

Spring Newsletter 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

This term has again been a busy one, which has offered students many opportunities to look beyond their life in school and consider their place in the wider community. This has taken the form of trips to Universities, guest speakers talking about different faiths and cultures and opportunities to discuss current issues with other young people. We have also run three enormously successful residential visits - Year 9 Battlefields in January, Year 11 London in February and Year 8 France just last week.

On all of these day trips and longer residential visits, our students have demonstrated outstanding behaviour and have represented the school in an exemplary manner. After the Battlefields visit, the coach driver took the time to write to thank us for allowing him to be part of our visit! I am very proud of our students and most grateful to the staff team for the additional time they put into planning and running these extra opportunities.

This term has also offered the opportunity for others to look closely at what we do as a school. In March, we welcomed the Red Kite Alliance School Improvement Director and another local Headteacher for our 'peer review'. Through lesson observations, conversations with students and meetings with staff we asked them to review the work we do to provide opportunities for all to reach their full potential. They were very impressed with all aspects of our work and have particularly asked us to share, more widely, the work that we are doing to develop our outdoor education provision and the way our pastoral team and others work together to support young people.

We were also pleased to invite Judith Kirk, the Assistant Director of Children and Young People's Services to attend the preview evening of the exhibition for our Year 11 Print, Metal and Ceramics course run at Number 6 studio gallery. Along with other invited guests she was enormously impressed with the work on display - pictures of the event are shown further on in this newsletter.

After such an activity packed term, I wish all staff and students a restful holiday. Please remember that we all return to school on Monday 29th April as we do not have a training day.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher



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BOOK CLUB

Over the last few weeks, Book Club members have been enjoying 'Star by Star' by Sheena Wilkinson.

Set in 1918, the book follows the life of a young suffragette and has given students lots to discuss.

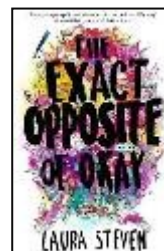
Book Club meets after school on Thursdays 3.15 pm — 4.15 pm and is open to all Year 7 and 8 students.

Please see Miss Lester for further details.



MEET THE AUTHOR

On Tuesday 19th March a group of Year 9 students took part in a Regional Read event at Ripon Library.



They met author, journalist and screenwriter Laura Steven who delivered an inspiring talk on her career path and current publication "The Exact Opposite of Okay". Laura then signed copies of her book for the students.



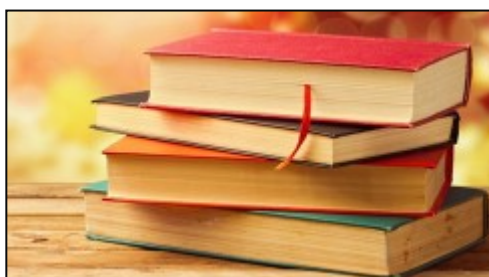
ACCELERATED READER

Year 7 continue to achieve great things with our Accelerated Reading Scheme. Between them they have read 752 books, equating to 15,046,390 words and have gained an average of 9 months on their reading age. 7DH are our most recent winners of the Accelerated Reader Form Prize, with 7VW in second place and 7JK as runners up.

Our Form Heroes were Robbie Barningham for 7DH, Reece Midgley for 7VW and Eli Jones for 7JK.

Well done to those three students!

Our top ten Accelerated Reader achievers attended the Michael Morpurgo exhibition in Leeds on Thursday 21st March (see page 3). We look forward to rewarding more Year 7 students for their Accelerated Reader achievements in the coming months!



HARROGATE PANTOMIME JACK AND THE BEANSTALK



On Wednesday 9th January a group of students attended Harrogate Theatre's Pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' We thoroughly enjoyed an evening of fun-packed

Pantomime magic and had the opportunity to meet the cast after the show. Oh no we didn't! Oh yes we did!



Library News

WORLD BOOK DAY

On World Book Day, Thursday 7th March, the University of Sheffield hosted a Poetry Slam for a group of our Year 8 students. We 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.



ROX, PAPER, SCISSORS

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!



MICHAEL MORPURGO EXHIBITION

On Thursday 21st March, 10 of our most enthusiastic Year 7 Accelerated Reader participants were rewarded with a trip to Leeds City Museum to view the Michael Morpurgo exhibition. The exhibition included some of Morpurgo's handwritten manuscripts, props from the stage show of Warhorse and original artwork created for his book covers. Students also had the opportunity to explore the rest of the museum which included artifacts from ancient Egypt and Roman Britain.



Area of Learning - PE

HANDBALL

Congratulations and well done to the Year 10 and Year 11 handball team on their 11-10 victory over Rossett High School. Nidderdale started the game strongly scoring 8 and only conceding 2 in the first half. We began to tire as Rossett gained momentum scoring 8 in the second half, however we hung on to claim the victory.

It was great to see the hard work in PE pay off.



Well done for playing in the first ever handball fixture at Nidderdale! The team cemented their place in the history books!

Well done to all pupils who represented their house in the recent school inter sport competition. Year 7, girls and boys football, Year 8 boys football, Year 8 girls rugby and Years 9 and 10 dodgeball. Results to be presented in assembly soon!

The Year 8 team finished off a great year of Rugby at Nidderdale, with a fantastic performance at West Yorkshire's 'Day of Rugby'. The students showed excellent



Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

This year 65 students have chosen to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. They will be committed to carry out certain skills and new activities which aim to help the students on an individual basis, and on a community level. Once the students have completed these sections, their final challenge will be to participate in an exciting overnight walking expedition which will take place in the Yorkshire Dales. You can find more information about the award on the School Website



ICT News

ICT



The Duke of York Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award (iDEA)

Three Year 10 ICT students, Heidi Walmsley, Ethan Marsland, and Olivia Leck have achieved the iDEA Bronze award.

iDEA is the digital and enterprise equivalent of the Duke of York Award.

Congratulations to our first students to achieve this award.

Drama News

THEATRE TRIPS—DRAMA

Year 10 Drama have attended two theatre performances this year, both at the Leeds Playhouse. The first, *Road*, was a bleak but often entertaining account of life in a single street, in a depressed northern town in the 1980s. The second, *'Kes'*, had similar themes and settings but focused more closely on the life of Billy Casper, the boy who hated school and found his freedom through the Kestrel he cared for and trained.

In both plays things end badly for certain characters but in their own way they were uplifting performances - if only in the way that they showed the young audiences that however hard you think things are now, they were even harder in the past. The performances provided rich material for the GCSE class and their 'Live Theatre' examination questions and left them with some memorable 'moments': the interval 'rave' and Dr Binding's cameo role as a dodgy resident, to name but two.

Next term the class are going to the Grand Theatre in Leeds to see *'Blood Brothers'* also set in a northern town and before that, Harrogate College Performing Arts students are coming in to Nidderdale to perform a devised piece of physical theatre entitled *'Deep Tides'*.



Student Achievement

Recently, 11 students received their NCFE Level 1 Award in Employability Skills. Josh Thompson, Megan Brabiner, Chloe Fulcher, Ben Smith-Ketteringham, Olivia Madill, Max Bradley, Amy Brown, Charlotte Chandler, Jo Hammond, Mat Brooksbank-Laing and Emily Lunt.

Congratulations to all the students who participated and completed the course.

The certificates were presented by Emma Thomas, Development Adviser with NYBEP.

The Employability Skills workshop ran earlier this year and the students completed units on:

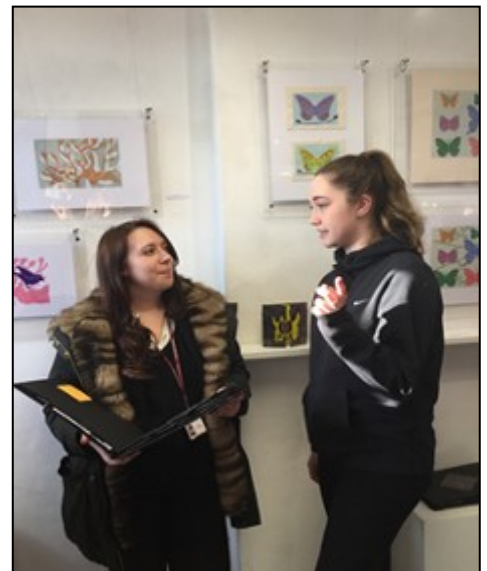
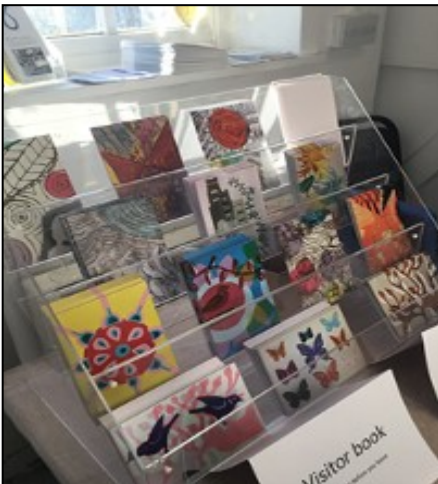
Understanding Mindset
Business and Customer Awareness
Working in a Team
Writing a CV



No 6 Studio Exhibition

METAL: CERAMIC: PRINT EXHIBITION

Students from Year 11 were proud to exhibit their work completed at Number 6 studio gallery this year. The exhibition marks the end of a 25 week intensive course in print, metal and ceramics that leads to a GCSE in Art, Craft and Design. We are grateful to Nidderdale Visual Arts, course leader Biddy Noakes and the talented crafts professionals for creating this unique opportunity for our students.



Leeds Grand Mosque

Year 9 spent half a day at the Leeds Grand Mosque where they were addressed by Nabilah Karim. The visit can best be summed up by how welcome we felt, Mrs Karim and her colleague went out of their way to make our students and staff feel as comfortable as possible. During the visit, the students were able to see a demonstration of 'Wudu', Islamic ablution or washing which all Muslims must do before each of their five daily prayers. On their return to school, students spent some time working on their own examples of Islamic art.



Community News



BIRTHDAY PARTIES

£150 for up to 10 people
3 hours
Forest School activities and/or arts and crafts

HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

£30 per day 9am - 3pm
Forest School activities, arts and crafts as well as fun and games

This Easter:
Tuesday 16th &
Wednesday 17th
April

My daughter & her friends had a great time at her recent Forest School birthday party. Lots of indoors & outdoors activities that kept them busy. I would recommend the workshop 100%. Great indoor & outdoor space for them to explore, play & thoroughly enjoy themselves. Thank you!!!!



This is the only club my son Jack insists on going to in the holidays! He is a typical 6 year old boy and doesn't do much craft and drawing at home, I am always amazed at what he does at Lerae workshop, he absolutely loves it!!! I feel completely confident in Lerae and Jack loves her! Fabulous club, highly recommended.



My daughter had her birthday party at Lerae's workshop last wkend. It was absolutely fantastic, she loved it and so did all of her friends. Lerae was brilliant with them all and had planned everything so well. The location and set up Lerae has is perfect and so well done. They did some forest school activities and Lerae was so encouraging with them all, their faces when they made their own fires were brilliant. I can't recommend her enough and we are really grateful for helping make sure our daughter had a fantastic party.



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NICE Day

NIDDERDALE INDEPENDENCE, CHALLENGE and ENRICHMENT

On Wednesday 20th March, students were involved in a variety of NICE day activities, some of which took place off site.

A group of Year 9 students enjoyed a tour of York University. Year 8 students Jeevan Shergill, Ivan Jackson, Dakota Hunter and Matthew Edwards took part in the UK Maths Trust (UKMT) Maths Challenge at The Mount School in York. They were placed 4th out of 24 very competitive school teams, a fantastic achievement.

We were delighted to welcome back into school several visitors - Roop and Jas Singh, Henneke Dye, Freddie Naftel, Imran Kotwal and Yesmein Bagh Ali.

Roop and Jas gave students some insights into the central philosophies of Sikhism.

Imran Kotwal and Yesmein led lively discussions on the experience of, and attitudes towards our Muslim communities and Freddie and Henneke delivered informative talks on Judaism. As a Holocaust survivor, Henneke's account was particularly moving.

It was wonderful to be able to spend time with representatives from our Muslim, Jewish and Sikh communities and we look forward to welcoming these new friends of our school back again in the future.

Our PE department led team building sessions in the Sports Hall, encouraging students to work together in order to achieve their goals.

Ms Cawley



Askham Bryan College

On Weds 13th Feb, 30 students from Years 9 and 10 visited Askham Bryan College. We had a tour of the college facilities alongside a talk from the college's Head Gamekeeper to enable students to find out more about the post 16 pathways available to them.



ASKHAM BRYAN COLLEGE

KS4 News

Year 10 Summer School at Newcastle University

Well done to all those students who have applied to the Newcastle University Survival Taster Days. The application process has now closed and students should hear by mid April if they have been offered a place. This will be the chance to experience university life for three days and two nights on Monday 24th to Wednesday 26 June 2019.



Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 students should be confirming work placements for week commencing Monday 15th July. Any queries regarding placements please contact Mrs Ashton or Mrs Eglin.



Flexible Learning Zone

The FLZ is open each break and lunchtime for homework and revision support for Key Stage 4 students.

GCSE Exams

Good luck to all our Year 11 students with their final weeks of preparation for exams. A letter detailing the support on offer, including timetable changes has been sent to parents this week



Mrs Ashton - Key Stage 4 Learning Manager

Student Voice Conference

On Friday 22nd March I took four Year 10 students to the **Youth Voice Conference** at Pavilions of Harrogate. The students Diana Jurgina, Dominic Tierney, Connor Rhodes and Grace Lowe represented Nidderdale High School well. I was very proud to work alongside these students who showed great maturity, respect and understanding of some sensitive subject areas that were discussed on the day.

There were 10 workshops on offer on the day, our students chose the following:

'Celebrating Difference' which looked at gender identity, sexuality and gender expression. What are 'gender stereotypes' and how do they impact on us? Unfortunately there's a lot of prejudice and discrimination in our society - the workshop offered discussion on how we can work together to ensure everyone has the right to be themselves and be proud of who they are.

'How can I Cope?!' Strategies to Support Your Mental Health this explored some ways to look at your mental health and wellbeing in a fun, supportive workshop run by Compass Buzz.

Within the main conference a ballot vote took place where students voted on **'Bullying'** as the issue focus in the **'Making a Difference'** group activity. Nidderdale High School created a great ideas board on how to tackle bullying in schools.

Presentations from North Yorkshire Police and Stonewall were given followed by a question and answer session with Senior Leaders and Managers from across North Yorkshire. At the end of the event students gave great feedback on what was a very positive and thought-provoking day.

"I really enjoyed the mental health sessions, it made me think".

"The day enabled me to learn about diversity and to be sensitive talking about certain subjects".

"I really enjoyed today and I learned a lot from the LGBT+ workshop".

"Now I know there are more people supporting LGBT than I thought".

In between sessions students got the opportunity to visit stalls in the market place to meet representatives from a number of organisations offering support and guidance to young people, these included Compass Buzz, CAMHS, NY Police, Barnardos, North Yorkshire Youth, Eurodesk UK, Youth Voice Executive, these will be signposting on our school website and twitter feed.

Following the event our students were keen to spread the word requesting to run a Student Voice Wall where they can display support and guidance from the organisations they met, they also seem eager to apply for senior student roles continuing to represent Nidderdale in a positive way. A great day all round!

Jan Ashton — KS4 Learning Manager



General News

CONTINGENCY DAY 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.

Effectively, no holidays or absences should be booked in the examination window that starts on May 13th 2019 and closes after 26th June, 2019.



RED BOX PROGRAMME HARROGATE

We are really pleased to be part of the Harrogate Red Box Project. The aim is to provide a constant supply of sanitary products and underwear free to schools for students.

The provision enables students to take as many packs or items that they need, month after month or for 'emergencies'. The aim of this is to quietly ensure that no female students miss school because of period poverty.



Independent Travel Training Parent Workshops

A two hour long workshop that gives parents/carers information, guidance and tips on how to help their child become independent.

Workshops are starting in May 2019 and should you know any parents/parent groups/carers who may wish to access one of these workshops, then please contact Chrystal Staveley at: SEND-transport@northyorks.gov.uk

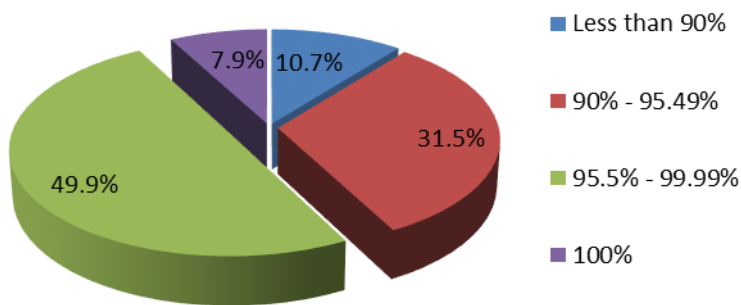
YORK UNIVERSITY

Thirteen Year 7 students had a fabulous visit to the Hull York Medical School at York University to learn all about university life and a career in the medical profession. Students were tasked with using their knowledge to save the life of 'Lucy', a virtual patient, who had been involved in a road traffic collision. All students worked together well to prioritise the treatment Lucy needed during the 'golden hour' in order to save her life. We are pleased to announce that our girls and boys were successful and Lucy was able to make a full recovery!



Attendance

**Student Attendance
2018-2019**



Whole school attendance for the academic year is 93.6% which is below the school attendance target of 95.5%.

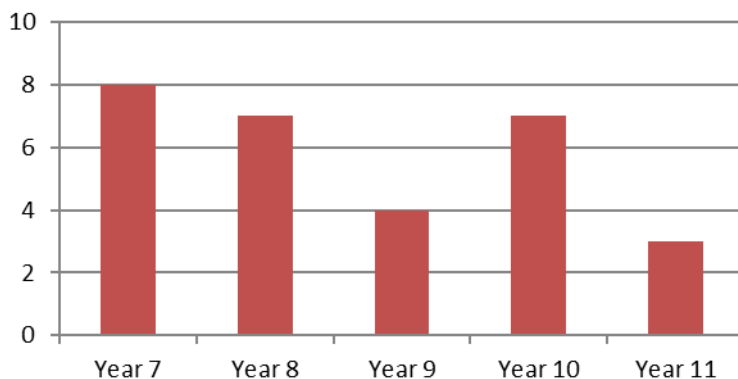
A large number of students continue to have excellent attendance in school. 29 (7.9%) students have achieved 100% attendance. Overall 182 (57.8%) students have achieved above the school attendance target.

Well done to all students who have achieved attendance above our very challenging target.

Benefits of good school attendance

- Attending school regularly develops skills and attitudes that help a student be successful in later life, including:
 - self discipline
 - punctuality
 - being organised
 - establishing routine

**Students with 100%
Attendance**



- Good attendance allows students to get the maximum benefit from school.
- For every 17 days absence from school a student may drop one GCSE grade.
- Attending regularly leads to making friends and learning to maintain relationships over a length of time.

Nidderlicious



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

During this Spring term, as well as our usual healthy options we have held several treat days the first on 5th February for Chinese New Year (the Year of the Pig) and a St Patrick's Day lunch on 18th March.



The next themed week will be National Vegetarian Week 13th May when various vegetarian options will be on the menu alongside our favourites.

Why not try a Meat Free Monday or at least try something different?

Why not try something different?

What's new for next term – commencing 29th April?

As well as our hot meal deal at £2.50, we will also supply a GrabBags Meal Deal also @ £2.50. This will consist of a bap/wrap, piece of fruit or traybake and a drink. These GrabBags will allow students to have lunch outside with their friends in the fresh-air.

We will also hold an American Day on 4th July when Year 6 students join us for their first induction day.



On National Cream Tea Day 28th June we will be serving Scones/Victoria Sandwich. **Always popular with staff and students!**



Please remember we are trying to reduce our use of single-plastics and the takeaway cartons are now Bagasse cartons which will biodegrade. Students are charged 5p per container to encourage them to consider the environmental impact. Should they not wish to pay for a takeaway container, they can bring in a reusable tupperware or other box from home or use a plate in the dining hall.

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, Mrs Whelan, Catering Team

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 29th April
School Opens to
Students**

(note—Some other schools have a training day)

**Monday 6th May
May Day Bank Holiday**

**Friday 24th May
School closes for Half
Term**

**Monday 3rd June
School Opens to
Students**

**Friday 21st June
School Closed to
Students
Staff Training Day**

**Friday 19th July
School Closes for
Summer Holidays**

Dates for your Diary — Summer Term

**Tuesday 7th May—Friday 10th May
Year 7 Trip to Wales**

**Monday 13th May
GCSE Exams start**

**Thursday 20th June
Whole School Reward Trip**

**Tuesday 2nd July
Sports Day**

**Thursday 4th July
Year 6 Induction Day 1 and
Parents' Evening**

**Thursday 11th July
Year 6 Induction Day 2**

**Monday 15th July—Friday 19th July
Work Experience**

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