

BHS Update



5th February 2021

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

Yr 11 Exams: Mr Gill gillm@bedalehighschool.org.uk

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

Remote Learning & School Closure

This week's update...

We have not yet received any further news about return dates to school since the initial date of 8th March was published recently. Nor have we been told whether this will involve a staggered return, or all students coming back to school at the same time. If I had to make an educated guess, I would not be surprised if the Department for Education asked schools to prioritise the return of Year 11, and then to stagger the return of other year groups...but please don't take this as gospel - it is just speculation at this point!

In the meantime, our focus remains very much on the remote learning of students, and the supervision of those who continue to come into school as part of the vulnerable/key worker group.

The trend of recent weeks has continued this week with more face to face contact featuring in our remote learning offer, as well as the introduction of some live form-time sessions. Forgive me please for repeating the plea to encourage your children to ensure they do not miss any live lessons if possible. We are still seeing a very mixed attendance to these, and others sometimes joining the lesson very late which makes it more difficult for them to engage successfully with the learning.

Peer Support:

One thing we are learning about the current closure is the power of peer support. As a staff we have formed mini help groups to share workload, maintain morale and share good practice...but I would also like to encourage students to do the same. There may be a lesson or subject which they find more difficult than others. It can sometimes be a great help to plan to do this together with a friend, particularly if that friend is stronger in that subject area. A Facetime session or Zoom call between them can make it a lot more enjoyable, and lead to the sharing of good ideas. I'm not suggesting this for every lesson through the day, but as part of a carefully managed plan it can be very effective.

Deadlines: Students now have their school timetable on Satchel One and they should be following this every day. Teachers will be setting work on the day they usually have their subject, and this is intended to be completed on that day to try and avoid students being overwhelmed with work. The key point is every student should only be completing five subjects maximum every day (including any live lessons). They only need to work on the lesson for an hour and then move on to the next lesson after they have submitted the work they have managed to complete.

A reminder that we have a Remote Learning Guide for parents - this is now on the website for you to refer to: <https://bedalehighschool.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Remote-Learning-Guide.docx.pdf>

And if you have any further queries around our remote learning, please contact Mr Gill at gillm@bedalehighschool.org.uk

Work experience and voluntary opportunities for students (aged 16 and over)



We've got lots of work experience and voluntary experience on offer at our NHLF Leeming Bar Station House Project. We're looking for students interested in history, English, drama, art, IT, design, catering, technology, teaching and childcare, social care and lots more! Full training will be given to build employer-friendly skills base as well as lots of opportunities to improve social skills and have plenty of team fun. The offer is open to anyone aged 16 or over and we encourage participation from those with SEND, who will be well-supported. If you'd like some more information, please contact me.

Caroline Scott Hall

(volunteercoordinator@wensleydalerailey.com)

Year 9 Parent Evening

It was lovely to have the chance to see and hear from Year 9 parents on Wednesday evening. Miss Temple shared updates and details about the Virtual Apprenticeships event (see attached doc) and parents had the chance to ask questions of the leadership team...next week we will do the same for Year 10s (see below).

Year 10 Parent Check-In

Continuing with our weekly parent check-in, we will be holding a virtual session for Year 10 parents on Wednesday 10th February at 6pm. You will hear briefly from the leadership team and Miss Temple before we respond to any questions you may want to put to us.

The link is here, and we look forward to seeing you there:

YEAR 10 VIRTUAL PARENT CHECK-IN WITH LEADERSHIP TEAM AND MISS TEMPLE

Time: Feb 10, 2021 6pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82512647425?pwd=OVI5SjN6cHpCR1VKL3k0T2NicDN4dz09>

Meeting ID: 825 1264 7425

Passcode: VpV0Jm

VIRTUAL ASSEMBLIES

Thankyou to Mrs Wilson and Miss Temple for delivering this week's assemblies on our Duke of Edinburgh programme. Hopefully this will really take off when we open fully again!

Invitations will be sent out to students through Teams...please keep an eye out for these and remind them to 'join' in time for the start of the assembly (8.45am)

Assemblies next week:

Monday: Years 9, 10 & 11

Wednesday: Years 7,8 and 9

STUDENTS ATTENDING PROVISION IN SCHOOL – UPDATE

We are now a few weeks into another Lockdown, but our school remains open for vulnerable children and the children of key workers. It's great to see young people in school meeting up with friends that perhaps they cannot see in the community unless it is over social media, but it is also vital that we retain the same structures, routines and systems that we would normally apply in school. I am really pleased to report that the vast majority of students in school are working very well and meeting our expectations on a daily basis. However, recently, we have had some issues with some students slipping away from 'the basics', so I would like to ask for your support with this as we move forward.

All students in school on Thursday 4 February 2021 were spoken to by members of the Pastoral Team in relation to the standards expected of students whilst in school. Specifically, they were reminded of the following:

- **Corridors:** A one-way system is still in place and is there to assist in protecting 'bubbles' and keeping people safe within the school community. Unless going to the toilet, there is no need to be on a corridor during break/lunchtime. Students should only be in the hall, or outside in their designated area. They cannot be inside in other areas at these times.
- **Uniform:** Standards of uniform still apply. There should be no leggings, black jeans or trainers. A small number of students have started to wear these items on a regular basis. A reminder that hoodies are not allowed in school – please ensure your child brings a coat – not a hoodie. Please contact the school if you have any concerns re the uniform and let us know that things are in hand to order new items. If parents/carers have difficulty ordering items at this time then the Pastoral team have some items of uniform to loan out if required. Leggings and non-school uniform trousers are not permitted. Black school shoes and not trainers should also be worn.
- **Phones:** Students are not allowed to use mobile phones during the school day and these should be placed in their locker at the start of the school day. If students need to take pictures of work to send to a teacher, a member of staff in the room is usually happy to do this and to email it to the relevant teacher. Phones will continue to be confiscated if seen by a member of staff in the school during the school day.
- **Ear Phones/Headphones:** Students need to bring in a set of earphones each day in order to access online learning. We have a few spare pairs but it is safer for us to avoid lending these out so that students are not sharing items. Please let the school know if you have issues or concerns in supplying head phones.
- **Lateness:** A small number of students are turning up late for school, or for their lessons after break/lunch. Please support us in reminding them of their responsibility to attend on time and not to disrupt those already in lessons and getting on with work.
- **Face coverings:** These must be worn, (unless exempt) at all times in the corridors. Masks must be worn correctly over the mouth and nose and must be of a one colour, not patterned, no designer logo, no advertising etc.

The usual sanctions for breaches of school behaviours do still apply wherever possible (e.g. warnings in lessons and removals from lessons if necessary. As usual, if some students are behaving unsafely, or disrupting the learning of others repeatedly, they will be spoken to by members of staff and warned re their behaviour. Calls will be made to parents/carers to seek assistance in ensuring that standards are maintained and to offer help and advice if required.

If continuous breaches are made following calls home then consideration will be given to removing the school provision for a short period of time. As a school we do not want this to happen - we are here to work with you and assist where we can. Please contact a member of the Pastoral Team if you need any assistance, advice or a discussion in relation to the current rules, policies and regulations.

PASTORAL TEAM

Andy Collinson - Pastoral Manager: collinsona@bedalehighschool.org.uk

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WELLBEING PASSPORT

Wellbeing Passport 2021 - Mrs Woodward writes...

Students across the entire school have continued to engage amazingly with the wellbeing passport challenges this week. Here is a snapshot of some of the wonderful challenges attempted this week by our students (and see pictures on the following page):

Poppy (Y9) cooked dinner for her family.

Luke (Y7) called an elderly relative for a chat.

Ruby (Y7) made some birthday iced buns for her Auntie.

Loella (Y11) wrote and shared an amazing short story about a holiday she plans to go on when the lockdown is over.

Sam (Y7) made cupcakes for his brother who absolutely loved them!

Joshua (Y7) went for a walk with his dogs and took some fabulous black and white pictures of him.

Miss Bradbury completed her Rubix cube challenge.

William (Y7) created some uplifting artwork.

Amy (Y7) baked some cheese scones for the elderly residents at her mum's care home - they loved them.

Evelyn (Y7) made a drink and a chocolate brownie snack for her and her Mum to enjoy while watching their favorite programme.

She also made a homemade card for her grandads' birthday.

Ruby (Y7) did a wonderful act of kindness for her Mum and put together a 'care' package for her, including face masks, hand cream and chocolates because she wasn't feeling well.

Ryan (Y9) went for a run for the 3rd day in a row and managed 3.64 miles.

Daisy (Y7) went into a Bloxburg online game and donated some of the money that she had worked for in the game to disadvantaged youngsters.

Loella (Y11) faceted her friend who moved to Scarborough for a catchup chat.

Shannon (Y10) used a mindfulness design to create some uplifting artwork and also drew a self portrait.

Remember each challenge is worth several points. You can also create your own challenges and build up your evidence along the way through photos, videos, blogs etc.

PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO HAVE A GO TOO...IF YOU WISH TO SHARE ANYTHING PLEASE EMAIL Woodl@bedalehighschool.org.uk .

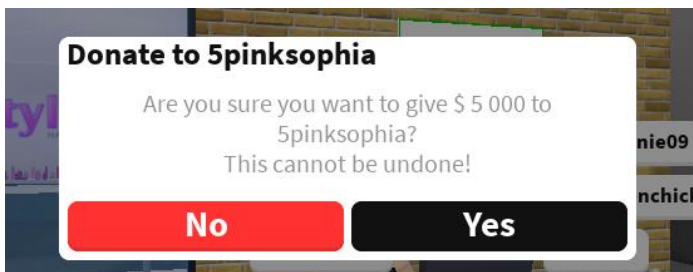
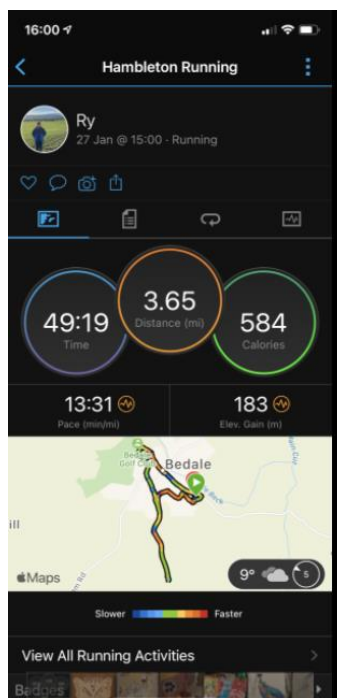
Each year group has a Wellbeing Team on Microsoft TEAMS and this is the place where all your amazing challenges are shared and celebrated daily.

So, what are you waiting for? Get involved!

Over half term, why not have a go at the Century Challenge in honour of Captain Sir Tom Moore (poster attached at end of this newsletter)?

Links for Parents

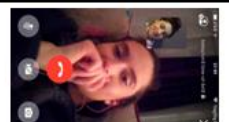
- A very useful resource from the Gateshead Psychological Service: please see the attached booklet that is distributed with this week's newsletter.
- In advance of Online Safety Day next week - some useful tips on how to keep your child safe online: [NYSCP \(safeguardingchildren.co.uk\)](https://www.nyscp.org.uk/safeguardingchildren.co.uk)



- Facetime or call a family member or friend



- Saturday 23rd January 2021





THE CENTURY CHALLENGE



In honour of the hero Captain Sir Tom Moore you are being challenged to complete a century of something active or creative this month.

Here are some ideas to help inspire you:

- 100 laps of your garden
- 100 minutes of sewing
- 100 push ups
- 100 star jumps
- 100 minutes of dancing
- 100 doodles
- 100 minutes of reading
- 100 keepy-uppys
- 100 minutes of walking

You can do anything you like to complete this challenge but please don't forget to share your achievements with us! Good luck 😊



CAPTAIN SIR TOM MOORE
1920 - 2021

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIPS WEEK 2021 – BUILD YOUR FUTURE

The 14th annual National Apprenticeship Week will take place next week from the **8th - 14th February 2021**. This event aims to provide information to future apprentices and link them to employers, giving the insights they need to make well-informed decisions. Throughout the week there are a variety of virtual workshops and webinars for all students in Years 9, 10 and 11 to get involved in. These workshops and webinars will give students the opportunity to hear from a range of companies and industries - including the NHS, National Rail, Nestle, Amazon, BT, Bentley, Experian, Pfizer and many more!

Miss Temple will be running an assembly on Monday morning at 8.45am for all Key Stage 4 students to introduce National Apprenticeships Week and all the exciting opportunities available to them throughout the week. **There is also a booklet that she will place on Satchel One** which gives more information about the week, as well as information about all the webinars and workshops that students can get involved in.

We recommend that students choose 2 events that are of interest to them and attend these.

Most of the sessions do require you to register beforehand, so please read the booklet on Satchel One and register prior to the events.

If anyone has any questions about National Apprenticeships Week or would like more information about apprenticeships then contact Miss Temple - templec@bedalehighschool.org.uk .

BHS CAREERS UPDATE "APPRENTICESHIP SPECIAL!"



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This booklet is designed to give you an overview of all the different virtual sessions available to you throughout the week as well as giving you some information about what apprenticeships involve.

If anyone has any questions or would like further information then contact Miss Temple - templec@bedalehighschool.org.uk