



BEDALE HIGH SCHOOL

Courage

Commitment

Compassion

Friday 26th November 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:

Get Help Here...

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templec@bedalehighschool.org.uk
for any subject specific questions around learning tasks
gillm@bedalehighschool.org.uk
knighta@bedalehighschool.org.uk
admin@bedalehighschool.org.uk or call 01677 422419

Covid and Flu Vaccinations Update

Covid Vaccinations

We have finally received an update from the School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS) who have confirmed that they will be back in school on Monday 13th December. Their focus on this visit will be offering the Covid vaccination to students in Years 7-9 whose parents have consented. They have said that there is the possibility of them trying to administer jabs to some of the Year 10 and Year 11 students who missed out last time but this will depend on how quickly they get through the other students. Unfortunately, they require new consent from those wishing to have the jab so that a new list can be created. Nurses are aware that some students may have been for their Covid jab since they last visited school and so the previous list will now be out of date. A new consent form and information link will be sent out early next week via email. Please ensure you complete the form if you wish for your child to be vaccinated.

Covid Measures in school

We have maintained the additional measures in school over the last few weeks, even though cases have remained very low (face coverings on corridors, sanitising, cleaning down desks between lessons). The reason for this is that with several large events taking place (parent evening, Presentation Evening, Christmas Fayre, Wizard of Oz etc) it seems sensible to continue taking precautions for everyone's protection. This will be discussed further with staff next week, but I anticipate that the measures are likely to remain in place for the final 3 weeks of this term so that staff and students can feel safer going into the Christmas holiday, hopefully maintaining that lower chance of catching or spreading Covid. [Please can parents remind students of the importance of supporting others by wearing their face coverings on corridors.](#)

Flu nasal spray

This will be offered to all students on Thursday 16th December.

Consents must be given in order for students to have the spray. Some parents and carers may have already given consent back in September. If they are confident they have done this then consent does not need to be given again. If at all unsure please consent again. The consent form and information link will be sent out early next week via email.

Choir Performance Cancelled this Saturday

Mrs Woodward writes:

Unfortunately, as a direct result of the adverse weather conditions which are forecast to affect Bedale this Saturday, the Town Council have made the decision to cancel the Bedale Christmas Festival performances at which the BHS choir were due to perform.

We will, therefore, NOT be meeting this Saturday at 1445 in front of the Christmas Tree in Bedale High Street.

Our important technical rehearsal for the Wizard of Oz production on Sunday 28th November from 0930 - 1700 will continue as planned in the main hall.



The Wellbeing in Mind team have sent school a very useful directory of support services that we can use for signposting with parents and families. Although it is designed for schools to use for this purpose, I think there are also useful links and contacts for parents to consider using when approaching services direct. We have added the directory to our school website.

Please see the link here:

[Where to go for help > Bedale High School](#)

History Club Need You!

History club is on a mission to gain more historians. **Every Thursday from 3:05-3:50 in Room 1** you can join Miss Tallentire to learn about historical time periods and people, and have the opportunity to share your historical knowledge with other members from across Yr 7-11. But don't just take it from me, listen to our member's testimonials:

Evie - "I think history club is a great use of time as it is not like a lesson. You can go on trips and expand your knowledge. Castle building is an artistic take to the club which we will be doing after Christmas."

Jess - "I'm Jessica and I joined because I love history."

Megan - "You should join history club because you can be rewarded with points, make cool things and go on trips."

Lucas - "You need to come because you can go on trips, make castles and even learn about historical people."

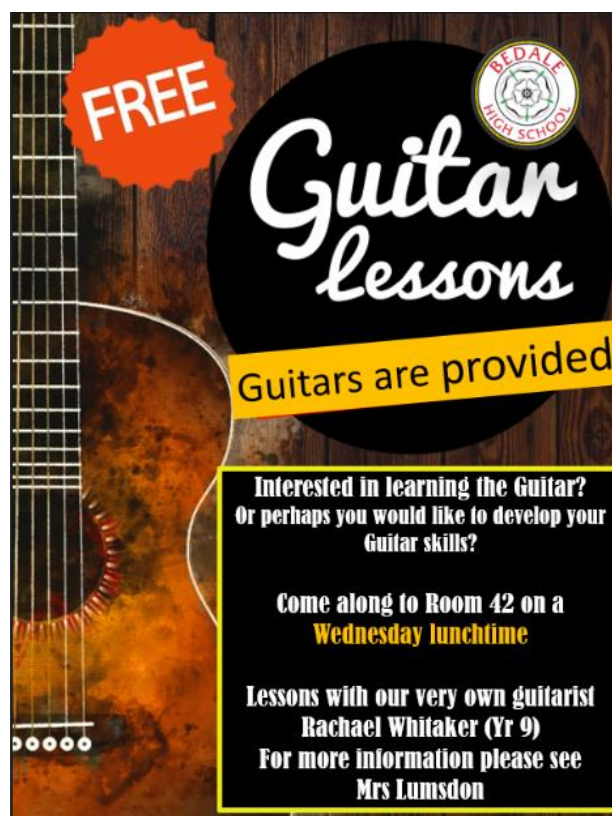
A colorful poster for the History Club. The title "history club" is written in a playful, multi-colored font at the top. Below the title, there is a central white box with black text that reads: "INTERESTED IN HISTORY? JOIN HISTORY CLUB! ON BETWEEN- 3:05 - 3:50 EVERY THURSDAY RAN BY MISS TALLENTIRE ROOM 1". The poster is decorated with various historical portraits and illustrations of people in different eras, including a man in a suit, a woman in a white dress, a man in a red and white outfit, a woman in a black dress, a man in a black coat, a woman in a blue dress, a man in a black coat, a woman in a red and white outfit, and a man in a blue and white outfit. The background is light blue with a gold scalloped border at the top and bottom.

Extra-Curricular Update

Day	Club	Time	Room	Led by	
Monday	Self-Study Club	Lunchtime	LRC	English department	
	Drum Club	Lunchtime	Room 42	Student led by Willow Newport Yr10 & Connor Fox Yr11	
	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	
	Dance Club	3.15 - 4.05	Drama Studio	Student led by Yr11 dancers	
	School Production (Full cast)	3.05 - 4.30	School Hall	Mrs Woodward	
	Tuesday	Choir for all years	Lunchtime	Room 42	Mrs Lumsdon
		Year 7 - 9 Basketball	Lunchtime	Sports hall	Mr Bielby
KS3 Military Kids Club		Lunchtime	Room 50	Mrs Halls	
Self-Study Club		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	
Gardening Club		3.05 - 4.00	School Garden	Mrs F Hall	
Wednesday		Self-Study Club	Lunchtime	LRC	English department
	Guitar Club	Lunchtime	Room 42	Student led by Rachael Whitaker Yr9	
	Chess Club	Lunchtime	Room 20	Mr Mugisha	
	School Production (Full cast)	3.05 - 4.30	School Hall	Mrs Woodward	

Thursday	Self-Study Club	Lunchtime	LRC	English department
	Year 7 - 9 Girls Netball	Lunchtime	Sports hall	Miss Temple
	Boardgames Club	Lunchtime	Base	Miss Siddique
	History Club	3.15- 4.15	Room 1	Miss Tallentire
	Trampolining Club	3.15- 4.15	Gym	Miss Temple
	Yr 8 & 9 Boys Football	3.15- 4.15	Muga	Mr Bielby
	GCSE Art Club	3.05 - 4.05	Room 50	Miss Ackers
	School Production (Principals Only)	3.05 - 4.30	School Hall	Mrs Woodward
Friday	School Newspaper Club	Lunchtime	LRC	Mr Chapman
	Drum Club	Lunchtime	Room 42	Student led by Willow Newport Yr10 & Connor Fox Yr11
	Crochet Club	Lunchtime	Room 50	Student led by Jake Richards Yr10
	Yr10 - 11 boys Football	3.15- 4.15	MUGA	Mr Gill & Mr Mugisha

- Ongoing projects
- Peripatetic Music lesson (private or as a group) - see Mrs Lumsdon
 - Arts Council - see Miss Ackers, Mrs Woodward & Mrs Lumsdon
 - Duke of Edinburgh - see Mrs Wilson for more info.
 - NSEA Horse Club - see Mrs Riley- Fox for more info.
 - Student Ambassadors - see Mrs Woodward for more info.
 - Healthy Schools - see Mr Childe for more info.



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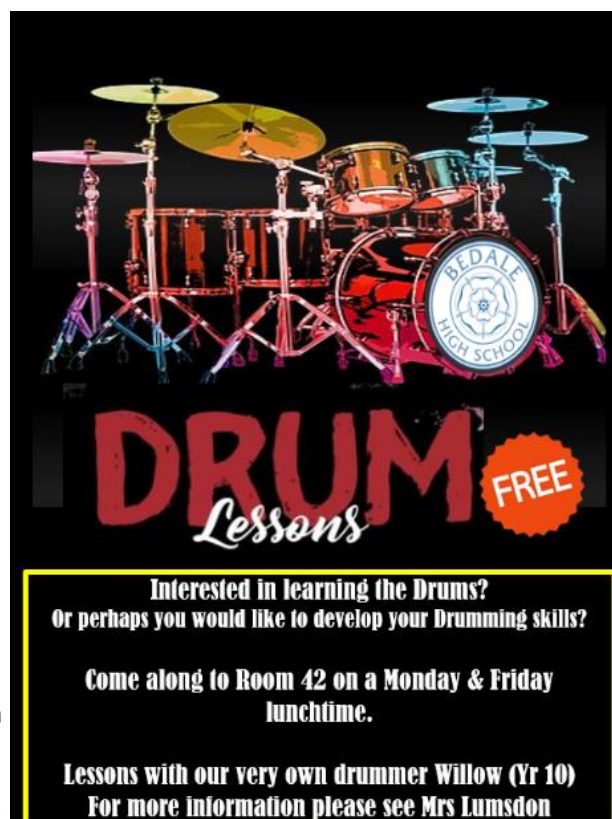
Guitar lessons

Guitars are provided

Interested in learning the Guitar?
Or perhaps you would like to develop your Guitar skills?

Come along to Room 42 on a **Wednesday lunchtime**

Lessons with our very own guitarist **Rachael Whitaker (Yr 9)**
For more information please see **Mrs Lumsdon**



DRUM Lessons

FREE

Interested in learning the Drums?
Or perhaps you would like to develop your Drumming skills?

Come along to Room 42 on a **Monday & Friday lunchtime.**

Lessons with our very own drummer **Willow (Yr 10)**
For more information please see **Mrs Lumsdon**

What's Coming Up?

DATE	EVENT	AUDIENCE
WC 22nd November	Yr 7 -9 Reports to go home	Year 7-9 students and parents
24 th November	Year 8 Parent Evening Thank-you for the fantastic turnout	Year 8 parents and students
2 nd -4 th December	Wizard of Oz evening performances	Anyone lucky enough to get tickets!
WC 6 th December	Year 11 PPEs begin	Year 11 Students
17 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day!	All Students
4 th Jan 2022	Staff Training Day	No students in school on this day
12 th Jan 2022	Year 11 Parent Evening* (Moved so that it can include feedback from PPEs).	Year 11 Parents and Students

All events subject to change depending on Covid-19 situation

Wizard of Oz Production -Tickets still available!

Tickets are still available for our Whole School Production of The Wizard of Oz which will take place at Bedale High School this December on the following dates.

Thursday 2nd December

Friday 3rd December

Saturday 4th December

Doors open at 1830 and the performance will begin at 1900.

Tickets for the production are priced at £7.00 for adults and £5.00 for children (up to 16 years old) and concessions. All tickets can be secured via the Eventbrite link below and everyone is welcome to attend.

We will be holding a raffle at every evening performance and our PTA will be serving some festive refreshments. We will also be running a sweet stall on the night with all proceeds going directly towards the main school hall refurbishment project.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-wizard-of-oz-bedale-high-schools-whole-school-production-2021-tickets-202006505897>

THIS SHOW IS GOING TO BE AMAZING...IT WILL TAKE YOUR BREATH AWAY – GET TICKETS WHILE YOU CAN!

Parents: Social Media Request

This week some Facebook posts from parents have been brought to our attention where some parents are openly naming school staff and sharing personal opinions about them. Please can I ask that these communications remain private, rather than being carried out in an open forum for anyone to see. Many staff actually live in the local community and have friends and family around the area. It is simply not fair for them to be subjected to this kind of exposure where, for example, one of their children has been told about something that has been seen or heard about on FB that was written by a parent from one of our school families.

I completely accept that sometimes parents may disagree with procedures or protocols, or have issues/concerns around individual members of staff. But the best way to deal with this is to email or telephone, using the contact numbers that are shared at the top of this letter every week.

We can then have a discussion or meeting to help resolve these concerns.

Thank-you for your support with this.

MUGA – Important Announcement

Repeated from last week:

As the weather worsens and we use the MUGA more for groups of students at break and lunch, we have been asked by the Leisure Centre to ensure that students always wear the correct footwear. This is because they feel that the artificial turf is becoming damaged from repeated wear and tear from the wrong sorts of shoes being worn on it.

Tutors have informed students that they will not be able to be on the MUGA unless they have the correct footwear i.e. moulded studs or astro-turf trainers...NOT flat soled school shoes, trainers or metal studs. They will need to bring these to change into at break/lunch.

Decorum Assemblies

It is not unusual in schools to see some fatigue creeping in at this time of year - the gloss of a new term has worn off, the weather is darker and colder, and everyone just wants to get to Christmas. Sometimes this can start to impact on general behaviour and conduct in and around the school setting.

To counter this with some more positive messages, we have held assemblies with every year group this week, focussing on the word 'Decorum' and linking this to general behaviour around our site. We have also reflected on each year group's key behaviour data over the last 4 weeks so that we can remind them of the things they need to be focussing on.

Parents can be a huge support with this process by helping to remove the 'basics' that sometimes start the day off negatively for a student: ensuring that they are in correct uniform, that they have had a decent breakfast, that they have set off in time to get to school for the 8.40am bell, that they are not bringing hoodies or jumpers into school with them. Thank you for helping us with these messages.

**OFFICIAL BEDALE
HIGH SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS
CALENDARS AND
CARDS FOR SALE**

Calendars: £8.00

**Christmas Cards: £4.00 for
a pack of 5 cards.**

**Payment via Parent
pay**

**All proceeds go to the
Main School Hall
Refurbishment project
2021/22**



21st NOVEMBER LAUNCH OF LEGO JOURNEYS

**JOINING TOGETHER, BUILDING
RELATIONSHIPS, MAKING STORIES
AND MEMORIES THAT MATTER.**

LEGO JOURNEYS is something for all ages, it's a place where play is encouraged, and fun brings to life the greatest stories of all time.



The **Methodist** Church

SUNDAY

21st Nov

5th & 19th Dec

3pm Start

**A SUPER FUN
FUELED LEGO
ADVENTURE!**

All Ages

Welcome

**Children must be
accompanied by
an adult.**

**Joining Together
Building
Relationships**

Fantastic Stories

Where?

**BEDALE & DISTRICT
METHODIST CHURCH**

On the corner of
The Wynd & Wycar Road
DL8 1ER