

Nidd

NEWS

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Headteacher's Introduction

On Friday it was particularly sad to say goodbye to our fantastic Year 11s. We have been so impressed with this year group throughout their time at the school and they showed incredible maturity and resilience in the face of such difficult news about the uncertainty of their GCSEs.

Friday was not about worrying about the future but about living in the moment, celebrating friendships and reliving old memories. With thanks to an incredible effort from Mrs Kay, we managed to put together a day we hope they will remember happily in times to come. From traditional shirt signing, to silly certificates and embarrassing Year 7 photographs, we covered most of the usual important rites of passage with less than 24 hours notice.

Now that the way qualifications will be awarded is a little more certain we hope that this year group can use this time to develop and extend their knowledge without the pressure and urgency of exam preparation.

Goodbye and good luck Year 11!

Kath Jordan, Headteacher



Nidd News flipped!

Normally we tell you all of our news about events in and out of school that students have been involved in. Obviously, we're going to be a bit short on news from within school so we would like to flip the news and hand over to you. Please send us photos or snippets of news about what your child is getting up to. It might be a great piece of project work, a snippet of writing, some fantastic making or cooking projects. It might equally be some volunteering, work to support the family business or great ideas for fun things to do without screen time. If you've got news to share, please contact admin@nidderdale.n-yorks.sch.uk

Fitness programme

As the options for physical activity become more and more limited, Mr Barrass is putting together a series of Lockdown Workouts, which can be found on YouTube. Students can find a link on Classcharts but for any parents who think they have what it takes, follow this link: <https://youtu.be/15rHbYpSI1s>



Working from home

Many parents will have found themselves suddenly moving from largely office based work to working from home. I'm sure many employers will have provided advice and support for managing this but if not, you may find this useful: [Click here](#) to see guidance from Mental Health First Aid England.

Y11 boys arriving on 19th March in style!



Reading matters

We will be encouraging students to read as much and as widely as possible in the next few months. Stories are great for making sense of the world, for relaxation and learning. Why not try streaming some free audio books.

https://stories.audible.com/discovery/enterprise-discovery-21103929011?ref=adbl_ent_anon_ds_ds_dbb_0-0

If parents find they have time on their hands too, we will be making some reading recommendations for you. To understand our Flourish programme a bit more why not try 'Chimp Management' or 'The Silent Guides' by Professor Steve Peters.

"Everyone is a bit scared,"
said the horse



"But we are less scared
together."



The Race for Club was back 'up and running' last week. We were hoping to raise £2000 for Cancer Research UK by taking part in the Pretty Muddy in July. Students and staff enjoyed a 4km cross country run up to Heathfield.