

Nidd

NEWS

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On Tuesday 8th October we took Year 10 to The Apprenticeship Show in Harrogate. This enabled all our students to gain knowledge in an extensive range of career paths offering Apprenticeships.



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent/Carer

Recently we have been trialling a new strategy to help parents to find out more about what students are doing in lessons. Miss Draper's Year 7 and Year 9 English classes have been impressing their parents with their knowledge of A Midsummer Night's Dream and Of Mice & Men. In turn parents have been impressing Miss Draper with their postcards back recording what they have learned from their child and why the study of Shakespeare is so important.

We hope to extend this trial into other subjects as the year progresses but promise not to give parents too much homework to do!

In this edition of the Nidd News you will find a link to more information about becoming a Parent Governor, if you are interested in having more formal involvement in the work of the school. We are also always happy to welcome more members to our PTFA.

At the end of this very long half term, I wish all students, staff and parents an enjoyable and restful holiday.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

Thankyou Sam, Finley and Will gave up their social time to build the new chicken coop and Bertha, Ruby, Doris and Nellie couldn't be more thrilled with their new pad! They are already laying eggs. Mr Hawkins was impressed with the boys' methodical approach and attention to detail during the build. Mrs Wright is looking forward to working with the boys on future projects.

Useful information:

[Click here](#) to read about arrangements for bad winter weather.

Note: The Year 7 scheduled visit to York University (5 Nov) has been postponed as some Year 7s will be out of school on an Outdoor Education day.



Forthcoming events

28 Oct – 1 Nov – Half term break
5 / 11/ 12 Nov, Y7/8 Outdoor Ed
7 Nov – Further Education evening
8 Nov – Y8 theatre trip – York Opera House
11 Nov – Remembrance Service, Pateley Bridge
12 Nov – GCSE Certificate Presentation to Y12
14 Nov – Senior Students Reward Trip to Cinema
15 Nov – Y8 Reward trip to Cinema
18 Nov – Governing Board meeting



Gothic Literature Month

As part of the Library's Gothic Literature Month, on Tuesday 15th October Year 7 enjoyed a visit from Igraine the Knaresborough Raven Keeper and two of her birds, Emyrus and Sophia. Igraine was able to dispel some of the bad press these fascinating birds have received with some hilarious anecdotes about her life with her 8 ravens. Students were able to handle the birds and found them to be much friendlier than their reputation might imply!

Thanks to the PTFA who have once again kindly funded our participation in the Book Buzz scheme, all our Year 7 students recently received a book gift. Bookbuzz is a reading programme from BookTrust that aims to help schools inspire a love of reading in 11 to 13-year-olds. Participating schools give their students the opportunity to choose their own book to take home and keep from a list of 15 titles. They are all carefully selected by a panel of experts to ensure quality, suitability and to encourage reading for pleasure.



School Governance - Election of Parent Governor

There is to be an election of a Parent Governor as there is one parent governor place to be filled. Mrs Patricia Martin's term of office has ended. We are looking for representation from parents across the school and applications will be welcome from any parent who is interested in contributing to the future of our school and the students in its care. [Click here to read more about the election and access the nomination form](#) – nominations to be sent to school by **8th November**.

[Click here](#) to read more about Nidderdale School Governors, School Policies etc.



Sports News Last week saw our year 9 netball team play to victory against Outwood winning 12-10. Player of the match Sacha Rhodes.

Year 10s played an amazing game ending in a 25 all draw! Frankie Sutton chosen as player of the match. Some fantastic netball played by both teams.



Staff Vacancy. We have a vacancy for a Site Manager. Please [click here](#) for further details.