

Autumn Newsletter 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

The end of term is finally upon us after a fifteen week term that has seen an incredible number of opportunities for and achievements by students. Even in the final week of term, those opportunities keep on coming with a university trip for KS4 students on Monday, our Christmas Showcase, raising funds for MIND on Thursday and Achievement Assemblies and Pizza Parties for our Interform winners on Friday.



Our new PE team: Mr Barrass, Mr Hill, Mr Couldwell and Miss Wilcock, led by Mrs Kay, have been developing a wide range of clubs and activities from traditional favourites of football, rugby, netball and table tennis to more unusual offerings of mountain biking, climbing and handball. We are delighted to have so many students getting involved in activities at lunchtime and after school and you can read more about these activities on the pages that follow.

Earlier this half term, staff, students and members of the community came together to remember the fallen of the two World Wars in an incredibly moving collective act of remembrance around the poppy installation that was a whole school effort in the making. Again, you can read more about this incredibly special event later in this newsletter.

Throughout this newsletter you will find references to supporting good mental health. As a school we take our responsibilities for teaching and supporting young people to develop good mental health and resilience extremely seriously. Our training day in January will have a dual focus. In the morning staff from our school and several local primary schools will be taking part in a range of activities designed to support their own physical and mental well-being. In the afternoon we will be working with the Self Esteem Team on strategies for supporting young people with their mental health.

Staff and students have worked incredibly hard through this long term and deserve this well-earned Christmas break. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone of you a happy and restful holiday.

Kath Jordan
Headteacher



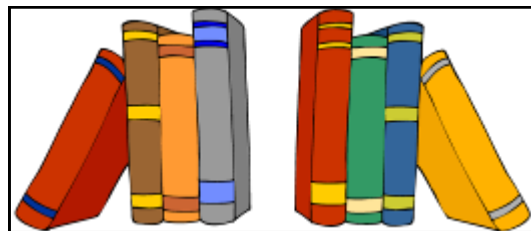
Library News

Accelerated Reader

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" on Friday 16th November and Year 8 watched "Goosebumps 2" a



film based on the popular book series by R.L. Stine. Year 7 will have the opportunity to win further rewards for their participation in our reading scheme, both individually and collectively. Currently, 7JK are leading the termly form prize for Accelerated Reader points with a score of 536.6, followed by 7DH with 285.4 points and 7VW with 210 points. The winning form will be announced on Thursday 20th December.



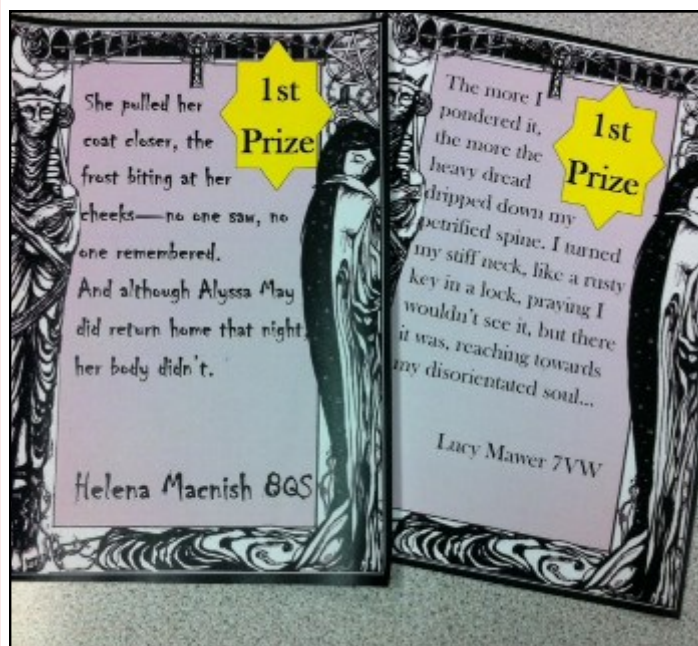
Book Buzz

Year 7 students recently received their Book Buzz choices. The scheme gives students the opportunity to choose their own book to take home and keep from a list of 17 titles that have been carefully selected by a panel of experts to ensure quality and suitability and to encourage reading for pleasure. The scheme is kindly funded by the PTFA.



Library Prizes

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.



Bewerley Park

Last half term, over 95% of year 7 students were taken to Bewerley Park for a two day residential trip. 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 including 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.



University Visits

17th December, Year 10, York University Experience

A group of Y10 students attended York University on Monday for a taster day. They got the chance to experience student life, hear about student finance and take part in University Challenge against other Yorkshire schools. Well done to Team Nidderdale who came first in University Challenge!



7th March, Year 8 Sheffield University Poetry Slam

This event is suitable for those with an interest and passion for poetry, the arts, English and performance. A published poet will guide students through the 'how to' of poetry, students will create their own poems and compete in a poetry slam with prizes!



19th March, Year 10, York University, The Science Trail

This event is suitable for students wishing to study Science and Medicine at University. Students will participate in hands-on workshops in exciting areas of science which affect us every day. Students will discover what it's like to study science at a research-intensive university, experiencing teaching and learning first-hand in lab sessions, lectures, seminars, demonstrations and debates.

20th March, Year 9, York University, Medicine

This event is suitable for students wishing to study Science and Medicine at University. The Year 9 event is based around the treatment of a patient with Parkinson's disease. Students will develop their team working skills in problem-based learning and find out more about imagining techniques that are used in medicine to treat patients through an interactive modelling session.

27th March, Year 7, York University, A Medical Emergency

This event is suitable for students interested in studying Science and Medicine at University. The session will be based on an imaginary patient, Lucy, who has been in a road traffic accident and has been rushed to hospital. In this session, students work in teams to diagnose Lucy's symptoms and save her life.



Area of Learning - PE

Nidderdale High Handball

This term, the school's GCSE PE students have been developing their handball skills in practical lessons in preparation for their assessment later on in the year. Progress is evident, keep up the good work year 10 and 11.

There has been a consistently high number of pupils attending Thursday lunchtime handball this term. Well done to those pupils who have attended. Handball will replace extracurricular basketball on Mondays in the New Year, all ages and abilities are welcome to attend.

We have recently secured two competition handball goals which were kindly donated to us by York Hunters Handball Club. We thank them for their kindness and can assure them they will be used on a regular basis.

Finally, well done to all pupils who have engaged in handball this term, keep continuing to help the sport grow in our school.



Outdoor Education at Nidderdale High School

This year we have taken on the challenge to increase the Outdoor Education (OE) within the school using the amazing setting that we are so fortunate to be located in. Following on from the fantastic start Mr Biggs made, I am working to develop the interest and awareness of OE. There are many reasons why OE is an excellent tool for helping our students to:

- Develop confidence, self-esteem, self-discipline and resilience through attempting new and challenging activities.
- Develop new skills in outdoor activities potentially including climbing, hill walking, mountain biking and water-based activities.



- Develop team working and problem-solving skills.
- Learn about heritage and conservation activities which are essential to the sustainability of the Dale. Increase their connectedness to nature.
- Learn how to express themselves in a different way to the school classroom.
- Increase their health and wellbeing, as well as their social and emotional awareness.
- Increase motivation and their appetite for learning.
- Broaden horizons and give students skills for life.

We have had a brilliant first term working with three different OE groups, one GCSE rock climbing group and a number of students in climbing and mountain biking clubs. We are incredibly lucky in our location and can use great venues for our activities such as Brimham Rocks, Pen-y-ghent, Simon's Seat and many more. Mr Couldwell



Sports Leaders: The primary competitions that are held here at Nidderdale High School rely on our sports leaders to help and support. After every competition we receive fantastic feedback about how well our leaders conduct themselves. They are able to work as a team, stay organised and communicate with both children and adults. These are all essential skills that will continue to be developed. I want to take this opportunity to thank our leaders for all their hard work and dedication.

PE notice

We would like to take this opportunity to remind students to check they have the correct PE kit for their activities, they need to bring a note if not taking part in PE and are still required to get changed and take a non-participant role.

A great way to keep updated with fixtures and results is the School PE blog at <https://niddpe.wordpress.com/>

House News

Classcharts Results

Key Stage Three House Points

CATEGORY	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	RATIO
Ingleborough	11444	-388	97%
Whernside	11086	-538	95%
Pen-Y-Ghent	11565	-803	94%

Overall House Competitions (10 points for 1st place 7 point 2nd place 4 points for 3rd place)

Whernside – 28 points

Ingleborough – 34 points

Pen- Y- Ghent – 25 points

Year 8 Hockey and Badminton House Competitions

Last term all year 8 students represented their House in either a Hockey or badminton tournament.

Hockey

Whernside 30 points

Ingleborough 23 points

Pen-y-ghent 16 points

Badminton

Pen-y-ghent – 15 wins

Ingleborough – 9 wins

Whernside – 9 wins

House literacy competition

At the end of last term Year 7 & 8 students were selected to represent their House in a literacy Gothic themed competition. Joe O'Connell for Ingleborough won first place, with Carmen Rhonda-Perez and Sam Theakston a close 2nd for Pen-y-ghent, followed very closely by George Hemming and Kiera Burton for Whernside.

Upcoming House Competitions

It is an exciting and busy time in PE as we prepare for our 2nd round of intra-house competitions. All three houses, Whernside, Ingleborough and Pen-y-ghent will go against each other in different sports in an attempt to win vital points to help see their House become Champions at the end of the school year. Year 8 will kick things off on Friday 14th of December followed by years 7 & 9 the following week.

Good luck to all students and may the best teams win.

School Events

Remembrance Day

On Friday 9th November the Nidderdale High school community came together to remember those who served in the Great War. This year we wanted to focus on our 287 local men from Pateley Bridge and recognize their efforts to create a better world for us today. Students and staff across the whole school produced tributes to mark the centenary of the ending of the First World War. Mr Hawkins and Miss Porter skilfully made 287 wooden crosses with students in DT lessons. Students then wrote the names of the 287 servicemen on these crosses in their History lessons. Our KS3 manager Mrs Wright led a team of keen craft club students to crochet 287 poppies for the individual crosses, with a little bit of help from the staff team. The Art department carefully produced 287 clay poppies with students from across school. Some of these poppies petals were scattered around the memorial as a lasting thought to those who fell in the First World War.

Mrs Cawley-Johnson directed a team of talented musicians and the Year 7 and 8 classes in a musical tribute of 'I Vow to the My Country', which was performed in front of the whole school community. In addition to this, Year 9 students performed war poetry they had created in their history lessons which showed the respect, the care and the impact learning about the First World War has had on them. The service of remembrance was led by our Senior students Hannah and Joe. They shared with our community their thoughts on why it matters that we remember wars and also the impact it has had on generations since. The service was closed by Thomas Howard in Year 8 who performed the Last Post on his trumpet perfectly. This occasion marked not only a school community coming together to respectfully remember such an important part of our history; but also a school community reflecting on our roles within society today and the difference we can make.



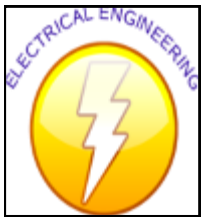
Nice Day

Thursday 8th November 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. On the evening of the NICE day we held our Annual Careers Event. This was open to students in Year 9 - 11 to enable them to access impartial Careers Advice and Guidance to help them decide on option choices and Post 16. This was a very successful event and attended by over 100 families.



General News

Parents' Evening

After trialling 'Parents' Evening' software where parents are able to book time with teachers online at our Parents' Evenings we are confident the system works well for both parents and teachers.

Future Parents' Evenings for Year 10—17th January 2019, Year 9—7th February 2019 and Year 7—7th March 2019, will use the software. You will receive instructions on how to log in from the admin department shortly before the relevant parents' evening.



Family Link App—Online Safety

There is new parental control software: a Google App, recommended by parents, called Family Link. It allows parents the ability to set ground rules for their child's online activity. Parents can use their own devices to view and monitor their child's online activity ensuring they are keeping safe. They can also see screen time and can set time limits. Parents can lock devices and, at bedtimes, put the devices to sleep ensuring a good balance of use. The App also has a location device, as long as the phone is being carried on the person.



River Walk—The Nidd

If you have a spare half an hour over the Christmas holidays, why not settle down to watch River Walks: The Nidd, which can be found on the BBC iPlayer: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b0bty0gp/river-walks-series-1-the-nidd>

What a fantastic reminder of how lucky we are to live, work and go to school in such a beautiful location. Lovely to see some of our families represented in the programme too.



Wanted

Toiletry items not wanted after Christmas? If you have received gifts that you do not want, send them to school and we will arrange to take them to the Women's Refuge in Harrogate after Christmas.

Women in abusive relationships often leave home with their children and cannot take anything with them. They arrive at the Women's Refuge with nothing, so any toiletry items would be very welcome.



General News

Guinea Pigs visited Pastoral Department

Students have been learning about small animal care in Pastoral Support this term following the loan of two guinea pigs. The animals have very different personalities. Caramel is confident and boisterous and Cocoa is shy, quiet and retiring. They are learning to adjust to the sounds of groups of children visiting them each day and taking an interest in their wellbeing. Students in Year 9 have been looking after the guinea pigs during lunchtimes ensuring that students around them are calm and quiet. They are enjoying being groomed and are being spoilt with special guinea pig treats. Students who have become confident in handling them have talked about how relaxed and calm they make them feel.



Young Minds



The Pastoral Support Team recommend students, parents & carers concerned about mental health to look at the excellent support and resources offered by the Young Minds website. You will find information, blogs, real life stories, guidance and advice as well as a confidential help line. There is also a parents A-Z Guide to Support.

Young Minds mission is "...Leading the fight for a future where all young minds are supported and empowered, whatever the challenges."

In Pastoral Support, students will find handy quick tip guides on subjects such as relaxation, stress, healthy lifestyles, anxiety & sleep and, as the exam season begins, we will offer additional support to help students manage revision, develop relaxation techniques and remain confident. Young Minds has lots of good information recognising that taking exams can be a stressful time for any young person but with support, encouragement and belief, they can achieve the results they are hoping for.

Cliffe Castle

On Tuesday 11th September I accompanied a group of students who are studying AQA GCSE in Art, Craft and Design at NO6 Gallery in Pateley Bridge to Cliffe Castle in Keighley.

This allowed them to gain inspiration and ideas from exhibits there. Their tutors Biddy Noakes and Michelle Pilkington from NO6 arranged a workshop for them to attend where they had the chance to guild with leaf gold. This was a fabulous opportunity for our students and at the end of the year their work will be on display for us to view.

Mrs Eglin



General News

Junior Memberships



Use the gym at any time with a person aged 16 or over or take part in a 45 minute supervised session by a Brimhams fitness instructor.

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Burberry

I was invited to an event representing our school in November to the first of many Creative Industries Continued Professional Development (CPD) sessions for teachers.

This first session was hosted by Burberry and consisted of an interactive tour of the Keighley Mill famous for the creation of the Burberry Trench Coat.

The session included an insight into the creative industries and an exploration into the different roles and careers that can be found within the mill.

In the Spring term I am hoping to take a group of students to visit.
Mrs Eglin



National Apprenticeship Show

I took a group of Year 10/11 students to The National Apprenticeship show at the Yorkshire Event Centre in Harrogate. There students had the opportunity to access impartial advice regarding Apprenticeships. There were around 100 exhibitors to see across a wide range. It was a really engaging and informative afternoon. Mrs Eglin



Nidderlicious



Catering News – Autumn Term 2018

Nidderlicious catering has continued to play a major role in students' enjoyment of school.

On Open Evening we provided sweet and savoury tasters for Y5/6 students and their parents and discussed our menu options/comments about school catering with the help of some current students.

Aside from the everyday catering menu including at least three choices daily, we have also catered for various themed days this term.

European Day of Languages (French themed meal)

Italian Day

Bonfire Lunch on 5th November



We are now busy with our preparations for a whole school Christmas lunch on 18th December serving 300 dinners across two services!

What's new for next term?

In addition to routine catering including favourites on Thursdays and Fridays (pizzas and curries), we will also hold the following themed days:

Chinese New Year –(February) Year of the Pig

St Patrick's Day – (March)

St George's Day (April)

National Vegetarian Week – 13 -19 May

Single-use Plastics in Catering Department

We have introduced a charge of 5p to students using plastic takeaway boxes in an effort to discourage their use. Students can either pay 5p, or choose to have their meal on a plate in the dining hall or they are welcome to bring a plastic re-usable box from home. In conjunction with the school's Eco committee are working towards reducing the school's use of single-use plastics and over the next few terms we will be introducing recyclable containers, cutlery and cups. We hope you support us in this commitment.

Should you wish to discuss catering provision or suggest healthy meals for our menu please contact us at school.



**Mrs Naylor, Catering Manager
Mrs Clark, Mrs Tinsley,
Ms Whelan,**



PTFA

Thank you to everyone who offered to help out at the Cyclo-Cross Cafe. The cold weather on the day meant the cafe was very busy selling hot chocolates and pulled pork sandwiches! The event raised £470 for the school.

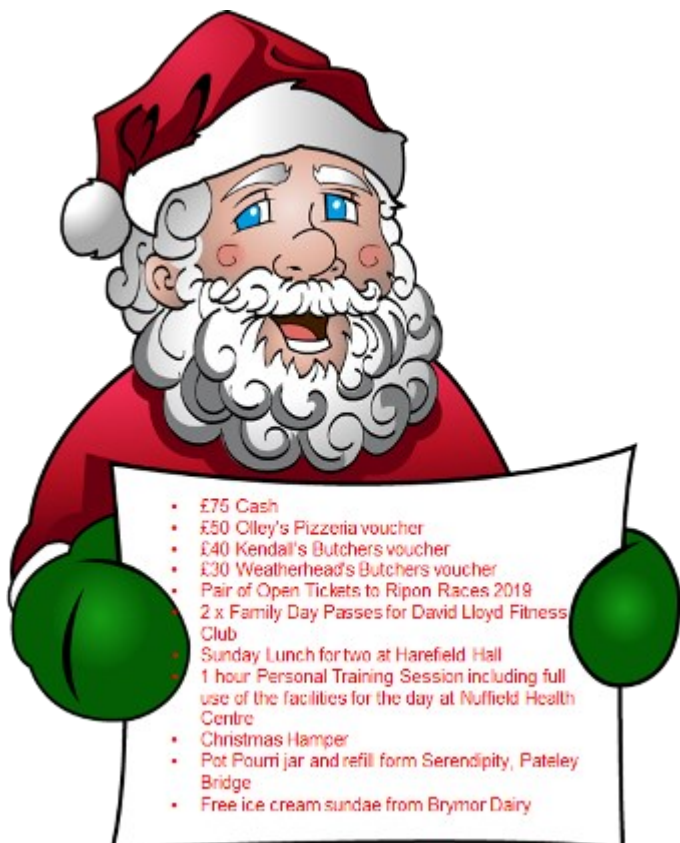
At our last meeting it was agreed that the PTFA would fund some more signage around school, new dictionaries for every classroom and £500 towards the Remembrance Memorial at the front of school. I'm sure you'll agree that these are all worthwhile causes.

Upcoming Events

- Refreshments will be provided by the PTFA at the Showcase evening on 20th December when the Grand Raffle will be drawn. Good luck to all parents and carers who have purchased tickets!
- We will be holding our first ever Race Night in school on Friday 15th March at 7pm. This is a really fun evening and a great opportunity for staff and parents to get to know each other. Tickets will cost £5 and will include supper and licenced bar. More information will follow after the Christmas break.
- I am also organising a Tough Mudder Team to raise additional funds through sponsorship. A number of staff have already signed up for the race which takes place at the end of July in Skipton. If parents and carers would be interested in joining us, please let me know by emailing nicola.wright@nidderdale.n-yorks.sch.uk.

Wishing you all Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the PTFA.

Nicola Wright



Attendance

Year 7
96.92%

Year 8
94.99%

Year 9
93.15%

Year 11
91.33%

Whole School
Attendance
94.12%

Year 10
93.85%

Girls
93.96%

Boys
94.28%

90 Students
100%

251 Students
Above 95.5%

120 Students
Below 95.5%

Uniform & Equipment

Uniform Expectations

A reminder that students wishing to wear a skirt MUST wear the official school skirt with the 'N' logo. The skirt can be purchased from stockists: Rawcliffes or Smart Start.

For boys and girls, trousers must be tailored. Slim fit, skinny, jeggings and leggings are not permitted.

All students must wear proper school shoes—canvas shoes, trainers or boots are not acceptable.

Blazers and ties should be worn correctly to and from school and around the building at all times. Students will be permitted to remove their blazers in the classroom if they seek the teacher's permission.

The only jewellery permitted is one pair of small, plain studs or sleepers, worn one in each earlobe. Students are not allowed to wear nose studs or any other form of facial or body piercing.

If students do not arrive to school in correct uniform they will be sanctioned accordingly. Students will be supported to ensure they are wearing their uniform correctly at the start of each day. After this they will receive a sanction if uniform is incorrect.

We thank you in anticipation of your support in this matter.

Equipment Expectations

Please help your child to get organised and avoid classchart negatives for lack of equipment.

The required equipment for each school day is:

Pen x 2
Pencil
Ruler
Rubber

Compass
Protractor
Coloured Pencils
Calculator

Black fine liner (Technology)
Highlighter pen(s) (optional)
Purple Pen

Homework Club runs a stationery shop each lunchtime where these items may be purchased at very reasonable prices.

Students also require an apron for Technology/Art lessons, ingredients as specified for Food lessons and PE Kit on PE Lesson days.



Useful Information

Pastoral Team

Ms Anneliese Walker	— Senior Pastoral Officer
Mrs Jan Ashton	— Key Stage 4 Learning Manager
Mrs Nicola Wright	— Key Stage 3 Learning Manager
Mrs Sarah Ada	— Senior Learning Mentor
Mr Brian MacNair	— Senior Learning Mentor and Attendance Officer

The Learning Mentors will work with students in class and through intervention work. Learning Managers are the first point of contact for parents.

What To Do If.....

We understand that many situations can occur for students throughout the school day and it is important that they know who they can turn to and what the correct procedure is.

Students and parents can refer to page 10 of the school planner for more advice on what to do during the school day if things are not going to plan.

If your child is concerned, or as a parent you have a concern which you need to contact the school about, please see the chart below to ensure your enquiry is directed to the relevant person and dealt with as swiftly as possible:

Concern	Who Should I Contact?	Who to contact
Subject specific including homework	Subject teacher or Director of Learning	admin@nidderdale.n-yorks.sch.uk
Pastoral issues	Form teacher or Key Stage Learning Managers	admin@nidderdale.n-yorks.sch.uk
Careers, post 16 or work placement	Mrs Eglin	admin@nidderdale.n-yorks.sch.uk
Attendance	Mr MacNair	Ring 01423 711246
Behaviour	Key Stage Learning Managers	Ring 01423 711246
Transport	School Bursar – Mrs Staniforth	Ring 01423 711246
Lost property	School Office	Ring 01423 711246
Urgent messages for students	School Office	Ring 01423 711246
School Trips	Admin Support – Mrs Harrison	Ring 01423 711246
Cashless Catering	School Office	Ring 01423 711246

Useful Information

Academic Year 2018/2019

Monday 7th January
Staff Training Day

Tuesday 8th January
School opens to
Students

Friday 25th February
School Closes for Half
Term

Monday 4th March
School Opens to
Students

Friday 15th April
School Closes for Easter

Monday 29th April
School Opens to
Students

Dates for your Diary — Autumn Term

Thursday 17th January
Year 10 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 22nd—Friday 25th January
Battlefields Trip

Thursday 7th February
Year 9 Parents' Evening

Thursday 14th February
Year 11 London Trip

Thursday 7th March
Year 7 Parents' Evening
World Book Day

Monday 1st April—Friday 5th April
France Trip

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