

Spring Newsletter 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Nidderdale High School has been at its resilient best this term. We have awarded 1731 positive points between 341 students for resilience on classcharts since January. Many of these have been awarded as a result of the launch of 'Resilience 10'. In many classes now students are asked to complete 10 minutes silent, unaided work after tasks have been explained and demonstrated. Students have been surprising themselves with just how much they can work out for themselves when they rise to this challenge.

Years 9, 10 and 11 have all shown resilience in their important exams this term.

We have all had to demonstrate resilience when faced with the recent weather related challenges and two separate instances of problems with the school heating system! We are hoping that the last of the cold weather will come in the holidays and we can look forward to brighter, warmer days in the new term.

It has again been a busy term with two trips abroad, two packed NICE days, sporting fixtures, competitions and the launch of our primary school workshops delivered by our own talented Key Stage 3 students. You can read about many of these events and activities in this newsletter.

Earlier in the term we were considering, as part of Internet Safety Day, the impact that unkind comments online can have on the mental health, 'digital health' and resilience of young people. It has been really inspiring to end the term with a focus on 'random acts of gratitude' with staff and students sharing with their peers and colleagues a thank you or a 'brilliant because'.

I wish all students, parents and staff a restful and relaxing Easter holiday.

Kath Jordan, Head of School



Library News

On Tuesday 13th March, 15 students enjoyed a theatrical performance of Jane Eyre. Performed as a one woman show, students were hugely impressed by the faultless delivery of Jane's life story by one very talented actress!

and...

On Thursday 22nd March, 15 year 7 students who have achieved outstanding results in our Accelerated Reader programme were taken to see a showing of "Wonder" at the Harrogate Odeon-a film adaptation of a book many of our students have read and enjoyed. It's great to be able to reward students for their reading efforts and we look forward to rewarding more of our Year 7 students in the coming months.

Drama News



The Performing Arts Department has been incredibly busy this term.

Our GCSE students have been in full creative flow working on the GCSE Practical Exam pieces. The groups performed on Friday 16th March in

front a live audience and an examiner! Despite the high pressure situation all students were fantastic and gave performances they should be proud of.

Our GCSE students also went to the Alhambra Theatre in Bradford to watch a breathtaking performance of Warhorse. This was in preparation for their written exam in May.



Battlefields 2018



It was an amazing experience that helped me understand the impact of the war and made me even more thankful for everything.



I had an amazing time and it was an incredible experience.



It was an extremely thought-provoking experience. It was very emotional; it will stay with me for life



Area of Learning - Communication

English

Year 7 A1 have all completed their introduction to Shakespeare studying *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. As part of their study they researched the life of Shakespeare, Queen Elizabeth I and created a guide to the Globe Theatre. We look forward to taking the whole of year 7 to the Pop Up Rose Theatre in York to see *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in performance in July. Year 7 A2 have been making holiday brochures.



Year 8 set 1 have risen to the challenge of studying a GCSE text - *Animal Farm*. Here is an excerpt from Mollie Wright's assessment on the text. "I believe that Orwell is trying to illustrate to begin with that in theory he is in favour of communism and disapproves of a capitalist regime, but that changes later on in the novel. Orwell uses the microcosm of *Animal Farm* to represent wider ideas with each animal on

the farm representing a group of people with different ideas and principles. Old Major speaks out against the capitalist regime run by Farmer Jones on the farm, and even Old major's name I think, has much meaning. It sounds like he has battle experience and is willing to lead a further battle against the oppression of animals."

Year 9 have also had a term of Shakespeare studying *Romeo and Juliet*. This Year group will also have the experience of the visiting the Pop Up Rose Theatre in York to see *Romeo and Juliet* in performance in July.

Extra Curricular

We were delighted to host our first ever challenge day for Year 5 and 6 students. Fifteen of our Year 7 and 8 students planned lessons on creative writing and delivered these to students from our local primary schools. Several Year 9 and 10 students are also now volunteering as reading mentors to younger children from our feeder primary schools.



Community News

Former student and Young artist, 16, recycles his way to success

An environmentally-aware talented teenage artist from the Dales is finding success from trash by making art from discarded scratch cards.

Rather than let them fester as landfill, James Owen Thomas, 16, a former pupil from Nidderdale High School, gathers the cards then uses them for more creative purposes.



The ingenious James, who now studies art at Ripon College, first started collecting used scratch cards off the ground at the age of 14 when something attracted him about their appearance.

He said: "From an early age, I always preferred to see litter in bins rather than it spoiling the countryside, parks and seashore."

Encircled, a collage made of discarded scratch cards by James Owen Thomas.

"I later realised how some of it can be recycled and this developed into an interest exploring my own ideas in art."

His method of collage involves upcycling - putting to good use what most people would consider to be trash.

Each piece of artwork takes him many hours but the results are often extraordinary. In some pictures, he can create a result with almost a 3D effect.

As well as resulting in memorable and colourful collages, which are on sale online, it is also an inexpensive way of creating art.

Even local shops are getting in on the act, kindly donating unwanted scratch cards.

In May to July, James's exhibition will be at the Bradford Industrial Museum, then from late July to September at the National Coal Mining Museum at Overton near Wakefield. Art in the Mill in Knaresborough will feature James' work from September to October.

More information at www.hultoncrafts.co.uk/art

To view the article and pictures please follow the link:

https://www.harrogateadvertiser.co.uk/news/young-artist-16-recycles-his-way-to-success-1-8992649/amp?__twitter_impression=true



Nidderdale High School

Family Bingo Night

11th May 2018

“Eyes down” 6.00 pm

**Years 5 - 8
students and
families
welcome**



Tickets on sale from the school office tel 711246

£2 PER ADULT £1 PER CHILD

Supper included

Outdoor Education



Throughout the winter the group of students attending the Outdoor Adventure Programme have participated in a range of activities in some really testing weather conditions. The group attended sessions at Bewerley Park where they did caving, mountain biking and canoeing. Since then the focus has been on climbing, hill walking and navigation in preparation for an attempt at achieving the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award in

the summer. To achieve this award the focus over the spring term will be doing a volunteering placement with the AONB, skill improvement with some fishing lessons and then preparation for the overnight expeditions.



The Simon Goldsbrough Foundation

For over fifteen years The Simon Goldsbrough Foundation has promoted sport for young people in Nidderdale by providing financial aid to groups, schools and individuals. The Foundation is always willing to consider applications from individual youngsters for financial help with the cost of coaching courses, transport and equipment. The Foundation's administrators are aware of the costs involved in furthering the achievements of talented youngsters and hope that it can help so that finance is not a barrier to achievement.

The Foundation has helped individuals with the cost of cricket coaching, a rugby tour to Australia and New Zealand and a hockey tour to the Netherlands. The Foundation also supports youngsters involvement in the Arts and has helped with the cost of dance lessons.

Applications for financial assistance should be made in writing and given to Mrs Kay who will pass them on to the Administrators of The Simon Goldsbrough Foundation.

Area of Learning - PE

Boys Fixtures

The last month has been a busy one in terms of boys fixtures but unfortunately the weather has defeated us on several occasions! However a couple of highlights that have gone ahead include the year 10 basketball team in the Area Competition finishing third in the Harrogate Area, narrowly missing out on beating St Aidans in a thrilling game. The year 9 football team defeated Rossett by 4 goals to 2 including a hat trick from Adam Benson. Unfortunately the year 8 team lost their unbeaten run for the season at Harrogate High School but on a different day the result could have been so different.



Within the next week there are 2 mini tournaments against Ripon Grammar and Outwood Academy Ripon in year 7 and year 8 football, and after Easter the start of the cricket season with the year 7, 8 and 9 teams all in county cup competition action. Watch this space...

Cycling Club

On Monday after school we have a new extra curricular club starting, cycling! In addition to the club we have Chris Young, a British Cycling coach coming into school on Monday 7th May and Monday 21st May. This should be an exciting club that aims to hit all kinds of cycling from cyclo cross courses and mountain biking, to some road biking skills. On the dates above bikes will be provided and is a fantastic opportunity to get cycling in an awesome environment! Cycling club starts on Monday 23rd April.



Sports Leaders

A busy time for our leaders who have been supporting the primary competitions. They have braved the cold to ensure that competitions are run smoothly. As always we have received outstanding feedback about the fantastic job that our sports leaders do. A big thank you the new leaders who have been a great support already.

Extra curricular

As we approach the summer season we are looking to change the sports that we offer at lunchtime and after school. Please check the school website for the most up to date timetable. We will be keeping the Gymnastics club on a Thursday as this has proven to be very popular with over 30 students attending last week.

France 2018



The bakery was fun because the baker was really funny.



It was fun and exciting and a great experience that I will never forget.



The activities on a night were fun and the staff were kind.

Area of Learning - Art/Technology

Rotary Club Technology Tournament

The Technology Department recently entered 2 teams of 4 students (KS3 and KS4) in the Rotary Club Technology Tournament which took place at St Aidan's School in Harrogate on 6th February.

All teams were given 4 hours to design and construct a battery powered crane which had to lift a weight whilst travelling under a bridge.

Many of the schools from the Harrogate area were in attendance including Ripon Grammar School, Harrogate Grammar School, Ashville College, King James School, Rosset High School, Boroughbridge High School and St Aidan's High School.

The students from Nidderdale High School worked tirelessly as a team in order to answer the design brief.

Over the years the school have had many successes in this competition and in this year's event our KS4 team of Molly Howard, Olivia Yates, Calvin Cawood and Will Bradley won the award for the best portfolio.

Well done to all who took part and thank you to Mrs Walpole for her assistance on the day.

Pastoral News

Special Easter Greetings!

Fifty-nine students took the opportunity offered by Miss Walker to send a little Easter gift and write a personal thank you tag to a special someone who has made a really big difference to them this term.

Hand written Easter tags were attached to chocolate eggs & bunnies and delivered by hand to students and staff.

Here are some of the loveliest messages:

Thank you for being my friend. You are amazing because you are always there for me. Love Ya!

Happy Easter to my friend. Thank you for being you!

You are fab because you've always been there where no one else was.

Thank you for being happy, smiley and understanding.

There were lots to our staff too. Here are a few:

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| - Thanks for being a great receptionist | - Thank you for never giving up on me |
| - Thanks for all your support | - Thank you for all your effort with drama after school, we really appreciate it. |
| - Thanks so much - best DT lessons! | - Thanks for getting me through this GCSE. |

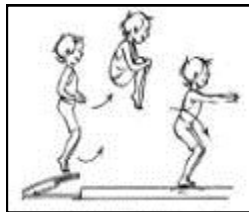
Pastoral Support would like to thank everyone who took part in this kindness project. Have a lovely Easter.

Students

Annie Dodds - Plays goal keeper for Thirsk Hockey Club who are now playing in the Yorkshire Championships.



Wiyanna Pickersgill came first in a gymnastics competition which now means she will be competing at the national finals for Yorkshire.



Sacha Rhodes has played for Phoenix Harrogate Netball team and the team have won all their matches this season.



Connie Milburn has achieved 3 bronze positions in breaststroke and butterfly for Harrogate district swimming club, reaching her PB in all races.



Work Experience

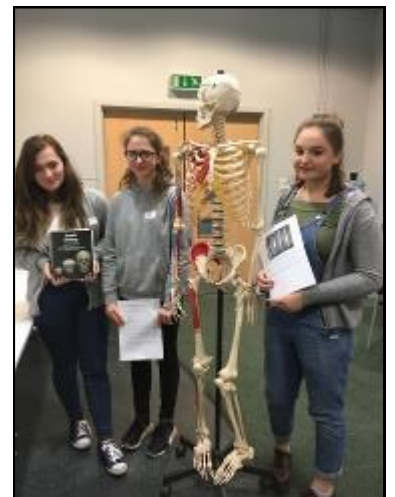
All students in Year 10 should have secured their placement for the last week of the Summer Term. If not please use the holidays to source a placement.

Sheffield University

Osteorchaology

Year 10 students attended a day at Sheffield university where they had to solve a real life murder of the Princes Tower. They had to use their new knowledge and skills on Osteoarchaelogy and Law to prepare a debate on who killed the Princes. This was a valuable trip giving students the opportunity to experience university life.

Once again our students shone and made us feel very proud.



Nice Days

Friday 23rd March was NICE day, and we considered being 'Global Citizens' as our main emphasis throughout the day. Building on Ms Jordan's assembly theme of reusable plastic, we began an audit of the school with the aim of becoming an 'Eco School.'



We were again visited by Gulwali Passarlay, (this time working with Y10 & 11), who fled Afghanistan as an unaccompanied minor and was eventually granted asylum in the UK after a year of travelling. Many of our students have read his book 'The Lightless Sky' and found his talk a real inspiration.

We also had a session on volunteering as a way of developing life, work skills and experience, further details will be available next term.

The NICE day also provided an opportunity for our Y10 students to meet with Rachel Wilkinson of the Teenage Cancer Trust. This is an annual event for Y10 ensuring that all of our students are fully informed of the support which is available in North Yorkshire.



Other sessions on the day included Sport Relief with Y8, Science practical activities for GCSE students and a group of Y9 talented Mathematicians were preparing to teach year 6 students from local feeder primary schools as part of our highly valued primary networking.



Maths Challenges

Students have competed in two Maths Challenge competitions this term. In February, about fifty students in years 9, 10 and 11 completed a series of problem solving questions. Some excellent scores were achieved, with awards won by Jack Kirk, Amelya May, Molly Howard, Joseph Hinchliffe and Benji Howard.

In March, four students from years 8 and 9 enjoyed a day of stretching their brains at the Regional Final of the UK Mathematics Trust Team Challenge. The event, which was held at Lawnswood School in Leeds and required students to work as a team to solve four different rounds of puzzles and problems. They competed against 25 schools from North

and West Yorkshire and

finished in a very creditable 6th place. Well done to Isaac, Jack, Benji and Tom.

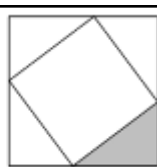


(Answer on back page)

The diagram shows a square of perimeter 20 cm inscribed inside a square of perimeter 28 cm.

What is the area of the shaded triangle?

A 6 cm² B 7 cm² C 8 cm² D 9 cm² E 10 cm²



Community Events

Arts Bus NiddArt Trail

Saturday - 14th July 2018, 9:00am to 6:00pm

Richmond & the Bowes Museum

Richmond Lots to see...

The Castle, Georgian Theatre, Green Howards Regimental Museum, The Station with art works and café.

Find out more on www.richmond.org



The Bowes Museum £7 entry fee

Lots to see - as well as the Silver Swan moving at 2.00 pm. Find out more on

www.thebowesmuseum.org. See Quentin Blake's illustrations for Roald Dahl's classic story The BFG



The Arts Bus is open to all.

The cost is **£15 per adult**. under 18s, if accompanied by an adult, £10.



Nidderdale Art Trail cannot take responsibility for people at the venues or events outside our control. Collect a booking form from Nidderdale Plus Office in Station Square, Pateley Bridge or an online form from niddarttrail@gmail.com.

Cancellation - Nidderdale Plus 01423 714953

or Lynn Cook 01423 714865/07714 700766

Harrogate International Youth Festival

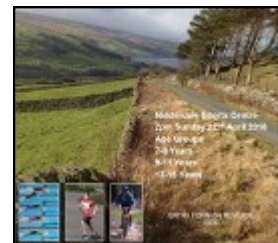
Organisers of the 45th anniversary of the Harrogate International Youth Festival are thrilled at the line-up of local talent set to take the stage. The event is at the Royal Hall on Easter Saturday. Festival chairman Craig Ratcliffe said: "Just like previous years, we've been amazed by the enthusiasm and commitment to Harrogate International Youth Festival and the concert programmes look absolutely fantastic.

Read more at: <https://www.harrogateadvertiser.co.uk/whats-on/music/local-talent-set-to-shine-at-2018-harrogate-international-youth-festival-1-9077814>



PATELEY BRIDGE CRICKET CLUB

Junior Triathlon Challenge
Nidderdale Pool and Leisure Centre
2pm Sunday 22nd April 2018



The PBCC Triathlon Challenge will be different to the traditional triathlon format. Each of the three disciplines, Swimming, Cycling and Running, will be performed for a set time, the aim being to do as many meters as possible over that time.

The timings are:-

Swim for 4 minutes
Cycle for 10 minutes
Run for 5 minutes

The winners in each age group will be judged on their collective achievements over the 19 minutes.

Entrants are encouraged to collect Sponsorship in aid of replacing the PBCC Practice Facilities, which are essential for providing quality cricket coaching to all out junior club members.

Please note: the cycling will take place on the all-weather pitch, which is loose gravel, so a mountain bike is essential.

Entry Form

Please tick

7-8	Years	Age for each category is age on the 22nd April 2018
9-11	Years	
12-15	Years	

Please Complete in Block Capitals:

Forename _____ Surname _____

Date of Birth _____ Age on 22nd April 2018 _____

Gender: Female / Male

Home Address: _____

Parent Contact No.: _____ Email: _____

Please write email address clearly. This is essential for further communication.

Medical Information – Please list any special medical conditions.

In order to book your place, please send your entry form and cheque for £20 per child, £15 further siblings made payable to Pateley Bridge Cricket Club, to:-

Julia Hardcastle; Owl Croft; Heathfield; Pateley Bridge, HG3 5PU

Or, post in a sealed envelope in the entry form box at the Nidderdale Pool and Leisure Centre.

Confirmation of places and further event details will be by e-mail to the e-mail address given on this entry form. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Nidderlicious



The Catering department continue to offer a wide range of healthy food and drinks both at break and lunchtime.

During this Spring term, we have held themed days for Chinese New Year (the Year of the Dog) and a St Patrick's Day lunch on 16th March when students enjoyed Beef in Guinness followed by Chocolate pudding and sauce.



The next themed day will be 23rd April when we will celebrate St George's Day with a Roast Nidderdale Beef dinner and English trifle for dessert.

What's new for next term - commencing 16th April?

As well as our hot meal deal, we will also supply a GrabBags Meal Deal @ £2.50. This will consist of a bap/wrap, piece of fruit / traybake and a drink. These GrabBags will allow students to have lunch outside with their friends. Takeaway sales will also continue to allow students to eat in a fresh-air setting. *Students please keep our school tidy!*

Should you wish to discuss catering provision or suggest healthy meals for our menu please contact us at school. Finally, can I ask you to please ensure your child's cashless catering account is topped up regularly as the service slows down for all students when students arrive at the till point with too few or no funds.

Mrs Naylor, Catering Manager
Mrs Clark, Mrs Tinsley, and Mrs Hinds Catering Team

Online Safety

Online Safety - Useful Information for Parents

Parents/Carers play a crucial role in ensuring that their children understand the need to use the Internet/mobile devices in an appropriate way.



However, research shows that many parents and carers do not fully understand the issues and are less experienced in the use of ICT than their children and schools should take opportunities to help parents understand these issues.

How can you support your children with internet safety? How do you keep up with their digital world? To support parents with issues relating to online behaviour, we have organised an information evening.

Thursday 26th April

6.00 - 8.00 pm

Go Wise Online presentation

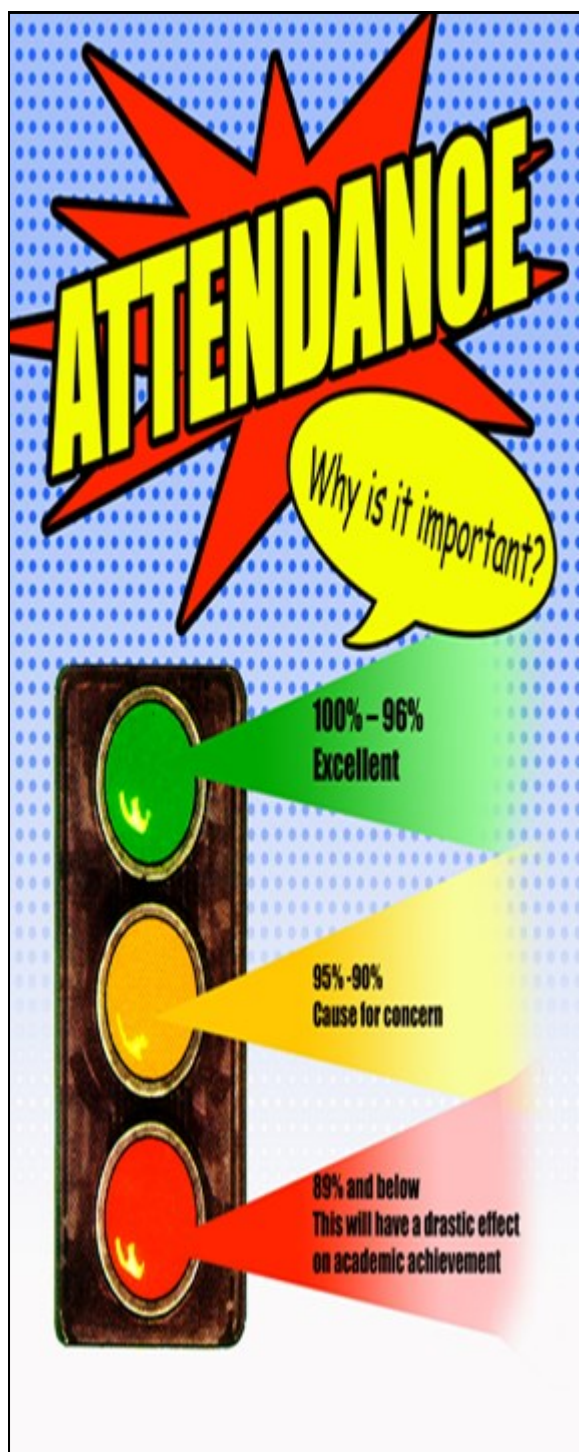
Guest speaker Sarah Lynch

See Sarah's page at

<http://gowiseonline.co.uk>



Attendance



204 students are exceeding the school attendance target of 95.5%.

114 students are currently below the attendance target.

44 students are persistently absent with attendance below 90%.

For some parents, 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week or 19 days of school during the school year – that's nearly 4 school weeks.

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. Please see recent letter detailing the changes made to uniform and removal of pencil skirts.

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
Calculator

Compass
Protractor
Coloured Pencils
Glue Stick
Purple Pen

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

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	— 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.
Ms Walker will continue to take responsibility for serious safeguarding issues

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 20 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 McNair	Ring 01423 711246
Behaviour	Key Stage Learning Managers or Learning Mentors	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 2017/2018

Monday 7th May
Bank Holiday
School closed

Friday 25th May
School Closes
half term

26th May—3rd June
May half term holiday

Monday 4th June
School Opens to Students

Friday 6th July
Staff Training Day

Friday 20th July
School Closes - Summer

Monday 3rd September
Staff training day

Tuesday 4th September
School Opens for Students

Maths Answer: A 6cm²

Dates for your Diary — Spring Term

Thursday 26th April
Parent Online Safety Evening
Friday 27th April
NICE day

Monday 25th June
New Academic year starts
Tuesday 3rd July
Sports Day

Wed 4th-Thurs 5th July
Blood Brothers Performance

Thursday 5th July
Year 6 Induction Day 1

Wednesday 11th July
Whole School Trip

Thursday 12th July
Year 6 Induction Day 2
Year 6 Parent's Evening

16th—20th July
Work Experience

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