



## 19.3.21

#### **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

#### **Covid Home Testing Update**

Kits have been distributed to students this week. As I write this, we are still waiting for the next delivery to arrive and we will pass these out as soon as we can. A reminder to parents: any students can now take a kit to use at home for testing - even if they did not engage with the inschool testing. If your child has not collected a kit and you would like them to have one, please call 01677 422419 to arrange a time to come in and collect it from Reception, or to ask us to pass it on to your child in school. We are asking students to test themselves on a Monday and Friday morning before school with these tests, and please remember that you are required to get a confirmatory PCR test if your child gets a positive result.

We sent a letter out to all parents earlier this week, confirming the instructions and guidance around the home test kits. If you did not receive this, please contact school to let us know and we will send another one out.

Questions re testing? Email Lynn Riley-Fox: rileyfl@bedalehighschool.org.uk



### Mr Wild's Masked Reader Competition

Well done to all of those who took part in the Masked Reader competition to celebrate World Book Day. The masked readers were (in order): 1. Mr Gill, 2. Mrs Cann, 3. Miss Temple, 4. Mr Moulding, 5. Mrs Knight, 6. Mr Kelly, 7. Mrs Noake, 8. Mr Wild, 9. Mrs Woodward, 10. Mr Bielby, 11. Mrs Stubbins, 12. Mr Chapman and 13. Miss Thiara. Thanks to members of staff for taking part and congratulations to Grace Barker in Year 8 whose named was picked at random to win a book token. Keep reading!

#### Original Facebook Post:





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The Masked Reader Challenge! - Mr Wild has put together this amazing recording which contains 13 mystery members of staff reading an extract from The Princess Bride.

Have a listen to guess who is reading each section. Students can submit their responses through Satchel 1 as part of their remote English lessons today.

#### You can still see listen to the recording here: Masked Reader Mystery Recording

## Yr 11 Revision Classes and Prom Passport

Please can we remind parents and students of the after-school revision sessions that staff are offering for Year 11s at the moment. Engagement in lessons has been really good but we have been disappointed at the attendance at the after-school sessions this week. We know that these have a real impact and should form a useful revision support to students. This is even more true this year as teachers are only going through content that will be on the PPE exams and on the assessments that will contribute to each student's final grade. Mr Gill will run an assembly next Thursday to advise students on the best approach to take to revision in the time they have left. Please note I have attached an updated copy of the PPE timetable for Yr 11 - there was a slight copy error in last week's version.

Next week, Miss Temple will also be launching the annual Prom Passport scheme. This is where we clarify to students that in order to secure their invitation to the Year 11 Prom, we need to see them engage at all levels in their final few weeks: good attendance, participating in revision sessions, excellent behaviour for learning in lessons, uniform worn correctly and so on. Students earn points towards securing their 'passport' through working with us on these and other areas that will be confirmed in the assembly. I will share more details in next week's newsletter.



#### **Student Collection and Drop-Offs: School Car Park**

Please can I ask parents not to use the staff car park as a drop-off or collection area in the morning between 8:15 and 9:00am, and at the end of the school day. We have seen a steady increase in vehicles since we returned to school last week (20+ per day) - and this has an impact on other areas. From a health and safety point of view, we have the children from the Day Care nursery being escorted across the car park to the primary school, often having to dodge between parked or moving cars where the drivers cannot always easily see around other parked cars. We also have a problem for our non-teaching staff who are arriving for work around 8.30am and struggling to get into the car park because of parents blocking routes through.

If there is a specific medical reason why a student needs to be dropped off in the car park, please contact school to let us know.

Thank you for your support with this issue.

### Laptops

We still have a small number of laptops that were allocated to the school from the Department for Education. If any parents are still struggling to ensure that their children have an appropriate device at home to access work on Satchel One/ ShowMyHomework, please contact Alison Knight knighta@bedalehighschool.org.uk .



# **Uniform Reminder**

#### HOODIES ARE NOT ALLOWED IN SCHOOL...PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD WEARS A COAT OR SCHOOL JUMPER RATHER THAN A HOODY.

We know that some students have outgrown uniform during the closure period. But I hope that parents also understand that we cannot just write off the rest of this year in terms of our uniform standards. The link to our school uniform provider can be found here along with a reminder of our uniform expectations: <u>https://bedalehighschool.org.uk/about-us/school-uniform/</u>.

If parents are looking for cheaper alternatives, they may wish to try the Old School Uniform website here: <a href="https://www.oldschooluniform.co.uk/">https://www.oldschooluniform.co.uk/</a>

Or you can contact Andy Collinson, our Pastoral Support Manager to see what spare items we hold in school that you may be able to borrow to tide you over until the summer holidays: collinsona@bedalehighschool.org.uk.

We also have a small number of students persistently wearing trainers instead of school shoes and we ask for parents to support us in resolving these issues as soon as possible.

## **Allergens Reminder**

We will be writing to parents to ask you to update any food allergies that we need to be aware of for your children. Please return this information to school as soon as possible. If any other parents need to make the kitchen aware of any food allergies, please let us know so that we can make appropriate arrangements.

#### **Blood Brothers**

It has been fantastic to see the rehearsals for Blood Brothers start up again this week. Mrs Woodward is doing a fabulous job of ensuring that we run these in line with our Covid risk assessment protocols to keep students as safe as possible. Unfortunately, we will not be able to put on a live show for parents, but we will be performing it to student audiences in school, and we will keep sharing updates with parents to give you a sense of how it is progressing.

Keep an eye on Facebook for up to date news too!



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Rehearsals for our whole school production of Blood Brothers are back underway! Amazing work this week everyone. Watch this space for more photos and show updates.

#theshowwillgoon #drama #commitment



#letsdothis

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The Show Will Go On.





