



All of our Year 7 students have chosen a free book (thanks to the PTFA) to kickstart their Accelerated Reader achievements.

We are proud to be a reading school.



Headteacher's Introduction

Welcome to the first issue of our Nidd News. During the summer we were delighted to celebrate GCSE results day with our outgoing Year 11 students. You may have read about some of our individual student successes in the Harrogate Advertiser and Nidderdale Herald - including our 4 students who managed to achieve 44 Grade 7-9 between them! We are really proud of all of our students and look forward to welcoming last year's Head Boy and Head Girl back to our Open Evening next Thursday to talk about what Nidderdale High School has meant to them.

Our new Year 7 students have made a great start. With a 99% Classcharts positive record, they have demonstrated their commitment to being Ready, Respectful and Safe. The rest of the school has a very impressive 96% positives record, with most students still on a 'Clean Slate' for Ready, Respectful and Safe.

At the start of this term the whole school community has been reflecting on the importance of the way we deal with others, thinking about the Golden Rule of treating others as we would like to be treated ourselves. Staff in school have been encouraged to have a daily reflection on the positives in their personal and professional lives and this is something that will be rolled out to students through our Flourish Programme.

Recently we have sent out communications about our School Transport Code of Conduct and about specific transport issues during the UCI World Cycling Championships. Please make sure you have read both and contact Mrs Staniforth if you have any queries.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

PTFA NEWS

The PTFA Tough Mudder Team, made up of parents, staff and governors took part in the Yorkshire Tough Mudder on Sunday 28th July. The race was a gruelling eight mile course including 28 muddy, freezing and sometimes terrifying obstacles! It took four and a half hours to complete and was a really TOUGH challenge for everybody involved. The PTFA are thrilled to have raised over £600 for our young people through sponsorship for this event. It's not too late to get involved – you can still sponsor them by logging on to: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/nicola-wright45>

The PTFA will support the Nidderdale Triathlon tomorrow - 14 September by running the café from the school kitchen 11 – 4.30 p.m. If you wish to help please come along. Thank you in advance to all those who have provided baking/help already.



Forthcoming events

University Trips

Year 8 – Fri 18th October, Sheffield University.

History Film Event. At this event, students will have the opportunity to watch the film 'Who Framed Roger Rabbit?' and explore how it functions as an allegory for racial segregation in the United States in the late 1940s. Students will work in groups to explore how these themes are developed in the film and examine the historical context on which the story is based.

Year 7 – 5th Nov, York University.

Why the world needs to switch away from fossil fuels for the sake of its health. At this workshop students can find out how the latest science and technology is helping us to make the switch to a bioeconomy for the benefit of the health and wellbeing of our planet.

Students will:

- learn about the bioeconomy and how it can help us improve the health of the planet
- find out how money can be made out of orange peel
- take a tour of impressive science laboratories
- talk to scientists to find out how their research is making a difference in the switch to a bioeconomy
- get hands on and make bioplastics

Well done! William Fitzgibbon has passed his grade 5 cornet exam.

Nidderlicious

Meal deals at £2.50 w/c 16 September.

The full menu can be viewed on the school's website.

Monday: Spaghetti Bolognese, Chocolate sponge and custard

Tuesday: Chinese Chicken Noodles, Creamy Rice Pudding and Peaches

Wednesday: Braised Nidderdale Beef and Mash, Chocolate Chip Rock Bun

Thursday – Homemade Pizza, Mandarin Jelly

Friday: Chicken Tikka Masala, Fruit Yoghurt

New School Prospectus. Do take a look at the new school prospectus on the website. [Click here.](#) Open Evening will be held on Thursday 19th September from 5.30 p.m. – please make sure all helpers return permission slips.

KS4 News

- The new Student Leadership are preparing for their assembly next week when they will introduce themselves to the whole school and talk about their chosen charities, fundraising plans and new stationery shop at breakfast club in the hall.
- Revision Sessions have already begun for Year 11 students. An up to date list of sessions on offer to support students in preparation of their GCSEs will be emailed out to parents and placed on the website.
- Year 10 students will visit the Apprenticeship Show in October. More detail about the show is available – [click here](#).
- Cliffe Castle visit 10 September. Our 'Number 6' students had a really informative study day at Cliffe Castle Museum Keighley, which is packed with exhibits of Victorian collections of stuffed animals and skeletons of birds, fish, butterflies and bugs together with one of the most important collections of minerals. After photographing and sketching, the day ended with a gold leafing workshop with the curator in charge of conservation in which both staff and students learned the technique of covering objects with very thin gold leaf.

Theatre trips Coming soon....

24th Oct - Year 7 Bradford Alhambra – First Encounters Shakespeare, The Merchant of Venice. A new production specially created for 7-13 year olds. It uses an edited version of the original text to bring Shakespeare's story of justice and mercy to life in just 90 minutes.

8th Nov - York Theatre, Year 7/8

Tom Gates Live on Stage. Based on the bestselling books by Liz Pichon. Tom's doing everything possible to stay out of trouble but somehow he's got THREE sad faces on the school achievement chart! And getting another sad face means he can't go on the SCHOOL TRIP! Moany Marcus Meldrew is making things worse and now Tom's annoyed his grumpy sister Delia. Can his best friend Derek help? Will Rooster the dog stop eating his homework?