

NIDD NEXT STEPS

KEY STAGE 4 NEWSLETTER



Thank You Key Stage 4

We would like to thank Key Stage 4 students on the continued resilience, hard work and determination to succeed which we have seen over the past few months.

We would normally be nearing the end of GCSE exams for our Year 11 students. We want to wish Year 11 a fond farewell, although please remember our full staff team are here to support you both academically and pastorally and will continue to do so during your Post 16 transition. Further information on Results Day will be given soon.

Mrs Ashton and Mrs Eglin

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KEEP SAFE

Remember to social distance if you are meeting friends

2

KEEP ACTIVE

Running, cycling, yoga, walking the dog... keep active as part of your daily wellbeing

3

KEEP IN TOUCH

We need photos and updates from you please!



REMINDERS

Please check your **STUDENT EMAILS** regularly for updates and **Form Tutor** check-ins.



Y10
Appointments are available from **15 June** online and face-to-face.



Y10 Work Experience in **July** has been cancelled.

Where Are They Now?

Each month we will look at a life of an ex Nidderdale student. Our first 'Where are they now..?' features Toby Blunstone. We hope you enjoy reading about his post 16 route journey. If anyone is interested in following in Toby's footsteps, please see the link at the end of the article.

Joining the RAF ...

Since I was small, I wanted to join the RAF. I was always interested in how things work, and in weaponry, so the jobs within the RAF appeal to me.

After I left Nidderdale (3 years ago), I went to Harrogate Grammar School to do three A-Levels. I really enjoyed my two years there. I joined the school rugby team, and I really enjoyed having a more flexible timetable that meant that I could choose how I spent my time more than I could when I was doing my GCSEs.

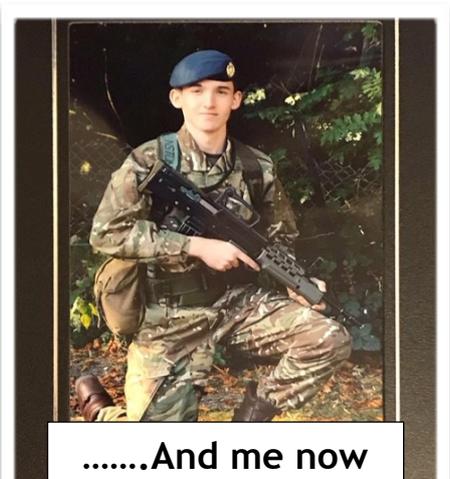


Me as a cadet
when I was
14.....

During my second year of A-Levels, I applied to join the RAF. The application process was long. To begin with I attended an interview in Leeds. I then had to sit an Airman Selection Test (AST). The RAF look at your results from this test and tell you which of their roles you can then apply for.

Certain roles require you to gain a higher pass in the test. You also have to pass medical and fitness tests.

I joined the RAF in August 2019, straight after completing my A-Levels. I joined as a 'Weapons Technician'. For the first ten weeks I was based at RAF Halton. Right at the beginning of this part of training, I had to be formally 'sworn in', which my family came to watch. It involved a formal swearing-in ceremony, which included the legal paperwork which officially made me part of the RAF. This was a really proud day, but daunting as I was legally not allowed to leave the military for at least ten weeks from that point. What if I hated it? Fortunately, it went well. During the next ten weeks I lived in a dormitory with



.....And me now





nine other recruits. We completed lots of classroom learning but also lots of practical training, including a survival week in Wales, weapon handling skills, and a week of defence training with the RAF Regiment. It was hard to be away from home at first, but as we all worked together and lived together, I soon got to know my fellow recruits really well and I quickly made friends for life.

At the end of the first ten weeks, I took part in my 'Passing Out' parade and became a fully-fledged member of the RAF. Again, another proud day. My family came to watch as I accepted an award that I had won, and paraded with my colleagues and new friends, and took on my first 'rank' of

Aircraftsman Blunstone.

Straight after my initial training I was sent to RAF Cosford near Wolverhampton to continue my training by beginning an advanced apprenticeship in aeronautical engineering. This will take around a year to finish before I am posted to another base where I will begin working on aircraft. There are lots of training opportunities.

I have really enjoyed the sport opportunities in the RAF. I play football for my base, Cosford, against teams from other bases.

I am also involved in athletics and the cricket team for my base. Playing sport is considered part of the job and participation is really encouraged. As you would expect, we do a lot of physical training, or 'PT', classes each week, building up stamina and fitness.



Although the application process can seem daunting, and feel like it is taking a long time, I am so glad that I did it. I have enjoyed getting paid whilst I am training and I have enjoyed being able to move on from home, as I knew that I didn't want to take the university route at eighteen. I imagine that the military life is not for everyone. But if you have an interest in engineering, sport, the outdoors, or just seeing a bit more of the world, then it might be worth you looking into it.

You can find more information at the website <https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/>



College Updates..

Nidderdale High School have strong links with Post 16 providers. Many are running webinars, virtual tours and offering information regarding courses on offer and potential start dates. Please keep checking your chosen Post 16 provider website or contact Mrs Eglin with any questions you may have : liz.eglin@nidderdale.n-yorks.sch.uk. We would like to invite Year 10 to take part in this opportunity too for career inspiration.

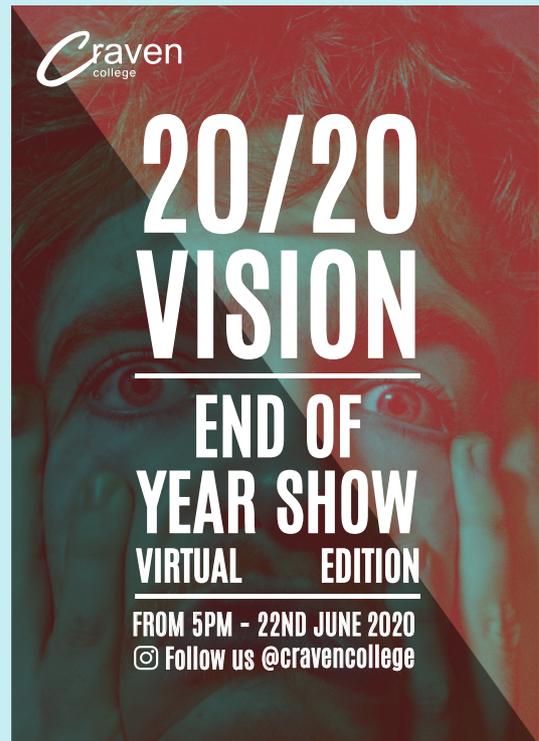
CRAVEN COLLEGE UPDATE

We are excited to share the dedication and creative talents of our students and would like to invite you to our (virtual) End of Year Show on June 22nd at 5pm.

Follow @cravencollege on Instagram for updates and sneak peaks.

Visit <https://www.craven-college.ac.uk/event/2020-vision-end-of-year-show/> for more details or go directly to the show on, or after 5pm on the 22nd June by visiting https://issuu.com/cravencollegeartanddesigneoys/docs/vision_2020

You do not need to pre register for this event.



Harrogate College



Due to the success of the previous Harrogate Webinar held on the 28th April, we have decided to hold another **live webinar!** This will be a great opportunity for potential students, parents/guardians and staff members to get an insight in to what Harrogate College has to offer.

Please use this link to book your place: <https://bit.ly/2BcZzyz>

The Harrogate College webinar will be live on **Tuesday June 9th @ 10am, 1pm, 4pm** so please pick a time which suits you best and book in using the link above.

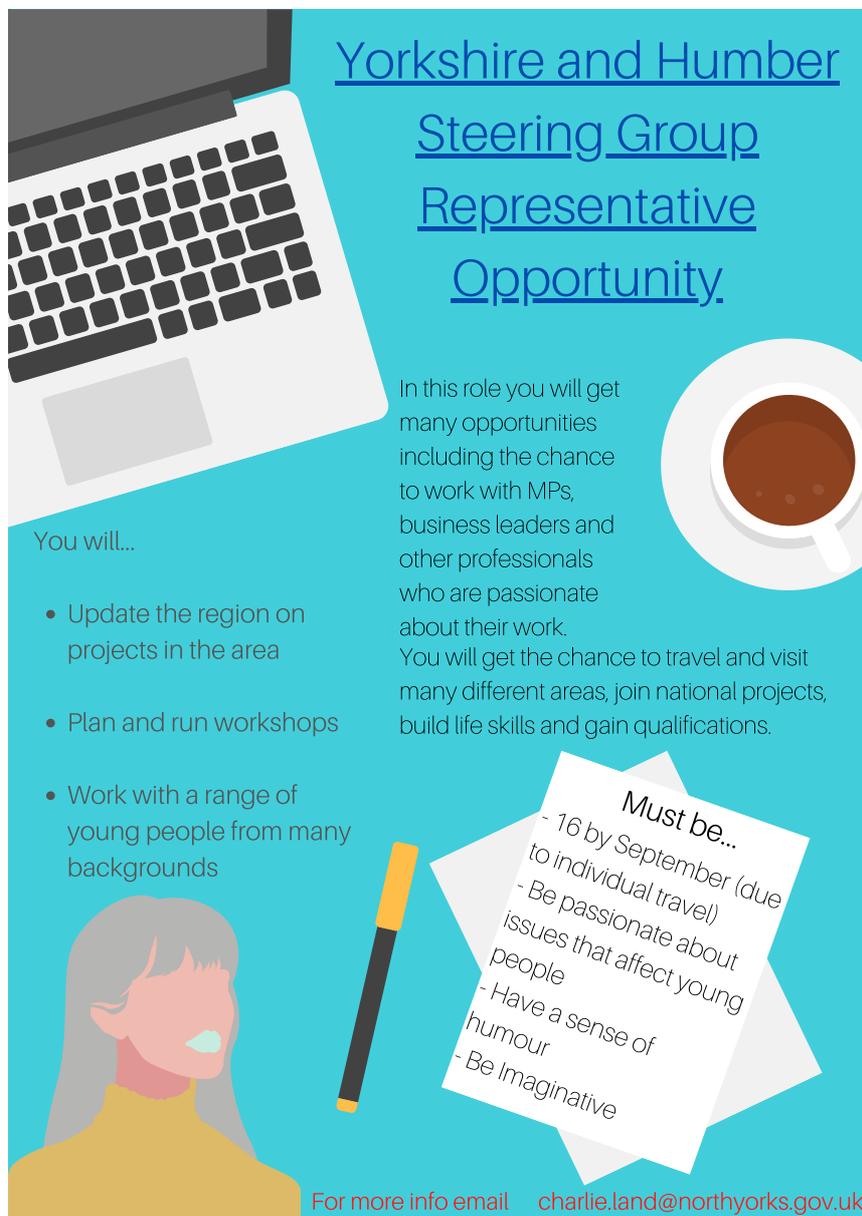
Like the previous webinar, it will be delivered by members of the School Liaison team and will include information about our courses, application process, interview process and other general information about Harrogate College. As these will be live, there will also be a chance for those watching to ask any questions they may have to make this more interactive and as similar to an open day.

Charity Focus

We were very pleased to hear from **Hattie Johnson** in Year 11. Hattie is running a 5k loop every day this month to raise money for the Medicines sans Frontières corona virus appeal . If you feel you can support Hattie by donating please go to her Just Giving page: [justgiving.com/fundraising/hattie-johnson](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hattie-johnson). Well done Hattie!

We would love to hear from more Key Stage 4 students with any charitable endeavours that may be happening.

Key Stage 4 Volunteering Opportunities



Yorkshire and Humber Steering Group Representative Opportunity.

In this role you will get many opportunities including the chance to work with MPs, business leaders and other professionals who are passionate about their work. You will get the chance to travel and visit many different areas, join national projects, build life skills and gain qualifications.

You will...

- Update the region on projects in the area
- Plan and run workshops
- Work with a range of young people from many backgrounds

Must be...

- 16 by September (due to individual travel)
- Be passionate about issues that affect young people
- Have a sense of humour
- Be Imaginative

For more info email charlie.land@northyorks.gov.uk

Year 10 History Update

A reminder to Year 10 **History** students: Mrs Witherwick will be running **Live Online History lessons** next week for: **10A (Monday 11.30am)** and **10B (Tuesday 11.30am)** These lessons will be an interactive hour of teaching and tasks, students will interact with Mrs Witherwick and will be able to ask questions online.

All Year 10 History students have received an email invitation to 'Teams' please respond to confirm you will be in attendance and log on to Teams 5 minutes before the lesson is due to begin, Parents will need to complete consent forms too.



Year 10 English Update

A BBC Four recording from The RSC Theatre Production of **Romeo and Juliet** is available now on BBC iPlayer. Search Romeo and Juliet on @bbciplayer or visit bbc.co.uk/arts via Instagram for more information.