



**BEDLINGTON**  
Academy

# SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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## WELCOME to our summer newsletter

It has been a busy term for us at Bedlington Academy where we have seen our Year 11 and Year 13 students complete their final exams and attend their glamorous leaving celebrations. We have also welcomed our new Year 7 and Year 9 students and their parents, and have launched our new school uniform. Students have also taken part in a huge range of sporting activities and extra-curricular events and visits this term. It is a pleasure to see how enthusiastically our students have participated and how proudly they have represented their school.

In this newsletter we share details of just some of the many exciting things which have taken place this term, as well as some useful dates for your diary.

Finally, I would like to thank parents and carers for your support over the last year. I look forward with great excitement to seeing our students go from strength to strength in the coming year.

Yours sincerely

*Toni Spoons*

**Executive Principal**  
Bedlington Academy



## CHAMPIONS!

**On Thursday 28 June, our fantastic Bedlington Academy girls' football team were crowned county champions for the second year!**

The girls went into their last game undefeated knowing a win or a draw would be enough to win the tournament. The whole team was fantastic, however a special mention must go to the defenders and goalkeeper who did not concede a goal during the tournament.

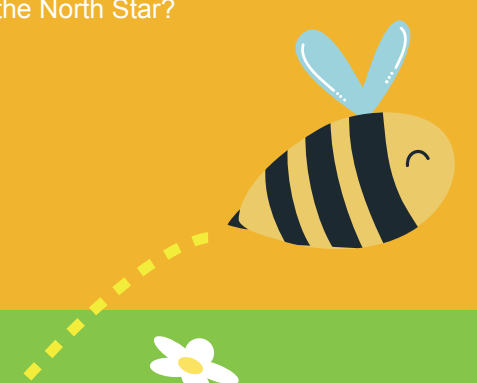
Miss McBride commented: "To participate and represent the Blyth/Bedlington area in the Northumberland School Games is a great achievement on its own, but to win the competition two years in a row shows what a talented group of girls we have! Their positive attitude, determination, work ethic and togetherness never ceases to amaze me. It is a pleasure to work with this group of players and they deserve the plaudits they are given."

Congratulations girls!



# SUMMER CHECKLIST

No plans for the summer? Don't worry, we've got you covered. Just complete the tasks below for a summer filled with fun.

1. Get lost in a different world and read a book... or two!
  2. Have a clear-out (your parents will love this one!). Organise your cupboards - you're bound to find some hidden treasures!
  3. Teach yourself a new skill - an instrument or a language maybe? Then teach a friend - YouTube is great for this.
  4. Make up a dance routine to your favourite song and dance like nobody is watching!
  5. Leave your PJs on and have a PJ day - invite your friends over and watch a movie for double the fun.
  6. Do a job for your parents - wash the car or make dinner - they will really appreciate it.
  7. Get arty and draw/paint or collage a self portrait.
  8. Use your imagination and write a story; wolves, fairies, swarms of deadly alien bees - whatever you're interested in really!
  9. Go outside. The sun won't be here forever so go explore and see what you can find.
  10. Go outside at night and stargaze. Can you spot the North Star?
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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 3 SEPT | INSET DAY
- 4 SEPT | BACK TO SCHOOL
- 26 OCT | BREAK UP (HALF TERM)
- 5 NOV | BACK TO SCHOOL
- 30 NOV | INSET DAY
- 21 DEC | BREAK UP (CHRISTMAS)

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## Staff climb Ben Nevis!

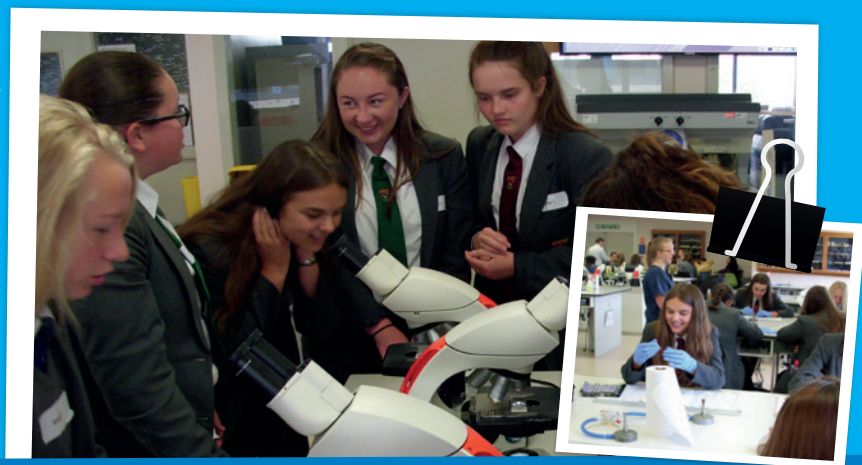
Some of our fearless Bedlington Academy staff climbed the challenging Ben Nevis mountain to raise money and awareness for Anthony Nolan, a UK charity focussed on leukaemia and hematopoietic stem cell transplantation.

Ben Nevis, located in Lochaber Scotland, is the highest mountain in the British Isles, standing at an impressive 1,345 metres above sea level.

Mr Hinshaw commented: "Congratulations to all walkers as Ben Nevis is no afternoon stroll, which was made all the more challenging due to the weather!"

Well done to the amazing staff who took part: Miss Hutton, Mrs Lynn, Mrs Goodwill, Mr Smith and Mr Hinshaw.

The climb was in aid of Jacob's Journey, a sponsorship that Mrs Gray's family are supporting as her nephew, Jacob, was diagnosed with aplastic anaemia last year.



## BATTLEFIELDS TOUR OF BELGIUM

**27 Year 7, 8 and 9 students have recently returned from our annual Battlefields Tour of Belgium.**

During the tour, students visited the war graves of soldiers from Bedlington who served in the First World War. They placed poppy crosses on these soldiers' graves as well the graves of unknown soldiers from local regiments.

A highlight of the tour was when students: Kate Elliott and Kayti Brown, accompanied by Mr Allman, took part in the Menin Gate 'Last Post' ceremony.

The trip was made possible thanks to a generous donation from Northumberland County Council, which will also be used to create a legacy project in remembrance of 100 years since the First World War.



## Northumberland Games

Bedlington students recently represented the Blyth/Bedlington area in U13 football and volleyball at the Northumberland School Games, competing with 1500 other students from across the county. We were also provided umpires for the netball event.

We would like to say thank you to everyone who helped to make the games so successful, not only at the school games themselves, but at all qualifying events throughout the year.

## MAD DAY AT NEWCASTLE UNI

**Ten ambitious Year 9 girls attended a Medicine and Dentistry (MaD) day at Newcastle University this week.**

The day started with a dentistry lecture before students dove in and took part in a range of activities such as handling animal skulls, making models of teeth and working with medical students at the university's dental hospital.

In the afternoon, students attended a medical lecture which showed them the different areas they could potentially study. They were then taken to one of the medical laboratories where they carried out a range of tasks such as learning how to tie surgical knots, practising CPR and handling equipment that would be used for keyhole surgery.

It was a very interesting day - well done to all involved.



## PHYSICIST OF THE YEAR WINNERS

**Congratulations to Alex Williams and Erin Bradley in Year 10 who were awarded Physicist of the Year this week thanks to their hard work and academic excellence in science.**

Science teacher, Mrs Wright, who nominated the students for the award, said: "Both students have consistently produced outstanding pieces of work and achieved grade 8 in every assessment so far this year. They really are exceptionally talented physicists, resilient learners but most importantly, lovely polite young people."

Well done Alex and Erin and keep it up!



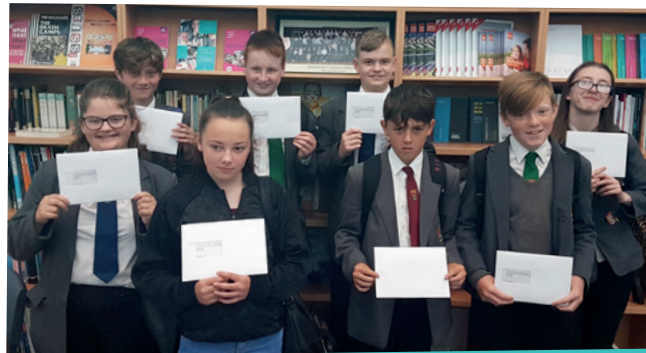


## STUDENTS EXPLORE ROYAL IHC!

**A group of Year 9 and 10 students were lucky enough to attend a tour of the local engineering company Royal IHC, in the Port of Blyth Harbour.**

The students were given valuable information about the company and the work that they do in various sectors. Students also had the chance to see the J-Lay tower, an impressive piece of engineering and machinery which installs pipelines with the equivalent mass of 2000 cars, whilst dealing with the demanding environmental challenges faced at sea.

The tour allowed students to gain a better understanding of the world of engineering, the different trades and roles available as well as understanding apprenticeship routes, in preparation for leaving school.



## STUDENTS' WORK GETS PUBLISHED!

**A group of fantastic writers have had their work chosen for publication this term.**

44 of the creative students had their work published in a Young Writers poetry anthology called *The Poetry Games - The North East*.

The students wrote poems as part of their English homework, based on themes in 'A Monster Calls' for Year 7, and 'Romeo and Juliet' for Year 8.

The other nine will see their ghost stories appear in the *From the Crypt - A Collection of Ghost Stories* book.

Well done to all the students who were chosen - what a great accomplishment!



## TEAM HIGGS WOWS JUDGES AT UK SPACE AGENCY'S 'DRAGONS' DEN'

**On Tuesday 26 June, five Bedlington Academy sixth form students headed to the UK Space Agency event, *SatelliteLife*, to present their winning idea to a panel of experts in a 'Dragons' Den' style event.**

The students, named Team Higgs, won £5,000 in a national competition in April after developing an idea about using satellites to benefit humans. The idea called 'Displaced Persons Aid' focusses on the aftermath of a natural disaster. Many people who are forced to leave their home are overlooked while people

who are injured are supported. Their idea was to make an app and a website that tracks people who register themselves as being displaced using GPS signals to a satellite, enabling them to find places they can go for safety, support, food and supplies.

The event held at the Satellite Applications Catapult Offices in Didcot Oxfordshire allowed the team to gain valued feedback to help further develop their idea, from specialists in business, space and space applications.

Congratulations Team Higgs!