

Head of School Introduction

Nidderdale in the Local News



You may have seen a feature in this week's Harrogate Advertiser series about our Ambassador Scheme, our new Learning Mentor roles at St Cuthberts and our gifted and talented workshops for Years 5 and 6. The students pictured above are representatives from each of the 3 projects.

If you missed it, click on the link below.

<https://www.harrogateadvertiser.co.uk/news/education/anti-bullying-ambassador-scheme-to-launch-at-nidderdale-high-1-9038407>

Rotary Clubs Technology Tournament

This competition took place on 7th February 2017 at St. Aidan's School and Nidderdale High School entered students from both Key Stages. After a brief introduction students were able to start the planning, designing and construction of a moving crane. The crane was to be constructed from wood and mounted on a wooden platform with wheels. The crane was to be capable of picking up a weight.

Judging was followed by Presentation of Results and the Key stage 4 team were delighted with the the prize for Best Portfolio. Students from both key stages worked hard within their teams.

Dear Parent/Carer

It has been a challenging week weather-wise and I would like to thank all parents and carers for their patience and understanding during the snow closure period. It is always a very difficult decision to make but considerations regarding site safety and staff travel safety must take priority. Many thanks to those families who have managed to get their children into school today. Those who have been prevented from travelling by the continued poor weather will have their absence authorised.

The picture below shows that we just had one visitor on site on Thursday and reminds me that some of our farming families will be facing the double challenge of lambing and extreme weather conditions. We all wish them well.

Staff preparing our Year 10 and 11 students for assessments with practical elements and early coursework deadlines have been particularly anxious about missed learning time this week and many have volunteered additional catch up sessions to run on Saturdays leading up to Easter. We will contact parents with full details of these sessions in a separate communication.

Kath Jordan, Head of School



Forthcoming events

- 5th March – Rescheduled War Horse Theatre Trip
 - 8th March - Hyde Park Picturehouse Y7
 - 13th March - Jane Eyre - Harrogate Theatre and Durham Cathedral visit - History students
 - 15th March 3.15pm PTFA meeting
 - 15th March Rescheduled Y7 Parents' Evening
 - 23rd March - NICE Day and Skipton Castle Y7 visit
 - 13th July - Durham Cricket Match Trip
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Aiming Higher

15 gifted and talented students from our local primary schools will be joining us on Tuesday 6th March for a creative writing masterclass with some of our talented Year 7 and 8 students.

We look forward to hosting our first Maths sessions for gifted and talented Year 5 and 6 students in the Summer term and would welcome any of our feeder primary schools to join us.

Senior Student Team News

The Senior team has raised £311 so far through hosting bake sales and discos for KS3. These events have been successful and fun. The team would like to host more events for all years and are open to suggestions from parents or students. The fundraising is to support a reduction in ticket prices so the Year 11 Prom can include all Year 11. Thank you for supporting the student team in their fundraising. Vicky Fitzgerald.



Student Achievement

Jack Mallinson has successfully achieved a place with the England Youth Development Training Team where only 57 boys from the whole of England have been selected to attend 5 training sessions.

Throughout the 5 sessions and in conjunction with feedback from each of the Scholarship Professional Clubs, an U16's Team will be selected to travel to France to compete in the Summer.

To achieve a place as part of the Training Team is a huge achievement. Well done Jack

Student Voice

A group of 10 students will attend a North Yorkshire Youth Voice Conference in Harrogate organised by the Children and Young People's Service.

The theme is 'Being Heard - Making an Impact'.

It aims to bring together North Yorkshire Youth representatives for them to develop their understanding of the potential impact of youth voice in their school and community, share examples of their successes in having a voice, be inspired and empowered to further develop their voice to make a difference and be the change in their school, community and globally.

Nidderlicious

Please bear with us, changes to the published menu may have to be made owing to problems with deliveries. Hot meal deals are available at £2.50 – this includes a main meal with vegetables and a pudding.

Mobile phone contact with students

We ask all parents and carers not to contact children on their mobile phones during the school day. All urgent messages can be delivered via the school office. If students have their mobile phones in school they are required to be switched off and out of sight at all times. Please encourage your child to comply with these rules.

Mobile phones are a constant source of distraction for some of our students and we encourage all students to stay focussed and engaged in lessons and during the school day.

Switching off mobile phones helps students prioritise their learning and enjoy school. We believe, and research shows, that students who can leave their phones switched off or at home during the school day can increase their chances of performing better in exams.

PTFA News



Thankyou for supporting our fundraising efforts through easyfundraising. If you have not yet registered to do this, [see the link here](#) to find out how you can support student experiences without it costing a penny!

Our next PTFA meeting is on 15th March at 3.15 pm in school – it would be nice to see some new faces. Do come and join us!