

Senior Student Team 2017



Head of School Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers

Once again we are returning to a new school year with a celebration of the successes of our out-going Year 11 students. Students out-performed national expectation in English and Maths, with 62% achieving at least Grade 4 in both subjects and a great many reaching the new higher grades of 5-9. All of our leavers have secured their next destination whether that is 6th Form in Harrogate, FE College, Apprenticeship or the Heritage Programme run by Adult Learning and Skills from our school site.

We have already been able to celebrate successes in the new term from attendance to Classcharts positives to the highest levels of academic performance, there is plenty of good news to go around.

One of my most enjoyable moments of the new term was getting to celebrate the success of one of our Year 8 students earlier in the week. I was lucky enough to find one of the Roald Dahl Day golden tickets in school on Wednesday and when I had collected my delicious Wonka Bar, I decided I would find a more deserving recipient of the prize. I looked for the student who had achieved the best attendance combined with the highest number of positives (and of course no negatives) across the whole school and was delighted to present my Wonka Chocolate bar to Jami Brown in Year 8. I was even more delighted to discover that many students in my Year 7 class the next day had heard all about it.

Kath Jordan, Head of School

Introducing Nidderdale STARS



So many of our students achieve in so many ways to make us proud on a daily basis. Rather than waiting for the formal end of term recognition of achievement events, this year we intend to pick out **STAR** behaviour on a weekly basis. Each week, staff will nominate students for:

Standards
Teamwork
Attitude
Resilience

These students will receive a postcard home congratulating them on their efforts and we will keep you updated through the Nidd News. The first set of postcards is in the post now. So we don't spoil the surprise, we will let you know who our first STARS are in the next issue.

Nidderdale Show 25 September

With many of our students involved in the Show from showing and judging livestock to entries in the various competitions, we hope to be able to celebrate lots of successes in the next issue of the Nidd News. Thank you to those parents who have already notified us of their intention to attend the Show as a family. If you haven't already done so, please do notify us by Monday 18th September at the very latest so that we can finalise plans for our activities in school and the group visits to the Show as part of our NICE day.

Transport Code of Conduct

All students have been issued with an NYCC passenger transport code of conduct outlining expectations for travel on school buses. If you haven't already done so, please discuss this at home with your child before signing and returning the code of conduct.

Nidderlicious News

Meal Deals at £2.50 w/c 18 September 2017

Monday: Chicken and Leek Pie, Orange Muffin.

Tuesday: Chinese Pork Noodles, Choc Chip rockbun.

Wednesday: Cottage pie and peas, Bakewell tart.

Thursday: Homemade pizza, raspberry jelly.

Friday: Thai Lamb Curry, Chocolate Brownie.

The **full menu** showing all options is on the school website at www.nidderdale.n-yorks.sch.uk

Our next themed meal is on 27th September – Italian Day



Artist in Residence

We are so very proud of Ms Adams' recent achievements as a professional artist. Ms Adams has been a teacher of art at Nidderdale High School since 2010 and we are delighted that she is able to combine her teaching with her work as an artist. Currently, her 'Wise People' collection is part of the Great North Art Show, at Ripon Cathedral. This exhibition runs until 24th September and entry to the show is free. Ms Adams has also been selected as one of a hundred international artists to exhibit at London's OXO Tower Bargehouse gallery as part of TRIBE 17 in October. Ms Adams says of her work, 'Hopefully my series of 'Wise People' reflects the positive nature of human beings and life, in an attempt to bring some support and happiness to people we love, respect and admire.' What a very Nidderdale sentiment!

PTFA Triathlon Cafe

A total of £410 was raised. Thank you for all contributions. Next meeting of PTFA 3rd October 6pm – all welcome.

Nidd Sports News

Don't forget all the latest Nidderdale Sports news is on our blog

<https://niddpe.wordpress.com/>

Student Leadership

We are delighted to introduce our new Senior Student team for 2017 as pictured on our front cover. Led by Head Boy, Jonah Wild and Head Girl, Gen Ashton, our Senior Student team will take on a range of responsibilities in school. All students in the newly appointed team demonstrated in their applications and interview that they can be role models for their peers in their attendance, attitude to learning and commitment to school. Vicky Fitzgerald, Porsche Rutherford, Madi Penney, Callum Shuttleworth and Will Issitt were all appointed to the Senior Student team and will take on their first role in representing the school next week at our Open Evening for Year 5/6 children and their parents.

Pastoral Update

Mrs Wright, Key Stage 3 Learning Manager, Mrs Ashton, Key Stage 4 Learning Manager, working together with Mr MacNair and Mrs Ada, our Learning Mentors, have quickly settled into new roles and are being proactive in supporting students to make good choices and get the most out of their learning experiences. The Learning Managers are first point of contact for parental queries and they will make sure that your queries are directed to the right people if they are unable to respond directly themselves.

Attendance

Our Whole School attendance target for the academic year is 95.5%. Following the Summer holidays, whole school attendance has been excellent at 96.7%. Year 7 (99.2%), Year 8 (96.1%), Year 9 (98.4%) and Year 11 (95.8%) are all exceeding the school attendance target. We have 306 students (86.2%) who have 100% attendance since starting back after the Summer holidays – keep up the excellent attendance!