

Headteacher's Introduction

We began this term with a focus on mental health and emotional well-being. Staff were able to take part in a wide range of activities linked to physical health, mindfulness and emotional well-being before listening to a presentation on a range of excellent strategies to support young people in school. The day was a great kick start for some positive new year resolutions for some members of the team.

In the next couple of months we will be exploring a range of ways we can support young people through our curriculum activities and additional interventions. Well done to the Senior Student team on their fundraising efforts for MIND, providing support for a national charity as well as raising the school community's awareness of the importance of good mental health.

We are always keen to celebrate our students' successes but I am also delighted to share the achievements of our talented staff team. At the end of last year, Ms Adams was placed first in the fine art class in the London-Kyoto Awards. As a result she will be undertaking a residency in Japan later this year, learning about Japanese art and folk culture. We can't wait to hear all about this exciting opportunity and for students to get the benefit of this new learning back in school.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher



Visit to Uni of York

On 17th December, Y10 students visited the University of York for an experience day where students learned about the next steps in education, budgeting for university and also had a tour of the facilities. Students are pictured in the lecture theatre and taking part in 'University Challenge'. They were successful in this and came out on top! Well done Team Nidderdale!



Pantomime Trip

On Wednesday 9th January, a group of students attended Harrogate Theatre's Pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' We thoroughly enjoyed an evening of pun-packed Panto magic and had the opportunity to meet the cast after the show. Oh no we didn't! Oh yes we did!

Extra-curricular

The latest extra-curricular PE timetable (January 2019 to April 2019) is now on the website. Students [Click here](#) to see what is available and try something new for 2019. Details of other lunchtime clubs/after school activities are in the September 2018 booklet which you can see if you click [here](#).

Forthcoming events

- Y9 Battlefields Trip – 22-25 Jan
- NICE Day – 29 Jan & Leeds Grand Mosque visit – 29 Jan
- HPV, Men ACWY and DTP vacs – 31 Jan
- Y9 Parents' Evening – 7 Feb
- Rotary Tech Tournament – 12 Feb
- Visit to Askham Bryan Zoo and College – 13 Feb
- Valentine Disco 6-7.30 – 14 Feb
- Governing Board meeting – 18 Feb

Outdoor Course

For the first half term of 2019, we have a new group of year 8 girls pushing their physical and emotional boundaries on an outdoor programme. The girls are embarking on a uniquely defined programme that will take them from making fires on a beach, to climbing up to some of the highest locations in the Yorkshire dales. They will have to work together, overcome some perceived fears, test their trust in one another and change their attitude to learning to working beyond the classroom.



PTFA News

Thank you to everyone who helped the PTFA raise almost £600 through the Grand Christmas Raffle, Easyfundraising and Refreshments at the Christmas Showcase.

Save the date! We will be holding a Race Night on Friday 15th March from 7pm until 10.30pm. Come along to a 'virtual night at the races' and find out if lady luck is on your side! Tickets from Reception are £5 per person to include supper and licensed bar. Over 18s only.

All proceeds will go directly into improving the experiences of our students in school. The event is run by a professional Race Night Organiser and is a fun opportunity to have a flutter, try your hand at owning your own race horse for the evening, and cheer your winner across the finish line!



JUNIOR CRICKET COACHING

For Boys and Girls



Starts Sunday 3rd February at Pateley Bridge Sports Centre.
Y2-6 – 3.30 – 4.30 pm
Y7-10 4.30 – 5.30 pm
Contact Richard Light
07526105383

Student News

Well done to Joseph Hinchliffe who passed his Grade 4 piano exam in December.

Huge congratulations to 7DH for beating the ten other forms in Key Stage 3 to the Autumn Term Pizza Party. Students enjoyed an afternoon off timetable to enjoy Jumanji and pizzas with Mr Hill. Who will prevail this Spring? Good luck Key Stage 3!

Looking after Mental Health

In December we raised £500 for our Senior Student chosen charity MIND. This was through proceeds from a non-uniform day and ticket sales to the Christmas Showcase. Thank you to everyone who contributed to such a worthwhile cause.

MIND provide advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health problem. They campaign to improve services, raise awareness and promote understanding.



www.mind.org.uk

TEAM NIDDERDALE: ARE YOU TOUGH ENOUGH?

The PTFA are looking at new and exciting ways of raising funds for our students through different events... We would like to put together a team of staff and parents to complete the Yorkshire Tough Mudder on Sunday 28th July in Skipton to raise money through sponsorship. We have 5 staff already signed up. Do join us! For more information please follow the link below:

<https://toughmudder.co.uk/events/2019-yorkshire-classic>

Please contact Mrs Wright ASAP on 01423 711246 or by email nicola.wright@nidderdale.n-yorks.sch.uk

Term Dates

Details of all term dates and staff training from September 2018 to August 2020 are available on the school website. [Click here.](#)

