BEDALE HIGH SCHOOL

Commitment

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YR 11s Last Day of Timetabled Lessons on Monday!

Friday 10th June 2022

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Farewell Year 11s! (But not quite!)

Monday 13th June will be the last day of timetabled lessons for our Year 11 students. After this day, students will only come into school for their remaining exams, or to attend a specific revision session they have been invited to, or to complete supervised revision in Room 8 (only for students who have contacted Mr Gill in advance to book in).

Please see the attached letter that went to all Year 11 parents earlier this week. It gives full details of arrangements for their last day on Monday. Miss Temple has planned a really nice end to the day before their early finish, and we look forward to what is always a very emotional but lovely experience as they revisit some of their best moments in school over the last 5 years. However, the reality is that we will still be seeing most of them each day as they come in for exams, and many Year 11 students will be attending the Prom later on this term once the exams have finished...so it's not quite the final farewell yet!

I would like to thank you as parents, and all of our Year 11 students for the resilience and courage that the vast majority of them have shown in recent months. This is the first set of actual GCSE exams to take place in 3 years, and as such it is natural for them to be anxious about the process. But their conduct and attitude has been fantastic and we wish them all the best for their results and next steps.

We look forward to having a lot of fantastic GCSE Results Day photos later on in the summer!

It is important that all Year 11s keep checking their school email for any exam amendments or important information during their study leave. GCSE Results Day: Thursday 25th August 10:00am for both Year 11 & Year 10 Students. Final GCSE Exam: Friday 24th June.

The Bedale Colour Run Saturday 25th June 2022

Plans are well underway for the Bedale Colour Run which is taking place on Saturday 25th June 2022 at Bedale High School.

This exciting community event will be run by both the Primary and High Schools in Bedale and everyone from both the schools and the wider local community is invited to take part.

We are raising money for Cancer research UK and our Just giving page for this event is now live and accessible via the link below:

THE BEDALE COLOUR RUN - Saturday 25th June 2022 at Bedale High School (cancerresearchuk.org)

The event costs £5.00 to enter. This fee can either be paid in advance via Parent Pay or in cash on the day of the event.

There will be two 'races' on the day itself:

1000 - A mini race for children up to the age of 10 years old

1100 - A 5K race for everyone else.

Participants can complete the 'race' in any way they wish and fancy dress is highly recommended. Race entrants should wear a white t shirt to ensure maximum colour coverage from the colours which will be squirted at various points along the route.

We are looking for volunteers to help with set up and marshalling on the day of the event day. Please contact <u>woodl@bedalehighschool.org.uk</u> to register your interest and pledge some time to help with the event if you can.

This promises to be a fabulous day of community fun and fundraising. We will also have a mega bouncy castle, representatives from Bedale Rugby Club providing demos and sporting activities, an ice cream van and Spring House Farm Burger and Coffee Horsebox at the event. Why not bring along a picnic and make it a family day out?

The Great Jubilee Bake-off Competition

Huge congratulations to everyone from our schools and the wider local community who entered our half term Jubilee Bake-off Competition last week.

The standard was incredibly high, and prizes are awarded to the following students:

Michaela in Year 11 for her awesome corgi themed Cake Amy in Year 8 for her lovely British flag cake Riley in Year 4 at Bedale Primary School for his amazing Jubilee crown cake.

Mrs Bradley has kindly offered to host a bespoke baking workshop with the three winners as part of their prize next month.





Mental Health Signposting

We will continue to promote this on a weekly basis

Unfortunately, the services offered by KOOTH (online chat/textbased 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 locallyfunded support forums for children and young people which are now embedded, including:

<u>https://thegoto.org.uk/</u> 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.

<u>Childline</u> - free, confidential, anonymous 24/7 service for anyone under 19 in the UK with any issue including emotional and mental health.



<u>YoungMinds</u> 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 <u>Buzz Us Text Messaging Service</u> - 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 <u>NHS North Yorks CCG</u> <u>Website</u>

DATE	EVENT	AUDIENCE
11 th - 12 th	Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh	Year 9 D of E students
June	Practice Expedition	
13 [™] June	Year 11s Last Day of timetabled lessons	Year 11 Students
15 th June	Community Choir Festival Primary Enrichment Event 18.00 - Main Hall	Parents and Students
25 th June	Bedale Colour Run in support of Race For Life 10.00-17.00	Parents and Students
28 th June	Yr 10 PPEs (Pre-Public Exams)	Yr 10 Students
WC 4 th July	Year 10 Work Ready Week	Yr 10 Students
Saturday 9 th July	Uniform Measuring Day for new Year 7s	New Year 7 Students
WC 11 th July	Transition Week	New Year 7 Students
WC 18 th July	Rewards Assemblies & Trips	All eligible students

What's Coming Up?

YR 11 APPRENCTICESHIP OPPORTUNITY

Howard Ward from the Woodman Inn pub at Burneston has contacted school to see if there is a school leaver interested in a catering apprenticeship with them. Anyone interested should phone 01677 426123 and ask for Howard.

Jubilee Musical Jubilations!

Mrs Lumsdon writes:

A huge 'well done' to the choir and musicians who performed on Sunday 5th June at Bedale 'Party in the Park' Community celebration for the Platinum Jubilee. The audience heard music from Musicals to Classical hits and from Eminem to Nancy Sinatra.

For some of our performers it was the first time they had performed to such a crowd. However, Mrs Lumsdon was delighted that this did not phase them, and all students showed the schools values of 'courage, commitment and compassion'.

Thank you also to all of the parents and wider community who turned up to support the students at this joyful event.



'Ballad of the Strays'...*anyone fancy a dark short story?!*

This week I am sharing some work from one of our Year 11 boys who has written a very powerful opening to a short story. It impressed his English teacher so much that she has asked us to share it in the newsletter...I am sure you will agree that it is a fine example of creative writing. It left me wanting to read the rest of the story! Well Done Seth!



Ballad of the Strays

by Seth Piper.

In a kinder and more peaceful world this would not happen, but this is our world. These things do. What's happened these years is one of the darkest affairs in what has been our society and the whole existence of my life, and my hope is that you will understand this message, the message that I will tell you. That beasts who claw to power are decent beings no longer, and for all their accomplishments their legacy will be remembered as only one thing. Tyrant.

Maybe it is better that I should start at the beginning.

Most of us began a dark and grim life in a metal box. There were hundreds of us cramped into constricting cages. There were a few names that we came up with: The Death Store, The Shackle House or The Nursery of Misery. In there, we were screaming and crying, begging for us to be saved, but the people looked at us with no sense of caring in their eyes and walked on past, only seeming to have one purpose that we weren't sure about.

Sometimes the masters would take us away, sometimes we'd come back, sometimes not.