



Remembrance 2021

As a mark of respect, the school community observed one minute's silence at 11 am on 11th day of the 11th month to reflect on the sacrifice of all people through conflict. Will Fitzgibbon, Year 10 played the Last Post on his trumpet. Staff and students also attended the service at the Pateley Bridge War Memorial.



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

As we continue to find our balance between the new responsibilities of Covid 19 risk management and 'getting back to business as usual', staff have been refocusing on how we can ensure that we are the best we can be. It has been so refreshing to talk about curriculum development with our subject leads and hear about what is particular to the Nidderdale Curriculum in any given subject. In every conversation we have had, passion for the subject, knowledge and expertise and a desire to make the curriculum relevant to our students has shone through.

In the first week of this half term we were also pleased to invite one of our school improvement partners, Neil Clephan OBE, to spend the day talking to students and staff, observing lessons and social time to review the school's ethos and values. In his report he said, 'The whole day was a terrific advert for the values and ethos of Nidderdale High School being more than just words. When the reviewer was asked about his day, the term 'uplifting' was spontaneously used as it was wonderful to see children and staff, after the disruption of the pandemic, so obviously enjoying being back together as a school community.' 'It was very clear and came as no surprise to find Nidderdale High School was a 'kind' community that made a visitor genuinely welcome...It is an exciting time in the school's development and it was a privilege to see it in action.'

Kath Jordan, Headteacher



We are fundraising for Children in Need through a non-uniform day on 19th November. You can donate to the JustGiving page by [clicking here](#).

We are suggesting £2 for all staff and students in non-uniform or any other donations you wish to make.

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to BBC Children in Need, so it's the most efficient way to give - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

Mrs Ashton



Key Stage 4 Update

Student Leadership Team News

We have had a busy term recruiting our new Student Leadership Team for 2021-2022. I am delighted to announce our **Year 11 Student Leadership Team**: Jeevan, Sophia will continue as Student Leaders and Y11 Senior Students Lucas, Connie P, Tyler, Connie M, Thea, Evie have been joined by Amelia, Aspen and Ruby.

Year 10 Student Leaders are Tegan and Lucy who are joined by **Senior Students** Xiara, Hermione, Zahra, Toby and Rory.

Ideas were shared at our first meeting last week and plans to fundraise for our chosen charities **Friends of Nidderdale AONB** and the **RABI** are already underway. The students are keen to raise awareness of the important work both charities do and are excited to explore new ideas for fundraising.

The team have thrown themselves into their new roles with enthusiasm and have been busy mentoring younger students, offering pastoral and academic peer support, selling poppies for the Poppy Appeal and preparing for their first assembly to introduce themselves to all year groups and share plans up until July 22.

'Make Your Mark' Youth Parliament Voting will take place later in the year and we have signed up to a UK Parliament Online Workshop in December where staff from UK Parliament will deliver a 'Laws & Debating' session via Microsoft Teams. Students will explore laws that affect us all, follow the progress of a bill through both the Houses of Commons and Lords and take part in a virtual debate. The Student Leadership Team are eager to meet Chloe Thwaites, Youth Voice & Creative Engagement Officer on 15 November to find out more.

KS4 Sporting Success

Congratulations to Harry Lea in Year 10 who has been nominated by his rugby club Wharfedale RUFC, to take part in the Yorkshire Development Player Programme. This is an excellent achievement as only 4 players in Harry's age range can be put forward for this opportunity. Well done Harry!

Mrs Ashton

Tik Tok

You may be aware from national news coverage that there is increasing concern about a Tik Tok challenge targeting teachers and using images found from the internet and in some cases from online teaching resources. https://www.tes.com/news/deep-concern-teachers-targeted-tiktok?fbclid=IwAR0-VRs-a27B5dCSXZ5G_yUo1PoEhWbAMfsXcfCGJy-afLXILLW1G0CxQ8

Unkindness online towards any member of our school community is not acceptable whether this is students or staff. Sharing images online without knowledge or consent can in some cases be considered a criminal offence.

Please support school and your child by monitoring their use of apps and ensuring their safe and responsible use. [TikTok: A guide for parents \(net-aware.org.uk\)](#)

Yorkshire Cyclo-Cross Association Winter 2021-22 Season event – 21st November – to be held on the school site.

Good luck to students and parents taking part in the above event. Race times:

10.30 Under 8's
10.50 Under 10's
11.15 Under 12's
12.00 Under 16's
1.30 Juniors, Seniors and Veterans



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AND GOOD
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FOR
THE MOCKS**

Year 11 Revision and Exam Support

As we approach Year 11 mock exams (beginning 29 November) all Year 11 students should now be in a routine with revision and homework. Class teachers are offering revision guidance and some after school revision sessions for science and maths. Revision guidance and tips has been discussed in lessons and via our recent Year 11 Revision for Mocks assembly – [click here](#) to see the information about which revision guides to use. I have posted a copy of this presentation on the Year 11 Teams page, along with a link a link from BBC Bitesize regarding how to cope with exam stress. For academic or pastoral support students can find me in KS4 Careers Office, Pastoral Building or by contacting Mrs Wardell in Reception.

To support our students we provide pastoral care including signposting them to useful resources. Here are some links which may be useful in the lead up to exams.

<https://www.annafreud.org/on-my-mind/helping-someone-else/>
<https://giveusashout.org/>

Diary Reminders

18th November – Y10 Parents' Evening online
29th November – Year 11 Mock Exams (2 weeks)
6th December – Staff Training Day (no students in school)
14th December – School Christmas lunch
17th December – **2.15 p.m.** School closes for Christmas break.
4th January – Staff training day (no students in school)
5th January – All students return
13th January – Y8 Parents' Evening online

Anti-bullying week commencing 15th November: Help for parents and carers to support young people's wellbeing at home

Anti-Bullying Week's theme this year is kindness, we continue to explore what young people can do to show kindness to others or to themselves. Students have been looking at different types of self-care and reflecting on what works for them. Activities include finding things you have in common with others, stretching and breathing exercises, learning something new and carrying out acts of kindness. We're encouraging students to continue to try different activities at home - why not try some as a family?

For more tips and information about looking after your child's mental health go to www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/supporting-others/childrens-mental-health/

As a parent or carer, looking after your own wellbeing is also important and Every Mind Matters enables you to get tailored wellbeing support. Use the Mind Plan to see what works for you: <https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/mental-wellbeing-tips/your-mind-plan-quiz/>



Nidd Venture News

It has been a busy and very positive first two weeks back on the Niddventure front!

One very exciting bit of news is that our new school mountain bikes have finally hit the tracks and been used by students on their Niddventure courses and during Flourish. All students who've been out on the bikes have shown great enthusiasm for mountain biking and ridden with care, skill & respect for our brand new kit. Many thanks to all the students who've helped service the bikes to get them ready for action. This process will continue during Niddventure sessions, Flourish & after school Bike Club.

In other news, Year 7 house Hill days have continued with Pen-y-Ghent being conquered again. Our Year 11 Niddventure course successfully navigated their way to a remote bothy in Wensleydale and the Year 10 course had their first session of climbing skills at Brimham Rocks. Both groups also had an exciting trip to Trollers Ghyll that put both their confidence & resilience to the test. Community work has continued with some very positive bonds developing between students and the elderly people we're delivering to.

Another of our Niddventure aims is to offer individual subject support to students who need a little extra help. This week we got into the kitchen and some very tasty Pizza Pinwheels were produced along with some fancy decorative tomatoes! Well Done Erin!

Hopefully the next fortnight will bring plenty more wintery adventures...!

Miss Tuffs