking ClassCharts regularly.

UK Youth Parliament

Students across whole school took part in a ballot vote recently that has now been submitted via the 'Make Your Mark' initiative run by UK Youth Parliament. UK Youth Parliament provides opportunities for 11-18 year olds to use their elected voice to bring about social change through meaningful representation and campaigning.

At final count at Nidderdale, the top three highest vote choices went towards Mental Health, Ending Knife Crime and Equal Pay for Equal rights.

The 'Make Your Mark' initiative gives an opportunity to reach out to young people who may go on to be opinion formers and leaders of the future.

If any students would like to find out how to get more involved with Youth Parliament please visit the website: www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk or speak to Mrs Ashton - KS4 Learning Manager.

Key Stage 3 News

Students in Key Stage 3 are continuing to enjoy the Extra-Curricular Clubs on offer in school. 499 positive points have already been awarded to Key Stage 3 students for attending.

Year 7 students are enjoying celebrating their Clean Slates in Privilege Club where they can listen to music, play video games and enjoy mobile phone privileges during lunch time. Well done to all students who have attended and keep up the positive attitude to your learning!

Craft Club has also been a huge success, with students from all year groups learning how to make pompoms, crochet and assemble an AirFix Spitfire aeroplane. The mindful benefits of the club were noted by crafter Jodi Bentley who said "I like going to Craft Club because it's relaxing and I feel more focussed in the afternoon when I've been".

Work Experience

Well done to Benjy Howard 10LG on securing his work experience placement for July 2019. He is the first student to do this.

Keep on running

Ben Smith-Ketteringham is in training for his Army Foundation College Interview and Physical on Monday. He goal is to run one and a half miles in 14 minutes and Mr MacNair is supporting and offering advice to Ben with his training, having just completed his second marathon at the weekend! Good luck to Ben and well done to Mr MacNair!

Careers Event/Further Education



Year 9 - 11 students are invited with parents/carers to attend the Careers/Further Education evening on Thu 8th November in school from 5 to 7 pm.

There will be a range of Post-16 providers present to assist students and give impartial advice and guidance on future pathways.

Nidderlicious

Students enjoyed our Italian themed menu on 9th October. The next themed day is Bonfire Lunch on 5th November.

Hot meal deals @£2.50
w/c 15 Oct:

Monday: Spaghetti bolognese, crunch fruit crumble

Tuesday: Chinese chicken and noodles, orange muffin

Wednesday: Braised Nidderdale Beef and Mash, Raspberry jelly

Thursday: Homemade pizza, flapjack

Friday: Thai Lamb curry, chocolate brownie

The full menu is always available on the school website.



Aiming Higher

We are really pleased to be able to offer the following University Experience Days to students in years 7 -10.

Year 7 - Medical Investigation at York University for students interested in Science (March 2019).

Year 8 Poetry Slam at Sheffield University for students interested in creative writing and performance (March 2019).

Year 9 Medicine Taster Session at York University (March 2019).

Year 10 University Experience Day at York University (Dec 2018).

More information on each trip will be available closer to the time.

All these educational visits include a tour of the University and a chance to find out about studying at University in the future.

Attendance update

Our Whole School attendance target for the academic year is **95.5%**. Current whole school attendance is **95.04%**.

Year 7 (97.3%), Year 8 (95.8%) and Year 10 (95.6%) are all currently exceeding the school attendance target.

54% of students have 100% attendance this term – an excellent achievement! Keep it up!



PE Department news

Last week was a great start to the fixture calendar. It was fantastic to see so many students representing their school in one evening and to see some outstanding individual performances. A special mention to Ethan and Mackenzie for their success in the football and to Martha and Sacha for being nominated as player of the match in Netball. Thank you to those that stayed to help and support. Go TEAM NIDD! Mrs Kay.

To keep up to date with news and photos please click <https://niddpe.wordpress.com>

Commemorating Pateley's WW1 soldiers

Students are currently making clay poppies and 287 wooden crosses in Art and Design. Staff, students and the PTFA are crocheting 287 poppies for each wooden cross.

We aim to create a lasting display at the front of school to honour every Pateley soldier who served in the conflict.

If you are able to help crochet some of the poppies, please contact the school

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