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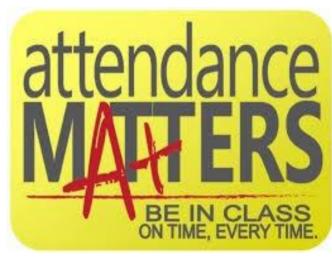
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# Attendance Matters

Congratulations to the following students who have managed to maintain 100% attendance so far this year:

Robbie Barningham, Bella Broadley, Archie Davies Mark Ewbank, Rory Hall, Daisy-Mae Harris, Thomas Howard, Chloe Hunt, Daniel Milburn, Lucy Tilburn and Harris Webb.

Well done to all those students who have achieved attendance above 95% in a year so hard hit by Covid absences.



Hopefully all of our students can aim for 100% in the final half term.

### Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

In the last two weeks, we have seen the start of the first formal GCSE exam series since 2019. We are so proud of the way our Year 11 students have conducted themselves and prepared for these important exams. On Wednesday they were able to come together as a year group to remember their time at school with old photos and videos, shirt signing and time to check in with each other and their teachers over a Nidderlicious burger.

This year group have felt the impact of Covid through some of the most important years of their schooling. They chose options online; their freedoms were constrained just as they should have been spreading their wings; their group has had more Covid absences than any other; they have faced the uncertainty of whether exams would go ahead, what would be featured and how they would be marked.

They have made a great start, showing resilience, focus, and taking control of their own destiny.

Many Year IIs have been role models for the kindness and respect that is so important to who we are as a school. We hope that they have felt that both when things are going right and in times of difficulty, we have been there for them.

We will certainly miss this group in oh so many different ways, but they are ready to move on and ready to spread their wings.

They still have a great many exams to focus on and we wish them well for the remaining weeks of revision before they take the time to relax, reset and refocus on their future.

# **Pink It Up**

Members of our local community may already be aware of Arlo and his family and the support they have received from Candlelighters charity after Arlo was diagnosed with infant acute lymphoblastic leukaemia earlier this year.

Arlo's mum Katie was a student at Nidderdale High School and we would like to join other organisations in Pateley Bridge in supporting Candlelighters' Pink It Up week from 6th-12th June.

We will be holding a non-uniform day on **Wednesday 8th June**, when all students and staff will be asked to wear something pink, to raise funds for this charity.

#### https://www.candlelighters.org.uk/pink-it-up/



# Holidays during term time

We would like to remind parents / carers that holidays should not be booked during term time.

The Headteacher is only permitted to grant leave during term time in 'exceptional circumstances'.

Cancellations caused by Covid and the cost of travel during school holiday periods are not covered by the definition of exceptional circumstances.

#### Uniform

Thank you to parents / carers who have supported our focus on returning to the school's full uniform expectations.

Some students have preferred to wear a sweatshirt rather than a blazer and this is not part of our uniform expectation. Please ensure that your child has a tie and blazer to be worn in school every day.

Now that the weather is warmer, students will no longer be permitted to wear a black jumper under their blazer.

Please take the opportunity to check all uniform items, including shoes and PE kit and purchase replacement items during the holiday.

### Year 10 exams

Students in Year 10 will be taking end of year exams from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June onwards.

These are an important measure of progress at the half way point in GCSE courses and students should check with their subject teachers about the main topics and questions to be covered in these exams.

## Al The Owl

You fly through the air, As beautiful as the sunset, Your wings they shine, Just like the sunrise in the early stages of dawn, Your feathers are fluffy but sharp, Floating perfectly across the your body, Your claws clasping your prey, Like a lion hunting in the jungle, Al you are amazing and strong, Remember we all can be too.



Harris Webb

This work was completed in NiddVenture time with Mrs Eglin.

Well done Harris!

#### **Nidderlicious**

Come and join our team! We are recruiting! Please click on the link to see our advert for a General Kitchen Assistant for 2 days per week from September. The working days are Monday and Tuesday.

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



# **Term Time Reminders**

- 30 May to 3 June Half Term Break including Queen's Platinum Bank Holiday
- 8 June Pink it Up day
- 27 June Year 10 exams begin
- 1 July School closed to students Staff Red Kite Training Day
- 22 July **2.15 p.m.** School closes for Summer break.



#### **Civic Celebration**

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June: The main festivities in Pateley Bridge are focused on a big party in the town's recreation ground from midday until 3pm and there will be a royal themed fancy dress competition, a cake competition and live music.



A platinum jubilee afternoon tea will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> June from 1pm-4pm at Pateley Bridge & Bewerley Memorial Hall with live music, a raffle and a "design a crown or corgi" competition. No need to book.

#### NiddVenture

We have said goodbye to our Year 11 Outdoor Education group. Their Niddventure program ended with a lovely trip to the seaside and fish & chips at Saltburn! We wish them all the very best for their exams and in their future endeavours and thank you for your contribution to Niddventure.

Two more evening Duke of Edinburgh training sessions have taken place with the focus being on learning how to put up a tent and use a camping stove. The benefits of being able to put a tent up quickly were highlighted when a sudden timely deluge descended upon us..!

Students on the Year 10 Outdoor Education course have had a trip to Askham Bryan College to give them some idea of the opportunities that may be available to them for further education after Year 11. Many Year 10 students also conquered their fear of heights in our first session of Rock Climbing with ropes.

Well done to all for pushing yourselves outside of your comfort zones and reaping the positive developmental rewards!

Miss Tuffs



