



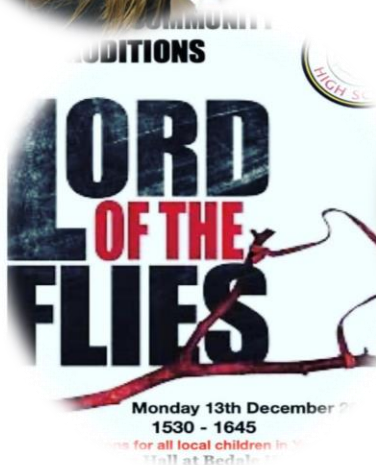
# BEDALE HIGH SCHOOL

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Friday 17th December 2021



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Miss Temple (Head of KS4):  
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## Covid Update



### Covid Testing

Students have been issued with more Covid testing kits this week. Please remember to keep testing them over the holiday period, and especially just before the return to school on the 5<sup>th</sup> January.

### Daily Testing for contacts of Covid-19

Quoted from Department for Education update: From 14 December, a new national approach to daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 has been introduced. All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 - whether Omicron or not - should take an LFD test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating. Children under five years old do not need to take part in daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 and do not need to isolate.

Once notified by Test and Trace as a close contact, all eligible staff, pupils and students are strongly recommended to take a LFD each day for 7 days and report the results through the online reporting system and to their setting. If they test negative, they can continue to attend their education setting. Outside of the education setting, they should continue to follow national guidance. This approach should also be adopted over the Christmas holiday and on return in January.

### Return to School

There is a lot of speculation in the media at this time about schools potentially having to close after Christmas at some stage. At the moment - this is pure speculation and schools have been told to plan to continue with face to face teaching, but to have contingency plans in place. I would like to reassure families that we have these plans in place should this situation arise, but we hope that they will not be needed.

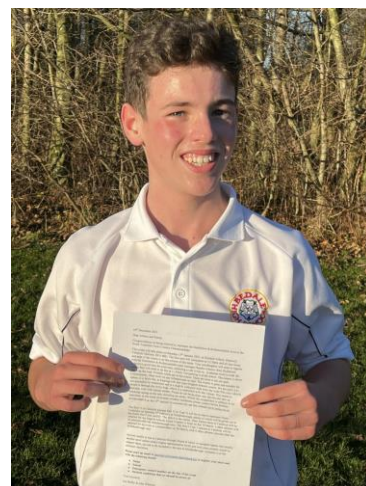
**Please keep using the Covid-19 home tests to test your child at least twice a week. Email Lynn Riley-Fox with any questions:  
[rileyfl@bedalehighschool.org.uk](mailto:rileyfl@bedalehighschool.org.uk) .**



# Area Cross Country Trials

*Mrs Temple writes:*

On Thursday we had a number of students participating in the Area Cross Country Trials at Northallerton Leisure Centre. It was perfect running conditions, with the sun shining and not too wet underfoot. All students ran incredibly well and showed great courage and commitment. Well done to the 8 students who qualified for the area team - Marley, Charlotte and Polly in Y7, Lucy and Matilda in Y8, Bella and Georgina in Y10 and Josh in Y11. They will go on to represent the Hambleton and Richmondshire area at the North Yorkshire Cross Country Championships in January.



## Illness and Absences from School

Please can I ask for parental support in reminding children of our protocols over illness in school. Once they have reported it to a member of staff, if it is serious enough to warrant further attention they will be escorted to the front desk and checked over by one of our First Aid staff. If necessary, parents will be contacted by school to come and collect any child who is too ill to be in school, or who is displaying any Covid symptoms.

It is vital that school remain the 'gate-keepers' for this system. In recent days we have had students calling parents directly to come and collect them, rather than going through the correct system in school. Such instances will be recorded as unauthorised absences moving forward.

Please can I also ask that parents with absent children contact school each and every day of the absence to confirm their status.

Please contact our Attendance Officer Zoe Hayes if you have any questions:

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

# What's Coming Up?

DATE	EVENT	AUDIENCE
4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2022	Staff Training Day	No students in school on this day
5 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2022	ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL	
5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2022	Covid Testing for consenting students	All consenting students
12 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2022	Year 11 Parent Evening* <b>PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS WILL NOW BE HELD VIRTUALLY WITH ONE TO ONE APPOINTMENTS HELD VIRTUALLY WITH CLASSROOM TEACHERS...MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW</b>	
12 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2022	Yr 11 Drama Trip to see Hairspray	Yr 11 Drama students
20 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2022	Year 9 Geography Field Trips to York	Year 9 Geography Students
26 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2022	Primary School Enrichment Event Day	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb 2022	Year 10 Parent Evening	Year 10 parents and students...this could become a virtual event, depending on the latest Covid situation and guidance

***All events subject to change depending on the latest Covid-19 situation and guidance***

## Rewards Trip

On Wednesday, Miss Temple and Miss Bradbury had the pleasure of taking 48 students to the Metro Centre for a Christmas reward trip. As you can see from the photo - Bedale students cleared the shelves in Primark! Students enjoyed shopping, food, bowling and the cinema - fun was had by all! Thank-you to all these students for their courage, commitment and compassion over the past 14 weeks. We are already looking forward to our next reward trip in Easter! Thanks also to Mr Wilson, Mrs Burgess, and Mrs Siddique for joining us.





# Work Experience Opportunity



## About Drax

We're one of the largest energy production companies in the UK. We've a number of power plants, the largest of which is based in Selby, Yorkshire. As well as producing our own sustainable biomass we sell electricity to small and medium enterprises through our customer businesses – Drax Energy Solutions.

Our activities are underpinned by safety, sustainability, operational excellence and expertise in our markets.

## Work experience 2022

We will be offering a hybrid experience of work in 2022, which will be split into 2 parts

**Part 1** – On-line welcome to Drax and employability skills, this 2-day virtual session will be hosted in school holidays (dates to be confirmed).

**Part 2** – In person work experience for a week, typically during school/college designated work experience week

## What you'll gain

- Employability skills
- Work experience for your CV
- Interview technique, advice, and practice
- Confidence building
- Understanding different job roles
- Career options and routes guidance
- Team working
- Meet Drax employees
- Certificate of attendance

## Who we're looking for?

Open to pupils in years 10 & 12

### Key information

**When:** 2022

**Where:** Virtual and in-person at Selby, Ipswich, Northampton, Cruachan, Dalldowie, Lanark, Galloway, London

### How can you apply?

- Vacancies will be open for application **17 December 2021** and will close **16 January 2022**
- Visit **[www.drax.com/careers](http://www.drax.com/careers)** to find further information about vacancies and apply
- Think! Don't be afraid to ask for help from your teacher or guardian to complete your application, or even contact us at [careers@drax.com](mailto:careers@drax.com), we are happy to answer any questions you may have

# Girls' County Cup Football

*Miss Temple writes:* The Yr 8/9 girls' football team had a 3-hour round trip to Norton College on Tuesday in the County Cup and certainly made the trip worthwhile! It was a very close game with Bedale battling hard and enjoying lots of possession. Bedale took the lead 3 times during the game thanks to goals from Pia (1) and Faith (2), however, each time Norton equalised meaning the game finished 3-3 and would be decided by penalties. Evie, Izzy, Natasha and Lily stepped up to take the penalties and we came away as 3-1 winners!



The courage, commitment and compassion displayed by the whole team was fantastic and they thoroughly deserved the win. Also a special mention to Faith H who was the player of the match today for her relentless attacking performance and 2 goals. We now look forward to the next round of the County Cup after Christmas.

## Guidance for parents and carers on online sexual harassment and keeping children safe online

The Children's Commissioner is today launching a guide for parents and carers on online sexual harassment and how they can support children to stay safe online.

"The things I wish my parents had known" draws together advice from 16 to 21-year olds on how parents should manage tricky conversations around sexual harassment and access to inappropriate content, including pornography.



The Commissioner's office began a programme of work focussing on peer-on-peer abuse following the avalanche of testimonies on the Everyone's Invited website, which laid bare an epidemic of sexual violence among teens. This was picked up in Ofsted's June 2021 review of sexual harassment in schools and colleges.

A surprising but overriding message from young people is that parents should start these challenging conversations early. They suggest broaching topics before a child is given a phone or a social media account, which is often around the age of 9 or 10.

The Children's Commissioner would be grateful for the support of schools and colleges in disseminating this guide to as many parents and carers as possible. She hopes that her guide will serve as a useful starting point to raise awareness and understanding of online harassment, and to complement key messages on the new relationships and sex education curriculum.

### Key Web Links:

[Parent Link](#)

[Everyone's Invited](#)



# Christmas Break Wellbeing Support from Bedale High School



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Just because it is the Christmas break, please **don't forget that we are here to support you** with any concerns you may have about a young person - friend or family - over the school holiday.



We are conscious that this Christmas break may be a worrying period of time for families and young people - especially due to the ongoing situation with Covid 19. Therefore, we **are even more mindful of support families may need over the break.**



[www.thegoto.org.uk](http://www.thegoto.org.uk)

This is a website developed by the NHS North Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group. It is a single point of information that promotes different mental health support services (like a signpost). The website is designed primarily for young people but there is information for parents and carers too.

## Contact details:

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Mrs A Knight

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



**Please don't hesitate in contacting Mr Kelly or Mrs Knight if you have any concerns during the break or if you need support with something.**



## Another useful resource:

<https://bedalehighschool.org.uk/safeguarding/where-to-go-for-help/>

**Have a wonderful Christmas, and stay safe!**

## NSEA Event

*Mrs Riley-Fox writes:*

On Thursday morning, our NSEA girls spent a lovely morning at Swinton Park Riding Centre for their final assessment in achieving their Bedale High School Equestrian Colours, all girls have been committed in attending our Wednesday Lunchtime Riding Club, learning new skills in horsemanship and gaining new friendships along the way. I am proud to announce that all 6 girls: Emma, Sofia, Faith, Charlotte, Isabelle & Lexi achieved their Points Of The Horse Colours, Well Done Girls, and as a final treat our hardworking horsey girls deserved a hot chocolate!



Isn't it time you checked out BHS on FB?

[BHS FB Link](#)

