



Tour de
Yorkshire

As the Tour de Yorkshire has once again brought national attention to our amazing community, we were delighted that some of our students were invited to be part of pre-event activities. Pictured above are members of the school cycling club and other students meeting Sir Gary Verity and Christian Prudhomme.

Dear Parent / Carer

GCSE exams are about to begin for all students in Year 11, with many Year 10 students also getting their first GCSE exam experience in just one subject.

Students have worked hard with staff and we wish them the very best of luck over this stressful few weeks.

GCSE time is very much a 'Team Nidderdale' experience. Younger students are encouraged to be respectful of exam spaces, pastoral staff support those struggling with anxiety, timetables are altered to provide additional revision and operational staff keep everything running smoothly.

Parents are reminded to be in touch with school as soon as possible with any concerns or queries about the exams.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

Sports News

- Sports Day will be taking place in early July where students will compete for their House team in Athletics, Rounders, Tennis or Cricket. Preparations for Sports Day are taking place in PE lessons.
- A big thank you to all our Sports Leaders who have been supporting the Primary School Sports Competitions.
- If you have outgrown school PE kit or trainers no longer required could you please send them in to school for the department to use.
- Leo Wilson 7MC has been selected for North Yorkshire U12s Cricket team; he also has trial for the Yorkshire Cricket U12 team too so good luck from all staff!

Forthcoming events

- 14 May – 15 June GCSE Examinations
- 14 May – Full Governors meeting 6pm
- 14 May- Year 8 Cricket v Rossett (County Cup 1st Round)
- 17 May Y9/10 Rounders v Outwood
- 21 May- Year 9 Cricket v South Craven (NYSC Cup 1st Round)
- 23 May – Y9/10 Rounders v UWS
- 28 May – 1 June – Bank holiday/half term
- 5 July – Y6 Induction Day
- 6 July – School closed to students (Red Kite Day 5)
- 11 July – Year 11 Prom
- 12 July – Y6 Induction Day 2 and Parents Evening 6pm

Free Event

Ripon Sailing Club is situated on Farnham Lake, on the outskirts of Knaresborough and has been a family friendly club for 60 years. They are holding an Open Day on Saturday 12 May 10:30am - 4pm.

PTFA News

Our planned Year 5 – 8 family Bingo (was 11 May) has been postponed. Watch this space for a new date in June.

Coming soon



Aim Higher

On Weds 9th May, fifteen Year 8 students visited Leeds University to complete challenge and extension activities in English. They also enjoyed a tour of the University.

Students really enjoyed their day and said, 'the University was fantastic and it was a great time to start thinking about whether they want to go on to higher education'.

Look out for news about the next University trip which will be a campus tour with lunch.

Antibullying Ambassadors



Our new Anti-Bullying Ambassadors presented their first assemblies to Key Stage 3 students this week. They explained how to contact them through the post box in reception, by meeting them at break time or by email AB@nidderdale.n-yorks.sch.uk

They also asked all students to take part in an online pledge to be kind to each other by sharing the hashtag **#NiddStandUp** on their social media.

They were joined by a Year 11 student who shared his experiences of bullying at another school and demonstrated how his love for music helped him overcome these difficulties and become more confident in himself. Staff and students alike were moved to tears by his story and we thank him for having the courage to speak out.

The assemblies were well received with many more students now asking to be involved in the Anti-Bullying Group.

Well done to all students involved. Please watch this space for more Anti-Bullying Group news.

Attendance Matters

Our Whole School attendance target for the academic year is 95.5% and the current whole school attendance is 94.2%. Following the Easter holidays, whole school attendance has improved to 95.2%. We still have 33 students who have 100% attendance for the academic year – keep up the excellent attendance!

KS3 Interform competition standings

Form	Points	Position
7MC/RB	103	1st
7JK	83	2nd
8HT/MS	75	3rd
9SP	73	4th
7SR	63	5th
9JO	62	6th
8AM	55	7th
8DB/KD	54	8th
7PT	53	9th
9LG	51	10th
8BC	47	11th

Nidderlicious

National Vegetarian Week will take place 14th – 20th May. We will be encouraging students to try something different e.g. *Mediterranean Vegetable Tart*, *Vegetarian Stuffed Pepper* and *Ratatouille* as well as their favourite Tomato and Cheese Pasta Bake.

The full menu showing all options for next week is on the school website or [click here](#).

Themed days coming up
Mexican Day – 12th June,
American Day 4th July.