



BEDALE HIGH SCHOOL

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FRIDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2021

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Miss Temple (Head of KS4):
Subject Teacher:
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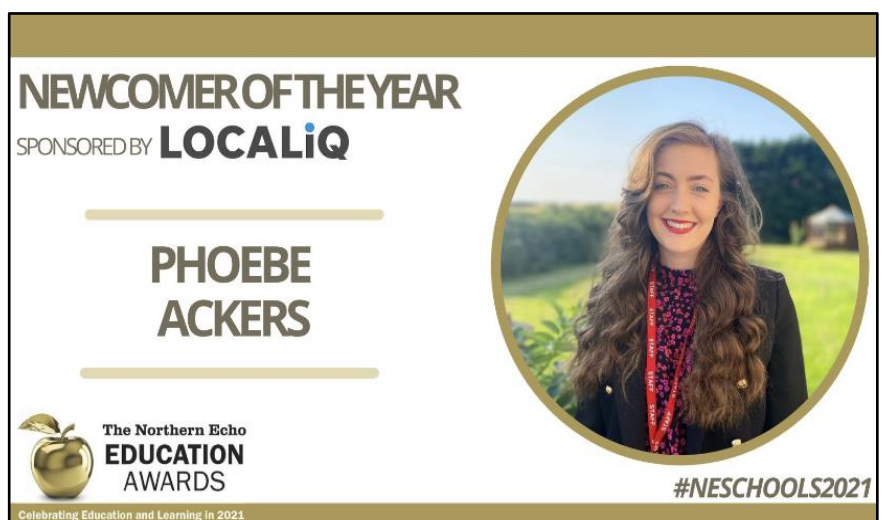
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NORTHERN ECHO AWARDS SUCCESS!

We are delighted to be able to share our success from last night's Northern Echo Education Awards ceremony with all of our students, parents and wider community. We were named as finalists in 3 of the 10 major awards (for the last academic year) and I would like to start by thanking all those in our community who were thoughtful enough to send in nominations on our behalf. The three categories we were named in were Best School Award, Best Community School Award and Best Newcomer (with a nomination for Phoebe Ackers - teacher of Art). It was a slightly surreal occasion as the whole ceremony was virtual. In true 'Oscars' style, we watched videos from every nominee and then had to wait for the winner to be announced. I must say that we were all struck by the fantastic work that a lot of schools in our area have been involved in...there were some lovely videos and stories, and the competition in each of the 10 categories was very steep!

Miss Ackers is incredibly modest and was just delighted to be nominated. But when they announced her as the winner for Best Newcomer, we were thrilled for her and for the students who have done such brilliant work with her. She has worked tirelessly with Mrs Woodward and others to bring Art into the community, to work with primaries, care homes and our families, inspiring students to stay connected through projects over lockdowns and school closures. She's an amazing teacher and we are lucky to have her!



We narrowly missed out for the Best School Award, but the best was left for last, with the final award for Best Community School. Once again, we faced stiff competition from several other schools in the area so it was thrilling to be named as winners. They recognized the sense of our whole community pulling together over lockdown projects such as the Wellbeing Passport, our work with local care homes, how well students engaged in projects during lockdowns and the sheer range of ideas and activities that we shared throughout the pandemic last year. Congratulations to Miss Ackers, and to all of our fabulous students, parents, staff and governors for their part in this success...it is something we can all share and feel proud of!



COVID-19 UPDATES

Positive Cases in School

On Wednesday this week I sent out an urgent update to parents to explain the current situation in school, and to clarify the contingency measures that are now back in place until further notice. **You can see that letter here:** <https://bedalehighschool.org.uk/covid-urgent-update/>

Face Coverings:

Please remind your child to bring one every day.

Testing: Please continue to test your children at least twice a week at home.


Vaccinations of Secondary School Children

In last week's newsletter I signposted parents to information about the government's Covid-19 vaccine rollout programme for secondary school children. As you know, this has become a very controversial issue with a lot of loud voices on both sides of the debate. I would like to be clear that I do not feel it is within our remit as teachers and school workers to influence you one way or the other about whether your child should be vaccinated. We are not medical professionals, and like you, as parents - we will be making the decisions for our own children that we are most comfortable with.

However, the reality is that our school site will be used for these vaccinations. Unlike with the Covid testing process, this will be handled entirely by medical professionals. Our role is likely to be limited to providing and/or collating consent forms. I would urge parents to have open conversations with their children about this, and you should be aware of the Gillick Competence aspect that may come into effect if a situation arises where you do not give consent, but your child expresses a wish to be vaccinated. For more information on this and to see the information I sent out last week, **please click here:**

<https://bedalehighschool.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/24.9.21.pdf>

At the time of writing, we have not yet been contacted about the vaccinations. I will share further details with parents as soon as I am able to.



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Friday 24th September 2021

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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.

GCSEs - Adaptations for Summer 2022

School were sent a press release yesterday giving some information about the changes for exams for our current Yr 11s. The main thrust can be seen in this paragraph: *'Following a public consultation, the government and Ofqual have today (30 September) confirmed changes such as a choice of topics in some GCSE exams like English literature and history; advance information on the focus of exams to focus students' revision in subjects, where there is not a choice of topics; and support materials like formulae sheets in maths.'*



The full details can be seen here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/adaptations-in-2022-summer-examsto-ensure-fairness-for-students>

Teachers will use the information to inform their teaching and approaches over the coming months.

Natasha's Law: Sandwiches

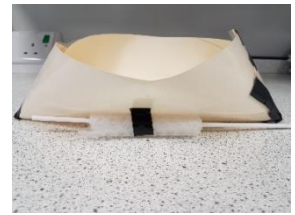
From today, we must comply with Natasha's Law. Natasha died eating a pretzel which contained sesame seeds which had not been mentioned on the packaging.

To comply with the law, we now buy our sandwiches in, meaning that anything packaged must have face to face service. These new sandwiches will have the ingredients and allergens labelled on the packaging, but unfortunately they do cost more and this has resulted in some price increases for these items.

Extra-Curricular

These clubs are now up and running. A full timetable was included in last week's newsletter.

Mrs Faint is keen to promote the STEM club in Lab 28 after school on Tuesday next week...for



their taster day event students had to build a boat using basic materials, with the challenge to see how much weight it could hold. The winning design (pictured) held 850g!

Mr Kelly's running club also starts on Monday after school...just bring your kit and he will meet you at the changing rooms for 3.20pm. Maybe someone could also bring a defibrillator for Mr Kelly?!

See full extra-curricular timetable here:

<https://bedalehighschool.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/24.9.21.pdf>

Stand With Stan!

A message from the Millings Care Home, Bedale ...

One of our residents at the Millings Care Home, 92-year-old Stan Allsop is very keen to continue the swell of community spirit that has arisen out of the Pandemic time.



One of the wonderful things that has arisen through this period is the depth and POWER of community spirit where neighbours and complete strangers have embraced the challenge to ensure vulnerable residents are not alone. Stan feels it would be a real shame to lose this sense of community that has been created and experienced over the past 18 months, as things start to open up again.

We would therefore like to invite you and your school community to join Stan in Bedale Park by the band stand on Sunday 3rd October at 11.45am to share a moment of reflection and ideas of how we can help continue the wonderful community spirit in Bedale generated during the Pandemic. It would be lovely to see you there.

Duke of Edinburgh – Year 10s

The weather has changed a lot since last week, but Mrs Wilson and her colleagues were delighted with the expedition for these Year 10s last week. Miss Bradbury described them as one of the best groups they have ever taken! The students camped in Reeth, cooked their own meals and navigated their own way across the hills on the two hikes, using maps and, erm, common sense! All of the students passed the expedition and we look forward to awarding them with their badges soon. A huge thankyou to parents for your support, and to the staff who gave up their time to take the group...well done everyone!



What's On?

DATE	EVENT	AUDIENCE
6 th October (NEW TIME AND FORMAT)	Year 7 Parents SLT Virtual Check-In 5.30pm to 6.30pm <u>SEE ZOOM DETAILS BELOW</u>	Due to the current Covid situation in school, we have had to turn this into a virtual event. It will be run by the Senior Leadership Team as a Zoom call to Year 7 parents. We will briefly update you on the start to the year, and give you time to offer any feedback or questions. Parents with specific issues that warrant further discussion will be able to ask for a call back for later in the week.
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

***Please note that all events are subject to change, depending on the latest Covid situation in school.**

Zoom meeting details for Year 7 Parent Check-In on Weds 6th October 5.30pm:

Year 7 Parent Check-In
Time: Oct 6, 2021 05:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86474301373?pwd=VGpjOUJxa0JoZkZJZYVMxZFhjYnVsZz09>

Meeting ID: 864 7430 1373

Passcode: CuX7Xs

If you are unable to join the meeting, and you have a query, please contact your child's form tutor or Miss Bradbury: bradburys@bedalehighschool.org.uk

UNIFORM REMINDER

Please can we remind parents of some of our key rules around uniform:

Nails: Students are not permitted to have coloured or false nails (inc Acrylics).

Permitted Jewellery: One plain ring and/or necklace. Girls and boys who have pierced ears may wear one simple, small earring in each ear. Other Jewellery will be confiscated and returned at an arranged time. Nose, lip, tongue and eyebrow jewellery, or other piercings (including retainers) are not allowed, no matter how small.

Full guidance on uniform can be seen on our website here:

<https://bedalehighschool.org.uk/about-us/school-uniform/>

Thankyou for your support with this.