

## Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

One of the greatest privileges of working in a small school is the opportunity it provides to get to know individual students. Earlier in the year, Mrs Ashton and I met with every student in Year 11 to discuss their individual plans for their final year at Nidderdale. More recently, we had similar meetings with Year 10 students. One of the things that impressed me most was the number of students who have clear plans and aspirations for their future. Their plans are diverse and include: studying philosophy and ethics at Cambridge University, Equine Therapy, European Languages at Oxford or Cambridge University, medicine, law and veterinary science, developing the family farming business after studying agriculture at university, performing arts, joining the armed services, opening a craft bakery in New York or France, teaching and a wide range of trades.

We look forward to working in partnership with all students, parents and staff to make sure our young people are well placed to take the next steps towards making these plans a reality.



## Library News

The winners of Gothic Literature Month's Scary Story in Two Sentences competition were Helena Macnish Y8 and Lucy Mawer Y7. Both students received book prizes. So many students had entered the competition that it was impossible to pick one winner so we picked two instead!

Runner up prizes were awarded to Y7 students Tom Smith, Hollie Young, Brendan Jackson and Sam Theakston and Y9 students Reuben Thompson and Alfie Cotrell.

Ms Lester



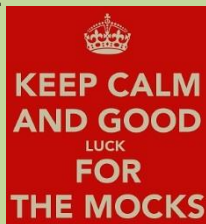
## Children in Need

We raised an impressive £674 for Children in Need. Well done to everybody who contributed. Some of the projects in Northern England who will benefit from the money raised by BBC Children in Need are shown [here](#).

## Mock Exams

### 3 – 14 Dec

This is an important and often stressful time for our Year 11 students. We would ask for the support of the rest of the school community in moving quietly around school to enable students to complete exams without distraction.



## Forthcoming events

**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**

## Nidderlicious

The School Christmas Lunch will be on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018. 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.

### Winter meal deals @£2.50 - w/c 3 Dec:

**Monday:** Beef and Potato Pie, Apple Crumble  
**Tuesday:** Pork and Apple Burger in a bun, Jam Sponge  
**Wednesday:** Shepherds' Pie, Choc chip sponge  
**Thursday:** Homemade Pizza, Raspberry jelly and fruit  
**Friday:** Thai Lamb Curry, Chocolate crispie

The full menu is always available on the school website homepage, vegetarian options also available.

## Careers



Our annual Careers Event (8 November) was attended by a wide range of Post 16 Providers who gave valuable impartial information and help on decisions for next steps. This event was open to Years 9, 10 and 11 and we welcomed 90 students and their families.



## Christmas Showcase Save the date!

Preparations for the Christmas Showcase fundraising for MIND on Thursday 20 Dec are well underway. Senior students will run the music and drama event. The Head Girl and Head Boy will host the evening which will run from 6 – 7.30 pm.

The PTFA will run a refreshments stall on the evening and there will be a chocolate raffle to be drawn on the night. Please send in any chocolate donations clearly marked – MIND Raffle. More information will be available closer to the time.



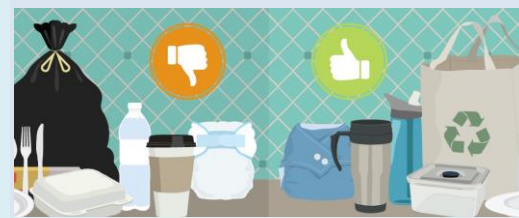
## Single use plastics strategy

In a bid to reduce single use plastics and in agreement with the school's Eco-committee, we have decided to pass the full 5p cost of plastic takeaway cartons on to the students. We hope this discourages the use of single-use plastic across the school.

Should students not wish to pay this extra 5p they may either have a meal on a china plate in the dining room or bring in a Tupperware box from home and use this as their food container.

We are in contact with various suppliers to source recyclable cups, cutlery and packaging. Should the sustainable materials prove more expensive, this additional cost will not be passed on to the students.

We hope that you will support us in this well-intentioned initiative.



## Student News

Evie entered the Ripon Young Musician competition on 17<sup>th</sup> November. She sang solo "The Sound of Music", and won her section receiving a medal and prize money. Well done Evie!



**PTFA** The new Chair is Mrs N Wright. The next meeting will be held in January – all welcome, details to follow.

The **Grand Christmas Raffle** tickets will be on sale soon so look out for the envelope coming home and send in your ticket stubs and payments by 14<sup>th</sup> December. The draw will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> December at the Christmas Showcase. Many prizes to be won!

A huge thankyou to Mrs Hunter who recently ran her first marathon and donated some of the funds raised to our PTFA. This sum will be put to good use to support extra-curricular events, activities and resources for students.

If you are shopping on line for Christmas gifts or even for your weekly groceries, please consider registering at [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) to help raise funds for PTFA – there are more than 3,000 shops. Please click on the [flyer here](#) for further information and register today to help us support student activities outside of the curriculum.