



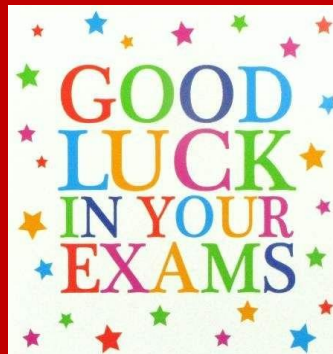
Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

This half term sees the start of GCSE exams for Year 11. Students and staff are working hard together to make final preparations for success. Students in other year groups are asked for their understanding and cooperation as priority is given to these exams. Over the next few weeks we will be making changes to the timing of the school day on some occasions with lessons starting at 8.50am and registration moving to the afternoon so that lunchtime can be brought forward to give enough time for afternoon exams. Students will be reminded of these changes each week.

Even whilst exams are in full swing, we are still ensuring a range of additional opportunities for students. Year 7 are currently braving the weather on an action packed four day residential in Wales, next half term will see work begin on the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award expeditions with Year 9/10 and Mrs Witherwick is already planning Battlefields 2019-20, which will take place in December 2019. We are currently exploring ways to increase places on this already oversubscribed and massively rewarding trip.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher



Educational Visit to France – 1st April

On the first day of their visit, Year 8 could be forgiven for thinking they were in Holland as they discovered how flour is made and were shown how to set and move sails on a windmill! Students also went shopping at a local market, asking for things in French and demonstrating a clear ability to the stall holders that they could buy things using French language skills. Many of the group demonstrated excellent skills in mayonnaise making, croissant making and lollipop making - all instructions given in French!

The Chateau itself was a great backdrop for our evening activities and games and on the last night some students even tasted snails and frogs legs - a delicacy not enjoyed by all!

The highlight of the visit was the trip underground to the Wellington Tunnels in Arras, followed by a visit to the town. Students discovered just how soldiers had lived before going above ground to fight. The site of their final exit to the battlefield was incredibly moving as many soldiers had lost their lives within minutes of leaving the tunnels.

The French trip finished with a mini 'disco' on the bus courtesy of our driver - disco lights included!

Mrs Gibson

Some of the students who took part are pictured above.

Student Achievement

Congratulations to all Nidderdale High School students who took part in the hugely successful Harrogate International Youth Festival over the Easter holidays. It was great to see so many Nidderdale soloists in the flagship Harrogate Youth Jazz Orchestra.

Team Nidderdale Race for Life

The "Team Nidderdale" Race for Life Club is up and running again this summer term, with over twenty girls signing up to take part in the Pretty Muddy on Saturday 13th July.

The group ran 2.5 miles on their first training session showing great determination and enthusiasm and I was hugely impressed. If you would like to be a part of "Team Nidderdale" on the day, please contact Mrs Wright in school. More details about race day and fundraising for Cancer Research UK will follow.

Nidderlicious

Spring meal deals @£2.50 w/c 13th May:

Monday: Chicken and Leek Pie & vegetables, Choc Chip Muffin

Tuesday: Chilli Con Carne, Fruit Pot

Wednesday: Sweet & Sour Pork and egg fried rice, Apple Crumble

Thursday: Homemade Pizza, Carrot cake

Friday: Chicken Tikka Masala, Peaches and Ice cream

[National Vegetarian Week – to see the full menu including veg options, click here.](#)

PTFA News The PTFA would like to thank all parents and carers who kindly donated baked good for the Bake Sale on the 12th April. The students and staff were absolutely bowled over by the selection of cakes on offer! Your generosity meant that we raised a tremendous £150, which will go directly into improving the experiences of our young people in school. A heartfelt thank you to you all.



Re-Wilding in Nidderdale and Uplands – Royal Geographical Society event

- Free Admission.

What is Re-Wilding? Should there be bears in Nidderdale? Is Re-Wilding more about trees and land use than large, exotic mammals? With the fate of the uplands central to issues that affect us all – from flood management to bio-diversity and climate change – now is your chance to find answers to these questions and more.

Join us in school on 22nd May from 7 – 8.30 pm for a Question Time-style panel discussion involving academics, local land-users and owners, as well as representatives from the RSPB and the Yorkshire Peat Partnership to discuss re-wilding in Nidderdale and beyond.

Questions for potential inclusion can be submitted in advance of the event to Paul Howard: tatandpaul@hotmail.com

The PTFA have offered to provide refreshments. If you are willing to provide baked goods or can spare a couple of hours to help on the night, please contact nicola.wright@nidderdale.n-yorks.sch.uk

Bronte Museum Visit

Year 10 students visited the Bronte Parsonage Museum in Haworth, where they found out more about the life of Charlotte Bronte by exploring the exhibits and listening to a talk on her life. Students also took part in a drama workshop exploring ideas from Jane Eyre and a creative writing workshop inspired by the life of the Brontes.

As the students left the museum, the staff stopped us to comment on how impressed they were with our students and how engaged they had been with the workshops and their excellent behaviour.

Miss Draper

