



# BEDALE HIGH SCHOOL

Courage

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Compassion

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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## Presentation Evening

Last night was a wonderful occasion! Our Co-Chair of Governors described it to me as the best Presentation Evening he has seen at Bedale High School and I would have to agree. We were fortunate to have a brilliant guest speaker in former student Dr Becki Lawson who shared her varied experiences of working with animals and offered some very relevant guidance and advice to students as they work their way through their school career.

The evening started with a teaser number from the upcoming Wizard of Oz and it absolutely blew us away! The quality of performance and level of focus was really impressive. In between the awards, we also had other performances from students: Liam Porter, Jamie Linley, Lilly Ball and Grace Barker - well done to all of them for having the courage to perform in front of such a large audience - it was great to see. Grace Brewin concluded the event with a well-expressed vote of thanks.

It was also lovely to see our Year 11 leavers return and collect awards, as well as our current students. We took the time to acknowledge achievement in the following areas: contribution to a year group; academic subject awards; success in sport. We finished with the main event: our Distinctive Awards.

The entire evening was the perfect showcase for students who have demonstrated our core values in a range of ways over the last academic year.

I must give a special mention to Mrs Woodward...there was a moment some weeks ago when I met with her about planning the event. At one point she asked: 'Tom - how would you feel about me taking the lead on this?' It's safe to say that this was a very easy decision to make! She and her stage crew and performers form an incredible team. Some students were in school for 11 hours yesterday working around this event and getting things ready. They were so professional, conscientious and helpful. Thanks also to other staff and students who had key roles in the lead up to the event or during it, including our student Ambassadors and PTA who were all heavily involved, and to Miss Ackers and Mrs Judd for wonderful Remembrance Day display in the foyer area. We will send out a link for photos soon.





# Star Turn Visits BHS Performers

*Martyn Coombs writes:* Bedale High School had a visit last week from ex-student Sophie Hammond aged 29, who left in the summer of 2009. Having attended Stagecoach drama school whilst at primary school it was Zena Bentley the high school music teacher at the time who took her aside in Y7 and told her she wanted her to sing in the summer concert and from that moment Sophie never looked back.

At school Sophie was remembered by one of her teachers Mrs Bradley as 'the girl who always sang and pirouetted down the corridor.' She sang in school productions of Bugsy Malone and Oliver as well as the school version of Britain's Got Talent and attended York College to study performing arts and musical theatre.

She studied at the London Drama School where her time was spent between London and New York learning her craft. She soon appeared in several episodes of the ITV drama Breathless and on graduation she collaborated with Kerry Ellis one of the leading ladies of West End musicals, on the production of Barry The Penguin.

Speaking to GCSE and BTEC Performing Arts students she emphasised how important it was to have the courage to keep going when all doors seem shut and to have the commitment to keep trying which she likened to reaching the final cut for Bend It Like Beckham and Wicked, two auditions she just missed out on.

Sophie led the warmup and took part in for the rehearsals for the forthcoming school production of the Wizard Of Oz, which takes place in the main hall on Thursday December 2, Friday December 3 and Saturday December 4 at 7pm. After these rehearsals, Sophie, who teaches Performing Arts at Beckfoot School in Bingley, drove down for her own rehearsals at the Grand Opera House in York where she is playing the lead role of Jovie in Elf the Christmas Musical which runs for 11 performances commencing November 25.



# Christmas Fayre

**Come along tonight at 5.30pm to get that Christmas Shopping sorted! Bring a friend or two and turn it into a great start to the weekend!**



## **BEDALE HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS FAYRE**



**FRIDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2021**  
**IN THE MAIN HALL AT BEDALE HIGH**  
**SCHOOL**  
**FITZALAN ROAD, BEDALE.**

Our Christmas Fayre is open to EVERYONE and entry is FREE.

**1730 - 1930**

Come along for an evening of Christmas shopping, great food and festive entertainment.

**Over 30 stalls of local crafts, food, art and festive gifts.**

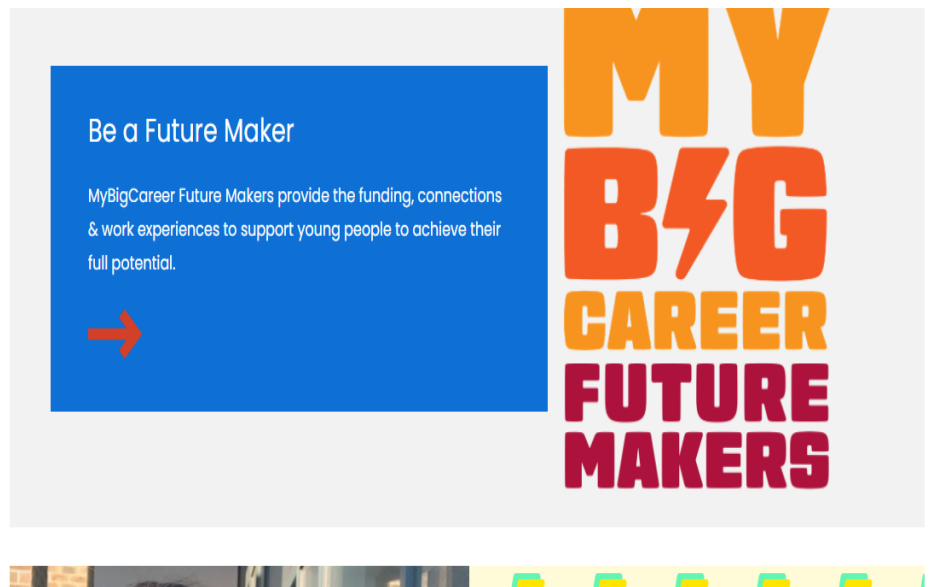




# My Big Career Interviews

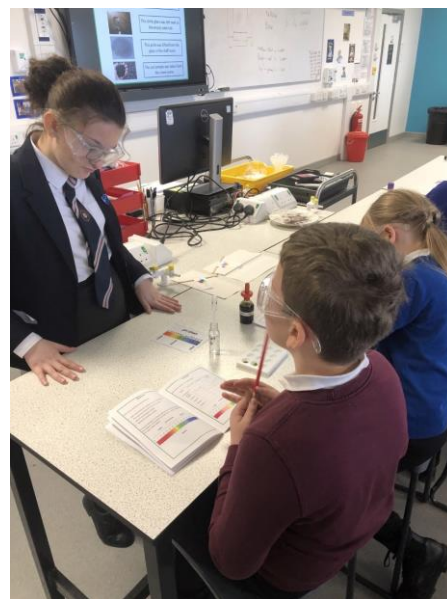
Miss Temple has been organising early careers guidance interviews with a number of Year 8 and Year 9 students this week.

They had 20-minute one-to-one virtual career coaching sessions. The feedback from tutors and students was very positive, and it was interesting to hear them talking about their future hopes and aspirations. This work is part of our drive to meet the Gatsby benchmarks for careers education in school and is just one of a range of interventions that students will benefit from as they work their way through school.



## Science Primary School Enrichment Day

Another very successful event this week was our Science Enrichment Day where Miss Thiara and Mrs Jennison ran Crime Scene Investigation activities in the labs, using our Student Ambassadors to work with students from Thornton Watlass, Burneston and RAF Leeming primary schools. We used some of our staff as the 'suspects' and the students really enjoyed the day. We received some fantastic feedback from their staff and all of this plays a really important part in our mission to ensure that we are the natural choice of secondary school for local primary students. Thanks so much to these staff for all the extra work they put into this event, and to our fabulous students for making such a positive impression.





**No Pre Booking Required**

**Saturday**

**OPEN EVENT**

**10.30am - 2.00pm**

**20<sup>th</sup> November**

QUEEN ELIZABETH SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

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## Post 16 Open Day Events



Discover how we help students reach their full potential

Year 7-11 Parents and Carers  
Information Event

Thursday 9 December, 6pm

HARROGATE COLLEGE

A member of Luminate Education Group

## Rotary Shoebox Appeal - Fantastic Effort from students!





# Wizard of Oz Production -Tickets on sale now

We are delighted to invite you to 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.

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

A yellow poster for the Bedale High School Creative Arts Faculty's production of 'The Wizard of Oz'. The poster features the school's crest on the top left and right. The central image shows the Emerald City in the background, a yellow brick road in the foreground, and a pair of red high-heeled shoes. The title 'The Wizard of Oz' is written in a large, stylized, golden font. Below the title, the dates 'Thursday 2nd December', 'Friday 3rd December', and 'Saturday 4th December' are listed, followed by '2021' and 'Beginning at 1900'. At the bottom, the ticket prices are listed: 'Tickets priced at £7.00 for Adults' and '£5.00 for Children and Concessions'. The Eventbrite link is provided below the ticket prices. The poster concludes with the words 'COURAGE COMMITMENT COMPASSION' in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

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