

BHS Update



23rd October 2020

Get Help Here...

Form Tutor/Pastoral Team/Miss Bradbury (KS3)/Miss Temple (KS4):

for any wellbeing concerns: bradburys@bedalehighschool.org.uk / templec@bedalehighschool.org.uk

Subject Teacher: for any subject specific questions around learning tasks

General Queries: Email: admin@bedalehighschool.org.uk or call 01677 422419

Reporting to Parents

In the absence of parent evenings, we are going to ensure that we do provide data and information to parents to see how their child is progressing in their learning.

Year 11 students will receive a comment from every subject teacher, in addition to Attitude to Learning and Home-Learning grades. This will go out to parents on 6th November and will be followed up on 12th November by the Yr 11 GCSE Support Evening which we will run virtually. This is where we share ideas with parents on how to support your child in the run up to the GCSE exams, with revision tips and other advice.

Year 7-10 students have been completing their AP1 assessments this week. Parents will receive feedback from these on the 18th November and Year 9 parents will again receive a written comment from teachers in place of the Parent Evening.

We know that this is not the same as holding a live parent evening, and we thank parents and students for your understanding of why we have to do things this way at the current time.



Year 11 PPE Revision



We are asking all Yr 11s to make a start to their revision for the PPEs which take place next half term. Please refer to last week's newsletter to see the information, exam timetable, revision sessions and letter from Miss Riley-Fox and Mr Gill.

A reminder of some of the support available in school for these students to take advantage of:

- Daily after-school revision sessions
- Whole school mentoring programme with regular one to one check-ins from a member of staff
- Revision and exam preparation assembly from Mr Gill
- Form time support with creating revision timetables

In other words, there really is no excuse for them to not know what they should be doing! We absolutely want them to get a good rest this half-term break so that they come back refreshed, but it is also an opportunity to start the 'little and often' approach to revision which will help to keep things manageable.

Access to Online Learning

We know that while the vast majority of students have access to a tablet or computer to access online learning, a small number are still lacking the equipment to be able to do this. If this is the case with your child, please do email knights@bedalehighschool.org.uk so that we can see whether we are able to support you by sourcing a device for you to use. This is not a promise or a guarantee - but some channels are now accessible to schools to support these students and we want to make the most of these.



Rotary Shoebox Christmas Charity Campaign... Update

Many, many students across Years 7 to 10 have now taken home their shoeboxes and are officially taking part in the Rotary Club's Shoebox Campaign which aims to spread a little bit of happiness and joy to disadvantaged children and young people across Eastern Europe. Students are encouraged to fill a provided shoebox with second hand (in good condition) or new gifts for the following categories;

- TOYS ~ for Boys & Girls
- BABY ~ Age up to 12months & New Mothers
- TEENAGER ~ For young people up to 18 years age
- HOUSEHOLD ~ For older folk & families

The deadline for returning boxes to Mrs Woodward in the Drama Studio is Friday 6th November 2020.

- A huge thank you to everyone involved for their enthusiasm and good will so far.

ROTARY SHOEBOX CAMPAIGN 2020



THE AIM: To spread a little happiness to disadvantaged children and adults in Eastern Europe.

Operating over 25 years and have delivered over one million boxes

Year 7 Home-Learning

Parents will be aware that we have limited the home-learning for Year 7s to just English, Maths and Science in this first half term. Once we return from the break, we will be moving towards the full home-learning schedule which can be viewed here:

<https://bedalehighschool.org.uk/need-to-know/curriculum/home-learning/>

Students will have an assembly in the first week back where we talk to them about how to manage their homework timetable, and share top tips on how to stay on top of their work.

Teachers are being asked to limit tasks to 15-20 mins in the first instance to ensure that work remains at a manageable level. Parents can help by regularly checking the Satchel One app and encouraging your children to talk about what they are working on. Please contact your child's form tutor if you have any concerns over this.

Teenage Cancer Trust -

Miss Riley-Fox is organising a Charity Number Board Draw to raise money for this worthy cause. It is especially close to our hearts following their support for Tom Court, a former student. Entry is only £1 per go, and you can enter as many times as you like (Parentpay goes live on Monday for this). We will randomly generate the draw (due to Covid-19) and entries will be available until 3:00pm on Monday 16th November. For the prize we have 2 fabulous hampers with an array of locally donated products, including a pair of Designer Sunglasses kindly donated by Paul Rutter Opticians (Bedale). Funds will be shared between TCT and the school council. Thank you for your support!



COVID-19 UPDATES

Parents will be aware that we had our first positive case this week. It is quite incredible that we have got to the last week of this half term without having one already, and sadly we must be realistic in expecting that this will not be the last. Certainly, the other schools we are speaking with, (both primary and secondary) have experienced several cases so far.

I would like to thank both our students and parents for 2 specific things:

1. Your response to hearing this news last weekend and at the start of the week. Parents were universally supportive and understanding, despite getting some quite late phone calls last Sunday evening.
2. The amazing effort that your children are showing in adapting to the many precautions and routines that we have in place to ensure everyone's safety in school.

We will be sharing a 'refresher session' with staff and students at the start of next half-term so that everyone remains up to date with our latest safe practice, but essentially we are working around the same key principles:

- Sanitising hands regularly throughout the day
- Maintaining year group bubbles
- Wearing face coverings on corridors and when moving around the site
- One way, single-file on corridors
- Split breaks and lunches with segregated social zones
- Cleaning down tables in between lessons

There are many other aspects and our risk assessment is available for parents to see in the Covid-19 section of our website.

OUT OF HOURS COVID-19 CONTACT

If you need to notify school of a positive case of Covid-19 (outside normal school hours), please email kellyt@bedalehighschool.org.uk



AUDITIONS

- Tuesday 3rd November 1505 – 1630 - Year 7
- Wednesday 4th November 1510 – 1630 – Year 8
- Thursday 5th November 1510 – 1630 – Year 9,10,11.

Drama – Whole School Production of Blood Brothers

Auditions for Blood Brothers

A reminder about the upcoming auditions for the Whole School Production of Blood Brothers which are taking place during **the first week back after the half term break!**

The auditions will take the format of a drama workshop, no need to learn anything in advance or to do a solo performance. **The emphasis will be on collaboration and fun.**

A fabulous way to learn new skills, forge new friendships demonstrating courage, commitment and compassion within a whole school project.

All rehearsals and group work will be managed in a way that is compliant with the school's current Covid-19 protocols and risk assessment.

Whole School
Production 2021
**BLOOD
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