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<https://youngminds.org.uk/get-involved/how-to-fundraise/give-and-cake/>

Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

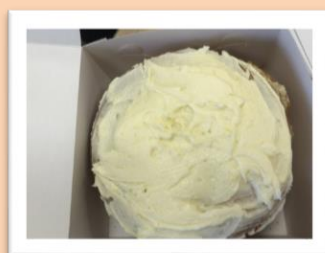
I hope that our 'catch up' week has enabled everyone to re-enter the world of remote learning and school at home with the minimum of anxiety. We have listened really carefully to the feedback we have had from students and their parents about how work was set before the Easter break and have reflected as a staff team about the best way forward. Today, each year group from Y7-10 will receive their new look streamlined timetable and a letter explaining the rationale for putting this new structure in place. I do hope that you will all find that this makes home learning manageable in the coming weeks.

You will also receive a letter about our new project to create a Rainbow of Rural Resilience as a lasting reminder of our time in lockdown and a thank you to the many key workers who are 'keeping our world turning'. The driving force behind this project is Ms Adams who, together with Miss Brohier, is responsible for getting you all going with the fantastic loo roll challenge and recycled paper projects pictured in this newsletter. We can't wait to receive your contributions for this new project.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

Easter creativity – Eat Cake!

Students enjoyed the 'Great Nidderdale Bake Off' and pitted against their teachers they came out rather well!



Easter muffins

As well as all the Easter baking our students have been doing, Team Nidderlicious have also been doing their bit. Over the holiday, Catering Manager Kate Naylor baked and arranged delivery of these fantastic Easter muffins to the Harrogate paramedics team. They were very gratefully received and didn't last very long at all! The Nidderlicious Team would be happy to provide baking or cooking services for any local projects or services supporting the CV-19 effort so do get in touch if you know of any projects needing this support.



The photos above were sent in by Olivia Shepherd Year 11 who is half way through lambing. The first photo is a 'pure Texal tip', the second a set of quads – all doing well!

New mental health website for supporting children and young people

This new website dedicated to helping children and young people find mental health support in North Yorkshire. [The Go-to](#) is a portal or 'single point of information' for mental health support services offered by different agencies in the county. With lots of useful tips, information and signposting the site has specific 'young person', 'parent/carer' and 'professional' tabs for easy navigation. <https://www.thegoto.org.uk/>

Staff Update

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Witherwick back to work after her maternity leave. She is already hard at work sharing the very best of online teaching and learning across the school and will be working with some of her history classes in the coming weeks. However, we are also delighted that Mr Pancott, who has been covering Mrs Witherwick's classes since January, is now a permanent member of Team Nidderdale. This will be particularly good news for the small number of students attending school at the moment as it means Mr Pancott's curry club will continue! Mrs Warner has also joined us this week as a Senior Learning Mentor. She wins the prize for starting a new job in the strangest circumstances but has already been working with Ms Walker to support some individual students and families remotely.

Colour your own thankyou to NHS staff #Getcreativeathome

Across the UK, people have been showing their support for frontline NHS staff and other key workers as they grapple with the extreme circumstances of coronavirus. This has taken many forms, from communal clapping to painted rainbows in windows.

Michael Craig-Martin was an influential teacher at Goldsmith's College, London from the 1970s to the 1990s where he mentored a gifted group known later as the Young British Artists, among them Damien Hirst, Gary Hume and Sarah Lucas. He says, "Now more than ever is the time to show our appreciation for the courageous work of our NHS staff across the UK. We might be in lockdown but, by colouring in this design individually and sharing it either in windows or digitally, you can show your personal support for the selfless work they're doing."

Print out Michael Craig-Martin's design to share as a tribute to NHS workers - Download posters here:

[Transparent poster](#)

[Blue background poster](#)

Nidd News Flipped!

We love to see the work you are doing at home in response to the online tasks set and the things you are doing for your own enjoyment.

Keira's amazing loo roll challenge came to the attention of the Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services on Twitter. Hermione's beautiful painting of a cow is one of the many creative things she's been keeping busy with at home. Geoffrey and Brendan's work shows just two of the many different directions the recycled paper project can be taken in. We've also seen some fantastic animations and film responses to these projects.

