

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM NEWS

We have had a busy start to this term with Student Leadership Team involving themselves in lots of duties and gaining valuable experience in their student leadership roles.

Year 10 students Callie, Alison, Will with Isaac all represented Nidderdale High School when they went back to their Primary School Glasshouses to meet younger students and shared their memories of Primary school and inspired younger students about how great Secondary education is. On Wednesday, the team met with Councillor Andrew Mundy to share ideas for a new Nidderdale Youth Council. More news to follow on this exciting project for young people in the Nidderdale area who are interested in youth voice.

The Student Leadership Team have also become reading mentors to Year 7 students each Thursday bringing a love of books and reading to our younger cohort.

We will finish the term with a Fundraiser for Epilepsy Action our chosen charity with a Valentine's Day themed bake sale.

Thank you to our Student Leadership Team who consistently show enthusiasm and commitment to everything they do.

Mrs Ashton - KS4 Learning Manager

Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

This half term has been incredibly busy, including a visit from Ofsted – we are hopeful of being able to share the report after the half term break.

Staff have supported students with a wide range of activities. Theatre, cinema and cultural trips have been arranged for Year 7 and 11 including the Year 11 trip to London in progress now. NiddVenture activities have continued for all year groups, including the selection of Team Eigg for a very exciting expedition in the Summer term. All year groups have also had the opportunity to be involved in various sporting activities, including the House Competitions. We continue to signpost all families to additional opportunities via Classcharts announcements, which is where our future space engineer found out about the UCL day described over the page.

Thank you to all staff for the additional work that has gone into providing opportunities beyond the classroom and beyond the school. Wishing all members of our school community a restful break.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher



Assemblies

Callie and Grace have reflected on Mr Day's assembly last week: We would like to write this article about the inspirational and highly relevant assembly presented by Mr Day. With a resonating and hopeful theme of setting achievable goals, done through using time limits to maintain a sense of positive wellbeing through challenging times, we found this assembly powerful and incredibly useful. We were taught how to set achievable and healthy goals ourselves and to take small steps toward reaching the end result, which could be transferred into any aspect of life, be it sport, health or learning a new skill. Many students are able to utilise these lessons in school as well, on time management when studying, or how to make the goal of improving grades possible.

Tom Wright looks back on Mr Wolfram's assembly:

For me Mr Wolfram's assembly was very eye opening. It was also quite inspiring for us to broaden our horizons and try new things. Overall, it was a good opportunity for us to learn some of the Teachers' stories and experiences.

Academic Year 2022/2023

Calendar reminders

- 13 -17 Feb 23 – Half term
- 20 Feb 23 – School re-opens
- 3.15 p.m. 31 Mar 23 – school closes to Mon 17 April 23 for Easter break
- Mon 1 May 23 – Bank Holiday
- Mon 8 May 23 – Bank Holiday
- 3.15 p.m. Fri 26 May 23 – school closes to Mon 5 June 23
- Mon 5 June 23 – GCSEs start (to 23 June 23)
- Thu 6 July 23 – Y6 Transition day 1 and Parents' Evening
- Thu 13 July 23 – Y6 Transition day 2
- 2.15 p.m Fri 21 July 23 – school closes for Summer break

Safer Internet Day – 7th February



Safer Internet Day 2023 was celebrated in the UK with the theme 'Want to talk about? Making space for conversations about life online'. There are many useful guides for parents/carers on the Safer Internet website including Social Media and Online Bullying advice.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/social-media-guides>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/online-issue/online-bullying>

Future engineer

On 22nd January 23, Dulcie Jones (Y8) attended 'Invest In The Future Engineer' day at UCL London, to get an introduction to Engineering: designing a rocket to go to Mars, deconstructing a generator and building a helicopter.

On the course Dulcie got to hear all about the different types of engineering, meet real engineers and other 12-14 yr old budding engineers.

She was told she'll have to work hard at school to get the grades to get a job at NASA!

Nidderlicious

Hot meal deals @£2.95 w/c 20th February 2023

- Monday:** Chicken and Leek Pie, Apple Crumble
Tuesday: Sausage and Tomato Pasta, Chocolate Chip Sponge
Wednesday: Nidderdale Beef and Dumpling, Muffin/traybake
Thursday: Homemade Pizza, Muffin/Traybake
Friday: Chicken Korma and Basmati Rice/Ice Cream

The full menu is always available on the school website.

Please ensure your child's account is in funds as service at the tills is slowed down when sufficient funds are not available.

JOIN OUR TEAM

We are recruiting: a **Catering Manager**, **Invigilators** and **General Kitchen Assistant**

Please see the recruitment page on our school website for more information.

[Click here.](#)

Design Area of Learning

This half term we have been focusing on the curriculum in the Design Area of Learning.

Having heard about the learning intentions, substantive and disciplinary knowledge involved in the Mythical Creatures and Monster Fish, it is even better to see the practical results of fantastic teaching and enthusiastic learning!



Communications Policy

Thank you to all parents who have followed the requests about communication set out in a letter from our Chair of Governors before Christmas. Our approach to home school communication has now been formalised in our Communications Policy, which can be viewed by clicking [here](#).



Mrs Eglin has provided Y11 students with information and links to resources for apprenticeships. The information is also available on the school website. [Click here to see all links.](#)

GCSE 2023

The full timetable is now available on the school website. [Click here.](#)

Please note 28th June 23 is reserved as a contingency day.



Place2Be is a children's mental health charity that provides counselling and mental health support and training in UK schools. Their **Parenting Smart website** provides practical tips for parents/carers on how to support children's wellbeing and behaviour (all ages). [Click here](#) to access their site – examples below.

**Enjoy
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