

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we approach the end of the year 11 PPE exams, I wanted to take the opportunity to give you some important information about upcoming events for year 11 students and around your child's transition to post-16 education. Please take the time to read through the information below and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at [templec@bedalehighschool.org.uk](mailto:templec@bedalehighschool.org.uk).

### **Year 11 Last Day**

The last day of timetabled lessons for year 11 students is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May. All Students will have a Citizenship Exam on this day, along with some time with their form tutor, some Citizenship revision time and some celebration time together in the afternoon. I have included a more detailed plan of the day below which will also be shared with students in form time.

### **Shirt Signing**

We know students like to get their shirts signed as a memento on the last day, however, students **will not** be allowed to write on each other's shirts while they are being worn. Students must bring in a spare shirt that can be handed around to be signed instead and students will not be permitted to wear signed shirts in school at any time. There will be time given during the celebration assembly in the afternoon to sign each other's shirts, as long as they have brought a spare shirt in for this purpose. We would appreciate your support with this and we hope that all students will have an enjoyable and memorable final day in school.

### **Timings For The Last Day In School**

<b>Form time</b>	<b>Normal form time.</b>
<b>Lesson 1</b>	<b>Extended form time</b> – students will have an extended period of time with their form tutor on the morning of their last day. There are a number of activities planned for this hour including votes for prom awards, opportunity to write thank you messages for teachers, an exit questionnaire and more.
<b>Lesson 2</b>	<b>Citizenship revision</b> – in preparation for their final exam, students will have a 1-hour revision session with their Citizenship teacher.
<b>Lesson 3</b>	<b>Citizenship Exam</b>
<b>Lesson 4</b>	<b>Citizenship Exam</b> – students will go straight to lunch after the exam finishes at 1.15pm.
<b>Lesson 5</b>	<b>Leavers' assembly in the main hall</b> – this will be an opportunity to celebrate their time at Bedale High School together. We will also distribute leavers' hoodies and allow time for shirt signing in the second half of the assembly.  <b>All year 11 pupils will then leave school at 2.50pm.</b>

### **Year 11 Prom**

Before the Easter Holidays we launched the Prom Passport with all Year 11 students. This was designed to support and motivate students in their final weeks at school and in the lead up to their PPEs, and to recognise all of their hard work. Since then, I have been delighted with the response from students and the courage and commitment being shown over the last half term. Students who have earned enough points to receive their invitation to prom have been informed of this in school this week and are now able to purchase their tickets via Parent Pay.

The prom will be taking place on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021** at **Solberge Hall**. The cost of the prom is **£37** and is payable via parent pay by no later than **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021**.

The cost of the prom includes:

- Transport to and from Solberge Hall
- Venue – including decorations.
- Food at Solberge Hall
- DJ for the evening
- Photographer and photo booth – the photographer will be present at school when students are arriving before, then heading to Solberge Hall to get more photos (including a photo booth). All students will receive a disc of the photos from the evening to keep (we hope these will be ready to hand out on Results Day).

This is usually a fantastic occasion for students to celebrate the end of their time at high school and we hope that eligible students will take the opportunity to join us for these celebrations. In terms of timings for the evening, students must arrive at Bedale High School between 5.30 and 5.50pm (the bus will be departing Bedale High School at 6pm). Students will then arrive back at Bedale High School at 11pm. We are hopeful that the event will definitely be able to go ahead, however, we are monitoring the Covid-19 situation carefully and if anything changes, we will of course let you know as soon as possible.

### **Transition to Post-16 Education**

Whilst the last day of timetabled lessons in school will be next Friday for Year 11s, it is important that students do continue to prepare for their post-16 education during the remainder of the summer term, and we will continue to support students with this. If any student is still unsure about their post-16 destination and would like some further support/guidance with this, please don't hesitate to get in touch with either myself or your child's form tutor.

We have recently contacted all of our local post-16 providers to ask for some support/guidance around transition work for students and as soon as we hear anything we will share this with you. In the meantime, I have included some information we already have:

- **QE, Darlington** – For any students planning to go to QE next year, they will be running their bridging week from the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021. They are now also running a series of guided tours and 1:1 tours of the college through May and June (these must be booked in advance). For more information about the tours or bridging week, please access the following link - <https://www.qeliz.ac.uk/key-dates/>
- **Darlington College** – Darlington College will be hosting a Summer Open Event on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July from 3.30pm until 6.30pm. During this event, all tutors will be available to speak to and there will be constant tours of the college. Keep an eye on their Social Media pages for upcoming competitions too.
- **Richmond Sixth Form** – Richmond Sixth Form will be hosting a Taster Day for students on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Students should have already received some information about this, with the opportunity to complete a Google form to choose their subjects for the day. They will then be sharing some bridging work with students during this Taster Day. For anyone who would like to book an individual tour, this can be arranged by emailing [sajohnson@richmondschool.net](mailto:sajohnson@richmondschool.net)
- **Askham Bryan** – All transition information is available on the 'Jump Start' pages on their website: <https://www.askham-bryan.ac.uk/students/jump-start-to-study> - these will be continually updated as we approach the start of the new term. All students who have applied will be receiving an invitation from the appropriate department for an exclusive applicant event. Students who have not yet applied can book for one of the two June open events via the events page on the web site on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June between 3.0pm and 6.00pm or Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June between 10.30am and 1.30pm.
- **York College** – York College are still finalising their transition activities and will be in touch as soon as they are organised. In the meantime, they have their 'Starting in September' pages available with some info and FAQs <https://www.yorkcollege.ac.uk/course-types/421-starting-in-september.html> and more enrolment information will be added to this over the coming months. There will also be a Virtual Open Event on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June – students can register for this from 1<sup>st</sup> June or they can just join us online at 5.30 – 8pm.

Alongside the above college information, there are some excellent virtual work experience opportunities available for students to get involved in over the coming weeks and we would strongly recommend all students get involved in at least one of these over the next half term. These are an excellent way for students to gain an insight into the industry they may want to in the future and gain experience to add to their CV. I have included some details below about the different opportunities available:

- **Springpod** – Springpod have a huge range of exciting virtual work experience opportunities throughout June and July – including engineering, NHS, Journalism, Law, Finance and much more! Click on the following link to find out more - <https://www.springpod.co.uk/virtual-work-experience-programmes> . Students will need to apply in advance for any opportunity they may be interested in. Some of these opportunities have an application deadline of the 24<sup>th</sup> May, therefore, I would recommend applying as soon as possible. If you don't see any opportunities of interest just yet, please continue to check back as there are likely to more added in the near future.
- **Speakers For Schools** – Similar to Springpod, they also have a range of virtual work experience opportunities over the coming months. Click on the following to find out more - <https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/vwex/>
- **GSK Y11 Work Experience** – Applications for GSK's Work Experience at Barnard Castle for Year 11 students are now open. The programme will run **12th July - 16th July 2021** and the students will need to be available for the whole week. This programme will be delivered virtually following the success of the A-Level sessions in 2020, but we are aiming to keep to the sessions delivered as closely as possible to an on-site experience and students will still work in teams to deliver a project and must have access to Microsoft Teams. During this 4½ day programme, students will take part in various simulated exercises and activities, virtually meet and hear from subject matter experts and learn more about the healthcare industry, GSK and their career options. Students will also receive a Silver Industrial Cadet Award as part of the programme. There will also be the opportunity to find out about our Apprenticeship Scheme, Direct Entry Graduate Scheme and Future Leader Programmes and take part in CV writing/interview techniques. There are a limited number of places available and therefore we can't guarantee that all students who apply will be offered a place if we have a large number of applicants. We are going to be restricting the applications to local schools in the first instance and therefore there will not be a link to an online application form. Please ask students to email [BCUK.Early-Talent@gsk.com](mailto:BCUK.Early-Talent@gsk.com) for a form to fill in, which will ask questions about career ambitions, motivation, interests etc.  
Timings will be approx. 09:00 – 17:00 Monday to Thursday and 09:00 – 12.30 Friday. Applications close on 6th June 2021 and we will contact teachers if required, w/c 7th June with a view to sending offers of places w/c 14th June, which then allow time to send out the packs required to join in with the experience.

I appreciate I have included a lot of information in this letter, but hopefully this gives you more clarity about what will be happening over the coming weeks and how you can support your child in their next steps. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully



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