



NEWS

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Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

As we head into the Christmas break 2021, I sincerely hope all members of our school community will have the opportunity to spend time with friends and family to rest, relax and celebrate.

This term we have been delighted to be able to return to some of our 'pre-covid' activities, enabling our students to access a more rounded education. We have seen the welcome return of sports fixtures, reward trips and more extra-curricular clubs and activities. We have seen the introduction of mixed year group Finish with a Flourish sessions and a whole range of NiddVenture activities in school and off-site.

We were able to welcome Year 6 families to our Open Evening and more recently our Year 11 students have had the opportunity to visit potential 6th Form destinations.

This term we celebrated winning a NAPCE Award for Pastoral Development of the Year and we submitted our application for the Carnegie Mental Health Award - we look forward to sharing exciting news about this in the new year. Next term we will turn our attention to the Healthy Schools Award.

We have achieved so much this term and have much to look forward to in the new year. For now, it's time for a rest. Wishing all members of our school community a happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

Sadly, we are saying farewell to two highly valued colleagues this week. Mrs Towse has been Teacher of Biology with Nidderdale since 2016. As well as teaching her own classes, she has given huge support to many other students during periods of absence for other colleagues in the Science team. We will miss her greatly but wish her well as she returns to A level teaching in Harrogate. We are delighted to be welcoming Ms Nicholls to our team from January as our new Biology specialist working alongside Mrs Hajjawi.

Since September 2017, Mrs Wright has been the 'go to' person for staff, students and parents for all things pastoral at Key Stage 3. Mrs Wright's contribution to the wellbeing and support of our school community cannot easily be summed up in words. From the interform competition to the chickens and from the Lock Down Daily Check In to daily duty come rain or shine, she has made a difference in the lives of a great many of our young people and their families. Mrs Wright is moving to a role in the Local Authority and we wish her all the very best for this.

As our Year 9 students begin to think about their Key Stage 4 options and prepare for the move to 'Upper School', our Key Stage 4 Learning Manager Mrs Ashton will be the first point of contact for Year 9. We look forward to welcoming a new Year 7 & 8 Pastoral Officer to our Team by the end of January. In the meantime, please use the admin@nidderdale.n-yorks.sch.uk email address for any Year 7/8 queries you would currently send to Mrs Wright.

NiddVenture News

A major focus of Niddventure for the last fortnight has been developing empathy and showing kindness towards others. We have tried to achieve this through creating and delivering Christmas wreaths to the elderly residents of Pateley and to the local businesses who've supported our community work this term.

The Year 8 girls group who have been out every Thursday since half term spent a day in Hackfall Woods working hard to collect materials and assemble their wreaths. They also wrote some very thoughtful Christmas cards to accompany their wreaths. This small act of kindness was greatly appreciated and really brightened the day for the recipients of the wreaths. Well done to all!

Our other main Niddventure project of the last fortnight has been creating Christmas tree decorations which we plan to sell within school in the last week of term. All proceeds will be donated to a charity of the students' choice and this activity has hopefully helped us think about people less fortunate than ourselves over the festive period.

Thank you to everyone involved with Niddventure for your efforts over the last half term. Merry Christmas and a peaceful holiday to all!

Miss Tuffs



Alongside other colleagues I have been offering students the opportunity to access the curriculum outside of the classroom. I have been working with students in all year groups to give them the encouragement to develop their skills to enable them to move onto their chosen destination for post 16.

Students have had the opportunity to visit Corn Close Care Farm where they have had chance to learn new skills related to looking after animals. They have shown resilience, respect and maturity whilst there. Other students have worked on skills for their chosen career path in a variety of ways involving computers, graphics and art. It has been an absolute pleasure to witness their hard work, dedication and commitment.

And how many schools are lucky enough to have their own 'training Butler'? Skills developed so far have been greeting visitors, making tea for staff, polishing silver and a variety of hospitality duties. Well done Rory!

Mrs Eglin



December Kindness 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1. Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely	2. Leave a positive message for someone else to find	3. Give kind comments to as many people as possible today	4. Do something helpful for a friend or family member	5. Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead	6. Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them	7. Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank
8. Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today	9. See how many different people you can smile at today	10. Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one	11. Contact an older neighbour and brighten up their day	12. Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to	13. Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you	14. Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving
15. Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated	16. Help others by giving away something that you don't need	17. Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you	18. Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed	19. Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness	20. Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh	21. Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!
22. Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature	23. Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat	24. Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy	25. Turn off digital devices and really listen to people	26. Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why	27. Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2022	

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Wellbeing & Acts of Kindness

This month, we're encouraging you to carry out small acts of kindness. This has been another difficult year of uncertainty and ups and downs for many of us. Kindness is contagious, and helping others has been proven to make us feel better too! Let's try to focus on being generous with our time and attention rather than money - it's free and better for everyone, as well as our planet.

Mrs Kay

Football Fixtures

Owing to Covid-19, fixtures against other schools have been mainly on hold since March 2020. Year 8 boys are pictured at their ever first fixture!

Students played well and worked together as a team and should be really proud of their efforts.

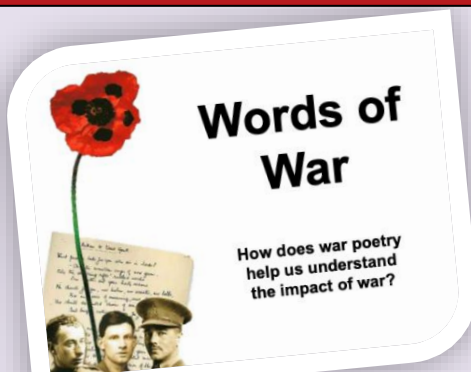
Mrs Kay

Important Reminder

The Government is asking all students and staff in school to continue LFD testing across the holiday period. They have suggested that this is particularly important if you are visiting elderly or vulnerable relatives or friends. All students have been issued with enough test kits for use across the holidays.

- Sunday 2nd / Monday 3rd January 2022 - complete home LFT
- Tuesday 4th January 2022 - staff training, school closed to students
- Wednesday 5th January 2022 - all students return to school, on site LFD testing will be completed through the day. Please ensure you have completed the new permission form for 2022. [Click here to access the form.](#)





Miss Draper is so pleased with this work she wanted to share it in the Nidd News!

This is by Callie Tropa who is studying War Poetry in English alongside her study of WW1 in History. Callie wrote this description imagining what it would be like fighting in WW1.....

My stomach is squirming, a twisted jumble of nerves and excitement writhing inside, crawling blindly over one another like the slimy bugs you catch as a child. I clench my hands behind my back to stop them from shaking. I stop, slowly sinking into the vicious mud underfoot. I survey my surroundings taking in the unsanded duckboards only just protruding from the mud. I feel the rusted barbed wire that has fallen into the shallow trench, the rust staining my fingertips a dull, blood red. Through the thick air, which drips with silence, I hear something. Faint groaning and sobbing and moaning seem to grow in volume, filling my ears with the cacophony of pain.



Congratulations to Summer who has recently passed a Grade 5 Examination in Musical Theatre Singing.

She achieved 90% and gained a Distinction.

She is pictured here in rehearsal.



Smart Start Uniform Suppliers, Ripon Christmas Opening Times

CLOSED 14th Dec TO 28th Dec
OPEN 29th Dec AND 30th Dec
CLOSED 31st Dec TO 2nd Jan 2022
Back to normal hours 3rd Jan 2022.

Any online orders will be processed on the 29th and 30th and the store will be open for click & collect on these dates.

All of the above information is also on our website and displayed in-store but we just want to ensure that our customers are aware!

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



The Catering department continue to offer a wide range of healthy food and drinks both at break and lunchtime.

Our menu is displayed weekly on the website www.nidderdale.yorks.sch.uk. Should you wish to discuss the menu or suggest healthy meals for our whole school menu please contact Mrs Naylor at school.

Mrs Naylor, Catering Manager
Mrs Clark, Mrs Tinsley, Mrs Whelan and Mrs Gillingham and
Miss Wray, Catering Team



Schools out!



Flourish News

Last week I was able to make my way around school to visit some of the Finish with a Flourish activities and it was heart warming to see, from students being physically challenged in Rugby, Basketball and Dance, to being creatively challenged in art, cooking, games and baking, to a reflective calming environment in felting, hamma beads and psychology. Students were eager to share how proud they were of their creations from Christmas Robbins to a Christmas dance. It was great to hear how many staff and students valued getting to know each other in a supportive environment. Students and staff have also been braving the cold weather in bushcraft activities, bike skills and running using the amazing surroundings of the school. It was great to hear that students have been inspired by their chosen activities to pursue it as a hobby outside of school including finding a local Rugby club and asking for felting and hamma bead equipment for Christmas. Students have been asked to choose their activities again for remainder of the year, I hope students are able to continue to flourish during this time.

Mrs Kay



Student Leadership Team - Charity News

Key Stage 4 Student Leaders Sophia, Tegan and Lucy were delighted to present Pippa Manson from the Friends of Nidderdale AONB a donation of £340 for fundraising the students have organised.

Pippa Manson said: We are thrilled that Nidderdale High School have chosen the Friends of Nidderdale AONB as one of your charities for this year. Thank you all! The money that you raise will be spent on wildlife and heritage projects which will help protect and improve our special local area for now and for the future.

The Friends of Nidderdale AONB and RABI - The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution will be presenting assemblies to school in the new year to inform students of their great work and how this supports our rural community.

Student Leadership Team plan to continue fundraising efforts for both charities into 2022. Thank you to all our families for their continued support and donations to both these worthwhile charities.

Merry Christmas from the Student Leadership Team.

We have been asked by the Harrogate Symphony Orchestra to share this flyer with you.....

More images from Nidd Venture – Corn Close





Christmas with The Snowman





Live Stream - Just £10!
 Visit our website for more information
www.harrogateorchestra.org.uk
 Sunday 19th December 2021
Concert 3pm
 Stream opens at 2.30pm
 This concert is only live once and will not be repeated

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Sunday 19th December 2021, 3pm

For the first time ever, join an HSO concert from the comfort of your living room... or the garden... or even the beach!

Concert programme includes:

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| • A Christmas Festival | Anderson |
| • Shepherd's Pipe Carol | Rutter |
| • A Christmas Overture | Hess |
| • Silent Night | Gruber (arr. Western) |
| • Reindeer on the Roof | Albrecht & Aldhouse (arr. Western) |

And in the second half, the World Premiere of
 • The Snowman Symphony Howard Blake

Find out more about this remarkable piece of music [on our website](#). Our narrator is Oliver Longstaff and we are joined by a small choir from Harrogate Choral Society.

The performance will be accompanied by stills from the original animated film, with kind permission of Penguin Books and Wise Music.

The concert will be a treat for the whole family, so if you'd like to join us but can't make it along to the Royal Hall in Harrogate, simply buy a live streaming pass and join us online!

This year, HSO has adopted the Harrogate Hospital and Community Charity as its official charity. Find out more about their work [here](#). The more people who join us on our live stream, the more we'll be able to raise for this great cause.



PE and school sport update

Well done to all students who have participated in the Harrogate and Craven 7 aside football tournaments this term. It has been a privilege to take students to these events. Some scintillating football has been played and all students have represented our school in the best possible way both on and off the pitch. In the district cup, year 7 are due to play Settle College in the New Year, year 10 play Harrogate Grammar School and year 11 play Boroughbridge High School before the Christmas break.

Well done to Amelia L, Dom W and Harry L for competing in the Harrogate and Craven x-country championships. All three runners gave a good account of themselves and have ambitions of qualifying for the North Yorkshire x-country championships next year.

Our updated curricular and extracurricular timetable for the spring term will be released soon.

Have a great Christmas!

PE dept.

