

Friday 15th December 2023



# BEDALE HIGH SCHOOL

Courage

Commitment

Compassion

Some students will see changes to the scheduling of timetabled lessons in the new year. This is to allow us to re-allocate the classes of departing teaching staff in a way that enables the strongest provision. Please contact Mr Dunne with any queries/issues: [dunnea@bedalehighschool.org.uk](mailto:dunnea@bedalehighschool.org.uk)

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Mrs Clayden (Head of KS4):

SEND & Inclusion Queries (Mrs Knight):

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## Leeds Leeds Leeds!

Mr Childe writes:

As part of their GCSE course, our Year 11 Geographers participated in a fieldtrip to Leeds on Thursday. The purpose of this trip was to collect primary data for their fieldwork investigation to answer their Enquiry Questions about 'changes in a major UK city', which will be then used to write a report back in the classroom. This report will then be used to prepare students for their Paper 3 examination next June.

The first part of the day involved students undertaking land use surveys, pedestrian counts and Environmental Quality Surveys at five sites across the city centre. Each group of students used a map of the Central Business District to locate find contrasting streets, and collected data that will be used to provide evidence to answer their Enquiry Questions.

Following a lunch break, where students visited the Christmas Market and some of the other delights that Leeds has to offer, the students collected data at three

more sites as they walked from the CBD, through the inner city along the River Aire, and out to the inner suburb of Holbeck



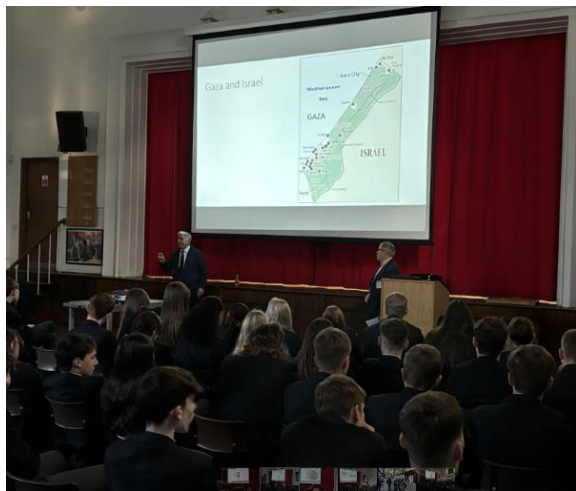
Throughout the day, the behaviour of the students was impeccable, with high-quality data being collected that will support the writing up of their enquiry after the Christmas holidays.

# Middle East Assembly

Earlier this half-term, we were delighted to welcome into school Jonathan Taylor and Sami Hussein from an organisation called, "Middle East Education" to deliver an extended assembly to all Year 11 students during PSHE about the ongoing conflict in the Middle East between Israel and Hamas in Gaza.

Despite the war dominating the news headlines for the past few months, the origins and reasons behind why it is taking place are not widely understood. Jonathan is a member of the Jewish community, and Sami is a member of the Muslim community in London. Together, they provided a balanced, unbiased account of the historical, political, social and economic context that surrounds the conflict. The presentation was very powerful, and definitely provided students with an opportunity to reflect on what is happening in the Middle East.

The presentation, ended with a Q&A session, and with the message that the goal of achieving peace in the Middle East was the aspiration for the vast majority of people living in this area.



**Year 10 students should now have completed the online form (in the email sent by NYBEP) that provides details of their intent work experience placement next July. Please contact Andy Childe with any questions: [childea@bedalehighschool.org.uk](mailto:childea@bedalehighschool.org.uk)**

**Year 10 and 11 students going to Iceland in March 2024:**

**The deadline for the full balance to be paid is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**

**Thank You**



# Golf Club Champion



We are delighted to share the wonderful golfing achievements of Jaicob Saunders, Year 9, with you all.

Last weekend was the Bedale Golf Club Presentation Evening. Jaicob has worked hard on his golf all year and has been rewarded with several trophies and medals. In particular, one was awarded for winning the club championship (36 holes) and another was for best 'eclectic' score (the combination of the best score for each hole over the year.)

We are all so proud of his commitment to practising and competing.

Jaicob is just one of many students excelling in sport - both for the school and beyond. It is lovely to see the success that comes from all of this hard work, and thank you to parents for sharing it with us.



Bedale High School

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Join our Christmas Choir! Open to all year groups!

Rehearsals will take place on the following two dates -

Wednesday 13.12.23 and Monday 18.12.23, 1505-1615 on the main hall. ... See more



## JOIN OUR CHRISTMAS CHOIR....

WE WILL BE PERFORMING AT SOME OF THE CARE HOMES IN BEDALE THIS DECEMBER AS WELL AS IN THE CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES AT THE END OF TERM.

**REHEARSALS TAKE PLACE ON**  
**WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER**  
**MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER**

**1505 - 1615**  
**MAIN HALL**

OPEN TO ALL YEAR



## Stokesley Youth Club

**Youth**  
Youth development of North Yorkshire Youth



Support Music Games  
Chill Out Table Tennis POOL

Every Tuesday

6.30-8.30pm

Stokesley Youth Centre

Open to 11-19 year olds

# BHS READING NEWS

December 2023

The deadline  
for the  
Rotary  
Young

**Rotary YOUNG WRITER COMPETITION**

Writer competition is fast approaching, so keep those entries coming in! The theme is 'Rebuilding' and you can write either a short story or a poem. **The deadline for entries is 19th December!** See your English teacher or Mrs Cann for more details!



## CHRISTMAS READING GOALS!

As well as aiming to read for at least 15 minutes as many days as you can over the holidays, why not also try:

- Creating your own cosy reading den?
- Reading a seasonal story to someone else?
- Designing Christmas decorations inspired by books and poems you have read this year?

Here  
off.  
push  
on  
hold  
feet  
damp  
stamp  
hands  
rub numb  
to look below  
bite ears, nose  
to feel the wind  
on house and field  
on the frosted roads  
view the winter woods  
up at the very top of the hill  
that the silence waits there still  
Just me, myself, up, up, I go, to know  
the heavy climb, to the top of the hill.  
Me dragging my sled: how deep the snow, how slow,

### 'TOP OF THE HILL' BY SUE HARDY- DAWSON

(READ IT FROM THE  
BOTTOM UP!)



## BUMPER RECOMMENDED READS FOR DECEMBER!



**Mr Wild recommends 'Scythe' by Neal Shusterman:** The first book of a trilogy, it describes a society that is so advanced that humans can effectively live forever. Two teenagers train as apprentice scythes who are tasked with keeping the population under control...

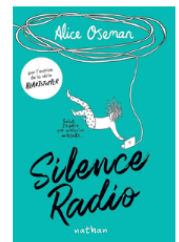
**A KS3 student recommends 'Paw House' by Megan Rix:** Following the adventures of a boy who goes to stay at his aunt's animal sanctuary, 'It is really good if you like animals!'



**A KS3 student highly recommends 'Radio Silence' by Alice Oseman:** 'I really liked this book because of the slight mystery at the start. I feel the characters can be relatable at times.'



**A KS3 student recommends 'The Iron Raven' by Julie Kagawa:** This is another first book in a trilogy! 'It is mainly about my favourite character, Puck, telling you how he and his friends face a new threat that can't be defeated easily and it ends on a really exciting cliffhanger. I highly recommend the whole set!'



### 'SHORTEST DAY' BY SUSAN COOPER

So the Shortest Day came and the year died  
And everywhere down the centuries of the snow-white world  
Came people singing, dancing,  
To drive the dark away.

They lighted candles in the winter trees;  
They hung their homes with evergreen;  
They burned beseeching fires all night long  
To keep the year alive.

And when the new year's sunshine blazed awake  
They shouted, reveling.  
Through all the frosty ages you can hear them  
Echoing behind us - listen!

All the long echoes, sing the same delight,  
This Shortest Day,  
As promise awakens in the sleeping land:  
They carol, feast, give thanks,  
And dearly love their friends,  
And hope for peace.

And so do we, here, now,  
This year and every year.  
Welcome Yule!





# Art <sup>work</sup> Week

of the

By  
Sophie Allanson  
Yr 10



## JOIN OUR PTFA

We are looking for  
parents and friends to  
join our PTFA and  
volunteer their time  
at various school and  
community events  
throughout the year

Can you offer your  
time, support,  
resources, muscle  
or good humour?

To find out more about what's  
coming up, email  
[woodle@bedalehighschool.org.uk](mailto:woodle@bedalehighschool.org.uk) to  
express your interest

It's not all about  
serving tea and  
coffee!



OPEN TO ALL  
FROM Y7 - Y11!

## DRAMA CLUB



THURSDAY LUNCHTIMES  
AT  
13:30 - 14:00PM  
IN THE DRAMA STUDIO





**WELLBEING  
IN MIND TEAM**

## **PARENT SESSION ON 28TH DECEMBER 2023 AT 15.00**

**The WiMT will present an  
hour long MS Teams  
session to parents on  
“What service or support  
is best for my child?”**



### **A supportive and informative session**

#### **Topics Covered:**

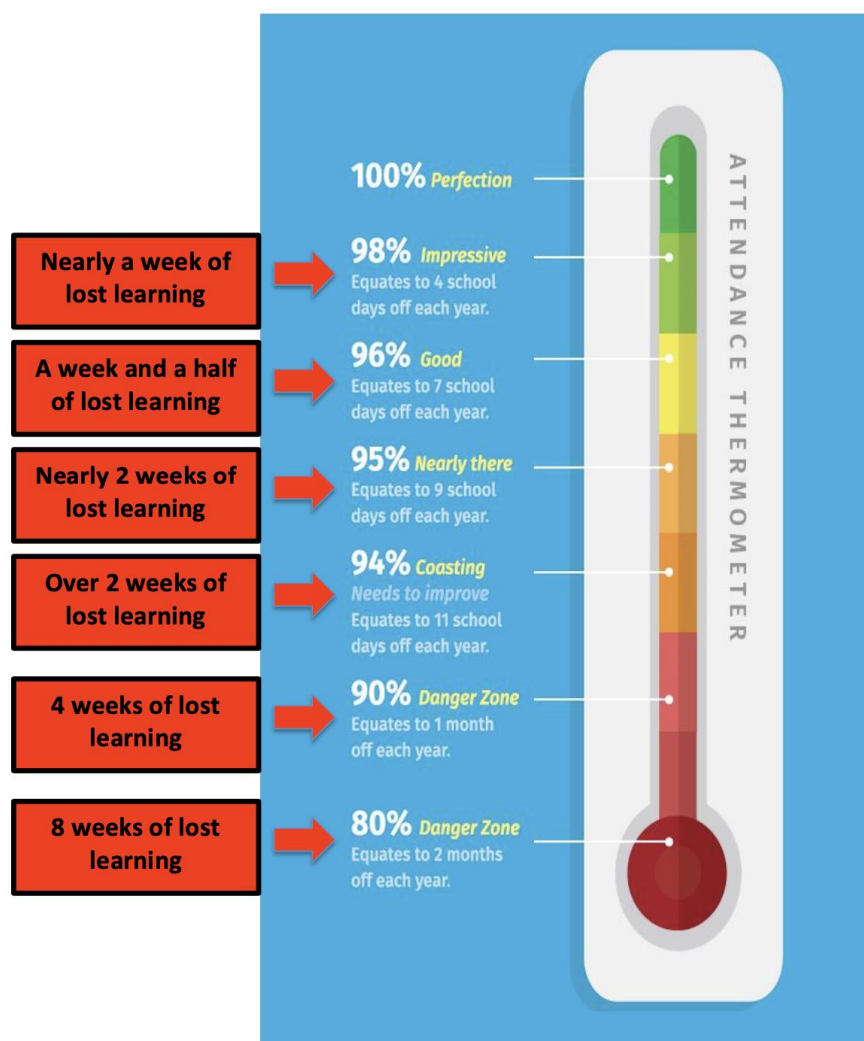
- Introduction to the WiMT
- How to have the conversation with the Young Person and how to gather more information
- Which service? How to decide? Formulation.
- Uncertainty and avoiding falling through gaps in services
- Signposting

**To book a place please email;  
[tewv.wimthamandrigh@nhs.net](mailto:tewv.wimthamandrigh@nhs.net)**



# Attendance Makes a Positive Difference To All Aspects of School Life

## ATTENDANCE THERMOMETER SHOWING THE IMPACT OF ABSENCE ON LEARNING



If you are concerned that your child is not attending school enough, or worried that they are regularly missing days, please contact us for a friendly chat so that we can help you and them overcome any barriers to being in school. We know how difficult this situation can be for some families and have lots of helpful ideas...it starts with a conversation.

Tel. 01677 422419  
(Ask for Pastoral, Mrs Hayes, or Mrs Woodward)

Or email: [admin@bedalehighschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@bedalehighschool.org.uk) and just ask for someone to contact you.

## Uniform Issues?

We have a good stock of spare uniform that is clean and ready to wear. Please contact the pastoral team if you are struggling to buy a replacement issue as we can sometimes offer an item through school.

# What's Coming Up at BHS?

Keep an eye on the changes and updates to events as this table will be updated weekly. I hope that it gives parents and carers an idea of the fantastic range of opportunities and events that are available to BHS students. We firmly believe that the happiest students are the busiest students – the ones who take advantage of the experiences we can offer them...please encourage your child to get involved!

| DATE  | EVENT                                     | AUDIENCE   |
|---|---|--|
| 15 <sup>th</sup><br>December                        | Rewards Event                             | Eligible Students Yr 7-11                                  |
| 20 <sup>th</sup><br>December                        | Reports home to parents                   | For Year 11 students                                       |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup><br>December                        | End of Term Rewards Assemblies            | All Students<br>(School finishes at normal time on Friday) |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup><br>December to 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan | Christmas Holidays<br>(School Closed)     | All Staff and Students                                     |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan                                 | Training Day                              | Staff are in school... <b>students remain at home!</b>     |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan                                 | Return to School                          | All students, all year groups                              |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan                                | Primary Enrichment Day:<br>Science and DT | Primary School visitors and student Subject Ambassadors    |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan                                | Parent Evening<br>(Face to Face)          | Yr 11 students and parents/carers                          |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan                                | Reports to Parents                        | For Yr 10 students   |



# Mental Health Signposting

*We have now been awarded the NY Healthy Schools Silver Award!*

*Please visit our updated Mental Health and Wellbeing section on the school website: [Mental Health and Wellbeing at BHS](#)*

## Wellbeing Support from Bedale High School

There are lots of places you can access help and support...



[www.thegoto.org.uk](http://www.thegoto.org.uk)

This is a website developed by the NHS North Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group. It is a single point of information that promotes different mental health support services (like a signpost). The website is designed primarily for young people but there is information for parents and carers too.

### Contact details:

Mr T Kelly

[kellyt@bedalehighschool.org.uk](mailto:kellyt@bedalehighschool.org.uk)

Mrs V Clayden

[claydenv@bedalehighschool.org.uk](mailto:claydenv@bedalehighschool.org.uk)



Please don't hesitate in contacting Mr Kelly or Mrs Clayden if you have any concerns during the break or if you need support with something.



Text 07520 631168 to start a supportive text conversation with friendly professional support

### Another useful resource:

[Bedalehighschool.org.uk](http://Bedalehighschool.org.uk)  
↓  
Safeguarding  
↓  
Where to go to for help

## Further Information

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.

Self Harm help: Here you can see a link to the YoungMinds website and a guide aimed at supporting parents who have children who may be self-harming. It is a useful and user-

friendly guide which include further ideas for help:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/self-harm/>

There is further information - including health professionals' referral forms - on NHS North Yorks CCG Website .

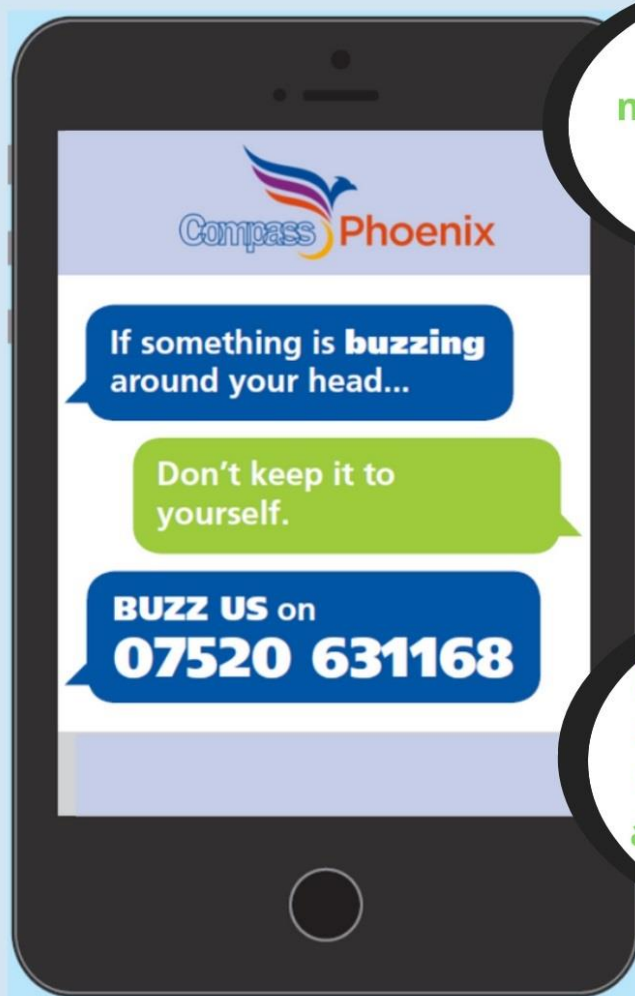
# Compass Buzz Us Service for 11-18s

## ***BUZZ US***



BUZZ US is an anonymous and confidential text-messaging service for young people aged 11-18 in North Yorkshire where you can speak to a worker of Compass Phoenix to receive advice, support and signposting for any mental health and wellbeing issues you may have.

**BUZZ US**



Thank you for messaging in, how can I help you today?

I've been feeling really low in mood for the past few months

I'm sorry to hear this, shall we work through this together and look at some strategies that may help.

