

Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

I would like to thank all students, staff and parents for the part they have played in trying to keep our school community as safe as possible during a period when we have seen an increase in Covid 19 positive cases. We continue to work closely with Public Health North Yorkshire to monitor cases in school and to be aware of infection rates in the local area. Next week the following measures will remain in place:

- hand hygiene and ventilation
- face coverings for all everywhere in the building (unless exempt) - this measure will be reviewed and hopefully removed at the end of Friday 15.10.2021
- twice weekly Lateral Flow Testing and reporting for all staff and students
- students presenting with symptoms of Covid, including Delta variant common symptoms to stay at home and seek a PCR test

We are now able to revert to the normal timings of the school day with break and lunchtime at the same time for all students. The rota for lunch entry will be reviewed for after half term.

Finish with a Flourish will be back on the timetable next Friday, with the full range of activities available.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

Another very NiddVenturous fortnight!

We have walked, climbed, conquered mountains, learnt bushcraft skills, delivered many prescriptions for Pateley Bridge Pharmacy, gardened for the wonderful 92 year old Barbara, dog walked, honed our sporting skills, serviced many bikes (school bikes, students own bikes & others from the local community), assisted with Spar Chandler's local deliveries to the elderly & vulnerable, learnt swimming & lifesaving skills in Nidd pool, completed Duke of Edinburgh Training and absorbed the outdoor environment and the many benefits to wellbeing that it provides.

Year 7 have begun their house Hill Days with Ingleborough being conquered on Wednesday this week. GCSE rock climbing students completed their final element of the course (some exciting abseiling at Brimham Rocks) on Tuesday and this weekend will hopefully see many students successfully complete their Duke of Edinburgh expedition around Malham. Let's hope the sun shines!

A huge amount of learning has taken place over the last fortnight but the highlight for us has been how the students involved have responded so positively to the new challenges and opportunities that are coming their way. Particularly impressive is how responsible, empathetic and well-mannered students have been when out and about doing community work. This added level of responsibility, trust and the knowledge that they're doing a real and very worthwhile job is really bringing something special out of some students and they are certainly representing the school in a fantastic way. It's been a privilege taking them out and seeing the friendly and caring way they have engaged with members of our community!

Thank you to Samina Khan in Pateley Pharmacy and The Chandler family at Pateley Spar shop, for supporting these endeavours and providing our students with these valuable opportunities to grow and develop.

Miss Tuffs



Additional Training Day for Schools - 6th December 2021

As you will be aware, an additional Bank Holiday has been granted this year for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This means there will now be two Bank Holidays during the May Half Term holiday. North Yorkshire County Council have now issued an updated calendar for the academic year, granting an additional day of holiday at the end of the school year.

The summer term was scheduled to end on Tuesday 26th July 2022 - we had planned two staff training days to cover Monday and Tuesday. Term will now end on Monday 25th July - school will be closed for staff training on this day. The final day of term for students will still be **Friday 22nd July 2022**.

MONDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2021 will now be a **STAFF TRAINING DAY** and students will not be in school on this day.

All term dates are on the website – [click here](#)



Last academic year students were given the opportunity to take part in a competition exploring ideas around climate change as part of the 'Climate Friendly Ideas' competition organised by Harrogate District Climate Change Coalition

Over 250 entries were received: posters, poems and digital formats. The judging panel included James McKay (artist), Chris Bodington (school sustainability lead) and Rob Cowen (nature writer). The judges were impressed by the knowledge, presentation skills and emotional response demonstrated by young people.

Many congratulations to Freddie Walmsley and Aisha Lewin for their winning entries.



From Waste To Wall

An exhibition by James Owen Thomas

Creating colourful artwork from discarded scratch cards and other recycled materials.

Taking place at:
Horticap, Bluecoat Wood Nurseries,
Otley Road,
Beckwithshaw,
Harrogate, HG3 1QL

Dates:
4th October to
24th December 2021

Ex-student James Thomas, is continuing to build his profile as a successful artist with work currently displayed at Horticap in Harrogate and as part of the Mercer Gallery online exhibition.

James developed his environmentally focused scratch card collage art as part of his GCSE studies at school and has continued to grow and develop as an artist in recent years.

Thank you to James for keeping us up to date with his progress and sharing his amazing work.

You can find his work by [clicking here](#).

Dales Market Store – Energy Drinks

Dales Market Store in Pateley Bridge have asked that we reiterate again that they are no longer selling energy drinks to school age children.

They are respecting the advice on energy drinks and would like to support the school and the health of our young people through not selling them.



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

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