

## Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

This half term has been a busy and productive one for our school community. We have launched our Nidd Venture curriculum, welcomed a new Year 7 cohort, restarted extra-curricular activities, won awards, taught & attended over 3000 lessons and awarded & received over 31000 positive points on Classcharts. All this against the backdrop of rising Covid cases, re-introduced safety measures and a brief return to split lunches.

I am really proud of the resilience, kindness and commitment shown by all parts of our school community in recent weeks and wish everyone a relaxed, restful and enjoyable half term holiday.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

## NiddVenture News

The sun did shine for our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition and students successfully navigated their way from Grassington to Malham on the first day and from Malham to Gargrave on the second. They were rewarded with a beautiful starry night at Riverside Campsite, just below Malham Cove, and all participants seemed to embrace the adventure. For many students it was their first experience of carrying a big expedition pack, navigating by themselves, camping out and cooking their own food on a camping stove. As a result of last year's Covid related disruption, none of the students involved had the benefit of doing a practice expedition and we were so impressed with the way they rose to the challenge and looked after themselves and each other. Well done!

Year 7 House Hill Days have continued with Pen-y-Ghent and Pen Hill being conquered in the last two weeks. We've also continued with our community work, where the students involved continue to represent the school in a superb manner, as well as growing in confidence themselves.

And finally, we've run our first two NiddVenture Reward Days for those students with a clean slate. Twelve students from Year 8 & 9 were selected via a prize draw and we had two great sunny days at Brimham Rocks learning new skills and rock-climbing techniques & enjoying the outdoors. These Reward Days are something we plan to hold at regular intervals throughout the year so all students who are keen will get the chance at some point. So keep those slates clean!

Miss Tuffs





NYES Catering are excited to announce their annual Pumpkin Carving Competition! We want pupils to carve or decorate a pumpkin at home – they can be scary or cute!

First place prize is an Amazon Fire 7 Tablet with 7" Display and 16GB data and a runners up prize is a Colouring Book. Maximum age to enter is 16.

To enter simply email a photo of your carved pumpkin to: [charlotte.firth@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:charlotte.firth@northyorks.gov.uk)

Please include your **name, age,** and details of the **school** you attend. **Deadline: 17:00 on Wednesday 3rd November 2021.**

The winner and runners-up will be announced on Monday 15th November 2020 and the winning pumpkin (plus the runners-up) will be published on NYES website and social media. Please ensure you are being safe whilst carving, and have a responsible adult with you. Good luck!

### Friday 19th November – Walk or Cycle to School Event

At 28% above the UK average, road transport is the largest contributor to carbon emissions in the Harrogate District. Petrol and diesel cars produce gases that warm our atmosphere, which causes unpredictable and extreme weather conditions. This leads to many problems, not only for polar bears in the Arctic, but also right here on our doorstep with heavy rain and floods. We need to find a way to reduce the amount of fossil fuels we use, ideally down to zero.

On 19th November both primary and secondary schools across the district are asked to ditch their cars and walk or cycle to school. Those that live far away use public transport/car for part of the journey, then 'park and stride' the last mile. It all adds up!

The physical and mental health benefits of exercise are well known, with studies also showing that walking to school improves concentration and helps pupils arrive ready to learn. Making the journey on foot, by bike or using public transport means fewer vehicles on the road, benefitting the wider community with less traffic and cleaner air.

More information is available from Zero Carbon Harrogate – [click here](#)

### Invigilators – Internal and External Exams

We are currently recruiting exam invigilators to join our team.

As an invigilator, you will assist in the supervision of examinations and ensure that the guidelines and regulations for the integrity and security of the examination papers and procedures are followed during an examination. Successful applicants will be required to provide a Disclosure and Barring Services check at an Enhanced Level.

If you have a flexible approach to working hours, the ability to communicate with students and to work under pressure, on your own or as part of a team, then please contact Mrs Murgatroyd, [examsofficer@nidderdale.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:examsofficer@nidderdale.n-yorks.sch.uk) to discuss an application or complete the Application Form on the school website – [click here](#).

### School Vacancies

We have a vacancy for a General Kitchen Assistant – more information is on our school website – [click here](#).

## Covid Reminders

As you will be aware covid rates remain high in the Harrogate area and we would advise that you remain vigilant for symptoms over half term. The main symptoms of Covid 19 are:

- a fever (temperature 37.8C or higher),
- a new continuous cough,
- a change to/loss of taste or smell.
- Other commonly reported symptoms of the Delta variant include headache, sore throat, tiredness, and cold-like symptoms, so please be aware of these as well and stay at home and seek further testing if you are in any doubt.

All students have been issued with further LFD test kits today. National DfE advice and North Yorkshire Public Health guidance is that all students, staff and household members should continue to test and report reports twice weekly across the holiday.

North Yorkshire Public Health continue in their advice that face to face parent events should not be held in school at present. Year 7 parents have received a letter about the planned Pastoral Evening today.

We will communicate further guidance about wearing face coverings in school as we receive it.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUNG PEOPLE IN YOUR COMMUNITY...

North Yorkshire Youth Development Team (funded by NYCC) offers ongoing support to communities and volunteers to set up, develop and sustain their own youth club, project and/or events for young people.

By creating a safe, accessible and warm space for young people to meet, we can engage young people in fun positive activities to ensure they are happy, feel included and are listened to.

We are looking for local adults who are keen to volunteer their time in a number of ways, to help set up and run a youth club in Pateley Bridge.

**Volunteer on a regular basis**  
**Volunteer every so often on a rota**  
**Run a one-off activity/workshop with the young people sharing your skills**  
**Be a youth club committee member**

If you are interested and want to find out more, please contact Rachel Rabjohns, Youth Development Worker on 07500 787621 or email: [rachel@nyy.org.uk](mailto:rachel@nyy.org.uk)

## Come and join our Team

### Cleaning Assistant required from 1<sup>st</sup> November

Working for Nidderdale High School as a Cleaning Assistant, you will be responsible for the cleaning duties on site including sweeping, mopping, dusting, vacuuming and the cleaning of sanitary fittings.

Full training will be provided and the hours are between **3.30 pm and 6.30 pm daily, with some flexibility on start and finish time and totalling to 15 per week over 5 days**. This will be paid **£9.25** per hour.

To apply for this role, please visit the school website and complete the application form.

<http://nidderdale.n-yorks.sch.uk/home/recruitment/>

This post requires an Enhanced DBS, the cost of which will be met by the school. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and adults. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Closing date for applications: **29 October**  
**Interviews will be held shortly after closing date.**



**RESPECT & PROTECT** each other

A little kindness goes a long way...

Let's make this journey a thoughtful one as we all learn to live with Covid.

[www.northyorks.gov.uk/respect-and-protect-north-yorkshire](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/respect-and-protect-north-yorkshire)

**Enjoy  
half  
term**