



Exam Results August 2022

We were delighted to welcome our outgoing Year 11 students into school during the holiday to celebrate their exam results. We saw many subjects exceeding various national measures and there were a great many examples of students attaining at the very highest levels and making progress way above expectations.

As well as the challenges that all students have faced as a result of the pandemic, many students have overcome difficult personal circumstances to achieve their personal best. Across the full range of subjects, one third of all students achieved at least one top grade 7-9. All students have now embarked on their next steps which include A Levels at Harrogate and Ripon sixth forms, sports scholarships, high quality apprenticeships and college places in Harrogate, York and Askham Bryan.

Students demonstrated the very highest levels of determination, resilience, flexibility and commitment. They received exceptional levels of support from staff and families. We are proud of everything our school community has done to overcome the many obstacles and ensure success for our students and help them to take their next steps towards their future studies and careers. Many of our outgoing Year 11s were role models for the kindness and respect that is so important to who we are as a school and we wish them well for the future.

Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

We have been so impressed by the way students have returned to school. It has been such a relief to be able to welcome students back to a focus on learning and being ready, respectful and safe, rather than the extensive covid safety measures we have been required to focus on in recent years. It has also been really great to have staff from across all subjects visiting each other's lessons, supporting students to settle to their learning, sharing best practice with each other and celebrating the great work being done.

On Wednesday, all students in Year 7-10 had the opportunity to select their Flourish activities for the year. The first full lesson of our Finish with a Flourish curriculum will take place on Wednesday 28th September and details will be added to student timetables shortly. Families have received a letter with more detail about Finish with a Flourish which also contains a link to the activity information which can be found on the school website.

As we start the new term, parents and carers are reminded to familiarise themselves with key policies including Uniform, Behaviour and Mobile Devices. [Links to these documents can be found here.](#) Thank you in anticipation of your continued support in ensuring your child follows school expectations as outlined in these policies.

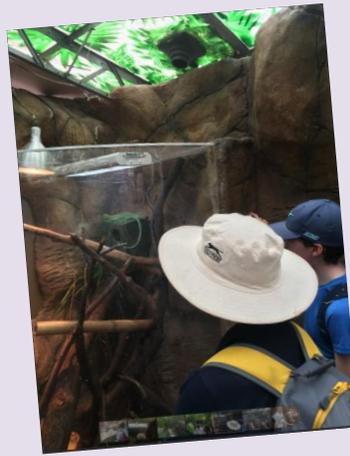
Kath Jordan, Headteacher

Accelerated Reader

As a reward for achievement on the Accelerated Reader program, a group of Year 7 students were taken to Tropical World in Leeds on Friday 15th July. The group included our Word Millionaires, Ben Rushworth, Tess Carnall and Jess Lamb who have read a staggering 6,007,518 words between them!

Tropical World is a butterfly house and animal attraction. Students spent several hours there watching butterflies emerging from chrysalises, a mob of meercats, crocodiles, lizards and several exotic species of birds flying freely overhead.

Miss Lester



Equipment reminders

All students should have, as a minimum, a black or blue pen and a spare pen, a purple pen, a pencil, ruler and rubber. Students will also need a calculator, which can be purchased from the maths department. Students may also wish to bring highlighters, coloured pencils and a glue stick.

Congratulations

Many congratulations to Will Fitzgerald on achieving Grade 5 in GCSE German, taken at the end of Year 10 after one year of after school lessons.

Thank you to Mrs Gibson for supporting Will in his studies. Once again, GCSE results in both French and German were well above national average.

Calendar reminders

- 19.9.2022 School closed for State Funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II
- 22.9.2022 Open Evening for prospective parents (Y6) from 5.00pm
- 29.9.2022 Y7 Pastoral Evening
- 21.10.2022 School closed for staff training (rearranged from 19.9.2022)

Roald Dahl Day - Tuesday 13th September

In the spirit of one of his best loved books, 5 Golden Tickets were hidden around the school and students were invited to hunt for them. Lucky ticket finders were able to swap their tickets for a scrumdiddlyumptious Wonka bar!

Uniform reminders

It has been lovely to see our students returning to school looking smart, proud to represent their school and ready for learning.

Please remember that we have now made a full return to our uniform policy expectations after making some adjustments for covid. This means that students are only permitted to wear the v-neck Nidderdale logo jumper, which should be worn under the Nidderdale blazer. Black sweatshirts and crew neck jumpers are no longer permitted.



Nidderdale Show Sunday 18th September 2022

In the light of Queen Elizabeth's funeral on 19th September, the Nidderdale Show will now be held a day earlier on Sunday 18th September 2022.

More details at

<https://www.nidderdaleshow.co.uk/>



Classcharts

In this week's assemblies, Mrs Witherwick has been updating students on the way they can use Classcharts positive points to access a range of rewards.

Please remember to check your child's classchart account regularly as this is our most immediate way of communicating praise and any concerns. It is also where you will find details of any homework.

If you require any help with setting up or reactivating your classcharts account, please contact the school office.

Nidderlicious

Hot meal deals @£2.75 w/c 19th September:

Monday: School closed

Tuesday: Beefburger in a bun, Chocolate Chip Sponge and custard

Wednesday: Sticky Chicken and noodles, traybake or fruit
Thursday: Homemade Pizza or roasted Cajun chicken, fruit jelly

Friday: Thai chicken curry and rice, Stuffed Panini or Tomato and cheese pasta, ice-cream

The full menu is always available on the school website.



**INVITATION TO NIDDERDALE HIGH SCHOOL'S
OPEN EVENING ON 22nd SEPTEMBER 2022
from 5.00 to 7.30 p.m.**

- ↓ Headteacher's Address at 6pm and repeated at 7pm
- ↓ Tour the school
- ↓ Meet staff
- ↓ Hear from some of our current students

- Nidderdale High School is a "Good school overall and in all areas"
- Students value the excellent relationships they have with their teachers" – Ofsted
- Winners of 2020 and 2021 National Pastoral Care in Education Award

We are proud of:

- Consistently good GCSE results
- Progress made by all students across a range of GCSE subjects often well above national averages
- Students who are Ready, Respectful and Safe
- Innovative curriculum to meet the needs of all students including NiddVenture and Flourish
- Outstanding pastoral care
- Student/teacher relationships - staff are wholly committed to the welfare and education of the students



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Information about the school is also available on the school's website
www.nidderdale.n-yorks.sch.uk

Useful Tips

Putting a healthy limit on how much teenagers spend glued to their phones (and on social media) continues to be a big challenge so we're sharing this piece with useful tips and advice on healthy gadget use, alternative tech for learning, creativity, and discovery, and how a balanced screen time 'diet' can be encouraged.

The Screen Time Diet: Helping Your Teenager Find The Balance With Tech

<https://www.mytutor.co.uk/blog/parents/the-screen-time-diet-helping-your-teen-find-the-balance-with-tech/>