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Subject Teacher: for any subject specific questions around learning tasks

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

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# BHS Makes Northern Echo Education Awards Finals!

We received some fantastic news for the school and local community last week when we were informed that the school has successfully made it into the final round of potential award winners for the Northern Echo Education Awards....in 3 categories! We have been shortlisted for the following awards:

- School of the Year
- Community Involvement
- Newcomer of the Year

This last category recognises the brilliant work of Miss Ackers, a newly qualified Art teacher who joined us in September. If you want to get a sense of the inspiring work she is doing with students, then please check out the Instagram page here:

[BHS - Art and Textiles. \(@bedalehighschool\\_creates\) • Instagram photos and videos](#)

It is brilliant to be shortlisted for 3 separate awards and this really does reflect not only the hard work of our staff, but also of course, the support and engagement of students and you, their parents. Alison Knight often says



## The Northern Echo EDUCATION AWARDS

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to me that she feels relationships with our families in the community have become even stronger as a result of lockdown and the mutual support within the community. We now need to wait for the virtual awards ceremony in September to discover whether we have actually won any of the awards, but with only 3 finalists in each category...we have to be hopeful! One lovely bit of feedback they gave us was that the nominations for the Community Involvement award came from several different areas - so a huge thankyou to any parents or families who put us forward for this one!

## Events This Half-Term (Update following PM's Announcement)

Following the announcement regarding the delay in the lifting of restrictions, we have had to review our events this half term and make some changes. We are so frustrated that the face to face transition week for Year 6 students will now have to become a virtual event (in all likelihood), but we will pull out all the stops to ensure that this is done as well as it can be, with additional support for students who need it. A letter will go out to parents next week about this.

One of the other main concerns is the Yr 11 Prom - those students really deserve their farewell celebration and party, - we are hoping that the new date will allow this to go ahead. Below is an overview of the main events, but separate letters and further information will be shared as each event approaches.

Event	Original Date	New Date	Notes & Key Contact
Yr 11 Prom	8 <sup>th</sup> July	22 <sup>nd</sup> July (TBC)	Solberge Hall have confirmed that we cannot go ahead with the original date. This is the only other date we can manage before the summer hols...so hopefully restrictions will be lifted in time for this on 22 <sup>nd</sup> July. We are just awaiting confirmation from the venue. <a href="mailto:templec@bedalehighschool.org.uk">templec@bedalehighschool.org.uk</a>
Yr 6 Transition Week	WC 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Virtual Events wc 12 <sup>th</sup> July	We are now not allowed to mix Year 6 bubbles from different primaries, meaning that face to face transition is not possible. We will be converting this to virtual events unless the restrictions are lifted when they review them in just over a week's time. If this happens, the face to face transition will go ahead. <a href="mailto:bradburys@bedalehighschool.org.uk">bradburys@bedalehighschool.org.uk</a>
Yr 10 Work Ready Week	7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> July	7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> July	This event can still go ahead, but we have had to cancel the trips on the final day as the venues are not taking school visits while restrictions are still on. <a href="mailto:templec@bedalehighschool.org.uk">templec@bedalehighschool.org.uk</a>
Creative Arts Exhibition Evening	30 <sup>th</sup> June	30 <sup>th</sup> June	The only change is that we have to limit the audience and may need to ask some families to reduce the number of tickets requested to ensure that the audience is socially distanced. <a href="mailto:woodl@bedalehighschool.org.uk">woodl@bedalehighschool.org.uk</a> <a href="mailto:popel@bedalehighschool.org.uk">popel@bedalehighschool.org.uk</a>
Year 5 Concerts	19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> July	19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> July	We hope that these will be able to go ahead in school following the expected lifting of restrictions from 19 <sup>th</sup> July. The back-up plan is that Mrs Woodward will go out to the primaries to do 'mini-productions' with them. <a href="mailto:woodl@bedalehighschool.org.uk">woodl@bedalehighschool.org.uk</a>
Yr 10 Darlington College Taster Day	1 <sup>st</sup> July	1 <sup>st</sup> July	Still going ahead, but students will need to take a lateral flow test with a negative result the night before, or morning of the trip (this is DC's request in order for the trip to go ahead).



## Alumni Visit

*Martyn Coombs writes:*

Bedale High School ex pupil, Dr Catherine Mela (Burton) PhD FInstLM, gave a fascinating talk to Y9 students on Monday. She was inspired by science teacher Paul Scott who gave her the love of medicine and despite suffering from dyslexia, she secured her BTECs before moving on to university. Catherine has a PhD, in Medicine from Imperial College, London and is a fellow of the Institute of Leadership and Management. She worked in the NHS running clinical trials on HIV medication before moving into the pharmaceutical industry. She has worked in Africa, the Middle East, Finland, Thailand and shared a stage in Barcelona with Nelson Mandela.

She was headhunted from Roche by AstraZeneca where she is the Head of Biosamples. In the first few weeks of the pandemic, she was leading part of the work to establish viral testing for COVID-19 and to ensure the continued safe supply of AstraZeneca medicines to patients. In March 2020 she was given the task of setting up testing for Covid, a virus no one knew anything about and to create a vaccine to be given safely on a large scale. In just 10 months, she and her team managed to create the AZ vaccine which has rolled out millions of doses worldwide.

Catherine spoke about the need to identify the things you are good at and not to worry about the things that you can't do. She overcame problems at school to be a writer of journals and books and to deliver keynote speeches around the world. She finished with a short video showing the world of the future, where a smart watch can analyse things like the sweat from your wrist to identifying medical problems and creating virtual appointments with key doctors and consultants. She left the group thinking that some of the jobs they eventually go into, may not have even been invented yet. Her motto is 'Don't let perfect get in the way of good.'



## Early Finish on 23<sup>rd</sup> July and Changes to Start of Term in September

We are currently pulling together our end of year rewards events in school for students who have been nominated by subject teachers and form tutors, and those who have earned the most reward points. But as a gesture of thanks to the whole student community for their resilience and perseverance this year, we intend to finish an hour early on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July, the last day of the summer term. Buses will come at 2.05pm and students will be allowed to leave at this time, rather than attend that last hour in the afternoon. However, if there are any issues with younger students in Year 7 or Year 8 who need supervising, provision will be available in school until 3.05pm. Please just let us know.

In September, the return of students will work to the following schedule:

6<sup>th</sup> September: Staff Training Day (no students)

7<sup>th</sup> September: Yr 7 and Yr 11 only.

8<sup>th</sup> September: All year groups

The reason for the staggered start is because we are now not able to do the usual Yr 6 transition week this term, but at least this allows them one day to acclimatise before all students return at the start of the autumn term.

## Yr 11 GCSE Results Information

Announcements & Information for our current Year 11 GCSE students and parents/carers will be posted on to our website under the examinations page (link here):

<https://bedalehighschool.org.uk/need-to-know/curriculum/examinations/>

You will find information on key aspects including:

GCSE Results Day (Thursday 12th August 2021)

Results Day Letters

Appeals Guidance

Certificates

Contact Details

Updates

Please contact Lynn Riley-Fox with queries:

## Year 10 PPEs

Year 10 exams begin on Monday. Students should have their exam timetables and there is a noticeboard by the student entrance which confirms the venues and seating plans for the exams.

Please can I ask parents to remind their Year 10 children of the importance of taking these seriously in terms of their preparation, conduct and organisation with equipment etc.

If any parents missed the virtual Information Evening that Mr Gill and I delivered, the presentation from the evening can be seen here:

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

Good luck to all the students taking these exams - hopefully they will act as a confidence boost at the end of Year 10 as they approach the final year of their GCSE courses.

## German Lessons

We have now secured a German specialist who has been taking on Mrs McDonnell's lessons this week. She is an experienced practitioner and will be with us for the next few weeks as we work to ensure that appropriate provision remains in place for this subject. Should you have any questions or concerns around German, please contact Mr Childe at

[childea@bedalehighschool.org.uk](mailto:childea@bedalehighschool.org.uk) ,

or Mr Gill at [gillm@bedalehighschool.org.uk](mailto:gillm@bedalehighschool.org.uk) .

## Protecting Your Children Against Meningitis and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio

Please see the attached letter about vaccines in school for Year 9 students



## UKMT Maths Challenge

*Mrs Drysdale writes:* The junior UKMT maths challenge is open to Year 7 and 8 students. We were proud to enter a total of 28 Year 7 students and 27 Year 8 students a few weeks ago. The results have now come back to us and we have some fantastic achievements to celebrate.

From Year 7, Olivia Woronko, Luke Wagstaff and Samuel Ellis achieved a bronze certificate, meaning they came in the top 40% of the country, with Sam achieving the best score in Year 7 for our school.

In Year 8, Charlotte Iveson, Archie Percival, Max McCafferty, Amber McLaren, Oliver Schofield, Isabella Thompson and Charlie Tomlin have all achieved a Bronze award. Niamh Hallinan and Martin Florovic came in the top 20% of the country, achieving a Silver certificate, with Martin taking home the "Best in School" award. If this is what our students can achieve on their first attempt, imagine what they can look forward to achieving next year with some more experience and practice behind them! We celebrated their great work in assemblies this week when they were presented with their certificates. WELL DONE EVERYBODY!

## Congratulations to Bedale Juniors!

Congratulations to the Under 13s Bedale Juniors Football Team for winning their league this season with some amazing stats.

They scored over a 100 goals in total, with Jake Banks Yr 8 as top scorer in the whole league (with 24 goals).

Other players include Paul Smirthwaite, Sam Ogier, Max McCafferty, Harley Sinclair, Kieran Wilkinson, Jacob Johnson, Ayrton Kelsey, George Hobson, Sam Atkinson and Alfie Gibb.

The table below shows the team's dominance in the league, (and looks a little bit like Leeds United's next season in the Premier League, I feel!).

**WELL DONE BOYS!**



TABLE		RESULTS					
Bedale Juniors							
Teesside Junior Football Alliance League							
2020-21 							
#	Team	Pl	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1	Bedale Juniors	11	10	1	0	82	31
2	South Park Rangers 'Blues'	9	6	0	3	4	18
3	Riverside Juniors 'Oranges'	9	5	3	1	15	18
4	Eaglescliffe Elementis 'Yellows'	11	4	1	6	-19	13
5	Spraire Lads 'Hawks'	9	3	1	5	-18	10
6	Billingham Juniors	10	2	0	8	-23	6

# Opportunity for Yr 11 Students

[Harrogate@whiterosebeautycolleges.co.uk](mailto:Harrogate@whiterosebeautycolleges.co.uk)

ARE YOU 16-18 YEARS OLD AND LOOKING FOR INSPIRATION FOR YOUR NEXT STEPS?

INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN THE BEAUTY INDUSTRY?

WE HAVE COURSES IN BEAUTY, NAILS AND MAKE UP AND WOULD LOVE TO OFFER YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND OUR OPEN EVENING

WEDNESDAY | 30TH JUNE  
6PM

Please call 01423 527994 or email [harrogate@whiterosebeautycolleges.co.uk](mailto:harrogate@whiterosebeautycolleges.co.uk) to register your interest and for more information

# New Food!

Mrs De Roche, our Catering Manager, is very excited to announce the arrival of our new product which will be on sale from next week in the dining hall and comes to us from The Real Wrap company.

All sandwiches and pasta will now be purchased from The Real Wrap Company.

They will have the allergen and ingredients details printed on them.

This is to help with Natasha's law which comes in to effect in October 2021.



# Congratulations to Mrs Knight

We are really proud of Mrs Knight who has this week passed her Thrive course with a pass mark of 94%! As a result, we now have our very own Thrive Practitioner on site.

For parents who may not know about the Thrive approach, it is a really well-established initiative that aims to equip adults with the knowledge, insights and resources needed to develop the relationships that help children and young people to flourish and learn. Mrs Knight had to complete a range of assessments, exams and case studies to become a qualified practitioner. This work will now become part of our in-school provision and support for students who need it. It is designed to help professionals support young people with improving resilience and self-confidence, helping them manage behaviour, relationships, attendance or other aspects where they may be struggling.

# Covid Testing

We have been asked to share this update from the DfE regarding the use of regular Covid 19 tests:

Over 49 million rapid COVID-19 tests have been conducted by students and staff at schools and colleges across England since Monday 4 January. Building regular twice-weekly testing into routines has been critical in reaching this milestone number of tests and is testament to the dedication of students and staff to keep the virus out of schools and colleges.

Education Secretary Gavin Williamson said:

"I am grateful and humbled by the actions that everyone working in education has taken to pull together and deliver this programme. Alongside the wider protective measures in place that we must all continue following, this asymptomatic testing helps break chains of transmission by taking people who are infectious but don't know it out of circulation."



# School Uniform Shop - Update



**PLEASE READ ALL THE FOLLOWING  
INFORMATION CAREFULLY**

June 2021

## Update for Parents, Guardians & Carers

### Shop Service (we will be open on Saturdays from 24<sup>th</sup> July to 4<sup>th</sup> September inclusive)

Although restrictions affecting the opening of our shop have been lifted, we will continue to offer an appointment system as we did last year. This was so popular with parents because it ensured everyone had sufficient time to complete their purchases without having to wait in a large queue.

Our Click & Collect service will be fully operational, we have created a separate area so customers don't have to come to the shop to collect their order. Click & Collect is located in the unit next door to our shop and will be clearly signed, from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July to Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September Click & Collect will be open from 8am to 8pm. **You will not be able to place orders at the Click & Collect desk or purchase additional items**

**It is really important that you check the situation before visiting our shop over the summer. If you have a long journey to visit us we wouldn't want to have to turn you away because we couldn't accommodate you. Paramount to everything is the safety and welfare of our customers and staff.**

### Stock Availability, Cut off date & Ordering

Despite the pressures that have affected global product sourcing & manufacture, our careful planning has meant we have received much of our Back to School stock already and over the coming weeks to the end of June we will continue to receive incoming stock. We don't envisage any issues with stock availability during Back to school but the best way to ensure you have what you need, is to order early.

The cut off date for guaranteed delivery of online & telephone orders will be Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July, if we have your order by that date we guarantee the order will arrive before school starts in September. Back to School is incredibly busy and we usually see orders increase from 10 or 15 per day to 250/300 orders per day, it simply isn't possible to increase staff numbers by the same factor so while we do take on temporary staff, we also increase our working hours and days but it will take longer than normal to process orders, so please bear with us during the Back to School period.

### Contacting Schoolshop during Back to School

We understand that parents have questions relating to Back to School and this is an incredibly busy time for us, therefore before you contact us please check our website for answers to your questions. If you want to check stock of products just look online, if the product(s) is/are out of stock it will display there. Please don't contact us to ask for items to be put aside for you as we will not reserve items for customers because this is unfair on those who have made appointments and taken the time to come through to our shop.

If you return an item for exchange or refund please provide a mobile number and we will text you to confirm we have received the item so you know we are dealing with this.

If you can, please contact us via E-Mail as we can respond to this even after our telephone lines have gone onto night service.

**Please leave a full 2 weeks from placing your order before contacting us for any update.**

**If you need us, we are here to help on 01904 607331 or by e-mail to [sales@school-shop.co.uk](mailto:sales@school-shop.co.uk)**