



Welcome to our new Senior Student Team led by Head Girl, Lucy Swires and Head Boy, Benji Howard. They are already underway with new projects around school including Eco-Club, Corridor duties and running a stationery shop before morning registration. The Senior Student charity is yet to be confirmed but the team have brought forward a selection of worthwhile charity ideas including The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, WasteAid and Teenage Cancer Trust.

More Senior Students news will be reported in September ... watch this space!

Dear Parent / Carer

2018-19 has been an extremely eventful year in many ways. We started with a major flood that took two classrooms out of use for many weeks but Team Nidderdale showed great resilience and adaptability and just got on with it! During the same month, we held our most successful Open Evening ever, which has led to a record number of applications for places in September 2019, and we are oversubscribed.

Since then staff and students have celebrated a great many successes and enjoyed many exciting opportunities. Students celebrated a wide variety of successes at Pateley Show; Miss Draper and Mrs Witherwick achieved their National Professional Qualification for Senior Leaders; 32 students have completed their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award final expedition, with a further 30 to complete in September; our Race for Life Team have raised over £2000 for Cancer Research UK and across the year the school community has raised over £1300 for a variety of charities; our Maths Challenge Team were placed 4/27; school records were smashed at Sports Day; students have been selected to represent their clubs and the region in Football, Cricket and Gymnastics; students have had the opportunity to visit a range of universities in the North of England; live theatre experiences from Kes at West Yorkshire Playhouse to Twelfth Night and The Tempest at the pop-up Rose Theatre in York have been regular features.

In amongst all of our achievements and experiences, the highlight of this year has probably been our whole school collective act of remembrance to mark 100 years since the end of World War I.

Even in the holidays the achievements and opportunities don't stop. In August, our Gardening Club will take part in the reception for the Britain in Bloom judging committee as Pateley Bridge competes for top honours.

All of this is achieved through the hard work and commitment of Team Nidderdale's staff, the enthusiasm of our students and the support of parents and our local community. My thanks to all involved in the continuing success and fantastic reputation of Nidderdale High School.

I wish everyone an enjoyable and restful holiday and look forward to welcoming students back to school on Tuesday 3rd September.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher



### Lake District Expedition

The year 10 Outdoor Education group embarked on a journey to the Lake District at 6 o'clock on a Friday morning as a final trip to end the amazing year we have had on the course, and also to act as their Duke of Edinburgh training expedition. The group had two main goals. Firstly, to conquer the highest mountain in England (Scafell Pike), and secondly, to experience their first ever wild-camp.

After a challenging, but rewarding expedition, the group achieved both of these goals and more and by the time we were driving back to Nidderdale, they had achieved 3 of the largest mountains (with expedition packs on), a peaceful wild-camp in a stunning location and covered around 15 miles, with a lot of ups and downs along the way (both metaphorically and literally!) This was a huge accomplishment !

Thank you to Mr MacNair for helping the students push through and well done to all the participants!

Mr Couldwell



### Sports Leaders

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the sports leaders for their commitment and support to the primary competitions. They have shown incredible organisation, fantastic leadership skills and passion for sport. Once again they have received praise from everyone involved.

This term leaders have umpired at the local Cricket ground, supported a TAG rugby festival and led a sports club at a local primary school. Sports Leaders also helped out at School Sports Day on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Thank you, keep up the hard work.

Mrs Kay







**Relevant  
Learning**



**Work  
Experience**



**Career  
Readiness**

**Y11 Work Experience** Year 11 students have gained vital skills they will need for Post-16 life and have had the opportunity to become career confident. We want to thank our many work placement providers for offering great opportunities to our young people this week, some of these include: medical, veterinary, IT, Public Relations, Architecture and agricultural placements.

During work experience, Benjy Howard had a piece of writing published on the Cycling Weekly digital edition Website – [click here](#) to see the article.



## Race for Life

Team Nidderdale girls are pictured before and after the **Pretty Muddy, Race for Life** on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

It was loads of fun and the girls have managed to raise £2,128 so far, with some sponsorship still to come in.

Thank you to everyone who has sponsored the girls and/or encouraged/congratulated them. They were amazing #TeamNiddproud

The team are also pictured below during a pause on one of their early training runs.





### Pastoral News

Students have been learning about small animal care in Pastoral Support this term following the loan of two guinea pigs. The animals have very different personalities. Caramel is confident and boisterous and Cocoa is shy, quiet and retiring. They are learning to adjust to the sounds of groups of children visiting them each day and taking an interest in their wellbeing. Jake Gray has been looking after the guinea pigs during lunchtimes ensuring that students around them are calm and quiet. They are enjoying being groomed and are being spoilt with special guinea pig treats. Students who have become confident in handling them have talked about how relaxed and calm they make them feel.



### **Prom 2019**

Year 11 students looked amazing at this year's Prom, girls were dressed beautifully in gorgeous Prom dresses and boys looking super smart. There were some very snazzy vehicles dropping off the guests at The Millstones venue, Tractors were gleaming and there was even a Ferrari that had been dusted off especially for the occasion! .....



It was a relaxed, warm and sunny evening with delicious 3-course meal. Thank you to Nidderdale DJ Services for the Disco. A great evening all round with an underlying excitement on where the after parties were going to be!

Mrs Clark



## School Sports Day

On Tuesday 2nd July the whole school came together to enjoy our annual Sports Day. Students spent the morning competing in athletics events, displaying impressive running, jumping and throwing skills. After lunch, the sports resumed with tug-of-war contests, culminating in a staff vs students showdown! We finished the day with games of cricket, rounders, tennis and Capture the Flag. The overall winners were Ingleborough House, but all our students were winners in terms of teamwork, tenacity, effort and sheer determination.

Thanks to Mr Hill and our dedicated P.E department for putting together such and enjoyable and inclusive day of sports.

Ms Lester





## Fun In The Sun – Whole School Trip 2019

On the 21st June, students had the opportunity to take part in the 2019 'Whole School Trip'. The trip was a recognition of all of the hard work that students have put into their studies over the last year, and a chance to sample what the world has to offer outside of the school building.

Some students and staff had a fun filled day at Flamingo Land near Malton. For a change, the weather was kind, and the only water on the day came from the log flume! A highlight for some was the sea lion show, whilst others enjoyed the thrills of fast rides or simply spending the day with their friends. Many students were visiting a theme park for the very first time and approached some of the rides with trepidation! But once again, the staff at Flamingo Land were helpful and attentive, with school staff and students being impressed with the friendly and inclusive ethos of the ride attendants.

On the same day, some older students went to Meadowhall Shopping Centre near Sheffield. Some students took the opportunity to visit the summer sales in the shops, whilst others watched a film at the cinema.

Other students spent the day in Nidderdale, enjoying the best of what the Dale has to offer as they practised for their Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition. Students used their map reading skills to design a walking route around Nidderdale. They also had the chance to practise tent building and cooking their own lunch on a camping stove. Students also took the opportunity to get organised and check that they had all of the kit that they needed for their final expedition.

For everyone the day was an excellent opportunity to cement friendships and positive working relationships. Students supported one another and encouraged each other to 'give things a go'. The camaraderie on display throughout the day was heart-warming, and the bonds that students are developing was clearly on display.

Mrs Blunstone



### **Nidderlicious News**

20<sup>th</sup> June – the Christmas Countdown begins! Team Nidderlicious used the absence of students from school on the whole school trip to prepare their Christmas puddings!

We would like to welcome Mrs Sophie Jaques to the team and thank our relief workers Graham and Mervyn for their flexibility in helping out during busy periods.







Teaching Assistants, Mr Barnes and Mrs Graham Bell have both been successful in securing places on PGCE courses and are leaving to start their Primary Teacher Training. We wish them all the very best as they begin their journeys to hugely rewarding careers in teaching.

Mr MacNair has been a positive influence on so many lives as our Attendance Officer and Learning Mentor. We will miss him greatly but are delighted that the experience he has gained in supporting young people and families at Nidderdale has inspired him to train as a Social Worker.

Mrs Harrison, one of our 'Office Angels' of 15 years standing, has also decided to move on to new challenges and she leaves with our thanks and very best wishes for the future.

Mr Hill has brought his rugby expertise to our PE curriculum and has inspired lots of students in lessons and extra-curricular clubs. We are sure he'll be a great success at his new school in Lincolnshire. Although we will miss Mr Hill very much, it does mean that Mr Couldwell and Miss Wilcock, who originally joined us for one year, will be able to remain as valuable members of Team Nidderdale contributing to PE, Humanities and Outdoor Education, so we are delighted about that!

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Hardman and Mrs Spence as Teaching Assistants and Mrs Newcomb as Attendance Officer and Educational Visits Coordinator to Team Nidderdale.

Mrs Kay and Mrs Gibson will also have newly focused roles in school from September as they take on the positions of Assistant Faculty Leader for Social Sciences (supporting Mrs Witherwick) and Assistant Faculty Leader for Communication (supporting Miss Draper).

Ms Jordan

## Pop up Theatre Visit – The Tempest , York 12 July

Students in Years 10 and 11 had the unique opportunity to watch a performance of The Tempest in a pop up replica of Shakespeare's original Rose Theatre. The building is a 13-sided design of a 16th century Shakespearean theatre built for an audience of 900, with 560 seated on three tiered balconies around an open-roofed courtyard, and standing room for 340 'groundlings'. We were fortunate to obtain excellent seats for the performance. The performance addressed ideas about magic, love, power and ambition, combining humour, music, howling storms and some well received audience interaction!

Ms Draper



HOW MANY  
GOODLY  
CREATURES  
ARE THERE HERE!  
HOW  
BEAUTEIOUS  
MANKIND IS!  
O BRAVE  
NEW WORLD,  
THAT HAS SUCH  
PEOPLE IN IT!  
CHAPTERS 8 & 15 THE TEMPEST (V, 1)



# We are Great Readers

Year 7 have achieved some impressive Accelerated Reader scores throughout the year. Between them they have read 870 books and have been rewarded with prizes and rewards trips to The Everyman, Leeds Museum and the Royal Armouries. Badge winners are Joe O'Connell, Freyja Thompson, Harry Bradley, Leaf Lofthouse and Lucy Mawer, very well done to them!

In September, our new Year 7 students will be following the Accelerated Reader Programme and will have the opportunity to win rewards for their reading efforts.

Ms Lester



## Forthcoming events

- 2 Sep 19 – Staff training day
- 3 Sep 19 – Students return to school
- 9 Sep 19 – School Photos
- 12 Sep 19 – Welcome to KS4 - Parents & Students' Evening
- 23 Sep 19 – School Closed to Students – Nidderdale Show Day / Staff training

School's Out  
For Summer





## GCSE Fine Art and Photography

Miss Brohier and Miss Adams would like to let you know how proud we are of our Year 11's Art and Photography Exhibition and all their achievements over the last 2 years.

An exhibition of samples of the students Photography and Art GCSE work has been on display in room 11 for the past week and we have had wonderful feedback from both students and staff.

Key Stage 3 students have been writing cards with complimentary messages and cards with questions on them directed to our Art and Photography students who have recently left. These messages and questions will be sent home to Year 11 leavers, so they can answer any questions Key Stage 3 have put forward.

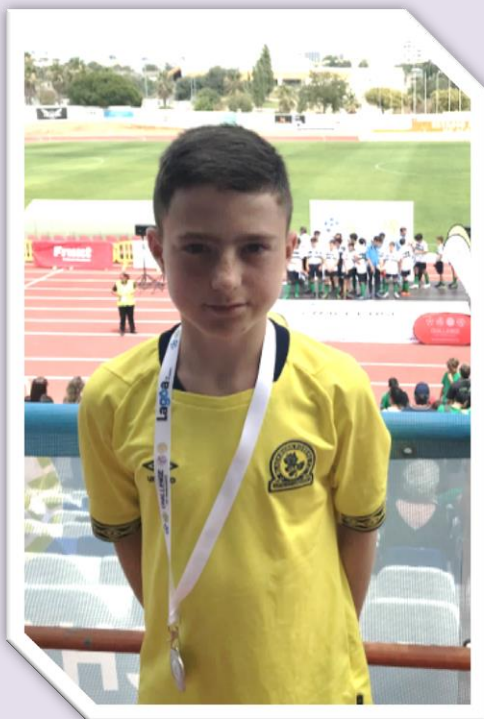
Fine Art students started with a project titled 'Up Close and Personal' and went on to produce projects titled 'Messages', 'Elements', and 'Natural Form'.

In Photography students began with a project titled 'People and Place' and went on to produce their exam project with varying titles such as 'Texture', 'Natural Form' and 'My surroundings'.

Congratulations to all of our GCSE Art and Photography students for producing such interesting and inspiring work!







Congratulations to Ethan Roberts who travelled out to Portugal to participate in the 2019 Football Challenge Cup. All Games were 11v11 on full size pitches 40min games in the group stages and 50min in the Quarter/Semi/Final. They won their 3 group games scoring 12 conceding 0! Progressing to the Quarter-finals with a morning game winning 3-0, then the evening Semi-final with a hard fought 2-0 win in 28 degree heat. Unfortunately in the final, the team played well against a much stronger and quicker group but due to age difference, coupled with the midday heat, the team finally succumbed to a heart breaking 2-0 defeat.

Mrs Wright



THE DUKE OF  
EDINBURGH'S AWARD

### Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

Congratulations to all year 11 students who have completed their D of E Bronze expedition.

Students were required to take part in an unaccompanied, self reliant walking expedition in the Yorkshire Dales. They had to develop their navigational skills and work on their team work and organisational skills in order to be successful.

On reflection, students discussed how they had surprised themselves with how much they could do, how they had been integral to the team and how it would help them in the future.

Remember to complete the other sections required in order to achieve your award.

We had some very strong groups with more than 75% of participants wanting to continue to the Silver level award.

Mrs Kay

