



Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to the final Nidd News of the year, and what a challenging and difficult year it has been at times. I am so sorry that the academic year has ended in such a disjointed way. Rather than focus on what has been difficult, I would like to remind you now of what has been brilliant about our Team this year.

We managed to stay completely Covid free within the school community for the whole of the Autumn term, meaning that we got a good run of uninterrupted learning and reconnection time. We introduced a whole new strand to our curriculum, most notably with the introduction of Finish with a Flourish. We have developed a further strand of our curriculum to be introduced in September - NiddVenture. Many students have managed to maintain a 100% Classcharts positive record and some have even managed 100% attendance. We have been selected as national finalists in 3 pastoral award categories. We have prepared Year 11 for their important assessments, marked, standardised, moderated and submitted TAGs for GCSE and BTEC.

We have achieved all of this and so much more due to the tireless commitment and hard work of staff; students who are ready, respectful and safe and committed to their learning; and families who are supportive of the Team Nidderdale ethos. I would like to wish all members and supporters of Team Nidderdale a restful and enjoyable summer. Please look out for a letter detailing plans for our return in September.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

Say Hello and Wave Goodbye

During this academic year we have been so fortunate to be able to work with Ms Tuffs, who has supported and helped to develop our Outdoor Education offer alongside Mr Couldwell. A number of students have benefitted from her expertise and enthusiasm, particularly with setting up a bike maintenance workshop. I am absolutely delighted to announce that from September Ms Tuffs will be joining our team four days per week as we launch our new NiddVenture Curriculum. She has so many great ideas to make the most of outdoor learning and I know she will be a fantastic addition to our team.

We are also welcoming Ms Goddard as teacher of Design Technology. She brings a wealth of design expertise from her work in various industries as well her teaching skills and she will be a great asset to our Design Area of Learning.

Mrs Bellaries will be joining our Learning Support Team.

As Miss Brohier continues her maternity leave into the new term, we are delighted that Mrs Brown will be continuing with us in September as teacher of Art and Photography.

We will also be welcoming Mrs Hajjawi back to the Science Team after her maternity leave in the Spring and Summer term. This means that we are saying goodbye and thank you to Mr McCormack, who has been providing cover for Mrs Hajjawi's timetable in her absence.

Finally, we must say a most reluctant farewell to Mr Hawkins, our Director of Learning for Design. Mr Hawkins has been huge part of Team Nidderdale's success since 1997! Although pretty much every student and many staff and parents refuse to believe Mr Hawkins is anywhere near old enough to consider retirement, he has decided it is time to hang up his chisel and pack away his fine liner to explore other challenges. Mr Hawkins had been considering moving on at the end of 2020 and I am enormously grateful to him for his decision to delay his departure for a year so that he could support students with the return from remote education back into school. We are so sad that the way the term has ended means that some colleagues and many students won't get to say an 'in person' goodbye and thank you to Mr Hawkins. We all hope he knows just how much he will be missed.

Introducing NiddVenture

Over the past few years we have been building our Outdoor Education and outdoor learning offer as Mr Couldwell has led both Key Stage 4 full year programmes and Key Stage 3 short courses based on building confidence, team-work and developing self-esteem and purpose.

During this year we have been working on plans to extend this aspect of our curriculum further and we are excited to be launching NiddVenture in September 2021. Mr Couldwell and Ms Tuffs will continue to offer similar programmes to those run this year but they also have some exciting plans to set up some community support activities, capitalising on the success of Ms Tuffs' amazing volunteering work over the past 18 months. We will also be offering lots more bespoke sessions for students requiring additional support, pastoral intervention and different ways of learning.

Across the year we will also be exploring ways to enable all of our students to learn in and through our amazing surroundings. All subject areas will be considering how they can develop threads of outdoor learning in their curriculum plans. This cannot happen quickly and it is a part of our long term development plan but we are excited to get started. We are so fortunate to live, learn and work in such a unique and beautiful environment and we are excited to make this a bigger part of our curriculum offer over the next few years.



Very well done!

Well done to Dan Wesling who has achieved a **Merit in Grade 5 in Viola** (certified exam from ABRSM).

National Association of Pastoral Care in Education (NAPCE) Awards

You may remember that in September the school's Harmony Project was the winner of Pastoral Development of the Year in the National Association of Pastoral Care in Education (NAPCE) Awards 2020. This year I am so proud to announce that we have swept the board when it comes to Finalist selection so...

Congratulations to Jen Kay and Flourish selected as 2021 NAPCE Award Finalist for Pastoral Development of the Year!

Congratulations to Jan Ashton selected as 2021 NAPCE Award Finalist for Outstanding Contribution to Pastoral Care!

Congratulations to Nicola Wright selected as 2021 NAPCE Award Finalist for Outstanding Contribution to Pastoral Care!

Congratulations to Team Pastoral selected as 2021 NAPCE Finalists for Pastoral Team of the Year!

This is such well-deserved recognition of the wide ranging and far-reaching pastoral support offered by Nidderdale High School.

Pastoral Team News



We would like to say goodbye and a huge thank you to Helen Smith from JustB School's Service. Helen, a JustB Counsellor, has worked in our school every Thursday for 4 years and has supported a number of our students when they have needed additional care alongside the Pastoral Support Team.

Helen's calm and gentle approach has allowed our students quiet time to speak and reflect on some very difficult personal matters in their lives. She has enabled them to move forward and make plans when they have found it difficult to cope.

We will miss Helen but wish her every success in her new group of schools.

Pastoral Poppies

The Pastoral Team have successfully grown our very own Pastoral Poppies which are available for any students or families to take and plant following a bereavement.

The poppy seeds have been collected from this season's poppies and are also available from Pastoral Support.



School Uniform

Reminders:

- we have some pre-loved blazers & PE tops in various sizes if anyone would like one contact the Pastoral Team.
- PLEASE can you write names in uniform.

The current uniform policy is available on the school website – [click here](#)

Pastoral Hamper

This term's Pastoral Pampers Hamper was awarded to Nat Murgatroyd, our exams officer. The Pastoral Team and all your colleagues want to say thank you for everything you do for all our students and the support you also give to your team colleagues.



Energy Drinks

Energy drinks can be harmful to young people. We are therefore grateful to Dales Corner Market and Spar, who are working with school to assist in the health and wellbeing of young people within our community by not selling Energy drinks to students in school uniform. [For more information click here.](#)



Department for Education

We have been asked by DfE to share the following advice with you:

Travel is different: information for schools on foreign travel during COVID-19

- to understand the risks in a country, including the latest COVID-19 restrictions (including for entry), follow the [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office \(FCDO\) Travel Advice](#).
- to prevent new COVID-19 variants from entering the UK, you should not travel to [red list countries](#).
- to check what to do to [travel abroad and return to England](#), or read travel guidance for [Scotland](#), [Wales](#) or [Northern Ireland](#).



Fun learning for pupils with Oak National Academy this summer

Oak National Academy's newly launched summer learning support package offers optional lessons, formative tools and creative and active enrichment resources to help prepare pupils for next year.

It can all be accessed by pupils with no charges for data, as mobile networks will continue to keep Oak's site data free all summer. Click the link below to access the site:

[Summer Learning Support package](#)

Families can also explore themed activities in their local area and nationally with the [Rediscover Summer](#) campaign, from sport and creativity to nature and heritage.

New website for parents to boost child's learning and wellbeing this summer

We have been asked to share this information with you:

DfE have launched a brand new site, designed especially for parents, with the support, information and resources they need to help their children enjoy the summer holidays and prepare for the next academic year.

The site features links to programmes, activities, resources and videos to boost children's learning and wellbeing aimed at parents of 0-19 year olds, with extra information for parents of SEND children. .

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