

Last night's Y10 parents' evening was another great Bedale occasion where staff and parents could work as one to support fantastic outcomes for all our students. The focus now is on effective preparation for the Y10 exams straight after the Easter break and these students would do well to learn some valuable lessons from their Y11 counterparts. Feedback this week is showing that, a bit like Brexit, our Y11s are broadly "split" into two camps...the ones who are working productively and those who are not. As a result, Mr Gill has felt the need to hold an "emergency" assembly, almost but not quite complete with flashing lights and a siren, just to make the point that too many students are currently "sleep walking" towards under achievement in one or more of their GCSE subjects. Where students have shown true commitment and determination they are being rewarded with very encouraging results. Currently, however, too many of our highly able students are failing to hear the alarm bells and unless they act on the advice of staff, they could fail to fulfil their undoubted potential. If your son or daughter was invited to attend this assembly, then you will have received a letter outlining our concerns and parents can also look forward to full progress reports at the end of term which will provide some objective data. As ever, we require the support of all parents to reinforce the message that a great work ethic and a fantastically positive attitude to learning is an essential pre-requisite for success!

And speaking of success....On Wednesday, our GCSE Drama students completed their practical examination in front of an external examiner and I was delighted that they responded well to the additional pressure that this brought to their performances. Whilst we do not get any feedback in terms of marks/grades, it was clear that the examiner was suitably impressed by the quality of the students' prepared pieces and huge credit goes to Miss Cropper and all the students for the way that they have worked in preparation for this day.

Earlier in the week, our Y7 girls' netball team and the Y9/10 girls' football team, were in action against some very strong opposition from Egglecliffe School. In a very hard-fought game of football, Kate Gardiner earned the "woman of the match" award for an outstanding display that included scoring our goal in a 1-1 draw. Niamh Hughes won the corresponding award for the netball fixture as the team won 5-3, with Chloe scoring four of our goals. Today, three of our students, Matthew Driscoll (Y10), Ben Brown (Y9) and Charlie Abbott (Y9), are representing the school at the Yorkshire Golf Championship and we hope that they will have acquitted themselves well. As ever, if we have any photos of the boys in action, we will share them on Facebook and provide you with an update on the results.

We have also had some great news this week relating to Rugby. Bedale High School has been selected as one of only four schools to go on the RFU "All Schools" programme designed to promote the game and provide increased access to high quality coaching and links with local clubs. There is already a strong link with Wensleydale RUFC and the school is keen to see more boys and girls take up this wonderful sport.

Next week a representative from the National Citizenship Service will be in to deliver an assembly to Year 11 students. This is a fantastic (and very reasonably priced) opportunity to spend the first part of the summer involved in a full range of potentially life changing experiences! Further details will be revealed and students can sign up to register their initial interest on Wednesday, please see the letter attached to the weekly email. Mr Sellers would like to remind staff, students and parents who have signed up for the C2C challenge that the first practice ride of 25 miles will be held on Saturday, 6th April leaving from Bedale High School at 9.00am. Please ensure that you have the correct equipment for the ride and have sufficient drinks and food for the day and that your bike is serviceable.

Finally, you will no doubt be aware that school is closed for the Tour de Yorkshire on Friday, 3rd May. As a school, however, we are working closely with the official Tour artist, Mackenzie Thorpe, on a land art project. Miss Allsop is collaborating with Mackenzie Thorpe and Help for Heroes, focusing on their "Cut The Clock" campaign message. The land art will be made from the old or unused training shoes gathered from the community. The design will be based on the digital time it takes a veteran, on average, to seek help for psychological damage - 3 years, 9 months, 21 days, 21hours, 36 minutes. We hope the land art project will bring community groups and ex-vets together. Bedale students, parents, grandparents and the wider community will all be invited to a family event to lay the trainers in position for the Tour. Collection drop off points are situated at local primary schools, Bedale High school and the Local Co-op on Bedale High Street for your trainers please!

### Attachments

Iceland Trip Hoodie letter and choices.  
Y11 NCS letter.