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

May 2024

Dear Parent or Carer,

May 2024 Half Term Newsletter

School will close for the May half term holiday at the normal time of 3.05 pm on Friday 24th May 2024 and re-open on **Monday 3rd June 2024** at the normal time of 8.30 am.

Year 11 Exam Preparation

I am really proud of the great start that our Year 11 students have made to their GCSE exams. They, along with their teachers, have worked really hard in preparation for this examination season. A revision timetable of lessons has been published and additional revision sessions are scheduled before school, after school, during the half term break and on a number of weekends. When students have completed their exams for a given subject we have also arranged for either a teacher of Maths or English to support in these lessons. The programme has been published and shared with students. Should parents require any further information about our revision sessions please contact Mr Shelton, Deputy Headteacher at school.

It is expected that all students will attend all of the sessions relevant to them. Staff are working tirelessly to ensure that students are as well prepared as possible. Students themselves will need to do additional independent study and revision outside of the school-based sessions to further boost their readiness for each exam. The support of parents is greatly appreciated as it makes a tremendous difference when parents insist that their child takes full advantage of every revision session available and also encourage extra work at home. It is, of course, important to maintain an appropriate balance but there is no substitute for hard work and it is not too late to improve grades now.

Year 10

Well done to our Year 10 students who have just completed their first set of GCSE mock examination results in preparation for their final year at school. Students and parents will receive a learning and progress report update next half term.

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Uniform

I would like to commend those students who support our uniform policy and arrive in full school uniform every day. We want all our students to be smart as excellent uniform is one aspect of getting the basics right. We will continue to strive for exemplary uniform and appearance from all of our students but will only achieve this with full parental support for which we thank you.

School shorts

In response to feedback from both students and parents, Bedford shorts (featuring the school logo and purchased from one of our three suppliers; Rainbow, Jay Max or Icon) will be accepted uniform for **all of half-term 6, from Monday 3rd June until Friday 19th July**. In September, students should revert back to wearing trousers and skirts only.

Please note that if your child wishes to wear shorts, they must also adhere to the rest of the uniform policy (please see the website for this) and wear black socks, school shoes (not trainers) and tuck their shirts in. They should also come to school wearing a blazer or jumper.

Parking

Please use the Leigh Miners car park when waiting to pick up your child at the end of the school day and avoid parking in residential areas including Hall House Lane and Millside Close.

North of England Public Speaking Champions!

This half term our Senior Public Speaking team competed in the prestigious final of the North of England Youth Speaks competition which is run by the Rotary Club. They had already successfully come through four rounds in a competition that sees over 70 schools competing for one of the biggest prizes in Public speaking.

The Forest Hills Hotel in Frodsham, which was the venue for the Grand Final, was witness to extraordinary talent from the young people across the North of England. Our Senior team articulated their topic on how we, as a society, can do more to embrace the skills and wisdom of our Senior citizens. Their words and delivery captured and mesmerised the audience. They had also clearly impressed the judges who proudly announced them as Youth Speaks North of England Champions. We would like to publicly congratulate our Year 10s, Abigail, Cleo and Kaitlyn for their incredible achievement.

The fabulous year 8 Rugby team

Well done to our year 8 rugby team who won their semi-final game 10-6 against Malet Lambert, Hull. They will now play in the National Final for the second year running and this will take place on Friday 5th July.

United Kingdom Mathematics Trust competition

Congratulations to our year 7 students who took part in the recent United Kingdom Mathematics Trust competition. Well done to Lily-Marie, Emma and Tia who achieved a silver certificate and Millie, Callum, Alex, Michael, Charlie, Arran, Roman, Oscar and Katie who achieved a bronze certificate.

And finally....

I would like to wish all of our students a safe and enjoyable holiday and look forward to welcoming them back on **Monday 3rd June** for the final half term of this academic year.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. McCaffery', written in a cursive style.

Mr P McCaffery
Headteacher