



## Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent/Carer

Last Friday saw the culmination of many weeks of hard work from staff, students and other supporters across a wide range of subjects and clubs to produce our memorial to mark 100 years since the end of World War 1. Thanks to Mrs Witherwick, work in History, Art, DT, Maths, Music and Craft Club was brought together to create the poppy installation you see pictured here and can still see at the front of school. Our Collective Act of Remembrance held outside on Friday featured poetry written by Year 9, incredibly moving speeches by our Head Boy and Head Girl and beautiful singing from the choir (supported by all Year 7 and 8 students). Representatives from each form and representatives from St Cuthberts and Fountains Earth Lofthouse were invited to plant the final poppies and the Last Post was played by one of our Year 8 students.

I would like to thank Reverend Daryl Hall for offering prayers of remembrance at our event, which was also attended by Mrs Chris Scaife, Mayor of Pateley Bridge, Keith Tordoff, MBE and members of our Governing Body.

Our students demonstrated incredible respect and empathy in creating the memorial and taking part in our event. It was a privilege to share this moment with the whole school community and representatives of the wider community.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher



## Forthcoming events

19 Nov – Governing Board meeting  
 22 Nov - Y8 Parents' Meeting  
 3-14 Dec – Y11 Mock Exams  
 14 Dec – Y11 York Christmas market trip  
 18 Dec – School Christmas Lunch  
 21 Dec 3.15 p.m. School closes for Christmas break

7 Jan – Staff Training Day  
 8 Jan – School reopens to students







## Y7 Residential

Just before half term break, over 95% of year 7 students were taken to Bewerley Park for a 2 day residential stay.

Students were grouped into their House teams which meant they had the opportunity develop their team work.

Students took part in a range of activities from mountain biking, caving, rock climbing, canoeing and ghyll scrambling.

We were really proud of each individual, some overcoming fears and others helping and supporting their peers.

Students reflected on their experience on return to school and reviewed how they will use what they learnt to help them in other settings.



## Teachers of the Future

We are proud to work with a range of Universities and other training providers to support the professional development of our next generation of teachers.

Mr B Eastwood, ( English), Mrs S McDonnell, (History) and Mr F Noirit, (French) will all be working with us in school for the next few months.

## Senior Student News

This week our Senior Student Team have led assemblies with all year groups to highlight their chosen charity, MIND. They are keen to promote their message of the importance of good mental health and taking responsibility for all aspects of your own health. Issues relating to mental health for young people are very high profile nationally and we are proud of our Senior Students for promoting a positive message about mental health. As well as raising awareness and offering support to their peers, the Senior Student team will also be organising events to raise money for MIND.

## Y7 and 8 Rewards Trip to the Cinema 15 and 16 Nov

As a reward for enthusiastic participation in our Accelerated Reader reading scheme, our keenest Year 7 and Year 8 readers enjoyed trips to the Everyman Cinema in Harrogate. Year 7 enjoyed the film "Coco" and Year 8 watched "Goosebumps 2" a film based on the popular book series by R.L.Stine. Currently, 7JK are leading the termly form prize for Accelerated Reader points followed by 7DH and 7VW. The winning form will be announced on Thursday 20th December so there's still plenty of time to win those reading points!

## Children in Need 2018

***We have raised lots of pennies for Pudsey's piggybank today!***



## Nidderlicious

**The School Christmas Lunch will be on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – letters will be sent out next week, students need to book their lunch by 11 December so catering arrangements can be made. Please send in the reply slip. Payments will be taken on the day.**

### Hot meal deals @£2.50 - w/c 19 Nov:

**Monday:** Beef Stew and Dumpling, Choc Chip Muffin  
**Tuesday:** Sweet & Sour Chicken, Crunchy Fruit Crumble  
**Wednesday:** Roast Port & Apple Sauce, Bakewell Tart  
**Thursday:** Homemade Pizza, Buttered Scone and Jam  
**Friday:** Thai Chicken Curry, Chocolate Brownie

The full menu is always available on the school website homepage.



## Invigilators/ General Teaching Assistant

Mrs Murgatroyd, Exams Officer requires Invigilators for the December Mock series and for the May/June 2019 GCSE exam series.

The Learning Support Department require a General Teaching Assistant (27.5 hours) to start in January or sooner if possible.

If you are interested in either of these vacancies please see the school website vacancies tab ([click here](#)).

## Geography GCSE Fieldwork

The group are pictured below at Scar House Reservoir. The trip was part of their requirement to consider tourism at two different sites.



## Question Time

On Friday 9th November a group of Year 11 students attended a "Question Time" event organised by Leeds University. The event took place in the beautiful Leeds Minster and gave students the opportunity to quiz a panel of experts, including Hilary Benn MP, on subjects as diverse as LGBT rights, the interpretation of religious text and youth engagement in politics.

## NICE Day

Thursday November 8th was a NICE day. We welcomed into school guests from a variety of specialisms, including David Randall from Harrogate Homeless Project, Helen Richardson from the Fire Service, Sarah Lynch who discussed online safety and John Day who gave students information on drugs awareness. Nabilah Karim gave our students a fascinating insight into Leeds Mosque, in advance of our planned school trip to the mosque which will take place during our next NICE day. Another of our guests was Shahab Adris. Shahab works with young people and community groups in order to increase understanding of Muslim culture within communities.

In addition to spending time with our visitors, students had the opportunity to take part in a Careers Carousel, where they were given taster sessions in beauty therapy, engineering and early years teaching. Year 11 also took part in Careers, CV writing and Employability.

Year 8 students spent NICE day at the National Science and Media Museum in Bradford which houses more than 3 million items of cultural significance.