



**BEDLINGTON**  
Academy

# SPRING NEWSLETTER

April 2019



## Happy Easter!

**Welcome to the Spring edition of our newsletter. There has been a huge amount going on at Bedlington Academy this term.**

It has been lovely to meet so many parents and carers at our parents' evenings'. Our Year 8 students recently made their GCSE option choices, and I've been very impressed by the mature and thoughtful approach they have taken towards making this decision.

Students in Years 7-10 have recently taken part in a PHSCE day, where they explored important themes which affect their lives such as knife crime, online safety, health, relationships and Brexit. Students in Years 7-11 have also taken part in careers sessions, with Year 11 participating in a Careers Fair where they spoke to a range of employers.

One of the great things about life at Bedlington Academy is that learning doesn't just take place in the classroom. There has been a wealth of exciting activities going on beyond the

school day. Geography students recently took part in a three-day residential in the Lake District. Our talented drama enthusiasts performed their production of 'Stuff', an original play by Tom Wells. There have been many individual successes this term too, including talented Year 13 scientist Megan Goss presenting her STEM project at the Big Bang Science Fair in Birmingham, and Year 11 rower Sarah-Jane Fairlie making it through to the national finals.

With so much happening, it is definitely time for a well-earned break! I wish everyone a safe and happy Easter holiday, and look forward to seeing everyone back refreshed in the summer term.

**Mrs Lamb**  
Head of School



## CAREERS FAIR SUCCESS

**This term, we held a careers event for our Year 10-13 students to showcase the wide range of opportunities available to them after Bedlington Academy.**

There was a range of providers in attendance, from local (and not so local) universities as well as those offering routes into finance, hair and beauty, catering and the chance to improve general employability skills.

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This year's Careers Fair was special as it was our first joint careers event with Ashington Academy. Students from both campuses could chat with the same providers about future opportunities.

A big thank you to all the providers who attended, we hope all our students and parents had a great time. Hopefully you have taken away some information that can help greatly in the future choices you make.



## SARAH QUALIFIES FOR ROWING NATIONAL FINALS

Congratulations to Year 11 student, Sarah Jane Fairlie, and her rowing partner, Ellen Fenwick, who have qualified for the rowing national finals after winning first place in the British rowing inter-regional junior trials.

After racing in January and February in freezing conditions, the girl's efforts have paid off and they will now represent the Northern region in the finals held at the end of April in Peterborough.

Sarah and her partner were paired up over a year ago and have multiple wins already under their belts. Well done girls! We look forward to hearing how you get on in April.



## EASTER RIDDLES

I rise from the ground, my head is yellow, but I have no body. What am I?

*A daffodil*

Don't let me get too warm or I just won't ever be the same again. What am I?

*A chocolate egg*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

22 APR - EASTER MONDAY

23 APR - RETURN TO SCHOOL

6 MAY - BANK HOLIDAY

24 MAY - SUMMER HALF TERM

3 JUN - RETURN TO SCHOOL

18 JUL - BREAK UP FOR SUMMER

4 SEPT - BACK TO SCHOOL

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## OUTSTANDING CASTLE PROJECTS

Some of our Year 7 students went above and beyond in a recent homework research project about 'how castles have developed over time'.

As well as producing brilliant written projects, the students also chose to create replicas of castles they had learned about.

Mrs McAnaney, Raising Achievement Leader in History said: "I am very proud of the students' efforts on this project. It just goes to show what outstanding attitudes for learning our Year 7 students have. Keep up the good work."





## WORLD BOOK DAY

**All our Year 7 students were thrilled to receive a free book in celebration of World Book Day, a day that aims to encourage children to explore the pleasures of reading.**

Our English department went all out with Alice's Adventures in Wonderland themed costumes and lessons in Year 7 and 8.

And, to show that it isn't just English staff who read, other staff from across the academy created and displayed their recommended read posters on their classroom doors.

All in all, we had a great day, happy reading everyone!

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## School production is a triumph!

**A massive congratulations to all the students who performed in our brilliant school production of Stuff by Tom Wells this term.**

After weeks of rehearsals, students finally took to the stage to perform the funny play for the first time ever as part of the National Theatre Connections Event 2019.

Drama teacher Miss Hocking said: "I am extremely impressed with how well the students have performed, especially considering that, for some of them, this is their first

ever performance on stage! They have worked so hard to get to this point - I am very proud of all of them."

We look forward to seeing the students perform the play at the Northern Stage in Newcastle next month.

Thank you to everyone who made the show a success. See photos on the school website.



## Cadets get army training

Cadets and staff went to the Warcop Army training area this month to learn and practice covert observations and section attacks against another group of cadets.

Everyone had a great time taking part in all the activities and they even managed to squeeze in some building clearance practice, using the

same facilities the SAS special forces train in!

After an incredible weekend the cadets returned home on Sunday in time for their dinner.

If you are interested in coming along to the cadets see Mr Waddle or come along to the main hall on Thursdays at 15:10pm.





## ROLL UP, ROLL UP, FREE BREAKFAST FOR ALL

**This year, we were successful in securing funding from the registered charity *Magic Breakfast*, meaning we can now offer a free breakfast to all students.**

Magic Breakfast is a charity that ensures no child is too hungry to learn. A 'magic' breakfast is healthy and nutritious, designed to give children energy, protein, vitamins and minerals, and is low in sugar, salt and fat.

Magic Breakfast runs every morning in food technology and the main foyer, and distributed by duty staff. See you there!



## STUDENTS HAVE FUN ON GEOGRAPHY TRIP!

**A group of intrepid geographers from Years 8-13 travelled to Patterdale in the Lake District for a fantastic three-day residential this term.**

Students completed their rivers fieldwork and visited the village of Glenridding to investigate the impacts of tourism and how flooding is being managed in the village. Students worked hard and even had lessons in the evening to finish off their investigation reports.

It wasn't all work and no play though. Some of the highlights included canoeing across Ullswater and completing a daring cliff jump.

All the students were brilliantly behaved and we look forward to doing it all again next year!



## YOUNG SCIENTIST SUCCESS

**Well done to Megan Goss in Year 13 who attended the Big Bang Fair in Birmingham to present her inspiring STEM project about dye-sensitised solar cells.**

Megan, along with over 200 other project finalists, presented her project to a group of judges and moderators.

It was a great experience and an amazing opportunity to be there amongst hundreds of like-minded young scientists and engineers. Well done Megan - we are very proud of you.

## SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Year 11 students and parents are invited to attend the Sixth Form Options Evening from 6pm on **Wednesday 1 May** at Bedlington Academy.

We will be able to share information the Sixth Form with you and tell you about the wide range of courses we will be offering. There will be a presentation at the beginning of the evening and then subject staff will be available to discuss individual courses with you.