



BEDLINGTON
Academy

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

JULY 2022



WELCOME to our summer newsletter...

What a year it's been! For the first time since 2019, all of our students (and staff) have been in school for the whole academic year. As we come to the end, our whole school community has been reflecting on our successes and celebrations.

Students have continued to work hard, demonstrate extraordinary levels of resilience and make us all proud. As parents/carers, we can only imagine how proud you must be of your children – they make us proud every day.

The many values that have been demonstrated, from all of our school community, throughout the year have been: grit and determination; care and compassion towards all members of our school community and appreciation and tolerance for and of each other – all of which strengthen each individual's character and their ability to make the most of their time at Bedlington Academy.

This has also been a year where our Year 11 and Year 13 students have sat public examinations – again, this has not happened since the summer of 2019! They have shown true courage and stamina and we are eagerly looking forward to seeing how well they have done in August.

As a school we very much understand the pressures that families are under at the moment. We are extremely grateful for the continued support of our wider school community and would ask that if there is anything at all we can do for you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

All that is left to say is thank you and we hope you all have a restful and safe summer break.

Mrs J Lamb, Head of School

Goodbye Pat

After working 23 years here at Bedlington Academy, our fabulous Catering Manager Pat is beginning her well-deserved retirement.

Pat has not only delivered delicious menus to students and staff each day, but has been instrumental in the many events held at Bedlington Academy. Nothing is ever too much trouble for Pat with her talents ranging from creating afternoon tea to exceptional buffets and sweet treats to mention but a few. We wish you long and happy retirement Pat, from everyone here at Bedlington Academy.



2022 trips

This academic year has seen students get away from the classroom in a series of exciting trips and activities.

Year 9 had a great day out to Kirkley Hall College where they explored lots of different career opportunities. Students were wowed by options such as animal care, horticulture, agriculture and equine studies.

Year 9 and 10 students enjoyed a residential trip to York and Ripon to learn about the history of crime and punishment. The trip began with a visit to the York Chocolate Story before touring a string of museums including the Police and Prison Museum. The trip was topped off by putting staff

and students through their paces at York Dungeons where they had to outsmart some Vikings.

A little closer to home in Ouseburn, Year 12 geographers took on some fieldwork to explore urban regeneration.

We have another exciting trip on offer to students for 2024. We will be taking students from Years 8-11 to Borneo for an expedition. We had a brilliant turn out for the information evening at the end of June - if you missed it you can speak to any of our teachers who can give you more information.



IMPORTANT DATES for your diary

06 SEP - Back to school

21 OCT - Break up for half term

31 OCT - Back to school

25 NOV - Inset Day (school closed to students)

Please keep checking our website and social media channels for the latest updates.

Careers days

This term saw students get involved in STEM day and receive a visit from the NHS Melissa bus.

Year 7 were left feeling inspired after a visit from the bus which taught them about 350 careers available in the NHS. Not only that, student got the step inside the giant inflatable brain!

Older students in Year 9 had the chance to explore careers in STEM through the Odgen Trust who showed students that science, maths, engineering and technology supports people in whatever career path they choose.

We're social!



Follow our social media accounts to stay up to date with all of the latest news from around the Academy!



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Thank a teacher day

To celebrate National Thank a Teacher Day in May, students and staff sent apples with messages of thanks to all staff. We'd like to thank you all for your very kind words - we really appreciate it!



Platinum Jubilee fun

To mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, everyone at Bedlington Academy had a right royal celebration.

Students and staff had a whale of a time at our street party which was full of sweet treats, entertainment, flags and balloons.

Our sixth formers took control of the bake sale and handled it excellently, ensuring it ran as smoothly as it did.

Bedlington Academy also got involved in a bake off against the other schools within the North East Learning Trust. A huge thank you to Team Bedlington who created an absolutely incredible showstopping entry!

The fantastic cake took pride of place in our bake sale which raised a brilliant £360 for the Queen's Green Canopy project and Young Lives vs Cancer.



ART ATTACK!

Our artists have been hard at work improving their skills and unleashing their creativity this term. Take a look at their lovely artwork below...

Goodbye Year 11 and 13

The end of term saw us say goodbye to our Year 11 and 13 leavers.

We waved a fond farewell to the year groups who have come so far during their time here at Bedlington Academy.

We are so very proud of you all; the dedication and hard work you have demonstrated has been exceptional. We wish you all the very best in your new adventures as you move into the next exciting phase of your lives.

Good luck everyone!

