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Headteacher's Introduction



Dear Parent / Carer

As we move into the final weeks of term, we are still doing all that we can to maximise opportunities for students. Across the next two weeks, Year 11 will be sitting very important mock exams in most subjects. Although our GCSE Art students will not be taking a mock, they are working hard to produce beautiful work for their coursework portfolios, as you can see from the images included here. Year 7 Wherside will have the opportunity to complete their Outdoor Education day that was postponed due to lockdown. Our Accelerated Reader champions will finally get their chance to attend the 'Into Film' reward trips promised last month. Thanks to our volunteer worker, Heather Tuffs, some students have had the opportunity to complete some bicycle maintenance sessions and have been fixing bikes for members of the local community.

Team Nidderlicious are finalising plans for Christmas lunch on Thursday 17th December, although the table cloths and crackers will be missing this year, we are certain the food will still be delicious and the atmosphere will be festive!

Attendance at school remains strong and students are keen to make the most of the opportunities being offered to them. In order that we can all make a safe and healthy end to this term, please note the reminders about our Covid risk assessment measures sent earlier this week and ensure that your child understands the importance of complying with all of these measures.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher



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[Please click here to see the letter on the website which explains how we will inform you of a school closure caused by bad winter weather.](#)

Covid-19 Reminders

Students should remain at home if they or anyone in their household are displaying any symptoms - a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell. If they have any of these symptoms, please arrange a test and inform school as soon as possible.

[Click here for the latest guidance from the government.](#)

[Click here for the latest letter from the Headteacher about measures in place in school \(1st December\).](#)

Winning entry

Keira Burton Year 10 entered a photography competition and had her entry featured in the calendar above. Well done Keira!

Self Care for Parents and Carers

For many parents and carers, finding time for yourself can be a challenge as you juggle family and relationships with your home and work life. This can be especially true if you are supporting a child or young person with their mental health. The advice on a [new webpage](#) about the importance of self-care has been created with Anna Freud Centre's Parent Champions. For information on specific strategies which you could try, please view [self-care resource 'On My Mind'](#).

Finish with a Flourish

Our final session of the term will take place next Friday with students completing their chosen activity. Next term we have made some changes to the activities available to each year group and have been able to bring in some external session leaders to expand our offer. A new choices form is available via Classcharts and has been sent to parents via SchoolComms. Please make sure your child has selected activities for next term by Wednesday 9th December.

Calendar

Monday 7th December - Year 11 mock exams begin.

Thursday 17th December - School Christmas Lunch

Friday 18th December – School closes 2.15 p.m. for Christmas break

4 January 2021 – Staff Training Day

5 January 2021 – Students return to school

Child Immunisations – Y7 Feedback

The Childhood Immunisation Team have set up a web link to gain feedback following their visit to our school to administer the flu vaccination to Year 7. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/J5298JJ>

If you have any questions regarding this, please email hdfc.childhood.immunisations@nhs.net

Just to remind you of free resources still available to all. Click on the links.

It's never too late! [Joe Wicks Body Workouts](#)

[Audible – online stories](#) – Free Audible books for all ages.

[The Go to – resource centre for healthy minds](#). A website of wellbeing and mental health resources for young people in North Yorkshire.



Year 11 Exams Information

- The provisional timetable for the GCSE Examinations during the Summer Term is on the school website. [Click here to view.](#)
- Year 11 Mock Examinations will be held from 7th to 17th December. Students have been given a timetable.