



Feeling Calmer with a Llama

Our work with Nidderdale Llamas has continued this term as more of our students had opportunities to meet Suzanne Benson and her wonderful Team. They shared again their love of these very special animals, continuing to show us how spending time in the company of llamas can have an amazingly positive impact on our happiness and wellbeing. We will continue to work with the farm next year and look forward to our students and staff having new adventures feeling calmer with a llama.



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

What a year of achievements it has been. For all of us, it's the first time since 2018-19 that we have been able to complete a full year in the school building and for Years 8 & 9, it's their first ever non-closure year as part of Team Nidderdale. Of course, even this academic year we have had the challenges of Covid absence to contend with and we did have a few closure days when we were worst hit and this week's extreme weather-related closure - thank you to families for your support with this.

It has been so wonderful this term to be able to feel like we were emerging from survival mode and to share more of the things we used to take for granted with our students. Duke of Edinburgh expeditions - an incredible 60% of Year 9 and 25% of Year 10 and 11 have completed their Bronze Expedition this year. Trips to the cinema, museums, theatre, trekking with the llamas and a whole host of NiddVenture trips have been on offer this term. Last week Ingleborough were declared winners of the team games-based Sports Day for Year 9 & 10. Hopefully by the end of today, Year 7-9 will have taken part in their athletics focused Sports Day. This week we are delighted that so many of our Year 10 students have been able to re-engage with the Work Experience programme that is a vital part of our personal development curriculum.

This term has also focused on academic challenge with the reintroduction of public exams for Year 11 with a full programme of GCSE and BTEC assessment. Meanwhile, Year 10 have experienced their first formal mock assessments across a full range of subjects. Students and teachers can now use the learning from this experience to plan for success in Year 11.

All members of our school community have had to face challenging times with resilience and determination. I hope that all staff and students are able to reflect on just how much has been achieved this year, despite the challenges they may have faced.

Wishing everyone a restful, relaxing and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming students back for a year full of successes in September.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

Theatre Trip – Shakespeare

On Friday 30th June, a group of Y7/8 students enjoyed a Northern Broadsides production of As You Like It at Harrogate Theatre. Shakespeare's pastoral comedy was delivered by a colourful cast of characters who performed with energy and flamboyance, giving students a truly entertaining afternoon at the Theatre.

Ms Lester



Sports News – Y7/8 Rounders Match Report

On 7th July, the Year 7 and 8 Rounders team made their way to Boroughbridge High. This was the first time we had played against their team.

It was a good first innings with Nidd racking up full rounders and some big hits from a number of students meant Nidd made 10.5 rounders.

As Boroughbridge made their way in to bat, Nidderdale braced themselves for some good hits but their readiness and quick fielding to 2nd base kept their opponents to just 8 rounders.

Moving into the 2nd innings, Nidd came out swinging but Boroughbridge had found their groove and kept our score down to just 4.

After a very close final innings, the final score was 14.5 to Nidd and 14 to Boroughbridge. A close but none the less, a fantastic win.

Miss Wilcock



Pastoral Garden

We have been delighted to see some new visitors to our Pastoral Garden that continues to grow with your support. Thank you to everyone for the trees, plants and gifts you have donated.

The Flourish Garden Group have had to learn quickly, trying to garden in very hot temperatures with lack of access to water and some very rebellious rabbits. It seems the rabbits have been listening to our pastoral conversations about strength, resilience and self belief and have used this knowledge to show a 'never give up' attitude in their determination to eat one of our apple trees and several of our shrubs.

We are proud of the persistence of our gardeners. Their intelligently placed strawberry plants have rewarded them with their first crop enabling us to end the Flourish sessions with an afternoon strawberry tea.





This year we are saying farewell to several valued members of our team. Miss Bradley Dixon has been a member of our Learning Support team for two years and has helped many of our young people, especially in Year 10, to make the best progress possible in lessons. She is moving on to work with young people away from school settings and we wish her well with her new career.

Mrs Tinsley has been a trusted and valued member of Team Nidderlicious for several years. She has decided that it is time to hang up her oven gloves so that she can spend more time in her gardening gloves - we wish her a happy and healthy retirement.

Ms Adams has been part of Team Nidderdale for 14 years as a Teacher of Art. She has inspired many students and colleagues with her creativity and we have been lucky enough to see lots of her work as a professional artist as well as the amazing work she has supported students to create. We will miss her kindness, care for others and creativity as she moves on to put her skills as an artist and a teacher into supporting others away from the teaching profession.

Mrs Wilson has been a Teacher of Catering and Food and Nutrition at Nidderdale for 13 years. In that time she has supported, inspired and cajoled many budding young chefs to produce food of the highest standard, sharing her knowledge and insights from the world of professional catering. She has promised to keep us posted on her next adventures.

Mrs Staniforth's job title is Bursar and Office Manager. Her actual role in school ranges from school finance to ICT support to midday supervisor, minibuss driver, site operative, transport manager, friend, confidant, and adviser. We are really not too sure what we are going to do without her and can only hope that her replacement will be just as willing to do all the things that don't feature on the job description. We will all miss her enormously as she steps into a well-deserved retirement.

Although we will be sad to see all of these colleagues move on, we are really excited to be welcoming lots of new members to our team.

Mr Mangeolles has been working in the Science Area of Learning for the last few weeks of term and will be joining us as Teacher of Biology and Chemistry in September.

Miss Robson joins us as Teacher of PE, working alongside Mrs Kay before she heads off on maternity leave in the Autumn term.

We are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Brown to the Design Area of Learning as Teacher of Art. Mrs Brown has a long association with the school and we are excited to be welcoming her back as a teacher. Also joining the Design AoL is Mrs Buckland who will be our lead Teacher of Food and Nutrition. With many years experience leading in this area and inspiring students to choose further study in Food, we are sure she will be a great addition to our team.

Ms Byrne is joining the Humanities Area of Learning as Teacher of RE, joining Mrs Cawley Johnson. We are also welcoming Mr Bibby to our school for one day each week to provide specialist music teaching to Years 7-9. Mr Bibby is Lead for Performing Arts at The Skipton Academy and we are really grateful to them for lending us his expertise.

Mrs Spedding joins us as Operations & School Finance Manager bringing many years of school administration experience to our team.

Start of term reminders

- Monday 5th September - Staff Training Day - school closed to all students
- Tuesday 6th September - All students in Year 7 and Year 11 return to school
- Wednesday 7th September - All students in school

All students are expected to attend in full school uniform. Students wishing to wear a jumper, must have the Nidderdale school logo jumper, which should be worn as well as, not instead of, the school blazer. Please make sure all uniform items, including PE kit, are clearly marked with your child's name.

Students should be on site by 8.45am and should be in their form rooms by 8.50am. Students should use the toilet before 8.50am so they are not late to registration and lessons.

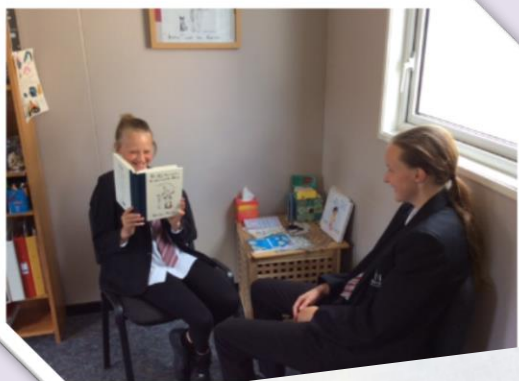
Students are expected to bring their own equipment (including PE kit and Food ingredients when required) to school each day.

Please check your School Gateway account to ensure your child has funds available to buy breaktime snacks and lunch.



Year 11 Leavers' Prom at Ripley Castle

After several years away, it was a real treat to be able to return to the stunning venue of Ripley Castle for Year 11's well deserved Prom. From the formal arrival (in a range of marvellous vehicles) and photos, through to the magnificent three course meal and celebratory disco, it was wonderful to see Year 11 celebrating in style and really enjoying their evening. Thank you to Mrs Ashton and the school staff team for organising the event and to Ripley Castle staff for looking after us so well. We wish Year 11 a happy and restful summer and look forward to seeing many of them on 25th August for GCSE and BTEC results.



We have continued to enjoy the support of Charlie Mackesy's words and illustrations this academic year.

The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse is still our most popular go-to book for wisdom and reassurance.

Ms Walker



Reminders

- 22 July 2.15 p.m. School closes for Summer break.
- 5 Sept 22 – Staff training day
- 6 Sept 22 - School Reopens to Year 7 and 11
- 7 Sept 22 - School reopens to all year groups
- 19 Sept 22 – Nidderdale Show Day / Staff training day – school closed to students.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Summer Mason who has achieved a Distinction in Grade One Piano. Well done!



Year 8 Metropolis

This work is inspired by the artist Barbara Gilhooly and created in Ms Adams lessons.

Well done Year 8 – this is amazing collaborative work!



Leeds Industrial Museum Visit

In recognition of their consistent hard work in English, a group of Year 8 students were invited to join a trip to Leeds Industrial Museum on Tuesday 12th July.

The visit supported their studies in History, English and R.E. Students enjoyed a showing of *The Breadwinner* in a 1920s cinema, watched a live demonstration of a spinning mule and spent some time in the museum's Victorian cottages. Knowledgeable curators were on hand to deliver lectures on Victorian society - both fascinating and entertaining! Ms Lester



Get support for how you're feeling

Our Young Person's Guide can help you find the right support easily and quickly...



The Go-To
For healthy minds in North Yorkshire

www.thegoto.org.uk



Useful links

Summer School 22

<https://northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast-activities/summer-school-22/>

The Anna Freud Website for self care over the summer holidays:

https://www.annafreud.org/schools-and-colleges/self-care-summer/?utm_source=sim&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=scs&utm_content=resources&mc_cid=4e677f9d94&mc_eid=1f83e8b64c

YoungMinds Website for support and advice for young people, parents and carers.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

Y9 & 10 House Games Results 2022

Capture the flag

1st Ingleborough
2nd Pen-Y-Ghent & Whernside

Rounders

1st Whernside
2nd Pen-Y-Ghent
3rd Ingleborough

Cricket

1st Ingleborough
2nd Whernside
3rd Pen-Y-Ghent

Tug of war

1st Ingleborough
2nd Pen-Y-Ghent
3rd Whernside dd text

House	Points	Rank order
Ingleborough	22	1 st
Whernside	20	2 nd
Pen-Y-Ghent	19	3 rd

Year 6 Transition Days

We were delighted to welcome our newest Team Nidderdale members to school on Thursday 7th and 14th for their Transition Days and to share their successes with parents in their first Parents' Evening.

Our newest students loved their lessons, loved the food and showed us they can be ready, respectful and safe. We look forward to welcoming into our school community in September.

