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BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL
A Specialist Business and Enterprise College
with Applied Learning
Headteacher: Mr P McCaffery

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Dear Parent or Guardian

Easter Newsletter 2023

Arrangements for the end of term

School will close for students for the Easter holidays at the normal time of 3.05 pm on Friday 31st March 2023 and re-open on Monday 17th April at 8.30am.

Year 11

There will be a revision programme for Y11 students during the Easter holidays. Mr Shelton has already written to Y11 parents separately with the details. I am very grateful to school staff for providing this additional time and also to our students and you, their parents and guardians, for supporting us.

I would strongly urge every Year 11 student to attend as many sessions as possible. It is no coincidence that, in previous years, the students who have attended these sessions have achieved the best exam results. Each time a student attends a session and works hard, he/she will also be rewarded with ClassCharts points towards the Prom. There will be further revision sessions for Y11 after school and at weekends in the period between Easter and the final exams.

Uniform

This is the time of the year when I ask that you support us by ensuring your child continues to come to school dressed in their school uniform and maintaining a smart appearance.

Parent survey

Thank-you to those parents who took the time to complete our recent online parental survey. Overall your feedback was very positive but we know that there are always areas that we can improve.

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A few parents disagreed with the statement	Our response
<i>The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.</i>	Not all parents were aware that this information is already available on the school website, on the curriculum tab and then linked to each subject area.
<i>The school lets me know how my child is doing</i>	This feedback came mostly from some of our Y7 parents who would have liked to meet with their child's subject teachers earlier in the year than the scheduled Parents Evening in June. Based on these responses we will bring the Y7 Parents Evening forward to earlier in the school year for 2023/24.

Student success this half term

Although it's only been a relatively short half term, there has been no shortage of events and success stories happening at school. Here are a few examples:

Well done to our Year 7 boys rugby team who are into the last 8 of the National Schools Competition. The same group of students are also through to the finals of the North west schools In June.

Congratulation to our two Intermediate (Yr 7-9) Public Speaking teams who performed superbly in our annual Rotary Youth Speaks competition. The competition, which was hosted at our school, was won by Bedford Team 1. This team consisted of Lucas (Chair), Caitlin (Vote of Thanks) and Abigail (Main speaker). Their topic on Homework captivated the audience from start to finish.

Well done to all those involved in the Spring Showcase. This is an informal event where our students performed material they have been working on in their KS4 Music, Dance and Drama lessons and some of our extra-curricular clubs. This event also featured the children of Bedford Hall Methodist primary school in a special guest performance.

Students in year 9 Spanish have enjoyed the current topic of food and healthy living. As part of that topic, our students were given the opportunity to try Spanish food. All classes enjoyed tasting a variety of Spanish tapas with some students even having the opportunity to watch it being cooked in front of them at a live cooking demonstration in the Bistro.

Reminder: Term Dates for the remainder of this Academic Year

SUMMER TERM	
Term starts	Monday 17 th April 2023
<i>Bank Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 1st May 2022</i>
<i>Extra Bank Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 8th May 2023</i>
GCSE examinations start	Monday 15 th May 2023
Half-term finishes	Friday 26 th May 2023
<i>Half term break: Monday 29th May 2023 to Friday 2nd June 2023</i>	
School re-opens	Monday 5 th June 2023
Year 7 Parents Evening	Wednesday 21 st June 2023
GCSE examinations finish	Wednesday 28 th June 2023
Term finishes for students	Friday 21 st July 2023 at 12.00 pm

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all an enjoyable Easter break and look forward to welcoming all of our students back for the start of the Summer term on **Monday 17th April 2023** at our normal start time of 8.30 am.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Mr P McCaffery
Headteacher