

# BHS Update

23.4.21



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## 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

Yr 11 Exams: Mr Gill [gillm@bedalehighschool.org.uk](mailto:gillm@bedalehighschool.org.uk)

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

## Alumni Network

On Monday morning, we launched the first of our 'Alumni Visits' when former student Gary Gardner had a session with some Year 7s. Formerly England's strongest man, Gary had a lot of interesting things to talk about and as you can imagine, there were plenty of questions. Gary spoke with them about the importance of living healthily and treating others as you would wish to be treated yourself. He left them with his famous motto about the benefits of hard work: 'No-one ever drowned in their own sweat!'

These visits will continue over the coming weeks and months. They are part of our programme of events and activities aimed at encouraging students to think about the best they can be from an early age, to raise their awareness about the wider world and to promote high expectations of themselves for their own futures.

The visit was also covered by the Darlington and Stockton Times - click on the link here for the full story: <https://t.co/rfd6j2S7MV>

## Darlington & Stockton Times

NEWS

19th April

### Strongman tells schools pupils 'no-one ever drowned in their own sweat'



## Yr 11 Parents - Revision Support Session

Thank you to all the Yr 11 parents who joined our Zoom session last night.

It was great to have the chance to share some of the tips and guidance that parents have passed on to us over recent years in terms of what works well and what doesn't, when it comes to supporting your children at this stage of Yr 11.

This year is, of course, different to any other in that students are not facing the full set of external GCSE exams. But we know that they are still keenly aware of how important the coming weeks are: assessments, their second set of internal exams and all the other work they are doing for their 'baskets of evidence' is still vitally important.

We reminded parents of the approach we are taking to this and answered any questions around how this will all work. I hope that parents found it to be a useful event. As always, please come back to us if you have any further questions.

## Want to become a Business Friends of BHS?

Miss Temple is currently pulling together the plans for our Yr 10 Work Ready Week in July. This is when our network of Business Friends come into school to deliver workshops to our Year 10 students, educating them about a range of industries and opportunities.

Another key role they have is to run practice interviews with the students, helping them understand what an employer is looking for in the working world. If you are a local employer or even just a one-person business, and you want to become involved, please contact Miss Temple:

[templec@bedalehighschool.org.uk](mailto:templec@bedalehighschool.org.uk) .



## Area Football Success for U13s

*Mr Bielby writes:*

As things are slowly returning back to normality, it was great to see the Area U13s boys' Football trials being held at Knayton, near Thirsk on Saturday 17th April. 5 students from BHS attended the trial with 3 being successful. They will now go on to represent the Hambleton & Richmondshire area in a friendly game this week. Well done to all the BHS students who attended and congratulations to the following boys who have made it into the final squad:

**Harley Sinclair**  
**Sam Ogier**  
**Jake Banks**

**Alistair Banks (U15)** has also been selected to represent the area this year.

## Lunch Money

*Mrs DeRoche (Catering Manager) writes:*

Please can parents make sure that your child has enough money on their account to last through the day and that you regularly check funds on your accounts.

This is important for children in all year groups, but especially in Year 11 as they are leaving us soon and will need to ensure that they have sufficient funds for their remaining few weeks. Some younger students are also too embarrassed to come forward and tell us when they realise that no money is on their account, and the last thing we want is for students to go without food during the day. Thank you for your help with this.



## Work Opportunity for Yr 11 Students

### FANCY A SUMMER JOB AT SWINTON PARK?

#### Message from Swinton Estate:

If any of Year 11 pupils would be interested we do have some vacancies at the hotel and bivouac to fill for the summer.

We would be looking for housekeeping staff for the bivouac and hotel and also casual waiter/waitresses for café, terrace restaurant and Samuel's restaurant.

Must be flexible and be able to work weekends. Would also need to be able to get themselves to site.

If interested, please contact:

Amy Baker

HR Manager

01765 680957

amy.baker@swintonestate.com

www.swintonestate.com

## QE Virtual Open Event

A promotional poster for the QE Virtual Open Event. The top half features a collage of four photos: students working on art projects, a student playing football, a student taking a photo with a professional camera, and students in a classroom. Below the collage, the text reads 'QE QUEEN ELIZABETH Sixth Form College' and 'Join our VIRTUAL OPEN EVENT via our website'. The event date is 'Wednesday 28th April 2021' from '5.00pm - 7.30pm'. A list of activities includes: 'Meet the Principal' (Live Q&A with Tim Fisher at 5pm, 6pm & 7pm), 'Join other Q&A sessions to find out more about QE', 'Watch videos about our exciting subject options', and 'Find out what our students think about their time at QE'. A yellow circular badge says 'APPLY NOW for entry Sept 2021 at www.qeliz.ac.uk'. At the bottom, it says 'Please see the website for a full programme of the evening's events' and provides contact information: 'Vane Terrace, Darlington, DL3 7AU', phone '01325 461315', website 'www.qeliz.ac.uk', Facebook 'www.facebook.com/qesfc', Twitter 'www.twitter.com/qesfc', and Instagram '@qesfcdarlington'.

### See attached brochure

## Congratulations to Mrs Woodward!

Some people like an easy life, strolling through at a laidback pace. It's safe to say that Mrs Woodward, who joined us as a Drama teacher in September, is not one of those!

In recent weeks, through sheer force of will, she has refused to give up the ghost when it comes to putting on a school production. As a result, Blood Brothers performances will run all through next week for each year group audience (while still maintaining strict Covid protocols).

In addition, she has today successfully secured a new role in school as an Associate Leader. She joins the leadership team with a focus on working with our local primary schools, leading our work on increasing our student roll over the coming years.

We wish her all the best with the new role, and look forward to some more exciting projects with our feeder schools over the coming months.

## Covid Testing Update

***The Department for Education have passed on further updates this week. Please read here...***

At the end of March, NHS Test and Trace reintroduced confirmatory PCR testing for positive lateral flow device (LFD) tests conducted at all assisted testing sites, including schools or colleges. This means that all staff, pupils and students who get a positive LFD test, whether at home or supervised at their school or college, should get a confirmatory PCR. The PCR test should be booked immediately either online or by calling 119 and should be undertaken within 2 days of the positive LFD result.

Staff, students and pupils who had a positive LFD test result, and their close contacts and other members of their household, should self-isolate immediately in line with NHS Test and Trace guidance and while awaiting the PCR result. If the PCR test is negative, it overrides the LFD test and the staff, pupil or student can return to school or college, and their close contacts can also end their self-isolation.



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**Bedale High School**

Published by Denise McFarlane · 21 April at 17:48 · 🌐

Fancy yourself as a bit of a theatre critic?! Why not take part in a competition to write a theatre review of our upcoming production of Blood Brothers?

Open to all students across Years 7 to 11!

Closing date is Wednesday 5th May.

Email all entries to [woodl@bedalehighschool.org.uk](mailto:woodl@bedalehighschool.org.uk)

Fabulous prizes to be won!

#opportunity #courage #bloodbrothers #getinvolved #th



**Bedale High School**

Published by Denise McFarlane · 17 April at 10:01 · 🌐

On Monday 19th April, Yorkshire Cricket Foundation will be visiting Bedale High School to offer our students in Year 11 an amazing opportunity with National Citizen Service (NCS) during summer 2021. #commitment #ncs2021 #year11 #courage #getinvolved #opportunity



389  
People reached

10  
Engagements

Boost post



**Bedale High School**

Published by Denise McFarlane · Yesterday at 05:24 · 🌐

Wishing the entire company of Blood Brothers all the best for their Dress Rehearsal later today!

Break a leg everyone- you've got this!!

#bloodbrothers #courage #commitment #dressrehearsal



**Bedale High School**

Published by Denise McFarlane · 20 April at 07:19 · 🌐

Huge thank-you to Gary Gardner, former BHS student...he is the first of our newly formed Alumni Network to visit the school and speak to students. Year 7s had plenty of questions for him yesterday - see the related D&S article here:

<https://t.co/rfd6j2S7MV>



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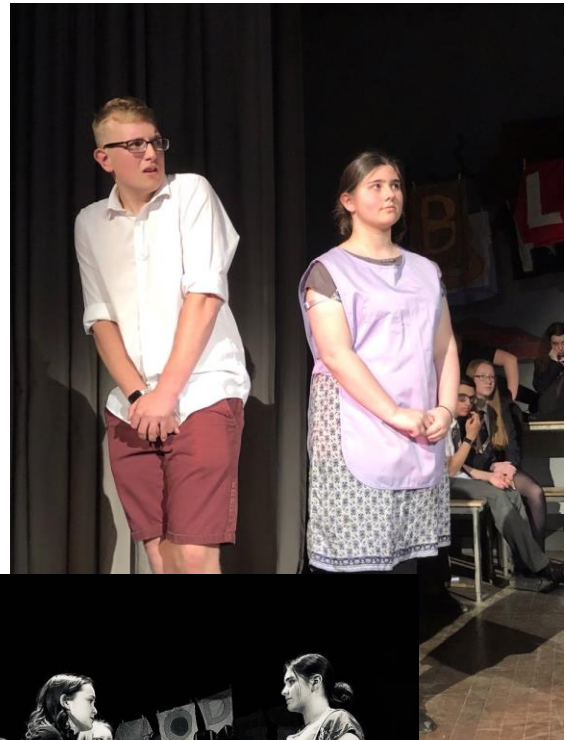
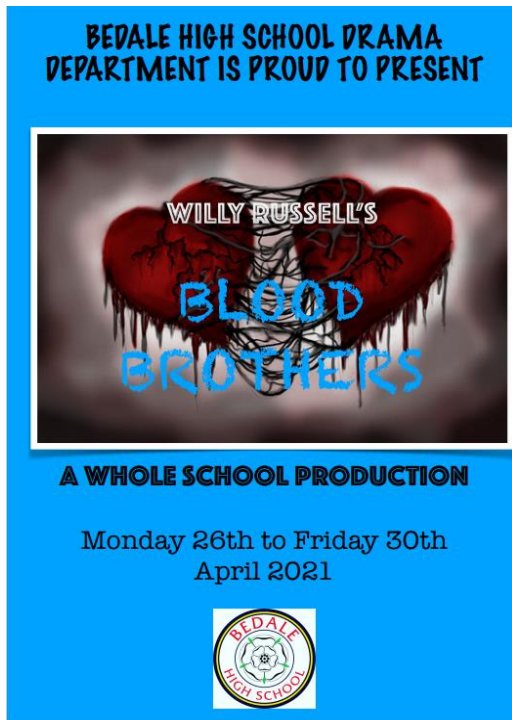
**Strongman tells schools pupils 'no-one ever drowned in their own sweat'**




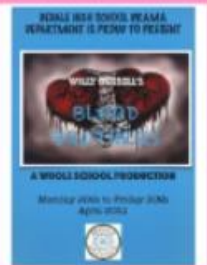

## Blood Brothers Production

Unfortunately, we cannot perform this to an external audience because of Covid restrictions, but we will be making sure that every year group gets a chance to see the show - a just reward for all the hard work that has gone into producing this from Mrs Woodward and all the students who are involved. We will keep the updates coming through on Facebook, and see if we can share some video extracts of the most exciting scenes from the live performances.

Link to D&S Feature: <https://www.darlingtonandstocktontimes.co.uk/news/19248200.show-will-go-bedale-high-school/>



**BLOOD BROTHERS  
PRODUCTION REVIEW  
COMPETITION!**

**FANCY YOURSELF AS A BIT OF A  
THEATRE CRITIC??**

Write a critical review of our Whole School Production of Blood Brothers  
and let us know what you think about the performance as a whole.

**Fabulous prizes available for the top three reviews!**

Send your entries to [woodh@bedalehighschool.org.uk](mailto:woodh@bedalehighschool.org.uk)  
Closing date: Wednesday 5th May 2021