

CONGRATULATIONS



THE FINALISTS

NATIONAL AWARDS
FOR PASTORAL CARE
IN EDUCATION
2020

NAPCE Awards 2020 – Finalists Announced

We are delighted to announce that the school's 'Harmony and Light' project has been selected as a finalist for 'Pastoral Development of the Year' in the National Association of Pastoral Care in Education Awards 2020. The winner will be announced in July.

The project nominated was inspired by some of our Year 10 students and the ideas they had about how they could work together and move forward.

20th May 2020 - Thank a Teacher Day

At Team Nidderdale HQ, we know that the teachers couldn't do the fantastic job they are doing without rest of the team so we were all really pleased on Thank a Teacher Day to receive and share some parental feedback with the whole school Team. It is always appreciated but even moreso in these challenging times.

Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

As we head into the May half term break, I wanted to acknowledge the incredible achievements of Team Nidderdale. If you are reading the Key Stage 3 Check In, watching assemblies or following our Twitter feed you will have some sense of just what our young people are managing to achieve in often challenging circumstances. You will also know that Ms Walker's 'Harmony and Light' project is a finalist in the NAPCE Awards this year.

Everyone who works at Nidderdale High School does so because they enjoy working with young people so to spend the whole of this half term working remotely has been a challenge. However, the kind feedback we have received from you and the incredible work that students are submitting makes our hard work feel worthwhile.

I will be writing this week to parents of each year group 7-10 to update on any year group specific issues.

We will not be setting any school work next week. I hope that all of our school community are able to enjoy some relaxed time away from school work during the holiday.

Kath Jordan
Headteacher



The Department for Education's Guidance on helping secondary school children continue their education during the coronavirus outbreak can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-secondary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Rainbow of Resilience

So far we have received all kinds of incredible contributions demonstrating what you've been doing to 'live your best lives' during lockdown or to say a specific thank you to key workers. Most of the contributions so far have been in the form of photos and now Ms Adams is looking to include some movement or sound as well as colour. She wrote to all students earlier in the week but just as a reminder:

"I would now like to invite you to send in recordings/video (10 seconds maximum) capturing moments/actions whilst doing your hobbies, activities during lockdown particularly focussing on the most exciting part of the activity. You are all leading rich and different lives during Lockdown, and it would be great to gain further insight into your talents whether they are sports, work, or leisure."



Half Term Fun - Calling all bakers

[Click here](#) to find details of an NYCC School Catering competition. The rules are:

1. Create a delicious bake that includes a type of fruit/vegetable. It could be a cake, bread, biscuit, scone or tray bake.
2. Michelin star chef Andrew Pern of The Star Inn at Harome will declare 'Star Baker' on 15th June. The Star Baker will secure a cookery lesson for school, and the winning recipe will be published on NYCC's website and social media.
3. Simply email the recipe and a photograph of the bake to: helen.buxton@northyorks.gov.uk to include the baker's name, age, and school they attend.

Competition – Closes 29th May 4.30 pm

10 WAYS TO LOOK AFTER YOUR MENTAL HEALTH



Mental Health Awareness Week 18 – 24 May 2020

Hopefully most of you now have a good balance of study and home activities to keep you busy and in a daily routine. If you are struggling, please ask for support.

If you need to speak to Ms Walker or any of Pastoral Team you can do this via our Pastoral Support Email: niddsupport@nidderdale.n-yorks.sch.uk or Tel: 07788 654 100.

Mrs Kay has also uploaded some Flourish information for Mental Health Awareness Week on Class-charts and don't forget to check out the school Flourish Instagram account [@nidderdaleflourish](https://www.instagram.com/nidderdaleflourish).

Here are a few links you may also find useful:

<https://compass-uk.org/buzz-us/>

<https://www.giveusashout.org/>

<https://www.themix.org.uk>

<https://youngminds.org.uk>

<https://kooth.com>

<https://papyrus-uk.org/what-next/>

Take care of yourselves and hopefully see you soon.
Mrs Ashton