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Head of School Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers

The overarching theme of Thursday's NICE day was respect - for self and others. With wide ranging workshops from 'Healthy Relationships' to 'Online safety and Grooming' to 'Refugee Awareness' and an inspirational presentation from Gulwali who is an Afghan author, activist and ambassador for refugee rights, students and staff were left with much to think about and discuss. (Gulwali is pictured above with Y8 students). In amongst all this, Year 10 and 11 also had the chance to experience a range of careers related activities organised by the Hornbeam Park campus in Harrogate, which has inspired a flurry of college applications this morning.

Our focus on Respect tied into the acts of respect and remembrance taking place on our Battlefields 2018 tour this week. (Y9 students are pictured at the Menin Gate).

Kath Jordan, Head of School

Aiming Higher – NICE Day Challenge

During NICE Day, sixteen of our most talented Year 7 and 8 English students rose to the challenge of becoming a teacher for the day. The students worked in groups to plan creative writing lessons for Year 5 and 6 students. Our trainee Year 7 and 8 teachers will develop their skills further through teaching and delivering these planned lessons.

We look forward to welcoming children from our local primary schools next month to take part in these tailored lessons.



Forthcoming events

29th January:

HGS Sixth Form Interviews

Y10 Football v Queen Ethelberga's (Away)

1st February – Rescheduled Year

10 Parents' Evening

6th/7th February – Red Kite Peer Review

6th February – Year 10 (12 students) Sheffield University Visit

6th February – Rotary Tech Tournament at St Aidan's – 2 teams

8th February – Year 9 Parents;

Evening and Options interviews

12 – 16 February Half term break

19 February - School reopens

19 February - Year 11 Core Mocks English and Maths

Twitter feed

Please view our Twitter feed. Either use the icon on the website's top right corner or search Twitter for @NidderdaleS Follow us to see latest news and our Battlefields pictures.

Year 9 Battlefields Visit

Having departed school at 5.30 am on Tuesday, weary travellers arrived at Ypres in time for their evening meal and a first visit to the Menin Gate. On Wednesday they returned here to take part in the daily act of remembrance. Further excursions included the Vimy Memorial Park, various sites on the Somme including Thiepval and La Boiselle. More details and student reactions to this informative, thought-provoking trip will be in the end of term newsletter.



Accelerated Readers

Year 7 are currently taking their second Accelerated Reader STAR tests of the academic year.

Students who achieve the greatest improvement on their original score will be rewarded with a trip to the Hyde Park Picture House in Leeds.

So far, most students have seen significant improvement in their reading ability as they follow the Accelerated reader programme. Very well done to them all for their enthusiastic reading!

Last term's form winners - 7MC/RB have taken an early lead this term with a score so far of 155.9 Accelerated Reader points. 7SR are in second place with 83.9, with 7JK on 48.9 points and 7PT 31.5. Will 7MC/RB keep the Accelerated Reader cup for another term?

Nidderlicious

The full menu showing all options for next week is on the school website or [click here](#).

Our next themed day is 19th February when we will celebrate the Chinese New Year – Year of the Dog with a Chinese meal and fortune cookies.



We have a vacancy for a General Kitchen Assistant 15 hr pw. More detail on the school website vacancies tab or [click here](#).

Library News

We have a Theatre trip planned to see Jane Eyre at Harrogate Theatre on 13th March. Jane Eyre is a GCSE set text so the evening will provide a great combination of revision and enjoyment for our Year 10 and 11 students.

Our Book Trust School Library pack has arrived and is proving to be very popular with students. The pack contained 15 books on topics as varied as refugees, space, friendship and sports.



February's Library theme will be 'Books We Love'. Students will be invited to write a short description of the book they love the most and why it means so much to them. There will be prizes awarded for the most eloquent expressions of book adoration!



Chess in the library continues to be a popular choice for a break time activity. Any student wishing to help organise a Chess Tournament, please speak to Miss Lester.