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## Alumni Visit

*Thankyou to Martyn Coombs for organising the latest visit and write up, and to Chris Carruthers for his support on the day:*

This week's visit was with Year 7 students who got to meet BBC producer and former BHS student Mark Flowers. Mark has spent the last thirty years making Natural History programmes for the BBC and his first job was working with David Attenborough on 'The Private Life of Plants'. He then travelled the world to rainforests, deserts, mountains and oceans to film everything from elephants to penguins and orchids to oak trees. He talked about flying in Sheik's helicopters, filming movie stars, diving in submarines and sailing to Antarctic islands. He has filmed with the Queen, Alan Titchmarsh, Monty Don, Chris Packham and has built his life around filming the planets' natural wonders in the hope that people will love them and then help to save them.

Mark recalled his time at school singing and dancing in 'Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' and 'Follow the Star' as well as playing the Cowardly Lion in the 'Wizard of Oz'. He drew parallels with the lion because he had to overcome his fears and worries about leaving home and travelling to far flung, remote places. He talked about having the courage to dream big, to have the commitment to make the dreams happen and the compassion to treat people well on the journey. Mark said he felt very lucky to have grown up in Little Crakehall, a beautiful part of the world and to go to such a supportive and brilliant school which really set him up for the rest of his life.

He said 'If anyone had told me what I have achieved in my life when I was at Bedale High School, I would never have believed them. It would have seemed an impossible dream. How can a young lad from Crakehall end up working for David Attenborough and then travel the world for his job? Well, if I can, you can, and the school motto of courage, commitment and compassion could not be more true.' It all began with a tank of tropical fish in his bedroom at home!

His motto is, you can never cross the ocean until you have the courage to lose sight of the shore.




## Events This Half-Term

### *(Updated since last week's notice)*

I wrote last week about the PM's announcement re delaying the lifting of restrictions. A couple of updates since then...Solberge Hall have confirmed the date of 22<sup>nd</sup> July for the Year 11 Prom, which is great news (as long as restrictions are lifted as planned that week).

Unfortunately, Darlington College have contacted us on Thursday this week to say that they can no longer go ahead with the Year 10 taster day next week - so this will need to be rearranged for the autumn term. Other arrangements remain as planned - at the moment.

Event	Original Date	New Date	Notes & Key Contact
Yr 11 Prom	8 <sup>th</sup> July	22 <sup>nd</sup> July	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. <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			
Yr 9 & 10 Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions			

Still going ahead - see below!

# Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions

## ***Mrs Wilson writes:***

Having taken part in their training, participants have been spending registrations, lunches and after-school time this week to complete their route cards for their expeditions. Groups in both Yr 9 and Yr 10 have decided on their group aim and what they are doing to present it at the end of the second day. It has been really impressive to see the groups working collaboratively to ensure that tasks are completed well. There have been lots of discussions about tents, meals and who is carrying what and everyone is very much looking forward to it now. Pupils are really starting to work as a team, and much more independently.

### **Reminder of Dates**

#### **Bronze Expedition in Reeth:**

**Y10s:** Saturday and Sunday 3/4 July 2021  
Depart BHS Sat 8.30 / Return Sun 4.10pm

**Y9s:** Monday and Tuesday 5/6 July 2021  
Depart BHS Mon 8.30 / Return Tues 5.30pm

- **Please be on time for the bus!**
- **Participants may contact you themselves if we arrive back any earlier.**
- **Staff will stay until last student is collected.**

### **NEED TO KNOW...**

**This is an ASSESSED expedition  
Participants will be under assessment for the full 2  
days**







Don't just  
Learn it  
Live it!

# Summer Open Event

Monday 5th July  
3:30pm-6:30pm

**BOOK A BUBBLE TOUR OF  
COLLEGE FACILITIES**

**Chat Online with College Staff**

**Book your tour at Darlington College for you and your household bubble on Monday 5 July 2021.**

**Slots are available between 3.30 and 6.30pm with the last slot at 6pm.**

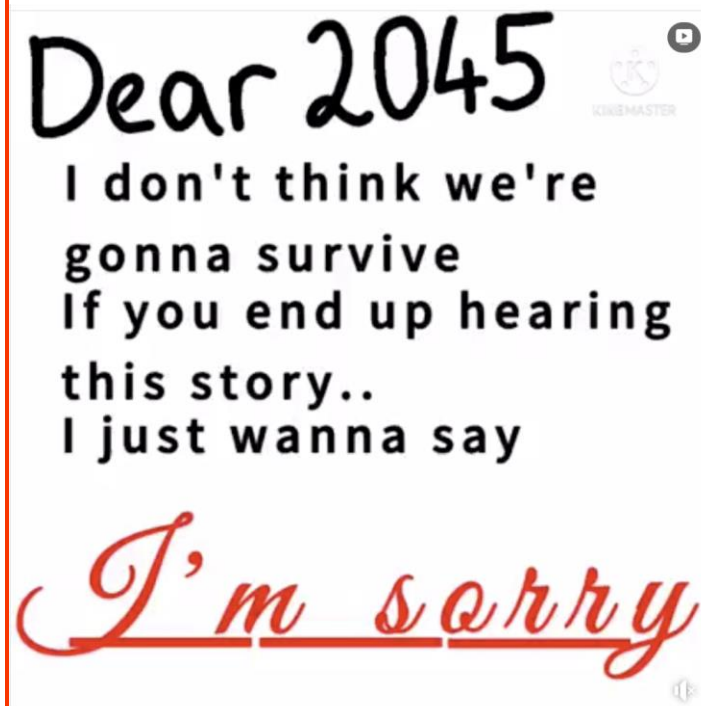
**[www.darlington.ac.uk](http://www.darlington.ac.uk) for more information.**



## Well done Ebony, Yr 7!

I was delighted to be copied into an email that Ebony Nicol (7SNO) sent to her Geography teacher, Mr Childe, this week. She is a huge Geography fan and spent 2 whole days creating the animations to go with this very thought-provoking video which captures the potential consequences for the next generation if we do not start to take better care of our planet. You can check out the video and her brilliant animations here:

<https://www.facebook.com>



## Well done Toby, Yr 9!

Well done to Toby in Y9 who was rightly very proud of this 'airship' that he finished off in Design Technology after school this week. He made the base and painted it, before stringing the balloon section and fixing on a rotor blade motor. Very inventive!



See more details on our Instagram page here:  
[https://www.instagram.com/p/CQeVyjanPj5/?utm\\_medium=copy\\_link](https://www.instagram.com/p/CQeVyjanPj5/?utm_medium=copy_link)

## Assemblies

I'm sure I am not the only parent who gets asked 'Why do we even have to bother with algebra/games/music/poetry etc...I'm never going to use it in real life?!'

So a huge thank-you to Mr Wild and our other Heads of Faculty who have been working through their assemblies over the last couple of weeks, aimed at promoting the links between the subjects and content that students learn in school, and the paths this can lead to in future life.

They have heard some really interesting case studies and hopefully taken a few positive steps towards understanding why they study such a wide range of subjects at school!





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