

## Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award

Our Year 10 Silver Duke of Edinburgh group had a very successful 3 day qualifying expedition to the Lake District. They all demonstrated excellent teamwork, resilience, determination and appreciation of the beauty of their surroundings. Well done to you all and thank you for the positive way you represented the school throughout the trip. We thoroughly enjoyed taking you!

Miss Tuffs & Mr Couldwell

*More pictures/info on the back page.*



## Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

As we enter the final few days of our first full year as an academy in the Moorlands Learning Trust, we have much to reflect on and celebrate.

Students have continued to experience a wide range of curriculum enrichment and enhancement opportunities. This has included significant numbers of students accessing NiddVenture through the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze & Silver Award, reward days, curriculum enrichment in Maths and Geology, visits to Corn Close, the community project supported by Spar and other local businesses and a wide range of 1:1 support opportunities.

A number of educational and reward trips and visits, both residential and non-residential have taken place, thanks to the 'over and above' commitment of the staff team. Students in Years 7-10 have continued to benefit from the Flourish programme, which has been delivered by our talented staff team and some valued volunteers.

Our staff team have shown an ongoing commitment to their own professional learning and have continued to develop the best educational opportunities and pastoral support possible for all of our students.

We will have some staffing changes from September, which you can read about later in this newsletter. Parents / carers should also read the letter sent this week, which outlines expectations for students and gives more information to parents about who to contact with queries.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff for all of their hard work, school governors, the Trust and parents for their support and to wish all of our students and families a restful and enjoyable summer break

Kath Jordan, Headteacher



### Classcharts Rewards

We have been delighted to see our students engaging so well with the range of rewards available on the Classcharts Rewards store. From the Key Stage 4 Pateley Pass, to stationery items and the sell out NiddVenture Reward Days, we have done our best to provide a range of opportunities for students to celebrate their successes and use their positive points wisely.

We are constantly reviewing our NiddVenture offer and reflecting on ways to broaden access to this unique part of our school offer. The Reward Days pictured here are just one of the ways we are striving to make the offer available to all. These days always sell out fast and from the photos it's easy to see why!

### Pastoral Hamper



This term, the Pastoral Team have chosen Mrs Carpenter for their Pastoral Pamper Hamper in recognition of her amazing student and staff support.

### Student Fundraising

The photo shows Senior Students presenting our fundraising donation to Jane Horrod from The Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Jane came into school last week to raise awareness of the very important work the YAA do and thank school for our ongoing support and fundraising campaign.

She was delighted to accept the cheque. Thank you again to everyone who has contributed in any way to our fundraising events this year.

Mrs Ashton  
Key Stage 4 Learning Manager



## Say Hello, Wave Goodbye

Several highly valued members of our team are moving on to new adventures at the end of this year. **Mr Cook** will be returning to his full-time role as Deputy Principal at The Skipton Academy after spending 2 days each week as part of Team Nidderdale, overseeing behaviour and attitudes. We are also grateful to **Mrs Adams** who has taught drama here for one day each week. She too will be returning to her full time role at The Skipton Academy.

**Mr Barrass** told me that if he could work at Nidderdale forever he would! We wish he could, but a move overseas is going to make that commute impossible. We wish him well for his exciting adventures in PE education overseas.

**Mrs Buckland** has made a fantastic contribution to Food & Nutrition teaching over the past two years. We wish her all the best for her next adventures in education and beyond.

We have been really grateful to **Mr Calderbank** and **Mrs Coulson** who have committed to long term but temporary roles in Maths and Science this year to cover vacancies that arose during the school year. They have made every effort to work in the spirit of Team Nidderdale.

**Miss Brohier** will be taking a leave of absence next year as she begins her maternity leave. We wish her all the best as she focuses on precious family time.

We are looking forward to welcoming lots of new members of staff to Team Nidderdale.

**Mr Devanney** is joining us as full time Deputy Headteacher; he will lead the further development of supporting students to live out our school values and meet our ready, respectful and safe expectations. He will also teach some RE and PSHE.

**Mr Mallon** joins the Science Area of Learning as full time teacher of Chemistry and we also look forward to welcoming **Mr Harrison** to the Maths team.

**Mr Baxter** and **Mr Gibson** join our Wellbeing Area of Learning, teaching PE and PSHE as well as bringing further capacity to our NiddVenture curriculum.

**Mrs Sharp** joins the Design Area of Learning as teacher of Food & Nutrition whilst **Mrs Thorpe** will be joining us as teacher of Art and Photography during Miss Brohier's maternity leave.

At a time when many schools are reporting difficulties in appointing permanent staff in a range of specialist subjects, we are absolutely delighted that we are able to start next academic year fully staffed with subject specialists, who have chosen to be part of Team Nidderdale. We are delighted that teachers and support staff recognise what a special place our school is and that they want to be part of our journey to further success.

### Role Changes

As well as welcoming new colleagues to our team, we also have a number of staff working in new roles.

From September **Mr Wolfram** will take on the role of **Director of Learning for Communication**, leading our English team. Miss Draper will continue to teach English but will now focus solely on her role as Assistant Headteacher, with a focus on curriculum and assessment.

**Miss Byrne** will take on the role of **Director of Learning for Humanities**. Mrs Witherwick will continue to teach History but will focus solely on her role as Assistant Headteacher, with a focus on Learning & Teaching and staff development.

Our Pastoral Team and Learning Support Team will both be under the leadership of our new Deputy Head Mr Devanney. Mrs Blunstone will continue to lead Learning Support as Associate Assistant Headteacher, SENCO.

Our Pastoral Team will work as follows:

**Mr Connors** joins the team as **Head of Key Stage 3** leading on behaviour & attitudes and academic progress in Years 7-9.

**Mrs Ashton** has a refocused role as **Head of Key Stage 4** leading on behaviour & attitudes and academic progress in Year 10 and 11.

**Mrs Parkin** is **Pastoral Officer for Year 7 and 8** and will continue to be the first point of contact for students requiring support.

**Ms Walker** takes on a new role as **Pastoral Support and Family Outreach Lead**. She will work in a variety of ways with a caseload of young people and families providing bespoke support around wellbeing, behaviour choices and attendance.

Kath Jordan

## Gymnastic Success!

Violet has had a 500 mile round trip to Ebbw Vale in Wales to attend the British Team Gym Championship that her team qualified for by coming 4th in Northern qualifiers in March. 6 teams competed to take the title of British Micro Team Women's Level 3 Team Gym Champions and achieved the silver medal at this national level. This is a testament to their hard work and determination in their chosen sport and a huge success for their club Richmondshire Thirsk Dale Gymnastics.

Well done Violet, we are very proud of you!



## School Uniform

Please refer to the policy when buying new items for September. The policy is on the school website and you can see it by [clicking here](#).

Please note that Smart Start Ripon are currently having a retirement sale with 30% off all Nidderdale School uniform.

e.g. Blazers are now £24.99, Skirts £16.09, Trousers £13.99 and Shirts and Blouses – now £6.30.

## Information from the Pastoral Team

### The Screen Time Diet: Helping your teen find balance with their Tech

Please see the useful guide below – this could assist parents in finding balance for their teenagers given that much of school, socialising, and leisure time centres around screens.

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

## Book and Bake Sale



Photo: George, Vic, Jack, Eli, Matthew

Thank you to the Senior Student Team for all of their fund raising efforts this year. Their recent book and bake sale raised over £300.

Alongside non-uniform days, Summer Stalls and hamper challenges, they have raised approaching £1500 for our nominated charities: Yorkshire Air Ambulance, Pateley Men's Shed and 'investing in our future' for school funds.

Well done.

## Term dates

Term dates for academic year 2024/25 are now on the school website.

[Click here to see term dates, staff training dates etc.](#)

## Reminders - September

**Staff training day Monday 2nd September 2024**

**Y7 students return to school Tuesday 3rd September 2024**

**All students return Wednesday 4th September 2024**



## Work Experience week 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024

This week sees Year 10 out of school on their Work Experience. Well done to all students who have made a great effort in securing placements.

I look forward to receiving the feedback and wish you all a fabulous week.

In addition to this some Year 10 students have carried out an extended work placement.

Thank you to employers who take their time to support our young people into different career paths.

Mrs Eglin



## Nidd Venture – Corn Close Farm Activities

As part of Nidd Venture a group of students have been learning a variety of skills at Corn Close Care Farm including fence building, animal care, team work and resilience.

Thank you to everyone involved in supporting our young people there.

Mrs Eglin

Congratulations to Mr Day and Mrs Kay's form groups who won best created hampers.

Thank you to all the helpers on the day.

Mrs Ashton



## Park Run

Team Nidderdale runners had another successful trip to Fountains Abbey Parkrun last Saturday. Congratulations to Emma White (Y7), winner of the 'Most Improved' prize with a new PB of 31:19. Bethan Parsons (Y7) was a close second place in this competition, only 10 seconds off her PB. But most importantly, the whole team ran in good spirits and contributed to a morning of fun, fresh air and healthy competition!

Thanks to Mrs Warner for her usual supportive presence and to all the parents who put themselves on the line alongside our young runners...the best example you could set! Thank you also to up and coming Y7, Ben White for joining Team Nidd for the morning. A strong run and we're looking forward to you joining our team next year!





## Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award

We left school bright and early at 7am on Thursday morning and drove to Dockray on the western side of Ullswater. Students encountered some strong winds and very heavy showers on their traverse of Gowbarrow Fell but all endured with positivity! Things brightened up as they headed towards Pooley Bridge and the sun shone beautifully for our evening camp at Ullswater Sailing Club. Much fun was had swimming in the lake and some high quality cricket was also played before all retired to their tents on a starry night...

Day 2 saw students take differing routes. One group walked the lake shore path and the other made an ascent of Beda Fell. They enjoyed some beautiful views of Helvellyn and the surrounding mountains before descending from Boredale Hause to Sykeside Campsite near Brotherswater. Another night of fun & games was had!

Day 3 dawned beautifully clear and both groups departed camp early. One group completed their circumnavigation of Ullswater and the other rose to the challenge of ascending Stony Cove Pike and Hartsop Dodd.

They were rewarded with some spectacular views and a great understanding of, 'the harder the challenge, the greater the reward!' Well done to you all and I hope the days spent roaming the hills with good friends bring you many happy memories in years to come.

Miss Tuffs