

# BHS Update

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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 Visit

*Martyn Coombs writes:*

A group of Year 8 students at Bedale High School were enthralled by a visit from ex-student, Dr Becki Lawson who works for the Zoological Society of London at London Zoo. She talked about her love of animals at a very early age and watching 'All Creatures Great and Small' on television convinced her that a career as a vet was her goal in life.

Becki gained a degree in Zoology and Veterinary Medicine at the University of Cambridge, an MSc in Wild Animal Health at the Institute of Zoology & Royal Veterinary College, a PhD at the University of Liverpool and is a Diplomate of the European College of Zoological Medicine in Wildlife Population Health.



She began work as a vet with the RSPCA treating wildlife casualties of a range of species from badgers and bats to seals, swans and seabirds. She has travelled to Indonesia with the Orangutan Foundation to help with care of rescued Bornean orangutans, and to the Caribbean as part of a team dedicated to amphibian conservation. She is leading the Garden Wildlife Health project which investigates the health status of amphibians, reptiles, hedgehogs and garden birds in Great Britain. This research helps us learn about threats to British wildlife so we can help take action to protect wild animal welfare and to conserve biodiversity.

She expressed her hope that children would find a role later in life that they feel is worthwhile and interesting.

Following her successful visit, Becki has kindly agreed to be our guest speaker at Presentation Evening in the Autumn Term...we look forward to seeing her again then.

## Student-Led Sign Language Lessons

We are very grateful to Lauren Russell and Lucy Shirt for returning to school this week to deliver a sign language lesson to Mrs Woodward's Year 7 class. The younger students really enjoyed the session and the girls were natural presenters. I am particularly impressed by the fact that Lauren and Lucy gave up their hard-earned free time, having completed their Yr 11 assessments, to plan and deliver this session. I know it has been something they both feel passionate about for some time as they initially raised the idea as part of their GCSE Citizenship project in the Autumn term. Well done girls - we look forward to you returning for the next session!



## Ben Brown Yr 11 - Golfing Legend in the making!

Well done to Ben who was recently selected to represent Yorkshire in the English Schools' Golf Association's North Regional Championship in Lincolnshire.

This alone is an impressive achievement, but it gets even better as Ben went on to win the tournament! See the full details here:

<https://www.darlingtonandstocktontimes.co.uk/>



## Year 10 PPEs

Thank-you to all those parents who attended the virtual PPE Information Evening on Monday.

The key messages to take away are that we want these exams to be a useful process for Year 10s as they start their final journey towards the GCSEs next summer. We have asked teachers to provide them with revision lists of topics to narrow down their focus, and we also shared some ideas about how parents can support their children in preparing for the exams.

The presentation from the evening can be seen here:

[PowerPoint Presentation \(bedalehighschool.org.uk\)](http://bedalehighschool.org.uk)

## Exam Access Arrangements

On the 17th and 18th June, some Year 9 and Year 10 students will be assessed for exam access arrangements for their GCSEs to see if they are eligible for extra time etc. This will take place virtually with a specialist assessor over Microsoft Teams. If you have any questions around this please contact Alison Knight:

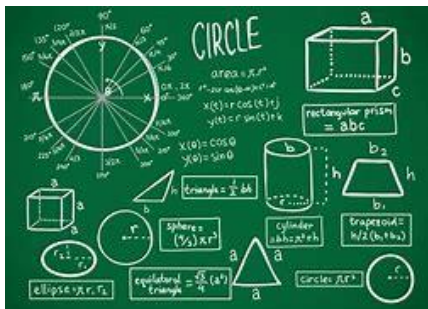
[knighta@bedalehighschool.org.uk](mailto:knighta@bedalehighschool.org.uk)

## Maths Revision Sessions

Yr10 GCSE maths revision has started on a Monday from 15:05 to 16:00 for foundation and higher students.

We are really lucky to have staff that are prepared to give up time after school for these extra sessions, and we know that they can make a significant difference to both confidence levels and progress. Please do encourage your son/daughter in Year 10 to attend.

Please can we also remind parents that all students will need a scientific calculator for their maths assessments over the next few weeks.



## Yr 7 & Yr 8 Parents – Permission Needed for Website Account

*Mr Barnes writes:* Over the course of this half term, Year 7 and 8 pupils will be completing a publishing project experiencing the roles involved in publishing a magazine. As part of this project, we want pupils to have the option to make use of a website called Canva which is designed to help people quickly create professional looking documents. Please can you make sure that you have returned the permission slips to your child's Computing teacher so that we can set up their accounts on this website. Students who do not return completed permission slips will use Microsoft Publisher to complete their magazine. However, this may limit their ability to complete work outside of lessons and makes much less use of templates which makes it a little harder for pupils to create high quality documents in the time that we have available in lessons. Your support is much appreciated.

## Year 6 Summer School

We are really pleased to be offering a summer school for Year 6 students during the summer holiday from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August. This is for any Year 6 students who are coming to us in September. It is completely separate from the Year 6 transition week which takes place in school time later this term. The summer school is intended to provide a range of enrichment activities including lessons, confidence building, fun activities and team-building.

It will be run by Mr Moulding and Mr Mugisha, with other staff volunteers also helping out. It is free to students and lunch will be provided. However, there is a limit to the number of places we can offer, so if you want your Year 6 child to be involved, please complete this form as soon as possible:

<https://forms.office.com/r/UDHkSHyhms>

If you have any queries about the summer school, please contact Mr Moulding: [mouldingj@bedalehighschool.org.uk](mailto:mouldingj@bedalehighschool.org.uk).

## Duke of Edinburgh Practice Days

A huge thank-you to Mrs Wilson for her work in pulling these days together for the students this week - it is no small undertaking! The Year 9s had their day on Weds, with the Year 10s doing theirs on Thursday...luckily the weather held on both days (sadly not guaranteed for the actual expeditions!). The students were taught the key skills from packing rucksacks, to putting up tents to cooking their own lunch (some erm interesting experimental combinations!).



Please contact Mrs Wilson with any queries: [wilsonc@bedalehighschool.org.uk](mailto:wilsonc@bedalehighschool.org.uk)

# ALDI – Design A Lorry Competition

# Year 10s...York St John Opportunity

*Miss Ackers writes:*

As a school we had some brilliant entries for the Design A Stamp competition by the Royal Mail - I was so impressed by them all! Now it's your opportunity to take part in a recent competition by Aldi!

"To celebrate Tokyo 2020, Aldi and Team GB are challenging young people aged 5-14 to get creative and design a lorry that celebrates



everything great about fresh, healthy food. The two winners (one from England and Wales and one from Scotland) will see their designs on an Aldi lorry and could win £1,000 of Aldi vouchers for their school!"

## Entry requirements:

The judging panel are looking for exciting designs that are creative and exciting that celebrate what's great about healthy food and are eye catching so they will stand out on the lorry!

Enter using the Design a Lorry Entry Template and hand it in to Miss Ackers so she can send them off.

## WIN GREAT PRIZES

-The two winning designs will each be used on an Aldi lorry - driving their celebration of healthy foods up and down the country!  
-The two winners will also receive £50 of Aldi vouchers for themselves, £1,000 of vouchers for their school (or a community group to be agreed with Aldi and Team GB if the winner is home schooled) and a Team GB goody bag!

**MISS ACKERS WILL ALSO GIVE HER FAVOURITE 5 DESIGNS A PRIZE!**

Entries must be handed in to me before 21st of JUNE and must be on the entry cover sheet - come and collect one from me!

Each year YSJ host a Year 10 Summer School on campus for students to find out more about university. This year we can't have our event on campus, so we're bringing the summer school to you! Join us at our virtual Summer School to find out more about Future Y.O.U - You, Options and University.

13th July 2021-15th July 2021

Online, on demand, with a live session each day at 4pm.

Join the live session to engage with staff and students, find out about competitions and win prizes.

## What to expect:

When you sign up, you'll be given access to our FutureYOU hub. Here you'll find lots of blogs and videos about university and your future with new content dropping Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday (13th-15th July) - keep logging back in to see what is new.

See some of the topics below:

- What skills do I have?
- How is university different to school?
- Where do I live at university?
- Student budgets
- Meal planning

Each video/blog has an activity to complete. Each activity you complete and send to us will be one entry into a prize draw! The sign-up form will be going live shortly via our Pre-16 Activities page on our website, please save the date and keep checking for more details!

[YSJ Link To Event](#)

There will also be a separate hub for school staff full of information, advice, and guidance, plus lesson plans so you can use this content interactively with your students. If you would be interested in accessing this content, please contact us at [wp@yorks.ac.uk](mailto:wp@yorks.ac.uk) with your name, school, and job role.