



Headteacher's Introduction

It has been a busy week this week with all students and staff getting to grips with their new timetables. Students have moved up to their new academic year, rising to the challenge of new classes, new topics and in some cases new subjects.

We have also been able to finalise our new Senior Student Team, having appointed Head and Deputy Head Boy and Girl from our new Year 11 and a team of Senior Students from Year 10 and 11. I am sure that they will be excellent role models and will contribute to the further development of the school, representing student voice at Nidderdale. We will introduce them properly with photos and news of their chosen charity for 2019-20 in the end of term Nidd News.

As we focus on our new academic year, our outgoing Year 11 students have just celebrated the formal end to their time at Nidderdale with their Prom on Thursday evening. Again, we look forward to sharing photos of this event in our end of term Nidd News. Just as Year 11 left, we received a lovely message from the manager of Cost Cutter to complement them on great manners and behaviour when using the shop during their extended breaks in exam season. Great to have the support of local businesses in our community and well done to students for representing Team Nidderdale in the right way.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

Week of Understanding

Last week students and staff visited St Cuthbert's primary to take part in the St Cuthbert's 'Week of Understanding'. Throughout the week, younger children listened to talks and demonstrations about areas of difference. Students delivered sessions about 'Living with Dyslexia' and 'Physical Differences'. In addition, students and staff held workshops aimed at teaching the younger children how to take care of their mental health. The younger children also listened carefully to talks about 'Understanding Autism' in which they were encouraged to think about what life may be like for people who experience autism.

Students from Nidderdale High thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to help younger children to learn and progress in their understanding of the world around them. The older students boosted their own confidence by being involved, in some cases pushing themselves out of their comfort zones in order to speak publicly about issues very close to their hearts. For some, this was their first experience of public speaking, but everyone rose to the occasion and did a brilliant job.

Students found that the children from St Cuthbert's were welcoming and polite and asked really intuitive questions. As the week was such a great success, both schools plan to collaborate in a similar way again next year, with the aim of making 'The Week of Understanding' an annual event.

Mrs Blunstone

Forthcoming events

2 July – Sports Day
3 July – Governing Board meeting
4 July – Year 6 Induction Day
4 July – Y6 Parents' Evening 6pm
6 & 7 July – Duke of Edinburgh Practice
13 & 14 July – Duke of Edinburgh Final
15 July – new Y11 Work Experience week
18 July – Summer Sizzler Showcase Evening
19 July – 3.15 p.m. Close for Summer break

Welcoming Year 6 Students Ahead Of September

Some Year 6 students have had a preview of what life is like at secondary school when they have attended transition sessions over the last few weeks. They have already met many of the staff, and last week they worked with some of our current Year 8 students to create descriptive writing pieces in an English lesson. The students have also had taster sessions in the science labs, the PE department, the ICT room and the sports hall.

The younger students have already impressed the older students with their resilience, and in turn the younger students have been impressed by how welcoming the older students are.

We look forward to welcoming our entire September intake to two further transition days on 4th and 11th July.

Mrs Blunstone



Useful Information

School Comms – please check your junk mail as some School Comms messages have been discovered in Junk Mail.



PTFA News & Sponsorship request

Tough Mudder – Sunday 28th July. The PTFA 'Team Nidderdale' group of staff and parents are taking part in the Yorkshire Tough Mudder to raise money for PTFA use. The gruelling ten mile obstacle course will require true Nidderdale Grit to complete and we would be grateful for any sponsorship, however small, to motivate us around this challenge. You can sponsor our PTFA team by clicking on [this link](#).

Race for Life Club. Y8/9 girls have been training hard to take part in the Harrogate Pretty Muddy on 13th July. I am incredibly proud of how the girls have improved by pushing themselves out of their comfort zones each week. They are an absolute credit to the school! All of the girls involved are fundraising for Cancer Research UK; you can sponsor the team by clicking on [this link](#).

Thank you for your support!

We are hoping to fundraise for a sheltered seating area for students in the coming months. This is a large-scale project and we would welcome any input from parents with regard to sponsorship and/or logistics for this exciting venture! Please contact me in school if you would like to be involved.

The PTFA will be holding a tombola at our upcoming Summer Sizzler Concert. If you would like to make a donation of a tombola prize (e.g. an unwanted gift, box of chocolates etc.) Please ask your child to hand them in at Reception or contact me to arrange collection.

Mrs Wright (Chair of PTFA)