

## Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

As Year 11 move into the final phase of assessments and reduced attendance it has been an emotional day of farewells, embarrassing hair cut videos and book signing. Although our students are not leaving today, it is the last occasion that they will all be in school together. We wish them well for their futures and will continue to work with them in the coming weeks on final assessments, fieldwork and careers guidance. Plans are underway for The Class of 2021: 'Mocktails and Canapes @Nidd' and we will provide Year 11 students and parents with more detail about this and plans for the June learning package next week.

Students who work at Number 6 on Mondays have also completed this course and you can see a few examples of their amazing work on the final page of this newsletter. We look forward to seeing their full online exhibition in due course.

You can also read about the work that Dr Binding has been doing with students through our Connecting Classrooms project. If you would like to support this important conservation work, please do sponsor a tree. You can make a £5 donation via School Gateway.

Next half term we look forward to sharing more details of our NiddVenture curriculum which will extend our Outdoor Education provision and explore outdoor learning opportunities across the curriculum.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

These beautiful bee candles were designed and created by Jack Lacey in Year 8. What incredible work. Thanks for sharing Jack.



'The Big Ask' is the largest survey in England launched by the Children's commissioner. The survey aims to gather children's views and experiences on important issues and will be used to inform recommendations to the government for policy changes which will affect their future.

Please can you support your child to complete the following survey on the link below:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

## TREE PLANTING AT NIDDERDALE HIGH SCHOOL TO TAKE CLIMATE ACTION AND TO SAVE DAKATCHA WOODLAND

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May, year 7 & 8 students planted 105 trees on the bank behind the sports fields. The trees have been supplied by The Woodland Trust as a package that attracts and nourishes wildlife. The tree pack included Hawthorn, Rowan, Blackthorn, Silver Birch, Hazel and Common Oak. This initiative is a part of our Connecting Classrooms project, sponsored by The British Council, that links 7 Nidderdale schools with 7 Kenyan schools. The project focuses on educating students about the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that have been created by the United Nations for all world governments and citizens to implement by 2030. The SDGs are a blueprint for creating a fairer and more sustainable future for all. The SDGs we have focussed on with this tree-planting project are 13 "Climate Action" and 15 "Life on Land". Our trees will help to support British wildlife and soak up Carbon Dioxide from the atmosphere.

### Helping to save Dakatcha Woodland – SPONSOR A TREE!

The Dakatcha Woodland, inland of the coastal town of Malindi, is a critical area for the conservation of globally endangered birds and mammals. Recently improved access roads have led to intense logging for timber and charcoal and total clearance of forest on the richer red soils for agriculture, particularly pineapple farming. Now, Dakatcha Woodland is under great threat and we would like to help. If students, parents and staff could sponsor one of the trees planted at Nidderdale for £5 per tree, this would raise £525 and enable the purchase of 2 acres of Dakatcha Woodland to be placed in the nature reserve.

We have had some sponsors already – thank you. We will now add a voluntary payment of £5 to all School Gateway accounts. If you would like to sponsor a tree, please make this payment. All sponsors will receive a certificate.

Please watch this short You Tube video about Dakatcha Woodland for further information.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUsE693BoCE>

Dr Matt Binding  
Connecting Classrooms Coordinator





## No6 GCSE Art, Craft and Design Course

A big congratulations to GCSE students Rupert Armstead, Sophie Bate, Archie Chandler, Oliver Chandler, Madi Procter-Kirkley, Lucy Reilly and Aaron Robertshaw who have made it to the end of their GCSE Art, Craft and Design course at the local No6 art studio.

In partnership with Nidderdale Visual Arts and Friends of Nidderdale AONB, these students have worked with three artists learning new craft skills. Gill Kirk, specialist in print making, taught drypoint and screen printing techniques which the students used to make artworks of local activities such as walking, biking and farming. Ceramacist Anna Whitehouse taught pinch pot techniques for creating vessels, such as Archie Chandler's mushroom mug, Oliver Chandler's venus fly trap vase and Rupert Armstead's bearded lizard plant pot. Lastly, Jeweller Liz Riley taught the group how to cut, join and enamel metal to make flower inspired necklaces, insect style rings and a rather handsome chicken! They have worked inspiringly through a rollercoaster of a year, persevering through the lockdowns to make some fantastic artwork and should be very proud of their achievement.

Watch this space for their virtual exhibition coming soon! Pictured above are some of the pieces created.

Miss Brohier

