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Trip -  
Maths  
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7<sup>th</sup> June.  
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## Headteacher's Introduction

Today saw the end of exam season for our Y11 students as they completed their final Science GCSE exam. We wish all of our Year 11 leavers a lovely extended summer break and I hope for some improvement in the weather for them and for us!

Our outgoing Senior Student Team have set a great example in school with their charity fundraising and their contribution to the life of the school. This week and next we are interviewing prospective candidates from our current Years 9 and 10. I look forward to announcing who is our new team in the next Nidd News.

We are about to enter the final week of our current academic year as students will move up a year group and start their new timetables on Monday 24th June. This is a great opportunity for students to refocus their efforts on their studies, get to grips with new topics and, in some cases, start some brand new subjects.

The move to a new year group is also a great time to refocus on standards. Please check with your child that they have full uniform, including a Nidd logo skirt and proper school shoes, for the remainder of this term.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

## Prom dresses

There is a selection of evening dresses suitable for Prom donated by staff, in the Pastoral meeting room. The dresses are available to students in Y11 or Y10 to wear at this year's or next year's Prom. See Mrs Ashton to view.

## Forthcoming events

- 20 June – Whole School Trip Day (Flamingo Land/ Meadowhall)
- 21 June – Staff training day
- 24 June – New Academic Year 2019/20
- 27 June – Year 11 Prom, Harrogate
- 2 July – Sports Day
- 3 July – Governing Board meeting
- 4 July – Year 6 Induction Day
- 4 July – Y6 Parents' Evening 6pm
- 15 July – new Y11 Work Experience week
- 15 – 17 July – new Y8 Outdoor Learning
- 18 July – Summer Sizzler Showcase Evening
- 19 July – 3.15 p.m. Close for Summer break

## Useful Information – Term Dates

You will be aware that the May 2020 Bank Holiday date has been changed. To see our published term dates, holidays and staff training dates [click here](#).

## Bronze Award, Duke of Edinburgh

- 19 & 20 June – Training days
- 6 & 7 July – Practice weekend
- 13 & 14 July – Final weekend

## University of York Trip: Maths unlocking the world around us

Eight students from years 9 and 10 took part in a visit to York University on Friday 7th June; the focus of the day was to introduce Key Stage 4 students to the wider application of mathematics, post 18.

The students took part in two workshops. The first workshop was led by a lecturer from the department of mathematics. We were given an insight into the use of statistics in a real life context and how 'decision trees' can be used to support a model of decisions and their possible consequences. The students were asked to create a decision tree to enable them to decide if a selection of characters were spies. The main aim of the task was for students to consider the questions they could ask to allow them to obtain useful information; this would allow them to calculate the measure of uncertainty. It really did make us think about asking useful questions. Well done to Daisy and Edie for being expert interrogators.

Workshop 2 was led by two undergraduate mathematicians, the focus this time was using probability to calculate pi. The title of the activity was 'throwing sticks to find pi' (Buffon's needle problem), the students took part in an experiment to gather data.

The students also took part in a tour of the campus, this enabled them to ask a current undergraduate about life as a student, which they found really enjoyable and the lunch went down a treat too.

The students were ambassadors for Nidderdale High School and I hope that the visit inspired them for their future.

Mrs Easton

## Y11 Prom

Senior Students Daisy and Maria are pictured raising money for Prom table and room decorations.

A total of 84.80 was raised.

Thank you to all staff and students who baked and bought cakes and biscuits.

Mrs Ashton



## Re-Wilding Event - 22 May

The Re-Wilding event hosted in the School Hall was well attended and the panel provided the diversity of opinion required to have an active discussion.

Following the event, a donation of associated books was made.

Students in Geography have now started to discuss how we, as a school, might have an appropriately scaled rewilding project and the books will aid that discussion.

The students really have taken on board their environmental responsibilities (both locally and globally) and I look forward to seeing their ideas on this.

Mr Connors



## Menu options w/c 17 June:

**Monday:** Chicken Pie and Vegetables/BBQ Pulled Pork Wrap/Tomato and Cheese Pasta Bake/Salad/Jam Sponge

**Tuesday:** Pork & Apple Burger in a bun/Cajun Roast Chicken/Roasted Vegetable Filled Boat/Salad/Strawberry Mousse

**Wednesday:** Homemade Pizza/Pesto Pasta/Cheese and Onion Pasty/Salad/Chocolate Crispie

**Thursday:** Whole School Trip – food made to order for those remaining in school – see Mrs Naylor

**Friday:** Staff training day