



BEDALE HIGH SCHOOL

Courage

Commitment

Compassion

Friday 24th September 2021

Your child's Form Tutor:

Pastoral Support Team:

Miss Bradbury (Head of KS3):

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Curriculum Queries (Mr Gill):

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Covid Vaccinations for 12-15 year olds

Parents will have seen by now that the government have decided to go ahead with plans to offer Covid-19 vaccinations to 12-15 year old children. Their guidance states the following:

This autumn, all young people aged 12 to 15 are being offered a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccinating young people should help to reduce the need for young people to have time off school and should reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19 within schools. The main purpose of the COVID-19 childhood vaccination programme is therefore to provide protection to the young people who receive the vaccine and to reduce the disruption to face-to-face education this winter.

Like all school-based vaccination programmes, the School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS) team will be the primary provider of the vaccination programme and will be legally responsible for the delivery of the vaccine.

More information on the COVID-19 vaccine, the vaccination programme and how it will work, as well as answers to some frequently asked questions, is included in the Public Health England guidance for schools.

NHS leaflets are available to provide more information to parents, carers and eligible young people on the vaccine, including how it works and what to expect after having the vaccine. Accessible versions and translations are also available.

I am sure that parents will have questions over this process. The Department for Education have produced a helpful document that includes several FAQs. This can be seen here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-schools/covid-19-vaccination-programme-for-young-people-guidance-for-parents>.

Please can I urge parents to read the sections on consent and how this works. Unlike the Covid testing process, the role of school is much more limited with vaccinations. But we will continue to work closely with families to support them however we can through this process. I will send further details once we have been contacted regarding next steps and dates.

School Covid Update

I would like to reassure parents that we are continuing to adhere to the latest guidance and protocols for managing Covid in school. I know that it still feels strange and new to not be self-isolating if you are a contact of a positive case. We do have a number of positive cases amongst our students, and we update this and review it on a daily basis. I am seeking advice from our local Health Protection Team and the DfE when needed. We have an Outbreak Management Plan in place should we need to use it, and this decision is made in consultation with the previously named organisations if certain thresholds are met. If needed, some of the previous control measures would be reinstated if this is deemed necessary.

In order to keep the transmission of positive cases to a minimum, please can I remind parents to ensure that you and your children follow the basic protocols:

- Students and staff should continue to test twice weekly at home until the end of September, when this will be reviewed
- Students should still be wearing face coverings on buses
- Students or staff who are identified as close contacts of a positive case will no longer need to self-isolate, as long as they are below 18 (students) or fully vaccinated (staff)
- Students, staff and visitors should not come into school if they have symptoms, if they have had a positive test result, or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example if they are required to quarantine)
- If anyone in school develops COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, they should be sent home to follow public health advice
- Staff and students with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate in line with the stay at home guidance. They will also need to get a free PCR test to check if they have COVID-19. Whilst awaiting the PCR result, the individual should continue to self-isolate. If the PCR test is taken within two days of the positive lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test and the students can return to school, as long as the individual doesn't have COVID-19 symptoms

Bus Issue: No. 73

Following this item in last week's newsletter, I have been informed that Procters are unable to bring the collection time forward at the end of the day, which means that students on the 73 are still having to wait longer for this service. To make matters worse, we have been informed that road works on this road are also likely to impact on this service over the coming days, potentially making it even later.

I have asked for some quotes to get an idea of how much it would cost for us to charter our own private bus service for these students, and I await this information. But I must be honest with parents - this may not be a 'quick fix' - it is likely to be very costly in terms of our school budget and may be a project that we have to work towards over time, rather than an instant solution. Our after-school clubs are starting, and within the next 2 weeks we will also be running our after-school self-study groups where students can stay in school to complete work if they wish. At least this means that they would not have to endure waiting outside in horrible weather while we try to resolve this situation.

I understand the frustration that students and parents are feeling, and as a staff we share it. Thank you all for your ongoing patience and understanding.

Is your child missing some belongings from last year? Tell them to head up to Room 15 to check with the Pastoral Team...there are a number of coats, shoes, trainers, uniform items and PE kits that were not collected at the end of the summer term.

Extra-Curricular Taster Day

This whole school event was a huge success on Monday. Mrs Lumsdon did a fantastic job of organising and coordinating the sessions and the range of activities that students experienced was really impressive. We now have our extra-curricular timetable and we will be encouraging as many students as possible to take advantage of these. Our ambition is to become the no. 1 school in the area for Personal Development, and a key part of this is students having opportunities to try a range of experiences that help them form friendships, feel a sense of achievement and grow in confidence.



BHS Open Evening Success

Parents will have heard me mention our Project 600 ambition before. This refers to our plan to increase student numbers to 600 over the next 3 years (we currently stand at 499). On Wednesday we opened our doors to Year 5 and Year 6 families for this year's Open Evening and I was absolutely delighted with the response to this event. We had over 600 people coming through school; the students were amazing, revelling in their new leadership roles as Student Ambassadors giving tours, or as Subject Ambassadors helping us in departments across school. We received some lovely feedback from the visiting families - there really was an amazing buzz around the place. Staff who have been here a long time told me that they have never experienced such a busy Open Evening, so we are hoping that this bodes well for our continued efforts to increase student intake. Thank you to Mrs Woodward for her brilliant work in organising such a great evening, and to all the students and staff for putting so much effort into this. Thanks also to our wonderful new PTA who provided a range of hot and cold snacks to keep visitors refreshed. A wonderful evening was had by all. Here is one of our adverts appearing in local press at the moment...

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EDUCATION MATTERS

A small school with big ambitions

A NORTH Yorkshire school is punching above its weight with ambitious plans in place for the coming year.

It may only have around 500 students, but Bedale High School is determined that every one of those students will have the greatest opportunity to develop to their very best.

The school has been part of the local community since it was founded in 1958, with many of the parents and even grandparents of its current student body having been educated there.

Bedale High School falls within the top 25 per cent of schools in North Yorkshire for academic results.

Alongside its commitment to helping pupils to achieve academic success, the school offers a wide range of extra-curricular activities to inspire and stretch students, increase their confidence, encourage them to make more friends and give them a sense of achievement outside the classroom.

Headteacher, Tom Kelly, says: "It is abundantly clear that the more comfortable and happy students are in school, the better they'll do. We want them to have the opportunity to take part in lots of different



things to help them feel more confident, safe, secure, and, ultimately, more engaged with school life."

The school has also launched a student leadership initiative which sits within its core values of courage, commitment and compassion.

It covers six specific areas to engage students:

- Sports Leaders who work with primary school students for collaborative events;
- A Healthy Schools Team which will help the school - which has achieved a Healthy School Bronze

Award - work towards the silver award this year;

- Subject Ambassadors who are nominated to be academic representatives for different subject areas;

- A Student Council which includes representatives from each tutor group who help the school to develop in different areas, for example sustainability;

- School Ambassadors who are the face of the school for public events;
- Peer Leaders who will focus on supporting younger students.



At Bedale High School every student is given access to a wide range of extra-curricular activities and opportunities - both in the classroom and outside it - to allow them to develop to their very best

Raising aspirations of disadvantaged students is seen as a priority, with an established alumni network visiting the school on a regular basis to share experiences with students.

Over the last four years, the school has also worked with the local business community to form the Business Friends of Bedale High School. This group of employers delivers assemblies, holds practice interviews and delivers seminars to students, focusing on careers advice and next steps.

"We are a small community school, but we have big ambitions," says Tom.

"We have a really committed staff who constantly go above and beyond to offer our students the best provision we can. We have put a lot of work into placing our core values of courage, commitment and compassion at the centre of day-to-day school life."

For more information about Bedale High School call 01677 422419 or email admin@bedalehighschool.org.uk



BEDALE HIGH SCHOOL

Courage Commitment Compassion

Discover Your True Potential at Bedale High School

At Bedale High School we are fortunate to be part of a very supportive community of students, parents and staff who have worked closely together over recent years to create something that we can all be proud of. Yes, our students achieve fantastic academic outcomes - but that is only one indication of our success. We are just as interested in the personal development of our students and we put a lot of work into helping them to become courageous, committed and compassionate young people. These core values underpin our approach to everything in school. We believe that success comes from a sense of personal growth and achievement. This is why we place such value in our extra-curricular timetable which offers a wide range of experiences, clubs and activities to help students learn new skills, forge new friendships and gain confidence in their ability to face new challenges (take a look at our Facebook page and website for more information on this). If you would like to find out more about us, or to arrange a tour of the school with your child, please contact us on the details below, and hopefully you can become part of this special community. We look forward to meeting you.

Take a look at our Facebook page to get a taste of life at Bedale High School: www.facebook.com/bedalehighschool



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The Northern Echo EDUCATION AWARDS

Celebrating Education and Learning in 2021



We are delighted to announce that we are **finalists** in **three categories** for the **Northern Echo Education Awards** which take place on Thursday 30th November 2021.



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What's Coming Up? Events This Half-Term

DATE	EVENT	AUDIENCE
Deadline: 1 st October	BHS Official Calendar Competition	Theme: Courage, Commitment, Compassion. We are looking for photos of students achieving through excelling in and enjoying their own areas of interest both inside and outside of school.
1 st October (during school day)	Geography Field Trip to Malham	Year 8 Geography students
6 th October (NEW DATE)	Year 7 Parents Setting In Evening 3.30-5.30pm	Year 7 Parents
13 th October	Primary School Enrichment Day at BHS (DRAMA)	Year 4 & 5 students from our surrounding primary schools.
14 TH October	Post 16 Information Evening	Yr 11 Parents
15 th October	Restart A Heart Day	Year 7 students
20 th October	Blood Brothers Performance - Bradford	Yr 11 Drama students
21 st October	Year 7 Self-Study Support Evening	Year 7 Parents

Food Containers?

The food technology department has a collection of food containers that students have brought cooking ingredients in for lessons in the last school year. They need to be collected within the next 2 weeks please as we need the storage space. After 2 weeks the items will be sent to a local charity shop.



Many Thanks

Mrs Bradley

Food Technology Department

Governor Vacancies

We will shortly be advertising for two governor vacancies. We will notify parents when these positions go 'live' - and please keep an eye out on our school Facebook page and the vacancies section of our website for further information. We have a very committed team who have overseen key improvements over recent years, and we are keen to keep adding relevant experience and insight.





Bedale Church of England Primary School
Early Years Foundation Stage
OPEN MORNING – SATURDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2021

If your child is due to start school in September ~~2022~~ we would like to invite you to our open morning on **Saturday 25th September 2021**


Your family is warmly welcome to visit the school and grounds at anytime between 9.30 am – 11.30 am
 There will be lots of lovely things to explore both inside and out and a drink and snack available for your child.

We provide rich and exciting opportunities which enable our pupils to flourish into confident, well rounded individuals.



If you have any queries at all please contact school on either 01677 422401 or email admin@bedale-ce.n-yorks.sch.uk

We are looking forward to meeting you. Early Years Team





Our bake sale in support of the
Teenage Cancer Trust raised
£207.00!

Thank you to our wonderful school
community for
this massive
effort!



Student Bake Sale

Monday 20th
September 2021



Morning Break in the Main Hall



Wensleydale Rugby Club – Looking for All Age Groups

The Family Club
WENSLEYDALE
RUGBY CLUB

COME & TRY!
AGE GROUPS 5 – 17 (Girls/Boys)

WENSLEYDALE GIRLS **JUNIORS & COLTS**

HAVE FUN **MINIS**

Come and join us!
Call Dave on 07436272267



The Family Club
WENSLEYDALE
RUGBY CLUB

RESPECT **FITNESS**

FRIENDSHIP **TEAMWORK**

WRUFC Events  page 



Yr 11s - Virtual Work Experience

[GSK Virtual Work Experience Sign Up - October 2021](#)







do more
feel better
live longer

Virtual Work Experience

Tuesday 26th October to Friday 29th October 2021

GSK's Virtual Work Experience 2021 will provide GCSE and A level students (Years 11 to 13) with the opportunity to:

- ✓ Learn about how GSK takes products from molecule to market
- ✓ Learn about different career opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths
- ✓ Gain job application hints and tips
- ✓ Gain an industry-accredited Bronze Industrial Cadets Award.

[Sign up here](#)



CHEESE, GIN AND CHOCOLATE EVENING

FRIDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2021
1930 - 2145

**OUR VERY FIRST PTFA EVENT OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR OPEN TO ALL
PARENTS, FRIENDS AND MEMBERS OF THE WIDER LOCAL BEDALE
COMMUNITY.**

TICKETS: £20.00

ALL TICKETS INCLUDE A WELCOME G&T ON ARRIVAL AND A FULL COLD BUFFET OF
MEATS, BREADS AND CHEESES.

LOCAL CHOCOLATIER, BEN ELLIS WILL BE PROVIDING A TALK AND DEMONSTRATION
BASED ON INFUSING ALCOHOL WITH CHOCOLATE AND TAPLIN & MAGEEAN (PART OF
THE WENSLEYDALE SPIRIT COMPANY) WILL BE TALKING ABOUT POPULAR GIN
PAIRINGS AND FLAVOURINGS.



LIVE MUSIC WILL BE PROVIDED BY NEWLY FORMED DUO, 'ARCADE',
FEATURING LOCAL SINGER/SONGWRITER, **FREDDIE CLEARY**.

Tickets can be secured via Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cheese-gin-and-chocolate-evening-tickets-174984923617>



All proceeds will go to Bedale High
School and their Main Hall
refurbishment project.



BEDALE HIGH SCHOOL OFFICIAL CALENDAR COMPETITION 2021

We are launching the very first Bedale High School Official Calendar this term and we want your pictures based around the theme of **COMMUNITY!**



They can include photos of you taking part in activities outside of school, performing acts of kindness for others, helping people within your local community or doing things for your own wellbeing.



Winning photos will appear in our official calendar which will be available to purchase this November in time for Christmas!

Send All photos to
woodl@bedalehighschool.org.uk



**CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 1ST
OCTOBER 2021**





**Do you have a few
hours to spare?**

**Would you like to engage and
connect more with our school
community?**

**Do you have some great ideas
for fundraising and events?**

**We are looking for parent volunteers to
become part of Bedale High School's
newly formed Parent Teacher Association (PTA).**

**It isn't just serving tea at events - maybe you can sew or create costumes for
our productions, run a stall at one of our events, help with set up or take down
or just pitch in with some ideas.**

**It's about developing and celebrating our brilliant
School COMMUNITY!**

**We meet on the first Monday of each month at Bedale High School
from 1700 - 1800.**

**For further information or to express your interest, email
woodl@bedalehighschool.org.uk OR just turn up to a meeting!**

