

Friday 7th January 2022



BEDALE HIGH SCHOOL

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Get Help Here...

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:

surname + 1st initial @bedalehighschool.org.uk
gibbst@bedalehighschool.org.uk
bradburys@bedalehighschool.org.uk
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

Year 11 Virtual Parent Evening

This event takes place on Wednesday 12th January and in light of the current Covid situation, it will now be held virtually with video call appointments replacing the face to face appointments in school. We have signed up with SchoolCloud for this - many schools in the area use them for these events.

I have written to all Yr 11 parents this week with instructions on how to log on and how to make appointments for your son or daughter. Both of these documents are attached with today's newsletter. It is very straightforward, so please do not be put off if you are a tech-phobe like me!

If you wish for another parent who lives in a different location to be part of your video appointment, you can add them to the call by following these instructions:

[Video: Parents - invite another parent/guardian to join your appointments - SchoolCloud Parents Evening \(parenteveningsystem.co.uk\)](https://parenteveningsystem.co.uk)

Another thing to be aware of is that we have to schedule the appointments to strict time slots. To enable teachers to get through as many as possible, we have limited the appointments to 5 mins (the same as you would get at a face to face parent evening in most cases). But I ask parents to remember that the call will abruptly terminate once the 5 mins have run out - so please keep an eye on the countdown on screen. I have attended a virtual parent evening for my own children - and it's easy to lose track of time. Please do not think that staff are being rude when it suddenly ends after 5 mins - there is no option to delay it or extend the times as it impacts on the following parent's appointment.

The usual etiquette to video calls applies - if you would prefer to have your camera off that is fine. We also ask that, where possible, your child attends the call with you. They will have received their PPE exam grades earlier in the day and it is important that they are part of the discussion with their teachers.

If any parents are having problems in setting up appointments, please contact admin@bedalehighschool.org.uk , or call 01677 422419 during school hours.

Covid Update



Over Christmas, the guidance for schools was updated by the Department for Education. Please see the summary below for the key information around protocols in school.

Covid Testing

Students have been issued with more Covid testing kits this week. Please remember to keep testing them **twice a week** and to report a positive test to school immediately. From Tuesday 11th January, anyone in England who receives a positive lateral flow test result should report their result on gov.uk and must self-isolate immediately, but will not need to take a follow-up PCR test.

Tracing Contacts and Isolation

Adults who are fully vaccinated and all children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 are strongly advised to take a lateral flow test every day for 7 days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they develop symptoms or have a positive test result. Daily testing of close contacts applies to all contacts who are:

- fully vaccinated adults - people who have had 2 doses of an approved vaccine
- all children and young people aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, regardless of their vaccination status
- people who are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons
- people taking part, or have taken part, in an approved clinical trial for a COVID-19 Vaccine

The self-isolation advice for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) has changed. It is now possible to end self-isolation after 7 days, following 2 negative LFD tests taken 24 hours apart. The first LFD test should not be taken before the sixth day. But if a high temperature remains, or if you have not been able to take lateral flow tests, the full 10 days must be completed. **Please ensure you contact school on day 7 to confirm if your child is able to return or not from day 8.**

Face Coverings

Students must now wear face-coverings in lessons, on corridors and on buses and public transport (unless they are exempt). The DfE are reviewing this on 26th January to see whether the masks in classrooms needs to continue or not.

Hand-Sanitising

Students will continue to use sanitiser on entry to each lesson, and on entry to the dining hall for break and lunch.

Desk Cleaning

Staff are continuing to wipe down surfaces and desks in between lessons to reduce the chance of transmission

Other

Currently, we are able to continue with extra-curricular activities and there is no need to resort to year group bubbles. Some events may need to be adapted but we will strive to keep school as normal as possible for students.

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 .

Staffing Update

Welcome to Tracy Gibbs who has started this term as our new Pastoral Manager. She comes with loads of experience and has already settled in quickly this week. She replaces Andy Collinson who was only with us for a year, but had to leave sooner than anticipated to take care of family commitments. We thank Andy and wish him all the best. Mrs Gibbs can be contacted at gibbst@bedalehighschool.org.uk .

We also have a vacancy for another Pastoral Support Worker in school, the link for the advert and further details can be seen here:
[Current Vacancies > Bedale High School](#)

Finally, in the near future we will also be advertising for an Inclusion Admin position - further details on this to follow.

What's Coming Up?

DATE	EVENT	AUDIENCE
12 th Jan 2022	Year 11 Parent Evening* PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS WILL NOW BE HELD VIRTUALLY WITH ONE TO ONE APPOINTMENTS HELD VIRTUALLY WITH CLASSROOM TEACHERS	
12 th Jan 2022	Yr 11 Drama Trip to see Hairspray	Yr 11 Drama students
26 th Jan 2022	Primary School Enrichment Event Day - Maths	
27 th Jan 2022	Creative Faculty Showcase Event - more details to follow	
2 nd 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
9 th Feb 2022	Primary School Enrichment Day - History	

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

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

[BHS FB Link](#)



Northern Youth Voices Choir



**Are you aged between 6 and 16?
Do you love to sing?**

Northern Youth Voices are a fabulous new contemporary youth choir.

We sing a range of pop & modern songs and whilst we are fun and inclusive, we aim for the highest standards!

We meet at the Richmondshire Rugby Club on Monday evenings during term time.

Juniors (6-10yr) 6-7pm

Seniors (10-16+yrs) 7-8pm

Directed by Debbie Allenby

www.nyv.uk.com

northernyouthvoices@gmail.com

07789 071425



Support for Parents of Children with Additional Needs



POSCH welcomes parents, carers and grandparents of children with any additional needs with or without diagnosis. We believe in collective empowerment & partnerships to support, improve and inspire better outcomes for children and their families.

2022 EVENTS

All our groups and events are listed on our Facebook page and website.

January:

- Monday 10th - 10am to 12pm - The Station, Richmond, DL10 4DL
- Thursday 13th - 10am to 12pm - Mencap Centre, Goosecroft Lane, Northallerton, DL6 1EG
- Friday 21st - 10am to 12pm - Community Works, 14a Marketplace, Thirsk, YO7 1LB
- Wednesday 26th - 10am to 12pm - Bedale Hall, North End, Bedale, DL8 1AA
- Monday 31st - 10am to 12pm - The Station, Richmond, DL10 4DL

February:

- Wednesday 9th - 10am to 12pm - Bedale Hall, North End, Bedale, DL8 1AA
- Friday 11th - 10am to 12pm - Community Works, 14a Marketplace, Thirsk, YO7 1LB
- Thursday 17th - 10am to 12pm - Mencap Centre, Goosecroft Lane, Northallerton, DL6 1EG

March:

- Friday 4th - 10am to 12pm - Community Works, 14a Marketplace, Thirsk, YO7 1LB
- Thursday 17th - 10am to 12pm - Mencap Centre, Goosecroft Lane, Northallerton, DL6 1EG
- Monday 21st - 10am to 12pm - The Station, Richmond, DL10 4DL
- Wednesday 30th - 10am to 12pm - Bedale Hall, North End, Bedale, DL8 1AA

Cerebra Workshop - Accessing Public Services Toolkit

Date: Wednesday 09th March 2022

Time: 10am-12 noon

Location: Evolution Business Centre, Northallerton, DL6 2NQ

This is a free event, and a light lunch will be provided.

There are only 20 places available.

Book early to avoid disappointment.