

# BHS Update 9.7.21



COURAGE

COMMITMENT

COMPASSION

## 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

## Yr 10 Work Ready Event

We have had a brilliant two days with Year 10s this week as they took part in our annual Work Ready event. Day 1 launched with a presentation from ASK Apprenticeships in the main hall. This was followed by Post-16 colleges and other providers running workshops with students, offering them the chance to ask questions about courses and progression routes they might consider as they start to think about life after school. Students chose 4 sessions in advance from the following providers: Darlington College, Northallerton School and College, Richmond High School, Thirsk School and Sixth Form College, York College, Northern School of Art, Queen Elizabeth College, White Rose Beauty College, the Fire service, the RAF and Harrogate Town Football Club. It was great to be able to offer information on such a wide range of providers and courses.

Day 2 is all about the interviews! We had 13 Business Friends who came into school and worked with the students in small groups in the morning, coaching them on interview techniques. This was followed by a real interview in the afternoon where students were applying for a job with one of their companies. The day finished with a presentation from the employers who picked out their best interviewee as the one they would be most likely to hire, and presented them with a certificate.

It was an absolute pleasure to see students engage so well with these business professionals. You can imagine how daunting it must be, - but in the feedback that they shared, the employers referred again and again to the impressive levels of confidence on display and they were delighted with the response from the students.

Well done to the Year 10s - they showed a great deal of commitment and courage, and a huge thankyou to all the Post 16 providers and Business Friends who supported this event. Thanks also to Miss Temple for doing such an amazing job in organising the event.

## STUDENT WINNERS OF THE 'YOU'RE HIRED' AWARD

Grace Gayle	Caitlin Connor
Zoe Lockwood	Phoebe Pengilley
Jess Pattison	Dan Miles
Tom Scurrah	Kylah Cowan
Alfie Hird	Jen Fawcett
Alben Woods	Jack Simon
Ella Irvine	Maisie Cundall
Luke Kirby	

Exodus travels

Pfizer

Bedale Police

Eccles-Heddon Solicitors

Chopsticks charity

WJP Software Limited

West Yorkshire Combined Authority

Salesforce

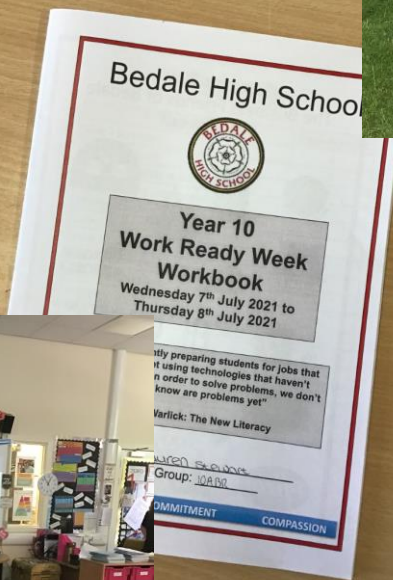
Bank of Ireland/Northridge Finance

The Sun

Some visitors who are now retired from their various places of work

**BUSINESS  
FRIENDS  
OF BHS**





## Events This Half-Term *(Updated)*

I will keep this table of events in the newsletter over the coming weeks, updating you each time on any changes...

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 this new 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. This will now be a virtual transition week. <a href="mailto:bradburys@bedalehighschool.org.uk">bradburys@bedalehighschool.org.uk</a>
Year 5 Concerts	19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> July	19 <sup>th</sup> July only	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 9 & 10 Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Had to be cancelled this week due to stormy weather!</b>  <b>Yr 10 Rebooked for 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021</b>  <b>Yr 9 Rebooked for 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b></p>		

## Term Dates 2021-22

Following the announcements around the Queen's Jubilee celebrations next year, there has been an impact on the Local Authority's termly calendar. We have therefore had to amend our Staff Training Days (please see list below). It means that there will now be 2 training days at the start of the autumn term, and students finish school on the Friday 22nd July next summer.

### STAFF TRAINING DAYS (when students are not in school)

**TRAINING DAY 1: 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021**  
**TRAINING DAY 2: 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021**  
**TRAINING DAY 3: 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022**  
**TRAINING DAY 4: 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022**  
**TRAINING DAY 5: 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

Please note – the following information may need to change depending on what schools are asked to do with mass Covid testing at the start of the autumn term:  
**8<sup>th</sup> September 2021:**  
 Yr 11 and Yr 7 only return  
**9<sup>th</sup> September 2021:**  
 All year groups in school



## Yr 10 Duke of Edinburgh Heroes

The Yr 9 and Yr 10 expeditions had to be cancelled this week and last weekend due to severe weather concerns (both trips have now been re-booked with new dates - see updated Events table in this newsletter).

However, the expedition is only part of the D of E award, and Mrs Wilson and I were both delighted with the work of two students last week. Charlotte and Leo (Yr 9) succeeded in raising over £200 for Cancer Research as part of their volunteering section of the award. They secured the support of neighbours and friends to raise the money, and Charlotte also baked a cake as part of our Sports Day cake sale last Friday. A great team effort!



## Yr 11 Medical School Application

**Event name:** Medicine Application Timeline - Getting Ready

**Location:** Online

**Date:** 21st August 2021

**Ages:** Current year 11 (going into year 12 in Sept 21)

This is a FREE event and booked on a first come, first serve basis.

This is primarily aimed at Year 11s who will be starting A-levels (or equivalent) in September 2021.

We will have Doctors and current medical students covering the application timeline, work experience, entrance exams and everything they need to hit the ground running in September. An event timetable can be found on the Google registration link below.

Google registration

link: <https://forms.gle/Dud254nM1dozd3uF7>

## Children from Service Families – Festival of Friends

After a postponement of 9 months due to Covid and National Lockdowns, the long-anticipated Festival of Friends Celebration took place on the afternoon of 30th June. This was delivered virtually to schools in North Yorkshire. We had 11 students who stayed behind after school to enjoy this event and a small buffet was provided by the Service Children's Progression Alliance. Our project for this programme was focused on Raising the awareness of Service Pupils including the challenges these pupils and their families face in respect of deployment and moving homes. We prepared a questionnaire for Service families as well as a short film for our school website and school assembly. They include Matthew O'Riordan, Luke Wagstaff, Isabelle Niblett, Niamh McGuinness, Bethan Watkins, Lilly Mackenzie, Alexandra Pryce and Katie Elsdon.



## Need a Local Cycle Safety Check?

360 Cycleworx in Aiskew are offering pre-summer holiday cycle safety checks, for the bargain price of £12.



Please contact the shop on 01677 988030 to book a slot.

## Interested in joining our School Governors?

## Amazing Baking – Michaela Y9

We are looking for a new school governor with an interest in, or experience of dealing with premises issues. Please contact me for more information if this could be of interest to you.

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



## Well Done Gabriella Y9!

Mrs Noake came to see me yesterday to say how delighted she was with Gabby after she delivered an excellent talk to the class on the subject of Mental Health. This was part of her English Language spoken assessment. Gabby spoke with confidence about some really difficult subject matter. She shared her own experiences and showed real courage in the way she approached this task.

We received a lovely surprise this morning when Michaela in Year 9 brought in this thank-you cake for staff. She wanted to thank staff for helping her organise a cake sale for charity on Sports Day last week. It is a chocolate cake with Italian Meringue Buttercream fondant. Just look at the detail - she made this herself! What an incredible talent!

## Free Mental Health and Wellbeing Course

It's been an anxious year for many adults, children and young people alike. We know many of you are worried about the impact of the pandemic on your children. We have been asked to share some information with you about a new online course: 'Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing' which comes from the Solihull Approach (NHS).

North Yorkshire County Council have PRE-PAID for every parent and carer in North Yorkshire to access a course for parents/carers. This is FREE for residents in our area (with access code: NYFAMILIES at: [www.inourplace.co.uk](http://www.inourplace.co.uk)). There are courses for parents, carers and grandparents relating to children from 'bump' to 19+ years.



UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD  
SOLIHULL APPROACH

ourplace

NHS

www.inourplace.co.uk

FREE Online course for parents

**'UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD'S MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING'**

ONLINE LEARNING  
(AVAILABLE 24/7)  
WORK THROUGH THE CONTENT  
ANONYMOUSLY AT YOUR OWN PACE

COMPLETE PART 1  
COMPLETE 'UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD' OR  
'UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS'  
(SOLD SEPARATELY\*)

COMPLETE PART 2

\*PREPAID FOR RESIDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR AN ACCESS CODE



# Sports Day 2021

The forecast for last Friday was rain...but try telling that to Mr Bielby who in my 4 years at the school has managed to guarantee a sun-soaked day from start to finish on every single sports day. A strange thing happens on Sports Day. Some colleagues who are normally the most placid and calm professionals suddenly turn into competitive monsters, willing to go to almost any length to ensure that their tutor group wins the overall event (You know who you are, Ms Haydon!). Part way through the day, someone pointed out to me that this was not only the first ever BHS Sports Day for Year 7, but also for Year 8 who missed it due to Covid last year. The day was a massive success. The main reason for this was the students...almost every single student in school was participating in an event which was absolutely brilliant to witness. The other reason for the success was the organisation of Mr Bielby and Miss Temple, and their army of former staff and friends of the school who did a brilliant job helping out. Well done especially to Lucy in Year 7 (new record for 1500m), Liam in Yr 10 (new record for 1500m), Harry in Yr 10 (new record for Discus) and 7ITA, 8RHA, 10ABR who all achieved new records in the relay event.

