

# BHS Update



4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

## Get Help Here...

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

for any wellbeing concerns: [bradburys@bedalehighschool.org.uk](mailto:bradburys@bedalehighschool.org.uk) / [templec@bedalehighschool.org.uk](mailto:templec@bedalehighschool.org.uk)

**Subject Teacher:** for any subject specific questions around learning tasks

**General Queries:** Email: [admin@bedalehighschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@bedalehighschool.org.uk) or call 01677 422419

## Covid Update



Guidance

**What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges in the autumn term**

Updated 27 November 2020

As we come to the end of the first term, I will take this opportunity to update you on some Covid related news:

**Updated guidance for Parents and Carers:** This is from the Department for Education and was updated this week for early years providers, schools and colleges. The main updates are related to clarifying the position on guidance and activities under local restriction tiers. The link is here:

[Parent Update](#)

**Use of face coverings when travelling to school:**

[Face Coverings - travel to school](#)

**Whole School Risk Assessment:**

This has been updated several times since the summer, in line with local authority advice and updates, and in response to our own 'journey' through managing Covid protocols in school. The link for the latest version is here - it will always be available on our website:

[School Risk Assessment](#)

## Year 11: GCSE Exams Update

On Thursday, the Secretary of State for Education announced that students sitting exams and other assessments next year will benefit from a package of exceptional measures to make them as fair as possible and manage the disruption caused by coronavirus (COVID-19). These are summarised here:

- more generous grading than usual, in line with national outcomes from 2020, so students this year are not disadvantaged
- students receiving advance notice of some topic areas covered in GCSE, AS and A levels to focus revision
- exam aids, for example formula sheets, provided in some exams giving students more confidence and reducing the amount of information they need to memorise
- additional exams to give students a second chance to sit a paper if the main exams or assessments are missed due to illness or self-isolation
- a new expert group to look at differential learning and monitor the variation in the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak on students across the country

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## Year 11: GCSE Exams Update (*continued*)

As far as we are concerned in school - nothing really changes. We continue to work towards the exams with Year 11s, and we will await further details as to what some of these support measures will actually look like.

At the moment, they are gradually getting their results back as papers are marked from the Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) that finished this week. After Christmas, they will have the full picture of where they currently stand, and we will use this to support them in making further improvements in the lead up to the March PPEs.

## Exams Access Arrangements

**From Alison Knight:** We would like to let parents of Year 10 students (and a handful of Year 11 students) know that the specialist assessors are going to carry out virtual assessments on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. This is in order to see if students will qualify for formal support (a reader and extra time etc) in their examinations. It will take place over Microsoft Teams. Parents will receive a text and email the w/c 14th December to make them aware if their child will be assessed virtually. In the meantime, if Miss Riley Fox or Mrs Siddique speak to the pupils about this - you will now know why. If parents have any questions, please email me: [knighta@bedalehighschool.org.uk](mailto:knighta@bedalehighschool.org.uk)

## SEND Support in the Local Area

**Does your child / young person have special educational needs and/or disabilities?**

NYCC and PCV would like to work more closely with parents in local areas to ensure services are working for children / young people and their families.

Join us for our locality parent / carer virtual meetings where we would like to share information with you on the new SEND Hub structures and also have discussions with you about services for children and young people with SEND and how we hope to work with parent /carers moving forward.

Help us work together for positive change

**Join us for our Zoom meetings**

Area	Date	Time
<a href="#">Scarborough, Whitby &amp; Ryedale</a>	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	10:00am – 11:00am
<a href="#">Hambleton &amp; Richmondshire</a>	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	1:00pm – 2:00pm
<a href="#">Craven</a>	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	10:00am – 11:00am
<a href="#">Harrogate</a>	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	1:00pm – 2:00pm
<a href="#">Selby</a>	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	1:00pm – 2:00pm

To find out more or to book a place on one of the sessions please visit the events page on the Parent Carer Voice website at [www.parentcarervoiceuk.org/events](http://www.parentcarervoiceuk.org/events)

If you would like more information or have any questions please contact us via email at [info@parentcarervoiceuk.org](mailto:info@parentcarervoiceuk.org)

## 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](mailto:kellyt@bedalehighschool.org.uk)**

### Need 'new' school trousers/blazer?

Mr Collinson has a number of donated blazers and school trousers that we are happy to give out to any student who needs a replacement, in order to save parents from having to spend more money. They are in good condition and we have only kept them if they are wearable. Please email [collinsona@bedalehighschool.org.uk](mailto:collinsona@bedalehighschool.org.uk) to check sizes/availability.

## Want to save money on uniform?

Recycle your old school uniforms with [www.oldschooluniform.co.uk](http://www.oldschooluniform.co.uk) -

An online platform where you can give away or sell your unwanted school uniforms items. We have added Bedale High School to the site. If you have school uniform items that your child has out-grown or no longer uses, why not register and upload them here?



## Modern Foreign Languages - Christmas Card Competition

The MFL department entered a Christmas card competition to design cards from around the world. They entered students in Year 7 and Year 8, with an additional special entry by Michaela Pampalou (Year 9) who presented it to some of the year 7 classes to challenge her own language skills in English, alongside Eve Dawson .

The response from students was so impressive that we decided to run our own competition alongside it...there were so many amazing cards in so many different languages, it was very difficult to narrow it down to a few winners.

A huge thanks to our new Year 11 Student Leaders who gave up their lunch and morning before school to pick the finalists. The 5 winners are those we feel represent their chosen country well, are beautifully designed, and meet all the criteria for the original competition:

**Year 7 winners: Sarah Croker and Lacey Stockdale,**

**Year 8 winners: Olivia Mather and Molly Clarke**

**Special Prize: for Micheala for her hand painted card.**

We are sending off entries from the winners and runners up to enter the national competition. The rest, still amazing cards, will be sent out to local care homes for their enjoyment. See pics on next page.

**FESTIVE CHRISTMAS QUIZ...**  
**PERIOD 5, FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**







# **CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

## **FRIDAY 11TH DEC**

**WE ARE RAISING MONEY FOR THE CHILDREN'S  
CANCER FUND IN SUPPORT OF OUR FRIENDS  
NEXT DOOR AT BEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE PART, PLEASE  
WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS JUMPER AND BRING A  
£1 DONATION.**




**Children's  
Cancer  
Fund**

**CHILDREN'S CANCER FUND  
EXISTS TO PROVIDE CHILDREN  
WHO HAVE TO SPEND TIME IN  
HOSPITAL FOR THE TREATMENT  
OF CANCER WITH WHATEVER  
THEY NEED TO IMPROVE THEIR  
QUALITY OF LIFE**





## Harrogate College - BTEC Education Programme



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PROGRAMME**

**VIRTUAL  
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**THURSDAY 17 DECEMBER 2020 / 7PM**

Any interested candidates should email  
[joshfalkingham@harrogatetownafc.com](mailto:joshfalkingham@harrogatetownafc.com)

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