

**FUWS - PTA**

Friends had a successful fundraiser on Thursday at the awards evening and raised over £700 – THANK YOU TO ALL!

“The Barrow Bonanza” was won by **Francesca Hall** of Hebden – ENJOY!

Food

For upcoming practical cookery lessons w/c 1 December
Year 7

Raspberry Buns

Year 8

Potato Cakes

Please see MCAS or Teams, Files -“Ingredients needed for practical lessons”.

In an emergency you can email Mrs Doidge: jdoidge@uws.n-yorks.sch.uk

N.B ingredient lists are posted on Wednesday and Thursday the week before.

DRAMA

Rehearsals for this year’s school production ‘Frozen’

Rehearsal Dates:

2/3/10/11/16 December
3.20-4.30

Students must check with Mrs Gray which parts are needed each week.

Dates for the diary

9 December – YR 10 Work Experience Parental Meeting – 6pm

17 December – Yr 7 Pantomime Trip

18 December – Whole School Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

19 December – Whole School Celebration Assembly

School Breaks up – Returns Tuesday 6 January

Reminder that all events can be found on the school calendar

[School Events - Calendar](#)

Headteacher’s Update**Dear Parents and Carers,**

As we approach the end of this term, I want to take a moment to celebrate the resilience and determination shown by our Year 11 students. They have approached their mock examinations with maturity and focus, demonstrating excellent preparation and a positive attitude. These assessments are an important stepping stone, and it’s encouraging to see how well they are coping.

Last night, we enjoyed a fantastic Awards Evening, where we celebrated the achievements of our current students and welcomed back many former students. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces returning to share in the success of our school community.

I would also like to congratulate our Year 7 sports representatives, who proudly led the local football tournament. Their teamwork and enthusiasm were a credit to the school and a great example of the spirit we encourage in all our students.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to ensure every student thrives.

We are currently looking for a Parent Governor to join our Governing Body. Please see page 2 for more information.

Warm regards,

Mr I Chapman
Headteacher

**LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP - Skipton Rotary – Great Santa Fun Run**

Once again members of staff and PTA will be taking part in the Santa Fun Run on Sunday 30th November 2025 @11.00am in Skipton.

If we manage to get a team of 25 people or more, we will receive a £250 donation to the school.

If you are thinking of taking part, please could you register your team’s name as Upper Wharfedale School. Thank you in advance.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Just to make all parents aware, our licence to run DofE is expiring in March so **all our current awards need to be completed before then** and we will unfortunately, **NOT** be running DofE in school. We hope to be able to run DofE again in the future but currently we do not have the staff capacity.

However, if any students would like help completing their DofE award outside of school (e.g. with scouts/guides) then they can still ask staff to be their assessors, and we are very happy to give advice and support.

If your child completed their expedition last year, then their assessor reports for their other sections need to be completed as soon as possible (preferably before Christmas) so that we can check and upload any paper ones before February.

We will then be able to sign off the awards and give out certificates.



PARENT GOVERNOR

We are currently seeking a parent to join our Governing Body as a Parent Governor. This voluntary role is a fantastic opportunity to play an active role in shaping the strategic direction of our school and ensuring the best outcomes for our students.

What does the role involve?

Attending **six meetings per year**, each lasting approximately **two hours** (one meeting per half term).

- Working alongside other governors and the leadership team to support and challenge the school in key areas such as curriculum, finance, and safeguarding.
- Bringing a parental perspective to discussions and decisions.

No prior experience is necessary, just a commitment to the school and a willingness to contribute.

If you are interested and would like to arrange a short phone call to find out more, please contact us at

admin@uks.n-yorks.sch.uk.

Thank you for considering this important role in our school community.

Everyone's Invited

Online Parent Session – Supporting Young People in a Digital World

We are pleased to invite you to an **online parent session** being run by the charity **Everyone's Invited**. The aim is to offer a supportive and informative space for parents and carers of students aged 11–16.

This session will explore some of the key challenges and pressures that young people face in today's digital world, including:

- Social media platforms such as TikTok and Snapchat
- Gendered pressures and consent
- Pornography and the rise of AI
- Image-based abuse and sextortion
- Online misogyny

The talk aims to help parents better understand these issues and feel more confident in supporting their children as they navigate the complexities of online life. Practical strategies and guidance will be shared throughout the session.

Monday 2nd February 2026 @ 6 - 7pm

Via Teams call online

(link to be shared nearer the time)

We encourage all parents and carers to attend this important discussion. It's a valuable opportunity to learn and ask questions. **If you would like to attend, please complete the attached Form:**

[Parents talk run by Everyone's Invited – Fill in form](#)

Thank you for your continued support in helping our young people stay safe, informed, and confident online.

ABSENCES

All absences must be reported **before 9am** every morning of absence. Please leave a brief description of illness not just unwell.

Telephone: 01756 752215 (press 1- line open 24 hrs)

Email – absence@uws.n-yorks.sch.uk

Sports News.....

RESULTS:

Well done to all students that took part in the Rugby Festivals at Wharfedale Rugby Club last week. There was some fantastic rugby displayed. Thank you to WRUFC for letting us use the facilities.

Yr 7/Yr 8

UWS 25 – 0 Nidderdale

UWS 15 – 10 Settle

UWS 40 – 5 The Skipton Academy

Overall Standings: 1) Settle 2) UWS 3) Nidderdale 4) The Skipton Academy

Yr 9/Yr 10

UWS 41 v 14 Nidderdale

UWS 26 v 5 Settle

Overall Standings: 1) UWS 2) Nidderdale 3) Settle

There are also many clubs and activities at lunchtime. Please use link to view.

[Extra-Curricular-Activities.pdf](#)

Science Week 2026 - 16-20 March

Advanced notice that it is British Science Week March 16-20 2026. It is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the world of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) and highlight the diverse and wonderful careers that these areas can lead to. I would really like to plan another chaotic week of visitors, trips, events, shows, careers discussions and competitions to engage all students.

Do you know anyone who works in STEM areas? This does not need to be a very obvious link like a doctor or vet (although they would be great too..!) but anyone who has experience or a background in STEM subjects who may be willing to come into school, host a visit, set a challenge for our students or even just answer a few questions.

I would love to get in more visitors and potentially change the timetable that week to combine lessons so students can take part in some longer experiments, competitions or STEM projects!

Please do contact me at proberts@uws.n-yorks.sch.uk if you are able to help.

CRAVEN COLLEGE - TASTER MORNING (YEAR 11)

The Craven College Year 11 Taster Morning is now **LIVE** and available for registration.

Friday 30 January 2026 @ 09:30 am - 11:30 am - REGISTER HERE: [Taster Morning \(Yr 11\) – Craven College](#)

Are you a current Year 11 student and thinking about studying at Craven College from September 2026?

Join us for an exciting, fun and interactive Taster Morning to explore courses and careers in a subject of your choice.

Each taster workshop will include:

- Demonstrations and hands-on practical activities in our cutting-edge facilities
- Insights into the careers & qualifications you can progress on to
- A focus on student enrichment and college life
- A chance to meet future tutors and classmates

Please note, you can only register for **ONE** workshop for this event. Full event details can be found via the link above, but if you have any further event queries, please email events@craven-college.ac.uk and our team will get back to you.

PLEASE NOTE ALL STUDENTS WHO REGISTER MUST SEND SCHOOL THEIR CONFIRMATION EMAIL AND THEY WILL BE EXPECTED TO ATTEND SCHOOL IN THE AFTERNOON.