



BEDALE HIGH SCHOOL

Courage

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Please keep an eye out for Year 9 Options information!

Friday 4th March 2022

Your child's Form Tutor:
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Miss Temple (Head of KS4):
Subject Teacher:
Curriculum Queries (Mr Gill):
SEND & Inclusion Queries (Mrs Knight):
General Queries:

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gillm@bedalehighschool.org.uk
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Covid-19 Update & Implications for School

The updated government guidance for parents can be seen here:

[What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges)
(www.gov.uk)

In summary, at the start half-term, the government made some significant changes to the guidance in relation to how to respond to Covid-19. Two of the biggest changes are summarised here:

- They are no longer advising that the twice-weekly testing needs to take place
- There is no longer any legal requirement to self-isolate if you test positive for Covid-19

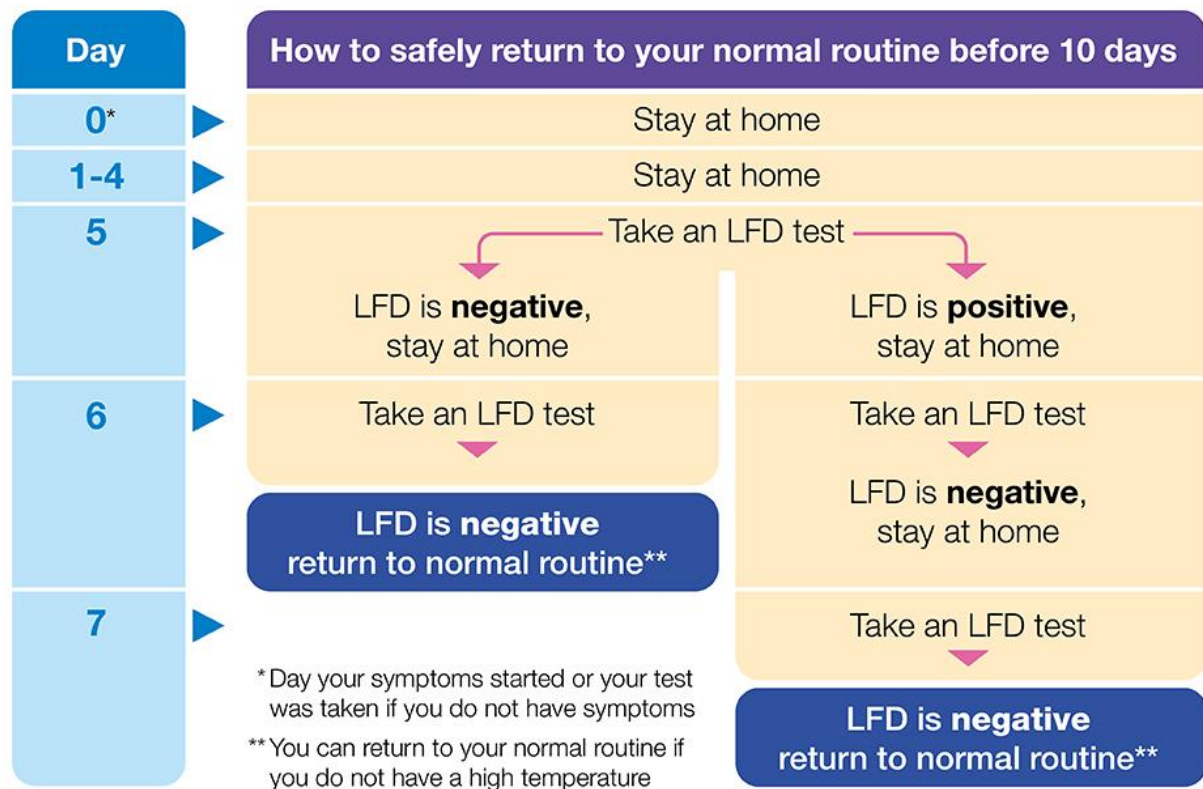
However, families in our community will know that even though the narrative around Covid is changing nationally, we have faced severe disruption in terms of staff and student absence in recent weeks.

Confusingly, although the legal requirement for self-isolation has been removed, the official guidance still recommends that anyone who has Covid symptoms should take a test, and that anyone who gets a positive result should self-isolate and not return to work/school until they have two negative tests from Day 5 onwards (or have no temperature after day 7 if they are still testing positive). **This is probably easier to understand from the graphic on the next page.**

We all want to 'move on' from Covid. But the reality (at least in school) is that some people remain very anxious around the potential for the lighter restrictions to lead to more infections, especially if they have other medical conditions that make them more vulnerable.

So, for the time being at least, we will continue to wipe down desks in between lessons, to use our one-way system and to sanitise hands on entry to classrooms. Students and staff may continue to wear a face-covering should they choose to do so.

Now more than ever we will rely on our close relationships with families to help you make the right decisions around when to send your child to school, and when they need to stay at home.



Please contact us if you are unsure. We will also continue to set work for any students who are having to self-isolate due to Covid related reasons.

If any families wish to continue testing and are struggling to get hold of testing kits, please contact Lynn Riley-Fox: rileyfl@bedalehighschool.org.uk.

The SAIS team have now confirmed that they will return to school to administer the next round of Covid vaccinations to any 12-17 year old children of consenting parents. See attached letter and please email Vicky Armstrong if you have any queries around this:

armstrongv@bedalehighschool.org.uk. Parents can also choose to get their children vaccinated outside school...please see the links here for further information.

[NHS Vaccinations](#)

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/find-a-walk-in-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-site/>

What's Coming Up?

DATE	EVENT	AUDIENCE
WC 7 th March	Yr 11 PPE 2s	Second round of mock exams for Year 11 students
WC 7 th March	Year 9 Options Assemblies	Year 9 students
9 th March	Careers Day	Year 7-10 students - careers based lessons all day
9 th March	Year 9 Options Information Evening (Virtual - 6pm)	Year 9 parents and students (link to come out on Monday)
11 th March	Primary Cluster Sports Event	Sports Leaders
16 th March	Year 9 Parent Evening (Virtual)	Year 9 students and parents

World Book Day 2022

Thank you to the English team for leading another successful World Book Day yesterday. I have just about recovered from the insult of someone mistaking my Robin Hood costume for Peter Pan at the start of the day! There were some fabulous costumes on display as you can see from these pics, and plenty of in-lesson activities to promote the benefits of reading.

Congratulations to the following students for winning prizes for some of the activities on offer:

Design a bookmark competition:

Winner - Jaicob Saunders Y7

Runners up: Evie Bright, Daisy Weightman, Sophie Allinson, Ruby Astbury - Y8

The Masked Reader:

Winner - Leah Burn Y9

Runners up - Jack Sygrove Y10 and Hazel Ng Y10

Fancy Dress:

Winner - George Ramsay Y7

Runners up - Willow Newport/Holly Perkins Y10 and Luke Wagstaff Y8

Staff favourite book/quote quiz:

Winner - Katie Elsdon (second year running!) Y9

Runners up - Natasha Chapman/Isobel Allinson Y9 and Morgan Smith/Thai Garrett Y11

Well done to all of those students who took part and a massive thank you to everyone in school for your support with WBD 2022! 😊



Lime Tree Observatory Trip

A huge thank-you to the staff at Lime Tree Observatory for hosting a fabulous visit for our students on Tuesday evening this week.

Mrs Faint took a group of students from different year groups and they were fascinated by the knowledge shared by Chris and Martin (Lime Tree staff).

We have already had some feedback from parents telling us how much their children enjoyed the trip and that they keep feeding them random space facts at mealtimes.

One of the girls has even asked Mrs Faint if we can organise a trip to a space camp in Turkey as a result of the trip so watch this space!

On the back of this success, Mrs Faint is hoping to book a planetary visit in the Autumn term...more info to follow on this one!

Anyone wanting more information about this fantastic attraction can visit the website here:

[Observatory | Ripon | Lime Tree Observatory](#)



Year 9 Options Information

Next week, Year 9 students will receive assembly presentations from every GCSE option subject. The presentations will be brief, and they will focus on the content that will be studied, and the post 16 study and later career opportunities that may be linked to the subject.



Students will also receive a comprehensive Options Booklet to show parents at home. This will be full of essential information about each subject, and should contain the answers to most of your and their questions.

In lessons, teachers will continue to promote their subject areas, answering any other questions, and Form Tutors will offer additional advice in allocated sessions over the next couple of weeks.

For parents, there are two opportunities to get further information: the Year 9 parent evening on 16th March (this will be a virtual evening where you can prioritise appointments with teachers of subjects your child is interested in), and a virtual Options Information Evening on Weds 9th March with me and Mr Gill, at 6pm. As always, this will include a Q/A opportunity for parents.

Government Campaign Against Abuse

The UK Government has launched a new campaign to help parents and carers spot the signs of sexual abuse and help keep children safe entitled Stopabusetogether [Let's stop abuse together](#) (campaign.gov.uk). The campaign is supported by the Internet Watch Foundation who are urging parents and carers to spot the dangers to their children online, following their reporting that they investigated more reports of child sexual abuse material online in 2021 than the first 15 years of their work combined. They have also identified a three-fold increase in imagery showing 7-10 year olds who have been targeted and groomed by internet predators and warn that devices can be an 'open door' for sex predators to access children alone in their bedrooms. For more information visit [Increase of abuse imagery](#) .

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!

SATURDAY 19TH MARCH 2022
12:00PM - 16:00PM



THE MAKERS FAYRE

BEDALE HIGH SCHOOL
MAIN HALL.

**AFTER THE SUCCESS OF OUR CHRISTMAS FAYRE, WE ARE
NOW OPENING UP OUR DOORS FOR A MAKERS FAYRE IN
MARCH. COME ALONG FOR A AFTERNOON OF SHOPPING,
CREATIVE FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT BY OUR STUDENTS.**

FREE ENTRY

If you are interested in running a stall, tables are
priced at £10.00.

TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR LORD OF THE FLIES

Treat yourselves to an evening of exhilarating, dynamic and pulse raising theatre at Bedale High School this Spring.

The Performing Arts Department is proud to present The Lord of the Flies - a full scale production of William Golding's popular novel, adapted for the stage by Nigel Williams.

'Lord of the Flies is set on a remote island and shows how a group of stranded schoolchildren go from civilisation to savagery in a very short space of time.

Although their situation at first seems to have the makings of a fun adventure, their fight to survive in their environment and their struggle with each other for power reveals the wickedness which lives inside all of us. Before they are finally rescued, there is savagery, destruction, terror and even death.'

Involving students across Years 6 to 10, this production will keep you on the edge of your seats with its distinctive soundtrack, inspired staging and breath-taking performances.

Open to both our school and the wider local communities.

A theatrical experience not to be missed for two nights only.

THURSDAY 31ST MARCH 2022

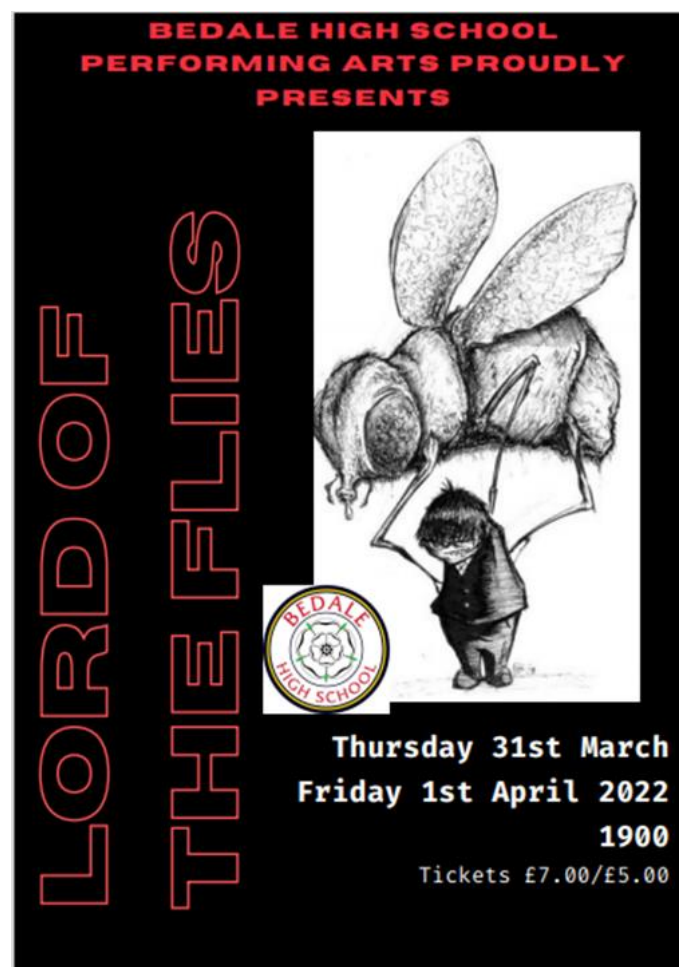
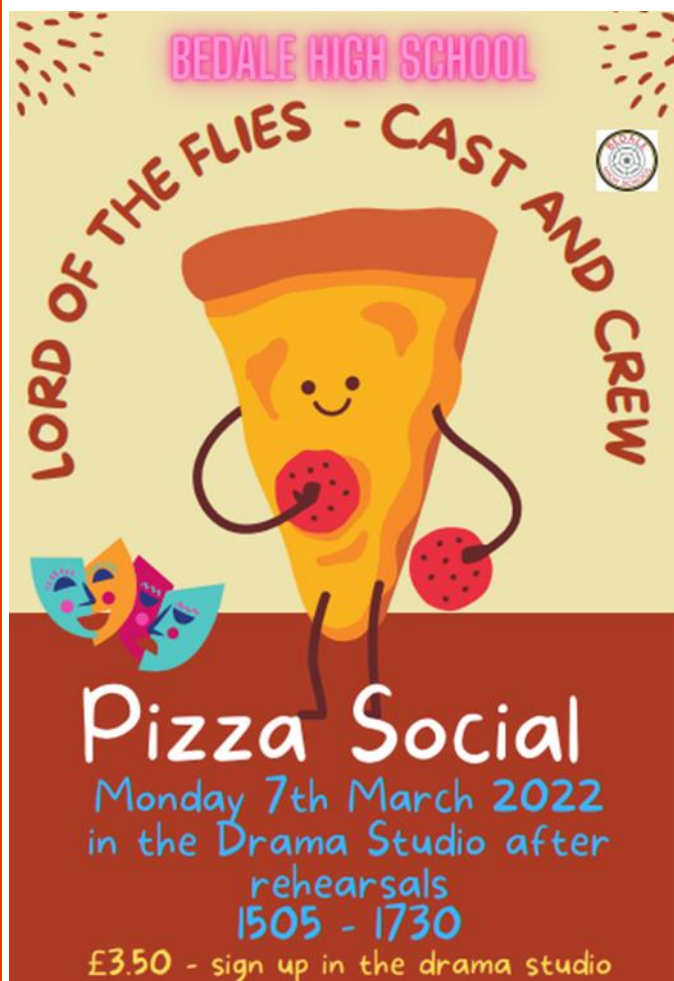
FRIDAY 1ST APRIL 2022

1900

Tickets on sale via the Eventbrite link below.

£7.00 adults, £5.00 children/concessions.

Suitable for age 7+ [Buy Tickets Here](#)



Sports Update

Huge congratulations to Ellie Macarthur (Y11) who was presented with her refereeing qualification at the Riverside Stadium by the FA yesterday ... a fantastic achievement!

There are also 2 sports events coming up where we wish our students the best of luck:

- Friday 18th March - Josh Hammett (Y11) competing in the English Schools Cross Country Event in Kent
- Tuesday 22nd March - Bailey Lawson (Y11), Shona Lawson (7) and Charlie Clark (Y11) are playing in the Yorkshire Schools Golf Championships held at Ripon Grammar



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OPEN EVENT

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Wednesday
23rd March
5.00pm - 8.00pm

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DISCOVERING OUR **CREATIVE** ROOTS
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THIS MARCH!



Folk Music with Storm Chorus

March 2022

Fri 18th 6:30pm - 9:30pm

Leyburn Methodist Hall, DL8 5BB

Sat 19th 10am - 5pm

Leyburn Methodist Hall, DL8 5BB

Celebration Concert: Sat @ 6pm
Leyburn Methodist Hall, DL8 5BB
All welcome, pay as you feel donations
appreciated.



Samba Drumming with Jack Drum Arts

March 2022

Fri 25th 6pm - 9pm

West Burton Village Hall, DL8 4JY

Sat 26th 10am - 5pm

West Burton Village Hall, DL8 4JY

Celebration Concert: Sat @ 6pm
West Burton Village Hall, DL8 4JY
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