



BEDALE HIGH SCHOOL

Courage

Commitment

Compassion

**GCSE Exams begin in just 13 school days!
Farewell to Mrs Peirson in Finance**

Friday 8th April 2022

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Year 11s – Crunch Time!

Students urged to make the most of Easter Revision support

We held an assembly with Year 11 students yesterday to update them on how things are looking following the publication of Year 11 reports and the PPE2 exam data.

While many of them are conscientiously making the most of every opportunity to fully prepare for the upcoming GCSE exams, our data suggests that a group of Yr 11 boys are 'coasting' rather than hitting top gear, and in some cases not taking responsibility for their independent learning and revision.

We are really lucky to be part of a school community where staff give up a lot of extra time for additional revision support classes. And even at the end of an exhausting term, we have a number of teachers who are coming into school during the holiday to offer yet more revision classes for these students (see timetable attached).

We know from previous years that this holiday period can be a fantastic opportunity for students to really get to grips with an organised revision programme. What might this look like? We recommend 4 x 45-minute sessions a day, which if managed carefully, still leaves plenty of time for all the other activities that help to keep them stress free and well-balanced in the lead up to the exams. We do not want students to be working '24/7' - the right balance is vital. But part of not feeling stressed about the exams comes from the confidence of feeling well prepared - which only comes through a conscientious approach to study and revision.

We ask parents to support them in this over the next two weeks, and thank you to all of you who attended Mr Gill's virtual revision support evening last night (the 3rd one we have run for parents over recent months).

Please see these useful links on our website for further exam and revision information:

<https://bedalehighschool.org.uk/need-to-know/curriculum/revision/>

<https://bedalehighschool.org.uk/need-to-know/curriculum/examinations/>

Mental Health Signposting

We will continue to promote this on a weekly basis

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) ended 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
9 th April - 25 th April	Easter Holidays	All students and staff
25 th April	Non-Contact Teacher Day	No students in school
27 th & 28 th April	UKMT Maths Challenge	Year 7 and Year 8 students
2 nd May	Bank Holiday Monday School Closed	All students and staff
4 th May	Trip to Lion King Production - Bradford	Key Stage 3 and 4 Drama Students
9 th May	School Council Meeting	Council reps - all year groups
11 th May	Maths - Enrichment Event Day	Primary schools and BHS Subject Ambassadors
16 th May	GCSE Exams begin for 6 weeks Healthy Schools Team Mtg	Year 11 students Healthy Schools Team reps

Co-op Reward Points for BHS

Repeated from last week:

The BHS Co-op have asked if we can remind local families that if they sign up as Co-op members, school will receive a percentage of every bit you spend, as they commit to funding local initiatives within the community. This has made a significant difference to us in the past, and funds have been raised to help with new resources and equipment to support things like our Arts projects within the community. Please just visit <https://www.coop.co.uk/membership> for further details.

Post-16 Apprenticeship Evening

Mr Childe writes:

On Monday evening, Bedale High School hosted its first ever "Apprenticeship Parents' Evening". The evening was designed for parents and students in Year 9, 10 and 11 to come into school and find out a bit more about post-16 options available from a range of providers in the local area. Mr Kelly opened the evening by going through the importance of gathering information to inform post-16 choices - and why the traditional 'GCSEs then A-Levels' route is not necessarily the most appropriate route for every student.

Parents and students then had an opportunity to visit a wide variety of stalls, including Harrogate College, Darlington College, QE 6th Form, the RAF, Hartlepool FE College, Tom Willoughby, Northern School of Art, York College and many more!

The evening was really well attended (the hall was full!) - and it was so encouraging to see our young people really engaging with the different providers, taking another important step in the process of planning their post-16 journey.

Thankyou to Claire Temple for organising the event.



Bedale FC vs Celebs!

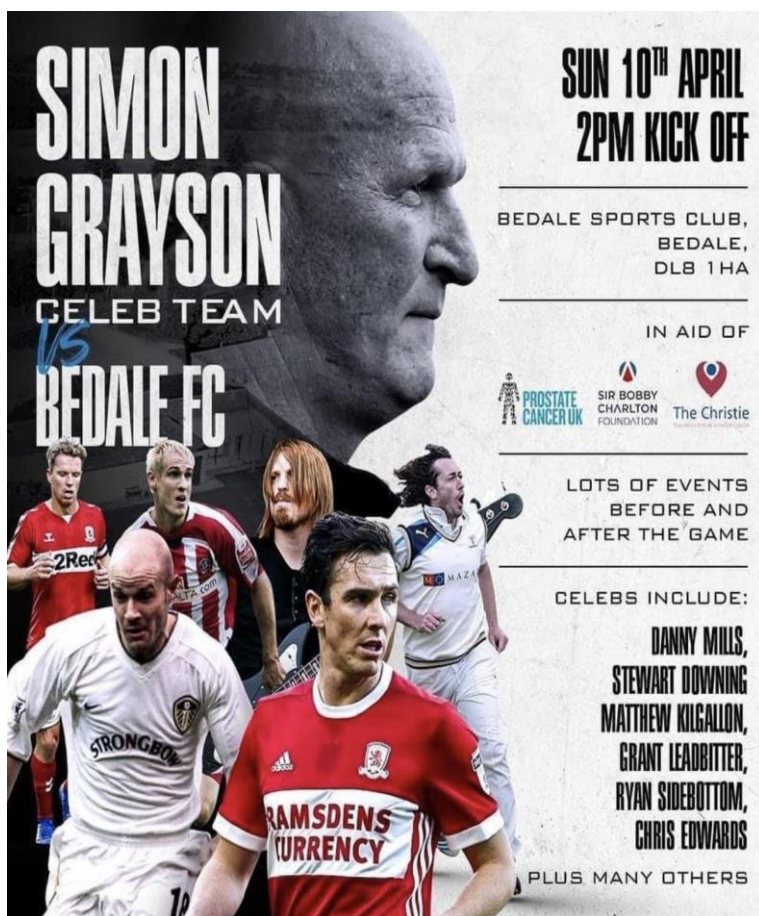
Alistair Banks (Yr 11) writes:

On the 10th of April 2022 (this Sunday) there is a charity match at Bedale Athletic and Sports Associations ground (BASA). We are raising money for the Manchester Christie Hospital, the Sir Bobby Robson foundation and prostate cancer. Simon Grayson has helped organised the charity match with a celebrity 11 including the likes of Danny Mills, Stewart Downing, Mathew Kilgallon, Grant Leadbitter, Kevin Phillips, Ryan Sidebottom, Richard Cresswell and many more with late addition Jermaine Beckford and a **potential** appearance of Josh Warrington (World Featherweight Champion).

Kick off is at 2pm with many other events taking place such as an adult and junior fun run, raffle and live music. Food and drink will also be on display with a farmers' market. If all that is not enough...how about a live bid for a match-worn Oleksandr Zinchenko shirt and your chance to meet rising Middlesbrough F.C star Josh Coburn? More details are on Bedale AFC Facebook page with a 'go fund me' for the charities.

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<https://www.facebook.com/search/posts?q=bedale%20afc&filters=eyJyZWNIbnRfcG9zdHM6MC161ntclm5hbWVcljpcInJlY2VudF9wb3N0c1wiLFwiYXJnc1wiOlwiXCJ9In0%3D>



Rugby County Cup Stars!

Very Belated congratulations to Jack and Toby in Year 10 for making it to the final of the County Cup playing for Darlington RUFC. The team beat Billingham 22-10, with Jack scoring right in front of friends and family. Well done boys, - look forward to hearing about the final on 24th April!



FREE activities
for children in the Easter holidays

Packed with fun, food, arts and sport,
there's something for everyone!

Limited places, book today at
feaster.org
FREE for children and young people
eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

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Golfing Heroes

Bailey Lawson (Yr 11) writes about the performance of the students who represented the school at the Regional Golf finals played at Low Laithes Golf Club on Monday:

After an early start we arrived at the club around 9am which gave us plenty of time to register and then warm up (all we really wanted to do was hide in the warmth of the club house!).

You can see in the pictures how open the course is but there were plenty of challenges such as ditches, out of bounds and a lot of trees strategically located around the course.

Charlie started off, followed by Shona and then myself. It was quickly evident that we would be playing either with the wind, or straight into the teeth of it with only a couple of holes that played across wind.

This made for some tricky shots downwind trying to judge the strength and ultimately ended up with us missing the greens long, or coming the other way hitting with a driver the same distance I would normally hit a 7 iron!

The course itself was very nice but still suffering slightly from the wet conditions in areas and with a lot of drainage work being carried out, but the greens were in excellent condition, undulating significantly more than Bedale's and playing very fast.

The scoring was not brilliant across the field and there was only one person all day who managed to play to handicap which is a testament to the conditions. Just trying to stand up straight to address the ball was a challenge in itself.

I shot a respectable 25 points with Charlie and Shona both shooting 23. All scores ended up middle of the pack across all competitors.

Unfortunately, we will not be progressing to the finals but we had a great day and are thankful to the school for allowing us this opportunity.

Charlie and I will hand the baton on to Shona and wish her all the best for next year.



Year 7 Geographers – resilience in the face of extreme conditions!

Mr Childe writes about the recent fieldtrip to Flamborough:

Last week, all of our Year 7 Geographers participated in the annual fieldtrip to the Holderness Coast. The purpose of this visit was for the students to see for themselves some of the landforms, management strategies and impacts of coastal erosion that we have been learning about in class; in addition to this, it was really encouraging to see all of our core values on display as the students braved the weather and supported each other up and down cliffs, and along the 5km stretch of coastal path between Flamborough Head and South Landing.

To begin with, students ventured down the steep footpath to Selwicks Bay at Flamborough Head to explore a number of coastal features including the sea stack, sea arches, caves and wave-cut platform (not to mention, getting some shelter from the wind!). Then, after a packed lunch, the students walked along the cliff-top path to South Landing via High Stacks, where the beach had been populated by a bob of seals. After a brief detour to Bridlington to have a look at the sea defences, we finished the day with a trip to Skipsea - where the rate of coastal erosion was quite breath-taking!

After the trip, the students commented on how the trip has 'brought to life' some of the concepts that had been covered in their Geography lessons - but did request that the next trip might include an ice-cream stop as a reward for being such committed students!



COP 26 Competition Winners

Congratulations to all the Year 7 prize-winners from the COP 26 Geography challenge. Students created projects, presentations or videos to promote key sustainability and environmental messages.

The competition was launched in partnership with the Rotary Club of Northallerton Mowbury. George Brooks was the overall winner, with Logan Syrett, Isabelle Laws-Williams and George Ramsay coming in as runners-up. Staff and Rotary guests were blown away by the high standard of entries with some incredibly professional work being submitted.



Young Chef Competition

Calling all Year 10 students who would like to take part in The Rotary Young Chef Competition. The brief is to plan, cost and prepare a healthy two course meal. Heats will take place after Easter with a grand regional cook off after May half term. Please see Mrs Bradley for the competition entry form and further details...we have a fantastic record in this competition!



HPV Vaccines Postponed

The immunisation team have contacted school this week to say that they will not be coming in on the 26th April to do the Year 8 HPV's due to unforeseen circumstances, and have booked the 1st July to come in and do the vaccinations instead. The online consent form will remain open until 26th June.

Knuckles Game – No Thankyou!

Please can we ask parents to support us in banning the recent craze of playing the game 'Knuckles'. It basically involves using a coin to ram towards another child's knuckles (sliding along the table) and they win if the other child's knuckles bleed. We have had some children coming into Room 15 wanting to receive treatment for their damaged fingers/knuckles because of this game.

Farewell Mrs Peirson!

After many years at BHS, Karen has decided to call it a day so that she can spend more time with her family, and especially with her daughter who is due to return from Australia soon. Karen will be sorely missed in the finance office, and for her invaluable contribution to the wider admin team. So many students and staff have benefitted from her kind words, caring first aid treatment and quirky sense of humour over the years. We wish her well, and will no doubt bump into her in her local village pub every now and again! All the best Karen, and a huge thankyou for all your service to our school community over the years.



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.

Spring/summer 2022 Events

All groups/events can be found on our Facebook page and website.
All support groups start at 10am and finish at 12 noon, unless stated otherwise

MAY

- Friday 06th - Community Works, 14a Marketplace, Thirsk, YO7 1LB
- Thursday 12th - Mencap Centre, Goosecroft Lane, Northallerton, DL6 1EG
- Wednesday 18th - Bedale Hall, North End, Bedale, DL8 1AA
- Monday 23rd - The Station, Richmond, DL10 4DL

JUNE

- Friday 10th - Community Works, 14a Marketplace, Thirsk, YO7 1LB
- Wednesday 15th - Bedale Hall, North End, Bedale, DL8 1AA
- Thursday 23rd - Mencap Centre, Goosecroft Lane, Northallerton, DL6 1EG
- Monday 27th - The Station, Richmond, DL10 4DL

JULY

- Friday 1st - Community Works, 14a Marketplace, Thirsk, YO7 1LB
- Wednesday 06th - Bedale Hall, North End, Bedale, DL8 1AA
- Thursday 14th - Mencap Centre, Goosecroft Lane, Northallerton, DL6 1EG
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"Good opportunity to think about areas of life that's starting to improve, and how to move forward."

"It is a wonderful group, I'm very pleased to have found it."

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