



Dear Parents and Carers

Newsletter 22nd December 2023

Once again, I am having to resort to the more traditional format of newsletter this week – we have been hit with another bout of Covid leaving several staff off work, and I have just not been able to find the time to produce the usual leaflet and pictures – apologies for this.

Goodbyes

Today we say goodbye to Alison Knight and Alisha Rigby. We wish both colleagues the best of luck with their next steps and thank them for all of the time and effort they have put into supporting the students in our community.

Alison has been an absolute rock in terms of her support for me and the wider leadership team, and will be a huge asset to King James' School. We are very fortunate to have Mrs Clayden as an experienced SENCO to step into her shoes from January to cover the interim period while we advertise for a permanent replacement to hopefully start after Easter.

Message from Mrs Bradley

To access the school recipe database at home, please log on to Office 365/SharePoint/Food Technology (students)/documents/recipes.

Weekly recipes are added to Teams, but for reference all recipes used in school in all year groups can be found here.

Drax Power Station Work Experience Opportunity

The work experience placement vacancies at Drax Power Station are now live. We are offering 5 x days work experience during 2 nominated weeks W/c 1/7/2023 and W/c 22/7/2023. We are providing a much more structured programme than previously, covering experience of the workplace, employability skills, and a linked project. As per previous years, participants in the work experience programme will receive a £100 bursary and certificate on successful completion of the programme. Each week will have different departments on offer, the listing provides a high-level explanation of department as some of the terms may not be familiar to young people.

Link to vacancies:

Drax Power Station - <https://draxgroup.csod.com/ux/ats/careersite/11/home/requisition/3463?c=draxgroup>

Contact: Jane Breach, UK Community & Education Manager, Drax Power Station, Selby, North Yorkshire

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Vaccinations

The Year 9 DTP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio) and Meningitis ACWY vaccinations are coming up, please check your email for a link to the e-consent form and extra information. Please contact Taylor Goddard with any queries: goddardt@bedalehighschool.org.uk.

Return to School

Please note that Monday 8th January is a training day when only staff, not students, are in school. It is also worth remembering that we return in a Week B...NOT Week A – so please remind your children to pack for the correct week.

Uniform and Equipment

Please use the time over Christmas to restock on any items of uniform that your child has grown out of or lost, (and also any equipment that needs replacing). This will help to ensure that they return for a positive start in January.

Coming Up

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

Thank You!

I am not sure when we last had a 15-week autumn term...and it certainly feels like everyone is ready for a good Christmas break now. I would like to thank all of the families within our BHS community for the fabulous support you continue to give the school. We have had so many events and occasions this term where your children have showcased their talents and wonderful personalities – have a look here at our school Facebook page if you need a reminder: <https://www.facebook.com/bedalehighschool> . In a week where staff and students are probably all feeling like we should have broken up a week ago...it has actually been lovely to see so many happy faces.

I would also like to acknowledge my gratitude to our staff. There has been a significant amount of cover in school over the last couple of weeks due to several colleagues being off with Covid. Once again, colleagues have stepped up to support them in their absence, taking on additional planning and duties to ensure that we have been able to remain open (which I was beginning to worry about a few days ago!). I am genuinely proud and humbled to work with such a compassionate and caring group of staff.

I hope that you and your families have the chance for plenty of downtime over the next couple of weeks, and on behalf of all of us at BHS – we wish you a very Happy Christmas.

Yours faithfully

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