



# BEDALE

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## HIGH SCHOOL

Courage

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Compassion

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Your child's Form Tutor:

Pastoral Support Team:

Miss Bradbury (Head of KS3):

Miss Temple (Head of KS4):

Subject Teacher:

Curriculum Queries (Mr Gill):

SEND & Inclusion Queries (Mrs Knight):

General Queries:

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## Covid Updates

### Vaccinations for 12-15 year olds

The School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS) have contacted the school this week to confirm that they will be offering Covid-19 vaccinations to 12-15 year old students in school on October 21<sup>st</sup>. I have written to them to seek clarification on some aspects of how this process will work, and I will share this information as soon as I have it. Previous information has been shared in recent newsletters - please see the link below to see these.

### Positive Covid Cases

Over the last week or so, we have remained fairly steady with the number of positive cases among students and staff, though this remains an ever-changing picture as some students return from self-isolation as others test positive and have to start self-isolating. However, over the course of today and Monday, we are expecting approximately half of our current self-isolating students to return to school, hopefully indicating that we may be through the worst of the recent rise in cases. The temporary measures we reinstated recently will remain in place and under review through consultation with the North Yorks Public Health team and in response to how the situation develops in school.

### Home Testing

This remains a very important tool in our efforts to reduce the spread of Covid-19 in our school community. Please continue to ensure that all students test at least twice a week to support this process. We will continue to remind students about the importance of this, and Miss Riley-Fox is happy to help you with any questions or concerns that you may have around this:

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

To avoid repeating information from previous weeks, here is the link to our Newsletter page on the school website where you can go back to recent issues:

<https://bedalehighschool.org.uk/latest-news/> .

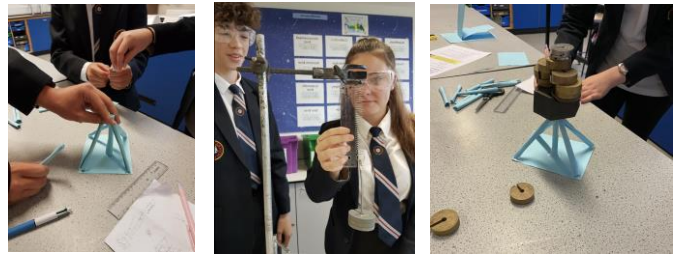
# Yr 10 Science Live Great STEM Work!

SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING  
MATHEMATICS

An opportunity has arisen to take up to 50 Year 10 students to Sheffield City Hall to take part in the "GCSE Science Live!" series on Tuesday 1st March 2022. The day will involve the chance to see and hear 5 of Britain's top Scientists working at the cutting edge of their specialisms. Please see letter attached which your son/daughter will come home with today. The cost of this educational trip is £28.50 per child. If you would like your child to attend then the reply slip needs to be handed in to the office by Friday 15th October - No payment is needed at this time. Based on previous years of running this trip, we are expecting this trip to be popular. If more than 50 students wish to go, we will draw names from a hat. Therefore, it is essential that all students wishing to go submit their reply slip by the deadline. If any year 10s are absent at the moment, an email from parent/guardian giving permission to attend the trip will suffice. Please email me at [jennisos@bedalehighschool.org.uk](mailto:jennisos@bedalehighschool.org.uk).

Ms Thiara was delighted with the after school STEM club this week. Students were building towers, the one pictured held a mass of 1320Kg (not weight!). Other pics show a practical activity in which Year 10 students will go on to calculate the elastic potential energy in their springs.

Over the coming weeks we will feature a mini-focus on the extra-curricular clubs that are now up and running in school...please do keep encouraging your child to attend - there really is something for everyone!



## Self-Study

### *Mr Wild writes:*

This half term we have made a number of changes to the way that we set, monitor and support home learning. This includes a new self-study timetable aimed at scaffolding a gradual increase in the amount of work expected of students as they progress through the school. We also now offer a 'Self-Study Club' at lunchtimes and on Monday to Thursday nights, to support students to complete their work. We have already begun adding new 'Commitment to Self-study' reward points on Satchel One, and from next week we will also make parents aware of when their children have failed to submit multiple self-study tasks through sending text messages. Parents can already check what self-study has been set or is outstanding through logging in to Satchel One. We will run a 'Self-study Support' evening via Zoom on 21st October to help parents to understand our new approach. Please come back to me with any queries on this new system: [wildt@bedalehighschool.org.uk](mailto:wildt@bedalehighschool.org.uk).

## Year 7 Parent Check-In Evening

Thank you to all the parents who attended this virtual evening with Matt Gill and me on Wednesday evening. I apologise again for the abrupt end to the meeting...I was asking Matt to expand on something and I had not realised that we were about to run out of time on the call! Fortunately, we had responded to the questions in the chat box by then, and thank you to parents for the many lovely emails and messages we received afterwards to say how well your children have settled in. We covered reminders on who to go to for support, a summary on what students have been learning in lessons, an overview of the extra-curricular and leadership opportunities and also on our actions around mental health and wellbeing in school. If any parents wish to see the Powerpoint we used, it can be seen here: <https://bedalehighschool.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Year-7-Virtual-Settling-In-Evening-6.10.21.pdf>. If any parent requires an additional follow-up call, please email [admin@bedalehighschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@bedalehighschool.org.uk).

# Student Survey

A whole school student survey will be available to complete from Monday - this has been designed by the Healthy Schools Team. The results will be shared with tutor groups later this term and will be used to focus on what can be done to further improve the health and wellbeing of the whole school community (and our application for the Silver Healthy Schools Award).

We have also responded to a request from the KS3 Student Council with regards to changes to the queueing system at lunchtime which were implemented from Thursday this week...student voice really does carry weight these days!



# Restart A Heart Day

We will once again be working with our friends at the Yorkshire Ambulance Service when they come into school next week to promote World Restart A Heart Day. This is an event we have run before in school, and it is always very well received. It really does give students the opportunity to learn some very valuable skills, - skills that could literally save a life. Please see Mr Childe's letter attached for full details.

## Online Safety – Parent Resource

The following resource may be of interest to parents. It is a practical guide on how to keep teens safe online, including useful summaries of popular internet apps as well as the types of threats teens could be exposed to online:

- Safety tips for using apps such as Instagram, TikTok (which has gathered 1 billion users in only two years), YouTube, Snapchat, Twitter and Whatsapp. They also cover advice and safety tips for teens playing online multiplayer video games.
- Other online safety topics and advice such as sharing personal information, socialising online, cyberbullying, harmful content, influencers, body image and mental health for teens online.
- Links to additional internet safety resources for parents from well-respected sources such as the NSPCC and the UK government's own guidelines.

The resource can be accessed here: The Parents' Guide to Teaching your Teen Online Safety  
<https://www.mytutor.co.uk/blog/parents/the-parents-guide-to-teaching-your-teen-online-safety/> .

## Year 8 Geography Trip – Malham

*Mr Childe writes:*

Last week, all of our Year 8 students participated in a long-overdue Geography fieldtrip to Malham in the Yorkshire Dales National Park. Unfortunately, Mr Childe had failed to book the sunny weather and ice-cream van for the first trip - but the torrential



rain and gale force winds offered a fantastic opportunity for many of students, in particular Annabel Nicholson, Sophie Allanson, Sophia Laws-Williams and Immy Pattison show just how committed and courageous they are in extremely adverse conditions! Nevertheless, on both days, the students represented the school in amazing fashion, as they hiked up to the top of Malham Cove on the limestone pavement (as seen in the Harry Potter movies!), across fields to Gordale Scar and then back to the warmth of the coach via the beautiful Janet's Foss waterfall. Overall, it was just fantastic for our students to return to learning outside the classroom - and a very enjoyable and stimulating time was had by all!

# Student Leadership & Extra Curricular

A reminder to all families that we are now up and running with a full extra-curricular programme coordinated by Mrs Lumsdon, and all students have now had an assembly from Mrs Woodward and Mr Childe about our new Student Leadership opportunities. The reasons we are putting such a heavy emphasis on these areas is because we believe that these opportunities help our young people to feel more confident, to experience a sense of achievement in other areas beyond their subject lessons, to make new friends and to develop resilience as they show the courage and commitment to try new things. A lot of thought and planning has gone into both the extra-curricular and the student leadership; our aim is that every single student should feel that there is something for them - wherever their interests or strengths may lie. The student leadership pathways are summarised here - students are currently writing letters to apply for different positions. Please encourage them to get involved, or even just to have a chat with Mrs Woodward or Mr Childe if they want to find out more about them.



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## Healthy Schools Team

Sport Leaders





Subject Ambassadors



## Student Leadership Programme: 2021-22

Peer Leaders



School Ambassadors



Student Council



Day	Club	Time	Room	Led by
Monday	LRC for Year 7	Lunchtime	LRC	English department
	Year 7 Boys Football	3.15 - 4.15	Muga	Mr Bielby
	Running Club	3.15 - 4.15	Field	Mr Kelly
	Film Club	3.05 - 4.05	Room 24	Mrs Cann
	Maker Club	3.15 - 4.15	Room 52	Mrs Childe
	School Production (Full cast)	3.05 - 4.30	School Hall	Mrs Woodward
Tuesday	Year 7 - 9 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports hall	Mr Bielby
	KS3 Military Kids Club	Lunchtime	Room 50	Mrs Hoyle
	LRC for Year 8	Lunchtime	LRC	English department
	STEM Club - Autumn Term	3.15 - 4.00	Lab 6/7	Miss Faint & Science team
	Girls Football for all years	3.15- 4.15	Muga	Mr Wilson & Miss Temple
	Year 7 - 9 Art Club	3.05 - 4.05	Room 50	Miss Ackers
	Yr7 - 9 Computing Club	3.05- 4.05	Room 14	Mr Barnes
Wednesday	Gardening Club	3.05 - 4.00	School Garden	Mrs F Hall
	LRC for Year 9	Lunchtime	LRC	English department
	Chess Club	Lunchtime	Room 20	Mr Mugisha
	School Production (Full cast)	3.05 - 4.30	School Hall	Mrs Woodward

Thursday	LRC for Year 7	Lunchtime	LRC	English department
	Year 7 - 9 Girls Netball	Lunchtime	Sports hall	Miss Temple
	Boardgames Club	Lunchtime	Base	Miss Sadique
	History Club	3.15- 4.15	Room 1	Miss Tallentire
	Trampoline Club	3.15- 4.15	Gym	Miss Temple
	Yr 8 & 9 Boys Football	3.15- 4.15	Muga	Mr Bielby
	Gardening Club	3.05 - 4.00	School Garden	Mrs F Hall
Friday	GCSE Art Club	3.05 - 4.05	Room 50	Miss Ackers
	School Production (Principals Only)	3.05 - 4.30	School Hall	Mrs Woodward
	School Newspaper Club	Lunchtime	LRC	Mr Chapman
Friday	Yr10 - 11 boys Football	3.15- 4.15	MUGA	Mr Gill & Mr Mugisha

Ongoing projects - Duke of Edinburgh - see Mrs Wilson for more info.

- NSEA Horse Club - see Mrs Riley- Fox for more info.
- Healthy Schools - see Mr Childe for more info.



# BHS Parent Teacher Association

*If you would like to know what this is all about...please have a read of this item from one of our Parents:*

Hello, I'm Helen and I have a son, Luke, who's in Year 8 (and an older son Ben who is in 6th Form at boarding school) and we moved to RAF Leeming in July 2020. I've been asked to tell you a little about being involved in the PTA.

We are a new group, having formed in the Summer Term of last year to help raise money for the school through events and activities and to support school events.

Since starting, we have provided refreshments at the School's Creative Arts Presentation Evening, and the Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat Outreach performance as well as planning bake sales for the Teenage Cancer Trust and MacMillan.

Having been a part of PTA at my sons' previous schools, I joined to help the school raise funds to support our children and to meet other parents. With Luke getting a bus to school, I found I didn't know many parents at Bedale High which was a big change from his small primary school where we all knew each other well.

I have found that the PTA is a small but enthusiastic group, with a wide variety of skills, which include baking, event planning, crafts, costume making and serving refreshments.

We have an exciting calendar of events planned for the upcoming academic year including a Christmas Fayre, wreath making workshop, cooking workshops and a community Race for Life Event.

If you would like to join us please come along to our next informal get together at the school on, Monday 1st November at 5pm.

You don't need any particular skills, we will welcome anyone with ideas, contacts or just the availability to help with setting up some of our events.

Please contact [woodl@bedalehighschool.org.uk](mailto:woodl@bedalehighschool.org.uk) for further details.

Helen Wagstaff.

## What's Coming Up?

DATE	EVENT	AUDIENCE
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Restart A Heart Day	Year 7 students
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Blood Brothers Performance - Bradford	Yr 11 Drama students
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 7-9 Self-Study Support Evening	Year 7-9 Parents
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Year 11 Parent Evening	Year 11 parents and students
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Primary Schools Enrichment Day	Primary Students
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Presentation Evening	Year 8-11 students and parents, plus Yr 11 leavers
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day Service - Ripon Cathedral	Services Families Students
24 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 9 Parent Evening	Year 9 parents and students

*All events subject to change depending on Covid-19 situation*



**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](mailto:woodl@bedalehighschool.org.uk) OR just turn up to a meeting!**

