

Nidd

NEWS

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Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

Today we have handed out almost 250 certificates to recognise achievement and progress this term across all subjects in Year 7-11. This time last year we were simply celebrating the achievement of getting back into school for a couple of weeks after the second period of schools being closed to most students from January to March.

It has been amazing to be part of such a resilient community as we have made every effort to re-engage with extra-curricular activities, develop Flourish, introduce NiddVenture, prepare Year 11 students for GCSE and BTEC exams, all against a backdrop of uncertainty around staff and student attendance as Covid absences have continued to be a recurring worry.

As well as our many achievements in school, it has been lovely see students having more opportunities to connect with their hobbies and passions out of school. It is great to be able to share some individual successes in this newsletter.

We are very proud of all that has been achieved by students and staff during a challenging term. However, we are always keen to improve further, and we value your feedback on the work we are doing in school. Please look out for an email in the new term inviting you to complete a short questionnaire to give feedback on key aspects of the school's work.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all staff, students and families an enjoyable Easter break, with some good weather and time to relax and recharge. We look forward to welcoming all students back to school on Monday 25th April.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

NiddVenture News

Another very active & adventurous Niddventure fortnight has been had in varying degrees of temperature..! We have walked, climbed, biked, built beehives, dry stone walled, delivered prescriptions & groceries, played in the snow, maintained bikes and run two more maths outdoor education sessions in Fishpond Wood.

The Yr 9 boys 'Finish with a Flourish' Mountain Bike group deserves a special mention this week. These boys have enthusiastically turned up to their session every fortnight for the last term and really grown in confidence, skill and knowledge. This is a direct result of their effort, willingness to listen & most importantly the respect they've shown towards me, each other, our equipment, and the local environment. This consistent display of respect has enabled me to take them out of school every single session and really make the most of our Flourish sessions. Well done and thank you - you've been a pleasure to teach!

We also said farewell to our Yr 5 group from St Cuthberts Primary this week. This group have enjoyed a full half term of weekly outdoor education sessions and we've really enjoyed getting to know them. It's been an absolute pleasure to witness the positive bonds that have developed between the staff and students of both schools. Thank you Ryan for the patience, kindness, care and valuable help that you bring every week when you accompany me on these sessions. We look forward to hopefully welcoming some of this group to Nidderdale High School in a year's time! After Easter we will begin working with a new group from Glasshouses Primary to ensure that all our local Primary school children get the opportunity to experience the outdoor education that so many of them have missed out on in the last two Covid interrupted years.

Ms Tuffs





Online Safety

Earlier this term, Sarah (a retired CID police officer) visited Nidderdale to present to year 8 and 9 the importance of keeping themselves safe online.

The session provided a good reminder to students of the inappropriate content that can be stumbled across online despite the many safety measures which can be used.

Sarah highlighted the importance of thinking through what we all do online as we all leave a digital footprint.

Students heard accounts of matters that Sarah had dealt with in her previous role and discussed the ways in which to protect yourself online with students.

For more information please use the following website: <http://gowisonline.co.uk/>

Mrs Kay

Uniform reminders

Now that the weather is starting to improve, we would like to remind parents again that hoodies are not permitted in school. Students are still allowed to wear a plain black jumper underneath their blazer. However, as it becomes warmer students should remove their jumper and continue to wear their blazer rather than the other way around.

School ties should be worn at all times and should not be removed just because it is break or lunchtime.

Please review all uniform items over the Easter break to ensure that everything still fits and is in good condition and purchase any new uniform items you may require.

Supplies of nearly new uniform are available for purchase or loan in school - please contact Mrs Beard (Y7/8) or Mrs Ashton (Y9-11) if you require any support.

Covid reminders

As free lateral flow tests are no longer available, please be vigilant for symptoms and follow the recently updated guidance, issued earlier in the week when deciding if your child is well enough to attend school after the Easter break.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

Prom Bake Sale Fundraiser

On 7th April Year 11's Bake Sale raised £135 towards their Prom. All monies raised will go towards Y11 Prom - DJ, Photobooth and Table Decorations.

Thank you to all staff and students whether you baked or bought from the glorious selection received!

It was so lovely to have Y11s Izzy, Martha, Eleanor, Sophia and Amelia helping and a special thanks to Isabella and Warren who helped set the stall up.

The next fundraiser will be the Staff v Students sports event on 28th April.

Have a lovely Easter.

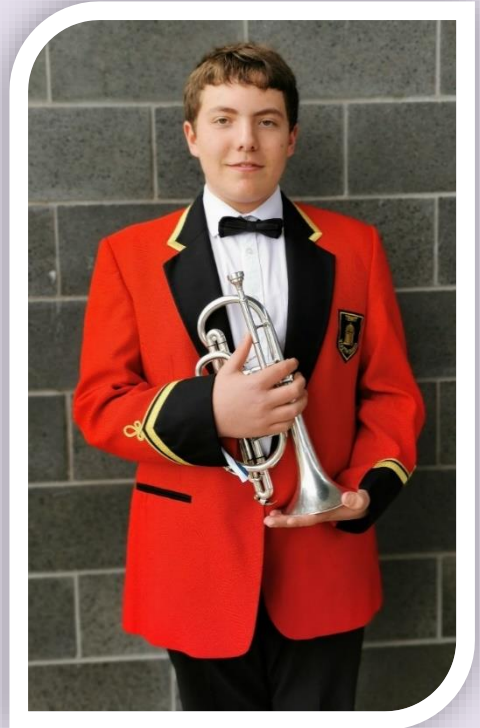
Mrs Ashton 🌸



Musical Achievement

In early March, William Fitzgibbon (10LG) took part in the Brass Bands England National Youth Championships; he plays 2nd Cornet for the Senior Band of the Tewit Youth Band, based in Huby. The band played a selection of music, including two original arrangements for brass bands and Somewhere Over the Rainbow from the Wizard of Oz.

The adjudicators remarked that they almost forgot that this was a youth band. After a brilliant and powerful performance, they were awarded 3rd place out of 12 and a gold certificate of achievement. Will also was part of the Tewit Youth success at the Holme Valley Brass Band competition last weekend coming 1st in the Youth and Training Band Section. Well done to Will and all the Senior Band!



Sporting Achievement

Congratulations to Louie Wilson, who has been selected for the Yorkshire County Cricket Emerging Player Program. The EPP is only for a select few in each age group that have excelled in the Yorkshire system with potential to go on into the academy. Louie will now access specialist training days and is already selected for the Yorkshire u13s this season.

Nidderdale High School



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Nidd STARS

It has been a great task getting back on top of the Nidderdale STAR nominations this half term. In the last six weeks 60 students have been identified by their teachers and other staff as going above and beyond and deserving recognition for their classwork, homework, attitude to learning, resilience, kindness or leadership.

Pre-covid we sent out handwritten postcards to students to recognise these achievements. With postage now reaching almost £1 per card and with so many achievements to recognise we hope that students and families will understand why we are now sending e-STAR emails instead.

Many congratulations to all students in Year 7-11 who have been recognised as Nidderdale STARS this half term.