

BEDALE HIGH SCHOOL

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Year 9 Parent Evening This Weds 4-7pm (Virtual)

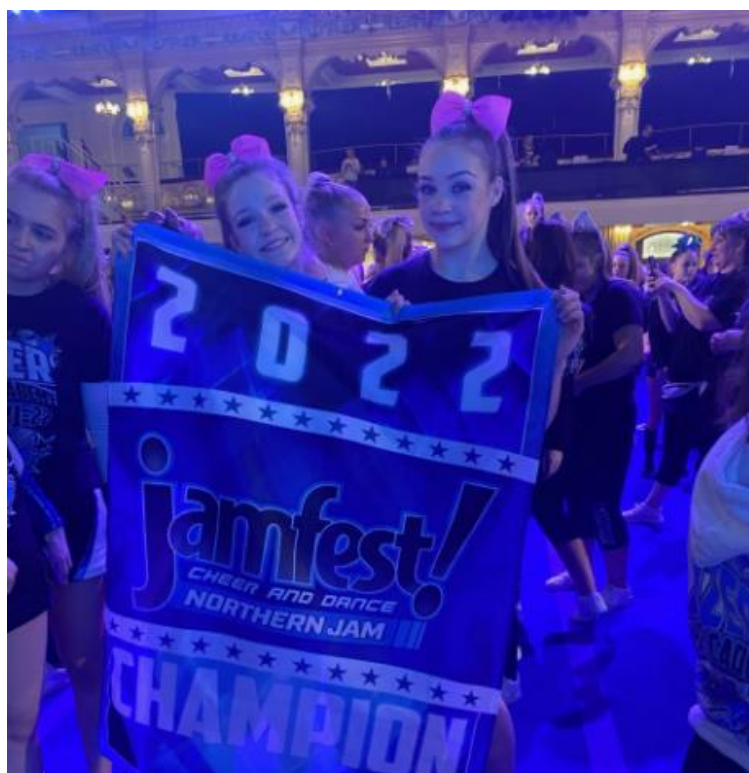
Friday 11th March 2022

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:

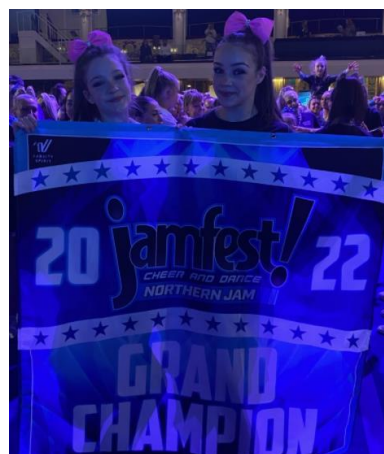
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for any subject specific questions around learning tasks
gillm@bedalehighschool.org.uk
knighta@bedalehighschool.org.uk
admin@bedalehighschool.org.uk or call 01677 422419

Grand Champions!



Congratulations to Lily and Lucy Archer and their cheerleading team who went to compete with their cheer squads at Blackpool last weekend. They won 1st place with Lazer Silver, 1st place with Lazer Pink AND the overall Grand Champions Award! An amazing achievement!



Mental Health Signposting

Unfortunately, the services offered by KOOTH (online chat/text-based counselling, discussion forums and online self-care resources for children and young people during the COVID-19 pandemic) are ending on 31st March.

However, in our area, there are a range of national and locally-funded support forums for children and young people which are now embedded, including:



<https://thegoto.org.uk/> The Go-To Website - the home of wellbeing and mental health in North Yorkshire. The website helps young people find the right help and support to stay well, whatever is happening in their life.

[Childline](#) - free, confidential, anonymous 24/7 service for anyone under 19 in the UK with any issue including emotional and mental health.

[YoungMinds](#) Textline - free, 24/7 text support for young people across the UK experiencing a mental health crisis, with texts answered by trained volunteers supported by experienced clinical supervisors

[Buzz Us Text Messaging Service](#) - confidential advice, support and signposting from a wellbeing worker within one working day via text for young people aged 11-18 across North Yorkshire and York.

There is further information - including health professionals' referral forms - on [NHS North Yorks CCG Website](#)

What's Coming Up?

DATE	EVENT	AUDIENCE
16 th March	Year 9 Parent Evening (Virtual)	Year 9 students and parents
16 th March	Primary Schools Enrichment Event Day	Primary partners and subject ambassadors for MFL and Humanities
16 th March	Year 9 & 10 Reports	Parents of Year 9/10 students
22 nd March	Year 7 & 8 Reports	Parents of Year 7/8 students
30 th March	Lord of the Flies Enrichment Day workshop and matinee performance	Visiting schools and local care homes
31 st March & 1 st April	Geography Trip to Flamborough	Year 7 students
6 th April	Year 7 Parent Evening (Virtual)	Year 7 parents and students

Vaccinations Team in School

The Immunisation Team will be in school on the following dates...

Tuesday 22nd March - All year groups for 1st and 2nd Covid jabs (for children of consenting parents)

Tuesday 26th April - Y8 HPV jabs

Tuesday 22nd March - Y9 HPV jabs

Please email armstrongv@bedalehighschool.org.uk with any questions

Sporting Update

Mr Bielby writes: On Thursday 10th March the **U13 basketball team** travelled to Easingwold to play a tri-series area event against Easingwold and Thirsk. The first round of games was played as friendly games. All players were able to get coached and improve their development and knowledge of the game.

The next round of games was more competitive. Considering it was the first time that many of our students had played for their school - they coped incredibly well. They narrowly lost to an impressive Easingwold team and then went on to beat Thirsk. Jaydon Wise-Malcolm was overall player of the competition. He is an exceptionally talented basketball player. It was great to see other players on the court grow in confidence too.

Team: Jaydon Wise-Malcom (Captain), Ayken Newport, Oliver McWhinney, Blair Webster, Josh Ramsay, Jacob Howe, George Brooks, Joey Davis Hancock

Reminder: Y7-9 Basketball Club is on every Tuesday lunchtime. Just bring trainers and get involved!

Miss Temple writes: On Thursday we took 4 teams of **Y7/8 students** to Richmond School to compete in a Sportshall Athletics Competition. Throughout the day students took part in a range of track and field events and performed exceptionally well. The boys teams finished in 1st and 3rd place and the girls in 2nd and 5th place. This is a fantastic achievement and we are really proud of all the students who took part!



Yr 11 GCSE Summer Exams

Please see attached timetable for these exams, along with this student guide that we need to share:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/student-guide-to-exams-and-formal-assessments-in-2021-to-2022/student-guide-to-exams-and-formal-assessments-in-2021-to-2022>

Lime Tree Observatory Trip



We now have the full write up and pics from this visit from Mrs Faint... Eleven intrepid adventurers joined us on Bedale High School's first trip to the local Lime Tree Observatory.

We were incredibly lucky to have a clear evening for our observations of the night sky, sandwiched between two days of torrential rain and cloud cover!

We were introduced to the night sky by Martin and Chris, volunteers who enthusiastically gave up two hours of their evening to share with us not only their telescopes but some of their immense knowledge of the night sky. We spent an hour outside observing many stars, asterisms, and constellations by both the naked eye and two refracting telescopes. We saw the circumpolar W of Cassiopeia and the Plough or Big Dipper and were reminded how to locate Polaris - our Pole star from it. We also learnt that the last Pole star was Thuban, due to variations in the rotation of the Earth. We identified the easily recognisable constellation of Orion the Hunter and looked in more detail at the stars and nebulae within this fascinating constellation such as the visibly red supergiant Betelgeuse and the much younger, blue Rigel. We made the Harry Potter connections with Bellatrix (within Orion) and Sirius - the brightest star in the night sky at an apparent magnitude of 1.49, being only 8.6 light years away from Earth and lying within the Canis Major constellation. We focussed one of the telescopes on the seven sisters or Pleiades star cluster with its hot blue stars being over 400 light years away.

We spent the next hour inside the Planetarium where the heated floor and comfortable bean bags saw us settling down to watch several videos ranging from the construction of the Planetarium itself through to fly-bys of various parts of our solar system and out to many parts of our galaxy and beyond. The Planetarium run the Stellarium software, and this can be downloaded onto a home PC for free.

I can't pinpoint a particular highlight as I enjoyed it all, from witnessing the traverse of a satellite across the night sky, seeing a Tumbler - a satellite that is rotating out of control, the chance spotting of a meteor streak across the sky but perhaps especially hearing from two knowledgeable and passionate presenters.

Our students were fantastic ambassadors for our school and big thanks to Ms Riley-Fox for accompanying us on the trip and to the support staff back at school who worked tirelessly to get this trip off the ground, at short notice.

We hope to run another trip, perhaps in the Autumn when the planets will be in view too.



Science Live Trip

Mrs Jennison writes:

Last week, a group of Year 9 and 10 students attended 'Science Live' in Sheffield. The students listened to five inspiring, topical and engaging lectures delivered by 5 scientists, all renowned in their area of expertise. First up was Dr Kate Lancaster who explained the rather complex topic of nuclear fusion and its potential role as an energy resource in the future. The main issue is how to contain what will essentially be a star on Earth! Professor Robert Winston discussed fertility and amused us with lots of interesting facts. Next up was Professor Dave Cliff who explained the huge leaps in computer science over the last 50 years. The number of components in silicon chips doubles every 2 years but their price halves. Lots of focus is now on bionic limbs which can read signals from your nervous system. Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock compared the James Webb Telescope which was launched on Christmas day last year, with the Hubble telescope. The former can detect the whole of the electromagnetic spectrum and give us further insight into the early universe. Finally Professor Andrea Sella talked to us about how water is the only substance that expands on freezing, hence becomes less dense than its liquid form - this is why ice floats on water. He amazed us all with a couple of demonstrations. The students were also given lots of advice by Chief Examiner Stewart Chenery on how to approach their GCSE science examinations in the summer of 2023/24.



Year 9 Options Information

Thank you to the parents who joined Mr Gill and me on Weds evening for the virtual Options Information Evening. For any parents who were unable to make the event, you can see the presentation here:

<https://bedalehighschool.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Options-Info-Evening-Virtual.pdf>

Year 9 students have been attending subject presentations all this week, and these continue into next week. Please remember to book your virtual appointments for the Weds 16th March Parent Evening, where you will be able to speak with teachers of subjects that your child may be interested in. It is also important for you and them to read through all the information in the booklet they have been given, which outlines key information such as content for study and assessment methods.



National Careers Week

NCW have created a virtual careers fair which went live on Monday. They had one last year and it was a great platform filled with a lot of useful information from different businesses and employers. Key Stage 4 Form Tutors shared this platform with students this week, and encouraged them to spend some time exploring it at home during the week. Parents may also be interested in taking a look:

<https://ncw2022.co.uk/>

We have also had several visitors and events in school this week to mark Careers Week, culminating in a full day of careers-based lessons on Wednesday. This is all part of our growing Careers Education Information Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) for students - which we are developing to ensure that advice starts early for students, rather than everything being left until Year 11.

The Department for Education have also asked schools to share these letters to students and parents and carers:

[Letter to students](#)

[Letter to Parents and Carers](#)



THE MAKER'S FAYRE SATURDAY 19TH MARCH 2022 (1200 - 1600)

We are looking forward to our very first Community 'Maker's Fayre' on Saturday 19th March 2022 at Bedale High School. Come along to sample the wares and delights from a wide range of local businesses, crafters, and makers!

Open to the whole community from 1200 - 1600 in the Main Hall at BHS!

We already have lots of local and independent makers and businesses supporting this event - but we are still looking for more!

A tabletop stall is charged at £10.00 and set up will be from 1000 on Sat 19.3.22 in our Main School Hall.

Interested? Then please contact loughlink@bedalehighschool.org.uk

If you are interested in helping with this event, we are looking for people to assist with set up and take down of tables and stalls on the day and also to serve refreshments between 1200 and 1600.

Please email woodl@bedalehighschool.org.uk if you can help!

