

Headteacher's Introduction

Last week we heard the really exciting news that Nidderdale High School is over-subscribed for places in Year 7 from September 2019. Families from a wide range of local primaries and primary schools from out of our catchment area have selected our school as their first choice for secondary education. We are delighted that so many families now recognise the great quality of education and pastoral care we offer, which leads to impressive outcomes for young people.

This week we welcomed visitors from the Red Kite Alliance, including the School Improvement Director, to join us to review the work we are doing to support specific groups of young people to be successful. We were really pleased to receive incredibly positive feedback about all aspects of our work. Our visitors interviewed students, observed lessons, reviewed books and held meetings with staff and confirmed that the work we are doing is highly effective. I was particularly pleased to hear that it is clear that the work done by different teams in school is over-lapping and joining up to ensure students achieve well and are cared for as individuals.

Our programme of enrichment activities continues next week with a busy NICE day that will include university trips, a trip to the Bronte Museum to support study of 'Jane Eyre' for Y10 and a Humanities visit to Skipton Castle for Y7.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

Forthcoming events

- 19 March - Y10 Science Day, Uni of York
- 20 March - NICE Day including Bronte Museum visit, Uni Visit Y9, Skipton Castle visit
- 21 March – U14 Netball Tournament
- 21 March – French Trip Parents meeting 6pm
- 2 – 5 April - No 6 Exhibition of Y11 work



Year 11 Geography Fieldtrip to York

On Tuesday 13th March the Year 11 Geography candidates completed their Human Geography Fieldwork investigation in the city of York. The students were collecting data on three zones in York to assess the effectiveness of the flood management schemes evident.

As we had 'enjoyed' a wet weekend and Tuesday brought with it rainfall all morning there was indeed plenty of water involved in the River Ouse!

The Year 11s were asked to measure altitude using GPS measuring apps, distance with a trundle wheel and to assess land use and function in order to come up with a flood risk score which they could then compare across the three sites.

Their hypothesis that "Zone 3 was the most effective" was ultimately disproved! Not a problem though as they have all the data collected to justify this!

A wet and windy experience which will no doubt aid the students in their preparation for their GCSE exams and also their revision.

Mr Connors

Nidderlicious

**Winter meal deals @£2.50
w/c 18th March:**



Monday:

Beef and Guinness Pie, Choc pudding and sauce

Tuesday:

Roast Chicken in a smoked bacon and mushroom sauce, Sticky Dark Ginger cake

Wednesday:

Chilli Con Carne and Victoria Sponge

Thursday:

Homemade pizza and Orange jelly

Friday:

Chicken Tikka Masala and Melon slice

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

Junior Fun Triathlon at Nidderdale Sports Centre

2pm Sunday 12th May 2019. Age Groups: 7-8 Years, 9-11 Years, 12-15 Years.

Entry forms available by emailing: pbccjuniortri@gmail.com or pick up from the Sports Centre.



Harrogate Theatre Visit

On Friday 9th March a group of Year 7 students had the opportunity to attend a performance of "Rox, Paper, Scissors" at Harrogate Theatre. The show explored the theme of democracy and was full of comedy, action and plenty of audience participation!



Contingency Day for GCSE/ Examinations 2019

In advance of the Summer examination period we are advised to make you aware that should there be sustained national or local disruption during the June 2019 examination period, any affected exams will be re-scheduled for the 26th June 2019. Therefore, all students of examination age must be available up to and including the 26th June 2019.



World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March, The University of Sheffield hosted a Poetry Slam for a group of our Year 8 students. They enjoyed some performance poetry and a tour of the University before taking part in a competitive Poetry slam, for which our students won prizes for their use of vocabulary and performance style.

Pateley Bridge in Bloom

Pateley Bridge is to be featured on the BBC2 TV programme 'Britain In Bloom' which will be shown at 6.30pm on Monday 25th March.

The programme lasts half an hour and follows the Pateley Bridge in Bloom group as they work on projects around the village.

Judging takes place on Tuesday 6th August. If you wish to get involved, contact nidderdale@hotmail.com or call 07552769000.

