

Friday 7th June 2024



# BEDALE HIGH SCHOOL

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## D-Day Commemorations

Yesterday marked the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day. Mrs Woodward, who is our service children's champion in school, led the events in school to ensure that all students were aware of the importance of this day. It is especially relevant to our community with so many students coming from forces families.

With the help of students, she had decorated the assembly hall with Union Jack bunting and the day started with a whole-school assembly. I have shared some slides from the assembly on the following page as I think she did an excellent job of presenting some key information about the history of D-Day, while also including a more personal input from our own services children. She began by explaining what D-Day is all about and explored the reasons why we celebrate its anniversary. She described what happened on the actual day and shared some recorded accounts from veterans who survived the war. She then explained that places across the world would be marking the occasion of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary last night at 9.15pm by lighting beacons as a symbol of the 'light of peace' that emerged from the darkness of war.

The assembly also featured a recording of our services students reading the specially commissioned anniversary poem, written by Roy Palmer (Chelsea Pensioner and Herald).

Part of this year's commemorations was to mark the vital role of the many fishermen who helped to hold off the aggressors at various key aspects throughout the war, either through their service in the Royal Navy, or through their efforts in mine-sweeping, coastal patrols and forming the flotilla of small boats that helped embark the embattled army from the beaches of Dunkirk. In light of this, yesterday was national Fish and Chip Day, and the school lunch menu was changed accordingly. Students enjoyed their lunch while listening to music from the 1940s. I would like to thank Mrs Woodward and our services children for leading on all of this, and for ensuring that we continue to remember the efforts of those who sacrificed so much.

**“On 6 June we remember those who gave their lives in the summer of 1944 in the cause of freedom.”**

General Lord Dannatt, Chairman of Trustees, Normandy Memorial Trust

## What was D-Day and why do we commemorate it?

- The 6th June 2024 marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day, when Allied forces mounted the largest amphibious invasion the world has ever witnessed.
- In 1944 Operation Overlord saw around 4,000 ships and landing craft set down about 132,500 troops on five Normandy beaches in an action that would bring about the liberation of north-west Europe from Nazi occupation.
- The bravery and sacrifice of those people in securing the peace and freedom we enjoy today will be observed and remembered today by people around the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories.



**D-DAY 80 ANNIVERSARY 6 JUNE 2024 - THE LARGEST NAVAL, AIR AND LAND OPERATION IN HISTORY**



D-Day veteran, 98-year-old Albert Price, was a tank driver during the Second World War and landed on Gold Beach on 6 June 1944 at the age of 18. He recalls:

**“I can still remember driving the tank onto the beach in Normandy and having to zig zag to avoid mines and shells flying straight at us. I will never forget that day, scrambling for safety after our tank got hit.”**

Operation Overlord marked the beginning of the liberation of France, and alongside Russian efforts in the East, the eventual defeat of Nazi Germany.

Victory in Europe Day (VE Day) was declared on 8 May 1945.

## BEACON LIGHTING

Villages, towns, cities and organisations of all sizes will mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day by lighting a beacon at 9.15pm on 6th June 2024, in celebration of the ‘light of peace’ that emerged out of the darkness of war, followed by an event to commemorate one of the most momentous achievements in living memory.



## The role of the Fishing Industry in D-Day

- Fishermen played multiple roles in holding off the aggressors and in the final defeat of fascism in Europe. Skilled seamen in their own right, many fishers fought directly in the Royal Navy and other services in multiple theatres of war. Famously, trawlers and their crews were requisitioned and adapted to minesweeping and coastal patrol functions, defending our coasts until the fight could be taken to the enemy.
  - Famously, fishing vessels were prominent amongst the flotilla of small boats which helped embark the embattled army from the beaches of Dunkirk, allowing Britain's survival as a fighting force and ability to return on D-Day to begin the liberation.
  - National Fish and Chip Day will be held on Thursday 6th June this year to commemorate the role that the fishing industry had to play in support of D-Day
- There will be a special fish and chip lunch served today in the main hall for those who want it.**



**D-Day Heroes Poem**  
**Written by Roy Palmer - Chelsea Pensioner and Herald**  
**Royal Hospital Chelsea**

It is D-Day, the Sixth of June Nineteen-Forty-Four.  
Operation Overlord commenced, leaving the world in awe.  
The planning started in Nineteen-Forty-three.  
Bringing Allies together, to make our World free.  
Deception was used, codenamed Operation Bodyguard.  
Making rubber tanks and wooden planes as a façade.  
An American unit was formed for General Omar Bradley.  
Then a web of lies was spread, by his Ghost Army.  
Much more was done, to keep the Germans in the dark.  
Before the Allies on foreign shores, could disembark.  
Everything was Most Secret and kept Hush Hush.  
As Allies gathered resources, for their big push.  
The Allied Supreme Commander was General Dwight Eisenhower.  
With General (Monty) Montgomery as Temporary Ground Commander.  
Eleven Thousand Aircraft and Gliders with Paratroopers and Soldiers.  
Were dropped behind enemy lines to secure the area.  
More than Five-thousand ships, the biggest Armada ever seen.  
Sailed from British shores and our fields of green.  
Monty's battle plan was written, on one sheet of paper.  
Set for June the Fifth, the Day of their departure.  
But bad weather, caused a Twenty-four-hour delay.  
Then conditions changed, and they got underway.  
British, American, Canadian and many other countries, were together thrown.  
Going to fight a War, something many had never known.  
Over One Hundred and Fifty-Thousand men of every creed.  
Will perform acts of courage, that must succeed.  
There were Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and the Merchant Navy.  
Many Civilians who volunteered to fight against Nazi tyranny.  
Over the English Channel and to Normandy, France will go.  
To land on beaches called Sword, Gold, Utah, Omaha and Juno.  
Were they afraid? Yes! they most certainly were.  
But the world must be saved, that was their spur.  
The German defences were called, the Atlantic Wall.  
Hitler told Field-Marshal Rommel, he must, the Allies stall.  
The Allies landed Twenty-Four-Thousand troops on D-Day.  
Commencing at Six-Thirty, then things went into disarray.  
Wind and rough seas helped landing craft, miss their mark.  
Putting the plan in jeopardy from the start.  
Fierce resistance was put up, by Germans guarding the beaches.  
The time had come to fight, no further need for speeches.  
Beaches were Mined, Barbed wire laid, metal tripods and many hazards.  
Were set to kill, maim and make things awkward.  
Over Ten-Thousand casualties, the Allies had that first day.  
With over Four-Thousand dead, a heavy price to pay.  
D-Day made Heroes, in that hell unknown.  
Helping turn the Tide of War, as the Enemy were overthrown.



# BHS READING NEWS

JUNE 2024

## REFUGEE WEEK: 17-23 JUNE



Refugee Week is the world's largest arts & culture festival celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking sanctuary. As well as joining in with events and activities

in the local area, you can dip into poems, stories and articles to find out more and celebrate the diversity of our community!

### Home Was Your Refuge Now They Call You Refugee

by Nikita Gill

Home is a language  
you grew in your mouth  
that now no longer exists anywhere  
but inside your heart and head.

Home is where  
you had to teach your children  
how to run from men who are dressed  
in war and blood.

Home is now a legend  
a story of where you grew up,  
happy and safe before  
they set your entire world aflame.

Home is where you ran to the sea  
Because the place you once belonged to,  
now no longer remembers your name.

Home was your refuge.  
Now, after cruelly  
taking it from you,  
they call you a refugee.

## HAPPY PRIDE MONTH!

Queer stories deserve to be celebrated all year round, but especially during June, which is LGBTQ+ Pride Month. This is a UK-wide celebration that honours the 1969 Stonewall riots, and works to promote the affirmation, dignity, equality and increased visibility of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer identities and communities.

Our own super Rainbow Pride team have been busy with lots of plans! Keep an eye out for their display with lots of amazing reading recommendations!



National  
**WRITING**  
Day

Wednesday 19 June 2024

## READERS MAKE THE BEST WRITERS!

And with National Writing Day coming up this month, what better time to enjoy some creative writing?

Writing is a lifelong skill, not something left behind when you leave school! It's a part of everyday life, from making plans with friends over text or WhatsApp, writing emails in the workplace, or even making a shopping list.

As well as improving your writing skills, you can be creative and support your mental wellbeing. Why not try one of these writing ideas:

- Have a go at writing a stand-up comedy routine - trickier than you think, but the BBC Comedy Classroom has got some great tips!
- Write a letter to a friend or family member you haven't seen in some time.
- Wild writing - use a local green space to inspire you. Check out the RSPB website for more tips on this one.

You will find both of these exciting reads in the school library...



**Black Flamingo** by Dean Atta: A verse-novel, this award-winning book follows a boy who comes to terms with his identity as a mixed-race gay teen - then at university he finds his wings as a drag artist, The Black Flamingo. A bold story about the power of embracing your uniqueness. Sometimes, we need to take charge, to stand up wearing pink feathers - to show ourselves to the world in bold colour.



**The Outrage** by William Hussey: This novel takes us one hundred or so years into England's future, where the Protectorate rules all with an iron fist. It is a world where being LGBTQIA is the gravest of crimes, and Gabriel must navigate this world, hiding his true identity as a gay man.

# North Yorkshire Youth Commission Opportunity

**OPINIONS ON  
POLICE, FIRE &  
CRIME?**

**Volunteer for the  
North Yorkshire Youth Commission**

Are you 10-25 & living in North Yorkshire?

Opinions about Police, Fire, Crime & Issues Young People Face?

**Deadline: 14<sup>th</sup> June**

To apply & for more info contact:  
emily@leaders-unlocked.org

Work alongside other young people to make a change.

Advise the York & North Yorkshire Office for Policing, Fire, Crime and Commissioning, part of the York & North Yorkshire Combined Authority.

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**LEADERS UNLOCKED**

NYCC are offering young people in our local area the chance to be involved in the work of the York and North Yorkshire Office for Policing, Fire, Crime and Commissioning. The Youth Commission enables young people to get involved and have their say about policing, fire, and crime issues important to them.

The role of the Youth Commission is very important because it helps the Mayor, Police, Fire and Crime Services to make more informed decisions that meet the needs of young people.

We do this by conducting peer-research campaigns and speaking with other young people

to gather their views and opinions on our key priority issues.

To read more about the Youth Commissions current priorities visit:

<https://www.northyorkshire-pfcc.gov.uk/youthcommission>

Please see the attached application form and guidance notes if your child is interested in signing up.

## Notice from North Yorkshire Safeguarding Partnership

The online world continues to develop and is both a vital learning tool, but also an area of risk for children and young people. Over Child Safety Week we also want to raise awareness of online dangers and the information we have for parents and carers on our website:

1. [Games, consoles, smart devices and how to keep your child safe](#)
2. [Online Safety](#)
3. [Reporting online images of my child](#)

As we approach the holiday season it is also worth keeping in mind of the risks from open water and open water swimming. Our partners at the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service have produced some informative videos about water safety and we have developed some guidance for parents and carers which can be accessed from our website

(<https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/parents-carers/water-safety/>).



# Community Choir Festival 2024

**Monday 10th June 2024**

We are delighted to present our Community Choir Festival on Monday 10th June 2024 at Bedale High School.

Pupils in Years 4 and 5 from Bedale, Pickhill and Leeming and Londonderry Primary Schools will be performing on the main stage along with students from the High School.

The theme of the event is 'A Night at the Musicals'.

Our fabulous school band will also be making a guest appearance at this event.

The festival starts at 1800 on Monday 10th June 2024 and doors open at 1730.

Tickets are free of charge and can be secured via the Eventbrite link below.

All are welcome to attend!

Click here:

[Community Choir Festival at Bedale High School](#)



**Tickets on sale NOW!**

**July 2024**


Tickets are now on sale for our fabulous summer term production of William Shakespeare's, A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Step into a magical world where fairies rule and humans are merely puppets in a delightful whirlwind of comic misunderstandings, mistaken identity and midsummer madness!

Featuring Bedale High School students from Years 7 to 10, our summer term production promises enjoyment and delight for the whole family.

For two nights only, come with us on a magical, midsummer journey into the mysterious enchanted wood....and hopefully, out the other side!

There will be two evening performances on Tuesday 2nd and Thursday 4th July 2024, beginning at 1900 in the main hall at Bedale High School.

All tickets are priced at £5.00 and the performance is suitable for the whole family! Tickets can be secured NOW via the Eventbrite link below 



<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../a-midsummer-nights-dream...>

# Year 10 and 11 Exam Stress Support & Revision Sessions

Please remind your Year 10 & 11 children that the Wellbeing In Mind Team are available throughout the exam period - and for Year 11s and Year 10s to drop in for a one-to-one chat.

The drop-ins will be in Room 42 at the following times:

13/06 – 11:00-11:30

27/06 – 11:00-11:30

11/07 – 11:00-11:30

## Well Done Theo!

We are delighted to share the news of this achievement from Theo. After qualifying at the District Young Farmers' Rally, Theo came 6th at the Yorkshire level rally in Intermediate Woodwork, (creating a beautiful bird box).

He also received a 'highly commended' for this, from the YFC County President, which means that it goes through to The Great Yorkshire Show!

Theo is a School Ambassador for Design Technology - we look forward to hearing how he gets on at the Yorkshire Show. His family, like us at school, are very proud of his achievement.



# The Great Big Green Week



## TAKE PART IN THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK: 8TH - 16TH JUNE 2024

GET INVOLVED IN THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

The Great Big Green Week is the UK's biggest ever celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature. This year it is taking place from 8th-16th June.

National organisations, institutions, businesses and media outlets are joining together to up their game on climate change, and we can all do our bit too! In Geography lessons, we investigate the likely continued impacts of climate change in the UK and around the world, and explore and share what small changes we can do individually, that can help our planet by making our lives more environmentally-responsible and sustainable. Year 7s are currently studying the continent of Africa in their lessons, and next week we will focus on Fairtrade and how it can help improve the lives of farmers in developing countries as well as help reduce climate change globally.

Nationally, the Great Big Green Week sees all kinds of events take place across the country with this year's focus being on celebrating swaps - from clothes or book swaps, to skill swaps in allotments or upcycling workshops, to knowledge swaps on discussion panels or wildlife reserves. There are many local events too - details of all events are found on the "Great Big Green Week" website. Some you may be interested in include :

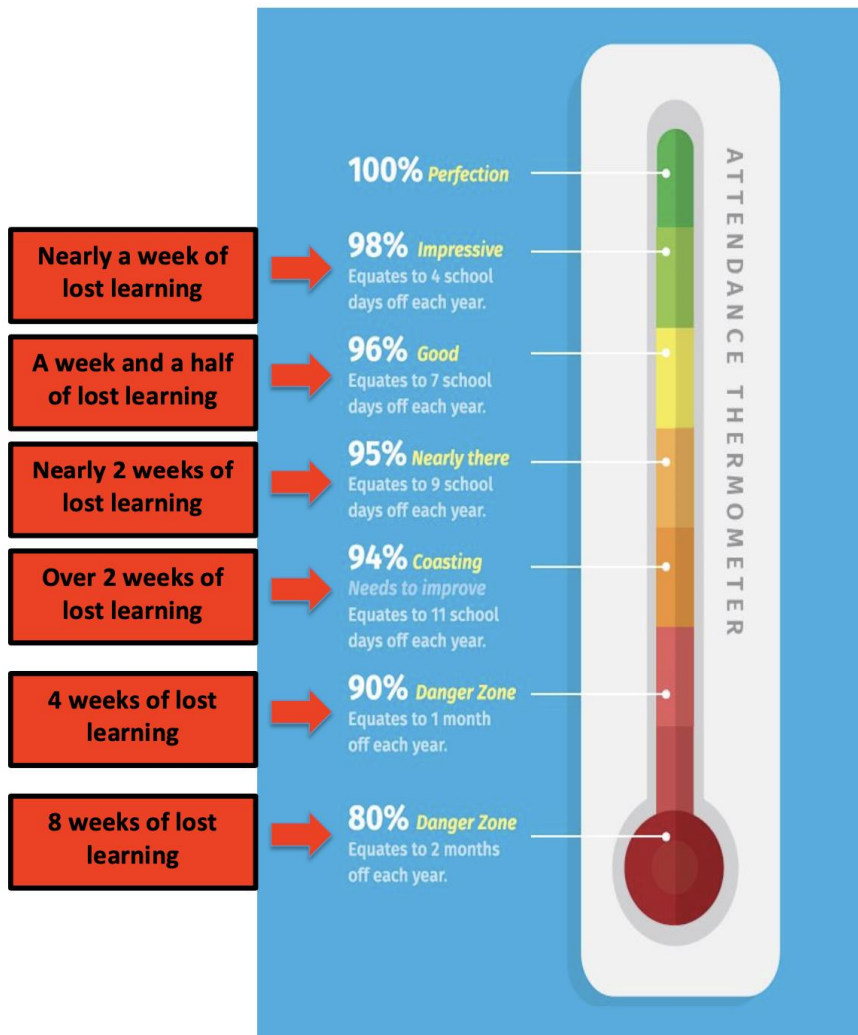
- Free family fun at Darlington's Eco Fair Saturday 8 June 10am-3pm.
- A free guided tour on Saturday 8th June 2-3pm (and various other dates throughout the week) - "Can monastic life at Easby Abbey teach us anything about sustainability?"
- Saturday 8th June : The monthly Repair Cafe will be at The Globe Community Library, Stokesley between 10am and 12 noon.
- 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Saturday 15th June : ECO FAIR at Richmond Station.

So have a think - what small change will can you make next week to help your life become more sustainable and to help look after our shared planet?



# 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.

## Looking for some support with parenting teens?

- <https://thegoto.org.uk/im-a-parent-or-carer/parenting-teenagers/>
- <https://thegoto.org.uk/im-a-parent-or-carer/>

# Support for Attendance Issues



Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys  
NHS Foundation Trust

## Emotionally Based School Avoidance Webinar

A webinar to provide parents/carers with information, resources, practical ideas, and strategies to support their child with emotionally based school avoidance

Date and Time

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 5:30pm**

MS Teams Link

**[Click here to join the Emotionally Based School Avoidance Webinar](#)**

Further Information

Please email [tewv.wellbeinginmind@nhs.net](mailto:tewv.wellbeinginmind@nhs.net) if you have any queries or require further information.

*Wellbeing in Mind Team – Team of NHS staff working with schools to provide advice, support, and training on wellbeing issues, as well as forming a link between school and other services supporting young people. This work includes direct support for young people experiencing mild to moderate mental health, such as anxiety and low mood, support to utilise online resources and develop skills, as well as classroom-based educational sessions in conjunction with the school's pastoral team to improve knowledge and understanding about wellbeing.*

## 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
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Primary Enrichment Day	Music Ambassadors
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Physics Olympiad at St Peter's School	Selected Year 8 students
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Trip to see Jesus Christ Superstar at Bradford Alhambra	Students who have signed up
19 <sup>th</sup> June	GCSEs End	Year 11 students

If you would like to share any of your child's achievements with us in the newsletter, please email pics and a brief summary to [admin@bedalehighschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@bedalehighschool.org.uk) . We love to celebrate and share these with them and the wider community.



*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)

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Safeguarding

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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/>

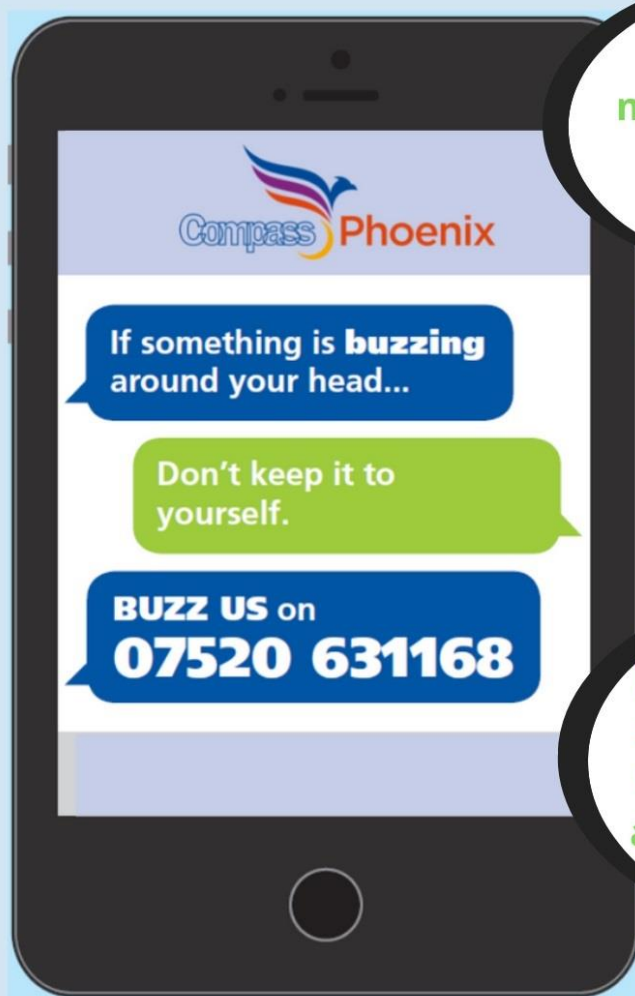
There is further information - including health professionals' referral forms - on NHS North Yorks CCG Website.

# 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.

