



BEDALE

HIGH SCHOOL

Courage

Commitment

Compassion

HEATWAVE COMING! – See attached letter re uniform amendments for Monday

Friday 15th July 2022

Get Help Here...

Your child's Form Tutor:
Pastoral Support Team:
Miss Bradbury (Head of KS3):
Miss Temple (Head of KS4):
Curriculum Queries (Mr Gill):
SEND & Inclusion Queries (Mrs Clayden):
General Queries:
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Sports Day Superstars!

It was another classic from the Bielby and Temple stable of Sports Days with all the ingredients that make it a special BHS day:

- Wall to wall sunshine
- Very high levels of participation
- Records smashed
- Amazing personal feats of endurance
- Matt Gill in his dodgy shorts
- Ms Haydon morphing into her competitive sports day alter ego

It was lovely being on duty in the hall at break and lunch and having loads of conversations with excited students about their achievements. Our cover staff also commented to me on what a great atmosphere it was. Not many schools do a whole-school Sports Day any more but it is a well established tradition here that works so well.

Congratulations go to the winning forms:

7SCH/ACE
8LWO
9RHA
10PAC

This year was a record year with no fewer than 12 records being broken!

Please see attachments to the newsletter for further details of individual winners and record breakers, but well done to all who participated and thanks as always to those friends of BHS who came back to help out again.

Mental Health Signposting

We will continue to promote this on a weekly basis

Unfortunately, the services offered by KOOOTH (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:

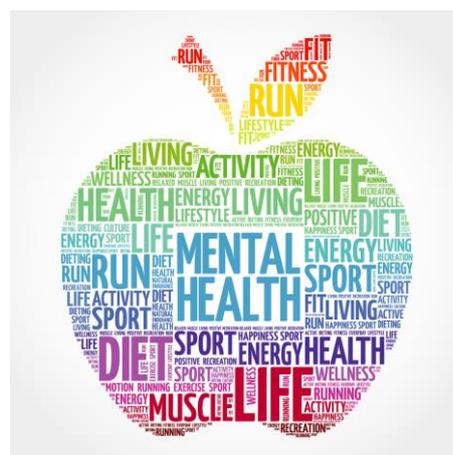
<https://thegoto.org.uk/> The Go-To Website - the home of wellbeing and mental health in North Yorkshire. The website helps young people find the right help and support to stay well, whatever is happening in their life.

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
20 th July	Rewards Trip to Xscape	All eligible students
21 ST July	RAF Leeming Family Day	For students from RAF Leeming families who have returned the reply slip
21 st July	Year 10 Geography trip to Arkangarthdale	Yr 10 Geographers
22 nd July	END OF TERM!	All students and staff!
5 th & 6 th Sept	Staff Training Days	All Staff (Students not in school)
7 th Sept	Some students return to school We Will Rock You Trip (Selected Students)	
8 th Sept	All students return to school	

YR 11 UNIFORM DONATIONS?

If, as they come to the end of their exams, any Year 11s have items of school uniform that they would like to donate to school, these would be gratefully received. We always have use for blazers, skirts, trousers and ties if they are in decent condition.

Please just drop them into Main Reception when during the school day...

THANKYOU!

Staff Changes for September 2022

It is always with a mixture of sadness and excitement that we think about existing staff moving on to pastures new, and look forward with anticipation to new colleagues joining our community. This year, the following staff will be leaving us at the end of term:

Mr Chapman (English)

Mr Gill (Deputy Headteacher)

Mrs Gibbs (Pastoral Manager)

Mr Gill has asked me to include his farewell message here:

It is with a heavy heart that I say thank you and goodbye to all students, staff and parents of Bedale High School. I am immensely proud to have worked as Deputy Headteacher at Bedale High School since 2017, and even more proud of the students that have come through the school since I arrived. We are lucky to have a local school which really cares about every student, and that is down to the hard work of all the staff that I have had the pleasure of working alongside for the past five years. It was a difficult decision to leave but I felt the time was right to move to a school closer to home where (hopefully!) I can be around more for my own children. I can say without doubt that this is the best school I have worked in, where students are full of courage, commitment and compassion, they make me extremely proud every day and I know they will all go on to do great things in later life. Finally, I wanted to say thank you to all parents for your ongoing support to me and the school - you have all made an excellent choice in sending your children to Bedale High School and it is in very safe hands with an excellent headteacher, who I have learned so much from.

Thank you and farewell to all - Matt Gill.

On a personal note, I want to thank all these staff for their contributions to our journey over recent times. A special thankyou to Matt for his support over the last 5 years, and especially over the last 3 since I have been Headteacher; he has been a good friend as well as great Deputy. We will stay in touch with him at his new school, Tadcaster Grammar, and hopefully this will become another positive link for BHS. I also look forward to catching up with him at Elland Road next season!

Thankyou also to Geoff and to Tracy - we wish you all the best with your next steps.

Other Staff Changes:

We wish Mrs Drysdale all the best with her maternity leave. And as I write this on Friday morning, I am very aware that today is the day Mrs Knight is expected to give birth to her first child - more news to follow on that one!

We welcome the following new staff for September (some of whom are already in post):

Alan Dunne (Deputy Headteacher)

Valerie Clayden (SENDCO Maternity Cover)

Lottie Meeson (Maths maternity cover)

Sarah Rooney (Teaching Assistant)

Alisha Rigby (English)

Kathryn Robson (Design Technology)

Simon Fellows (Site Team)

Sophia Tahany (Finance)

Lee Johnstone (Pastoral)

Matty Libera (Pastoral)

John Hughes (Network Manager)

Duke of Edinburgh Feedback

I really want to share the letter we have received below which is a fantastic example of the positives that can come from participating in our Duke of Edinburgh scheme overseen by Mrs Wilson in school.

Dear Mr. Kelly,

Many thanks for letting Bedale Juniors have some of your Duke of Edinburgh participants, it really helps the club and gives something back to the community. This season I have had the pleasure of working with several DOE pupils. Max McCafferty and Olly Schofield attend our Bumble bees sessions on a Saturday morning @ 9.00 am, however, this is the start time and Max and Olly have to be there at 8.20 am to set up. They work with our 3-5-year-olds encouraging them to learn our great game in a fun environment. In the last few months, they have been given the task of organizing and planning sessions for which they will lead a group of children. This is no easy feat, but the children who attend absolutely love their enthusiasm and I can hear the sound of laughter across the field when the boys are doing the session. Bedale Bumble bees were nominated for a FA North Riding award and only just missed out on winning. The boys played a huge part in getting us nominated. I also have had Sam Atkinson and Kieron Wilkinson helping us at the U6s. These two have been amazing. From turning up as two shy kids to now leading and running complicated sessions has been a joy to watch. For the last 4 weeks, they have each managed a team in matches, instructing and encouraging the team to victory. They help with setting up all the equipment, moving goals, and then clearing it away. They were supposed to be with us for 8 weeks but have stayed till the end of the season which must be about 15 weeks. We will surely miss them. At the end of each session for U6 and Bees, we give out trophies to a child who has shone. All the DOE children at first used to be quiet and you could hardly hear them talk, they have built their confidence up over time and now deliver a confident speech for why they chose that child.

I just wanted to drop this line as teenagers get a hard press these days, but your pupils have been amazing and deserve a mention. They have been polite throughout the season, never late, always thoughtful towards the children, and a huge help.

Thanks.

Kind regards

Alan Barry Club Welfare Officer / Foundation Coach BJFC



I hope to share an update on the expedition taking place this week for our Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh students, - I am sure they are having a fantastic time!

Feedback on Virtual Parent Evenings

Parents and carers will remember that we trialled virtual parent evenings for the first time this year. The reason behind it was initially related to preventing the spread of Covid. I put out a survey following the virtual evenings to get feedback from parents and the majority of parents stated that they would be happy to retain the virtual format. They liked that it saved them having to come into school (long journeys for some), they liked that appointments had a set time and could not run over, and they liked the flexibility it allows (e.g. for some parents at work who can still take 5 mins off to attend the appointment which they would not otherwise be able to do). However, we did not get a massive number of replies, so I am once again giving you the opportunity to express here your preference for the next school year. It takes less than 20 seconds to complete - please take the time to let us know your feelings on this issue.

<https://forms.office.com/r/qzsgbHGDXY>

Youth Parliament Survey

Readers will remember that Connor Fox, Year 11, was recently nominated as a Youth Parliament Member for Central North Yorkshire. He has asked us to share the following message as part of his new role:

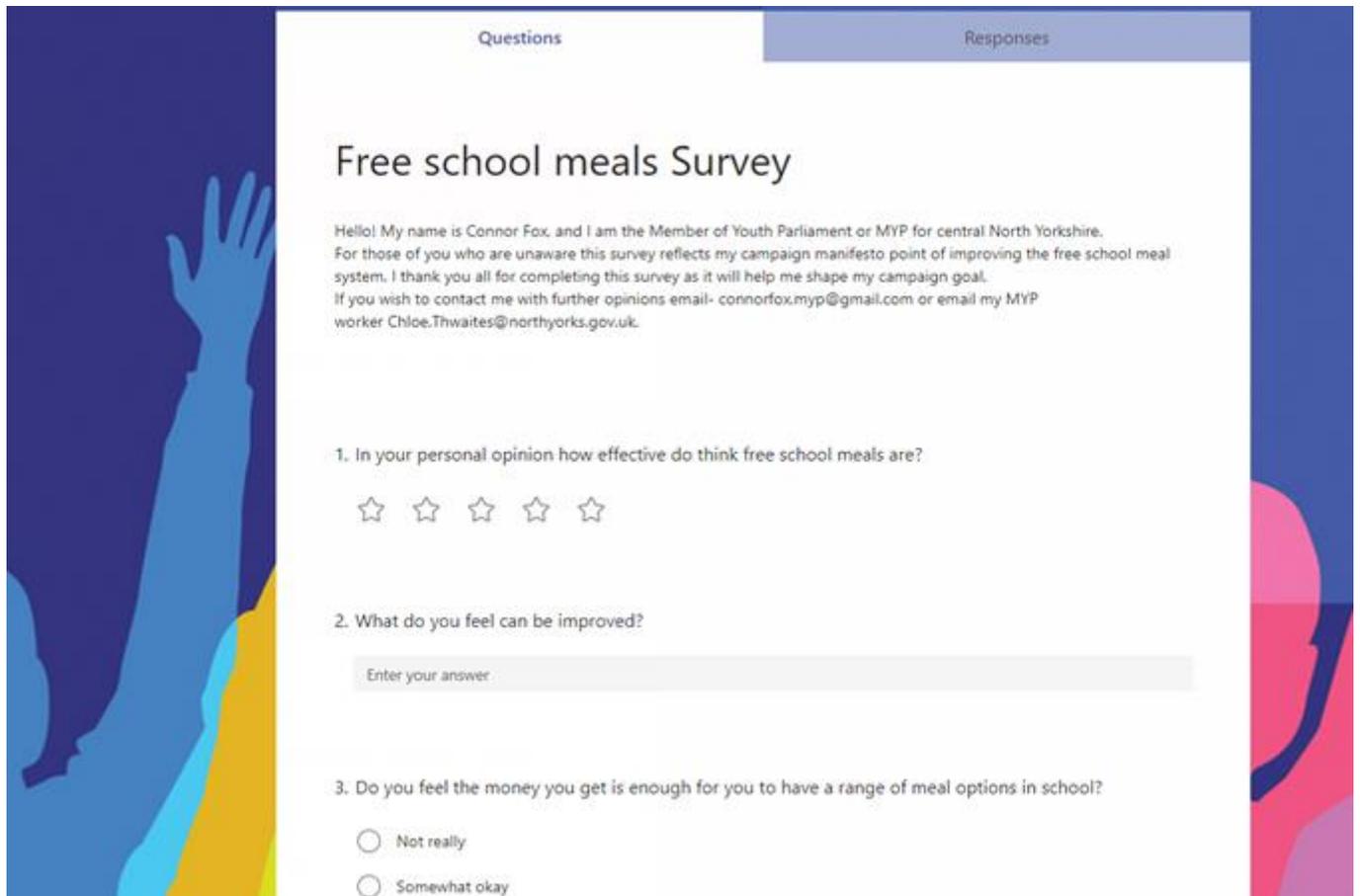
Hello, my name is Connor Fox.

I am a member of youth parliament for Central North Yorkshire and this survey reflects my manifesto point for improvements to free school meals. Currently in the uk 22.5% of pupils are eligible for free school meals with child poverty groups reporting 800,000 pupils missing out on free school meals i hope to change that figure for North yorkshire and the wider area. The survey is anonymous and nobody who completes it will have to do anything more than offer an honest testimony. With the information collected from this survey, I hope to form a campaign to improve free school meals for all young people in my area and beyond.

If you have any questions or want to contact me you can use connorfox.myp@gmail.com or my MYP support officer: Chloe.Thwaites@northyorks.gov.uk

Many thanks,
Connor Fox
MYP Central NY

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The screenshot shows a Microsoft Forms survey interface. At the top, there are two tabs: 'Questions' and 'Responses'. The survey title is 'Free school meals Survey'. Below the title, there is an introductory message from Connor Fox, the Youth Parliament Member for Central North Yorkshire, explaining the purpose of the survey and providing contact information. The survey consists of three questions:

1. In your personal opinion how effective do think free school meals are?
This question is followed by five star icons for rating.
2. What do you feel can be improved?
This question is followed by a text input field with the placeholder text 'Enter your answer'.
3. Do you feel the money you get is enough for you to have a range of meal options in school?
This question is followed by two radio button options: 'Not really' and 'Somewhat okay'.



Family Fun

at Thorp Perrow

Gather your friends and family and come join us for a summer filled with nature trail, bouncy castles, inflatable assault course, face painter, and many more open-air activities.

Family fun weekend – 6th & 7th August
Summer trail – 16th July – 5th September



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