

BHS Update

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Form Tutor/Pastoral Team/Miss Bradbury (KS3)/Miss Temple (KS4) for any wellbeing concerns:

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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

Yr 11 Exams

Year 11s start a 3-week period of pre-public exams on Monday (this is their 2nd round of PPEs). The results from these exams will form part of their 'basket of evidence' from which the Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs) will be formed. Other work will also contribute to the final subject grades that are issued in place of GCSE exam results this year: their first PPE results, the mini-assessments they have completed, NEA, coursework and other work completed in lessons or for home-learning.

As a school, we have to follow a Centre Policy which outlines our approach to formulating these grades. This can be seen here and is based on the template that is recommended to schools, though carefully tailored for our own context: [Centre Policy template \(bedalehighschool.org.uk\)](http://bedalehighschool.org.uk). In terms of the exams over the next few weeks, we have spread them out as much as we can to avoid students being overloaded on any day. Teachers have been teaching to the exams for several weeks now, and we are ensuring that the exams only contain content that has been taught - not any new content that may have been missed during Covid closures.

It is absolutely natural for students to feel a little anxious or nervous about exams, but please keep reminding them of the basics: speak to form tutors/pastoral if they are struggling, keep revising by breaking it down into manageable 'chunks', follow a revision timetable that mirrors the exams, take plenty of breaks and exercise, eat well and ensure you get to bed for enough quality sleep (undisturbed by phones!).

Mr Gill delivered another assembly to the year group this morning to remind them of the protocols and routines around the exams, and we are ensuring that access arrangements are in place for all eligible students.

If you have any queries about the exams, please contact Mr Gill at gillm@bedalehighschool.org.uk, or if it is to do with special arrangements, please contact Miss Riley-Fox at rileyfl@bedalehighschool.org.uk.

Yr 11 Last Day Arrangements, Shirt-Signing and Prom

The last day of timetabled lessons for Year 11s is Friday 28th May. All students have a Citizenship exam on this day, and Miss Temple is drafting a plan for what the whole day will look like. It is likely to be revision in the morning, followed by the exam and then some celebration time together in the afternoon.

We know that students like to get their shirts signed as a memento on the last day. Please can parents support us in the following approach...students cannot write on each other's shirts while they are being worn. They must bring in a spare shirt that can be handed around to be signed, and it goes without saying that they should only write appropriate messages on there. Students will not be permitted to wear signed shirts in school at any time. They will be given the chance to sign each other's shirts later in the day, as long as they bring a spare one for this purpose.

We remain hopeful that the Prom will be able to go ahead as planned on 8th July 2021.

Miss Temple is taking in the Prom Passports to count up points that students have earned through attending revision sessions, being on time every day, following uniform rules, consistent good behaviour etc. and we will be coming back to them soon to confirm places.

Well Done Izzy!

Congratulations to Izzy Niblett (Year 7). Here she is being presented with an Amazon Echo by Mrs Hoile after winning the prize in the recent Festival of Friends competition. Students were asked to create a design and 3 words which sum up military life for families. Her 3 words were Support, Friendship and Change. Brilliant work Izzy!



Service Children's Champion – Blog!

Nickie Young, our area Service Children's Champion, has asked us to share this blog which updates you on the latest events and news affecting service families:



<http://www.servicepupilschampion.co.uk/Blog/>

Our in-school link for Service Families is Gill Hoile (pictured opposite with Izzy),

hoileg@bedalehighschool.org.uk .

She runs a weekly lunchtime Military Kids Club that service children are welcome to attend, and she coordinates all our forces-related activities for service pupils including the annual Ripon Cathedral service, Remembrance Day events, competitions and community projects such as the recent Festival of Friends one.

Mental Health Awareness Week



Next week is Mental Health Awareness Week, something that we try to keep a high profile around in school, - this year more than ever before.

In form time, students will be looking at some of the issues raised...the theme for this year is Nature which fits in perfectly with our messages around getting out and about in the fresh air as much as possible. It also ties in nicely with the work that Mrs Hall is doing around the BHS Big Garden Build. The project continues, (despite some challenging weather this week) and we look forward to eventually creating a space where students and staff can enjoy as somewhere that encourages calm reflection or just a lovely place to sit and chat!

If parents have any queries about support for mental health issues, please contact Mrs Knight: knigha@bedalehighschool.org.uk .

Vaccinations Milestone!

Well done to Karen Peirson who is part of our awesome admin team. She has been volunteering as a marshal to help with Covid vaccinations and was part of the team who achieved a major milestone recently in the vaccination rollout in the Harrogate District. This is a huge area stretching from Masham to Pateley Bridge and last week they totalled 100,000 jabs being given between the 2 sites at Harrogate Showground and Ripon Racecourse.



Live in the Richmondshire Area? Not Sure What To Do In Your Spare Time? Check out this link:

[ana-zofclubsinrichmondshireopentoyoungpeopledec18.pdf](#)

**An A - Z of Clubs in
Richmondshire Open to Young People**

Richmond - Catterick - Colburn - Leyburn - Hawes - Surrounding Villages

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Over 100
Clubs inside

Please note that age limits vary and there may be costs to take part in activities publicised. All information provided in this leaflet is secondary research and may not be completely accurate.

BENKHILL LODGE – THANKYOU TO STUDENTS!

Staff from Benkhill Lodge Care Home dropped off a lovely thank-you message to our students this morning. This was in response to the wellbeing packages that we created for them during our No Screen Day a few weeks ago during the last lockdown. Some lovely messages were included from the residents showing how much they appreciated the gesture. Thank you to Mrs Lumsdon for organising the day and all the students and staff who were involved.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Mrs Wilson writes:
The Duke of Edinburgh Award is underway once again this year. Our students in Year 11, who have completed their Bronze Certificate of Achievement, will shortly be receiving their Award. They have met their aims through great flexibility and commitment in difficult times. This year, we are offering the full Bronze Award to Year 9 as well as Year 10 and we have an amazing 60 students going for it. Work has started on their Skill, Physical and Volunteering sections and dates are now set for their expedition and training. All being well, these are as follows:



Training day with Alfresco Adventures:
Thursday 10th June. All participants.

Expedition days:

Year 10 Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th July

Year 9 Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th July

Let's hope the we have the weather for them!

9PAC – TUTOR GROUP ASSEMBLY

Thank you to Mrs Ackers and her tutor group for delivering such a good assembly this morning. The theme was social media, and it was great to see every single member of the tutor group involved in the delivery of some key messages. They pointed out the benefits and dangers of social media with young people, encouraged their peers to be more aware of how much time they spend on it, and promoted the benefits of 'real' face to face contact with friends. They also shared a very powerful and thought-provoking clip which I am sharing with you here: [Can We Auto-Correct Humanity? - Bing video](#) . Ultimately, most of us use social media to varying degrees, and we know it can be a force for good. But this was a timely reminder of the value of real human contact, and the care we need to take to preserve it.

