



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

It was a privilege to attend Year 11 Prom this year to be part of their formal leaver celebrations at Ripley Castle. Our year 11 students have conducted themselves so well through the intense period of GCSE exams as the first post-covid cohort to have no alterations to their curriculum or exam expectations. They have every reason to celebrate after demonstrating resilience, determination and hard work.

It was a really joyful occasion with students treating each other with kindness and respect, whilst having fun on the dance floor and making memories to last into adulthood. The staff attending Prom to supervise and support were delighted to hear the positive comments from staff at Ripley Castle about the conduct of our group. Thank you to the staff who gave up their time to organise and supervise the event and to Mr Beck for his fabulous DJ-ing!

This week we were working with a photographer in school to refresh our website and prospectus. Thank you to those students who were excited and willing to be part of the photoshoots. We look forward to sharing our updated website in due course.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher



Reminders

- **5 July – School closed – staff training day**
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- **19 July 12.30 p.m. – school closes for summer break**
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- **2 Sep 24 – Staff training day**
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- **3 Sep 24 – Y7 only return to school**
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- **4 Sep 24 – all other year groups return to school**

June is Men's Mental Health Awareness Month and we went to Pateley Men's Shed with Mrs Ashton this week to meet the members and see first hand the charity we have been raising money for. During the visit we got to see the workshop and see items the men were creating using their imagination such as restoration, woodwork, electronics and gardening. The workshop reminded us of our DT classroom and it was interesting to see the work in progress.

We enjoyed hearing their stories and reasons why they joined Men's Shed.

Understanding how they help and work on themselves and others was not only helpful but has given us inspiration to continue to raise funds and raise awareness for this important local charity. We are looking forward to visiting Men's Shed again to present them with the money we have raised across the year for them.

Thank you to everyone who supported us with our fundraising by donating cakes and children's books to our 'Bake and Book' sale on Friday 28 June. Look out for more information about this year's Summer Stalls.

Thank you for your continued support. From all the Student Leadership Team.

Article written by
Year 10 Senior Student,
Jack Gomersall:



Blackpool Reward Day

Thursday 20th June, 202 students and 19 staff arrived in a very sunny Blackpool for a day of fun and adventure. As we approached, the bubbles of excitement were felt on every coach... Especially as we saw the famous landmarks such as Blackpool Tower. Once inside, students were able to explore the famous rides such as the "Big Dipper" and "Icon". Everyone enjoying the drenching from "Valhalla" including some of the staff team! Students have said "it's a great incentive to get it right" and "we had a great day, we loved the rides and the food".

This year every student has had the opportunity to purchase at least two big trips out with their ClassChart points. It was wonderful to see so many enjoying the experiences... including the staff team!



Eigg & Rum Expedition



Nine lucky students have joined Miss Tuffs on a Highland adventure for the much prized expedition to Eigg and Rum

They are now back after cycling, climbing, exploring, volunteering and competing in their own Highland Games.

They will be sharing more about their adventures.



Posting on Social Media whilst on holiday

It's that time of year when many of us will be going on holiday. Posting your holiday photos on social media whilst on holiday not only tells your friends and family you're having a good time it also advertises to criminals that you're away and your house is empty.

Many insurers now have an exclusion stating that if you post photos advertising the fact that you are on holiday, you may not be covered if your house gets burgled. If your insurer does not have a specific Social Media Exclusion, they will have a general condition often called a 'Duty of Care' this will state that you must take reasonable precautions to try and prevent a claim. Advertising that you are on holiday is like placing a sign on your front door stating your house is empty. There are some steps you can take to keep safe:

- **Wait Until you get Back.** – Post your photos when you get home and don't check in on Facebook as soon as you get to the Airport or Hotel.
- **Lock Down your Social Media** – Keep your social media settings private so only your friends and family can see them.
- **Turn off Location Services** - If this is on and linked to your social media accounts then it will post your location.
- **Check your Friends List** - Have a clear out of anyone who shouldn't be there. Is there anyone on the list you don't know? A friend request from a stranger may not be what it seems.
- **Remove personal details you don't need** - Check online to see just what you can find out about yourself; you may be surprised by what information is there.
- **Make sure you're not tagged** - Ask friends/family not to tag you and warn them only to post when you're all home. Adjust the setting so you can review anything you are tagged in.
- **Check your insurance policy** - Read the small print or contact your insurer to check for any clauses relating to posting on social media.

Message Sent By Andy Hugill, North Yorkshire Police, Digital PCSO, North Yorkshire

Ready for an action packed summer in the great outdoors?

North Yorkshire Outdoor Learning Service have been busy planning an exciting and inspiring range of experiences to get young people and their families active and in touch with nature over the school holidays. Get ready for an outdoor experience like no other!

Adventure Club will keep your young people busy with activities that could include climbing, caving, high ropes, river scrambling and water sports such as canoeing and sailing. There are also Family Activity Days where everyone gets a go!

You could even get out on the water with friends and family for a Pay and Play canoeing session. Or if your young person wants to sail the seven seas, a two day accredited RYA Youth Sail course might be just the thing. There's something for everyone!

Join the team for an unforgettable summer of fun and adventure in the great outdoors at either Bewerley Park Outdoor Education Centre in Pateley Bridge or East Barnby Outdoor Education Centre in Whitby.

Find out more and book now at www.outdoored.co.uk/summer

Please see www.myexpeditionrocks.com for more information.

HOLIDAY ROCK CLIMBING



Our holiday climbing sessions are an ideal way for kids to get out and enjoy the great outdoors during the holidays. With activities including climbing, abseiling and weaselling, it is an action-packed day.

Just a packed lunch and clothes for climbing, scrambling, crawling and squirming amongst the rocks and we'll provide the rest.

£52.50, or £97.50 for siblings (7-16 years old)

Ilkley Cow & Calf: 2nd, 6th, 15th, 16th, 19th, 20th, 28th & 29th August, 9.30am-4.30pm

Brimham Rocks: 26th July, 9th, 13th, 14th, 21st, 22nd, 26th, 27th, 30th August, 9.30am-4.30pm



Book online or contact us via email

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Bikes for Sale

Thanks to the developing skills of some of our NiddVenture students, we are pleased to offer some re-conditioned bikes for sale. These pre-pedalled cycles have had some parts replaced by our budding cycle technicians and are available for sale – offers over £20, sold as seen. Viewings are welcome – please contact school to express interest.

