



Dunhurst *Friday Report*

09/09/11

Friday 9th Sept	Block I Study Skills Day JAW: Darran Kettle—'From End to End'	4.30—5.30pm
Saturday 10th Sept	Groups Drama Activity Welcome for New Parents in the Dunannie Library Train departs Petersfield Train arrives Waterloo	11.30—1.00pm 12.00pm 1.48pm 2.57pm
Sunday 11th Sept	Train departs Waterloo Train arrives Petersfield	6.30pm 7.37pm
Monday 12th Sept	Activities and individual lessons start this week Parent Initial Consultations with Kate or Debbie	3.50—4.30pm
Tuesday 13th Sept	OPRO Mouth guard fittings Parent Initial Consultations with Kate, Debbie, Maddy, Ryan or Melissa	1.10—2.00pm 3.50—5.30pm
Wednesday 14th Sept	U8/9 Netball Festival at Dunhurst U11 A & B VI Football v Prebendal (A) U9 A & B VI Football v Prebendal (A) U13 B XI Football v St Edmunds (A) U13 A XI Football v Frensham Heights (H) U13 A & B Netball v St Swithuns (H) Parent Initial Consultations with Mags	2.00—4.00pm 2.30—5.00pm 2.30—5.30pm 2.30—5.30pm 2.30pm 4.30—5.30pm 3.50—5.30pm
Thursday 15th Sept	Parent Initial Consultations with Melissa Parent Initial Consultations with Mags, Maddy, or Ryan	3.50—4.30pm 3.50—5.30pm
Friday 16th Sept	JAW: Elaine Ford—'A Day in the Life of a Stunt Woman'	4.30—5.30pm
Saturday 17th Sept	Groups Outdoor Work Activity Peer Listeners Training Weekend on the Isle of Wight FoDs Welcome to New Parents and Coffee in Dunannie Library	11.00—1.00pm 11.00—1.00pm



Letter from Jane...

Dear Parents,

Firstly I must thank you for the generous welcome I have received from pupils and parents alike. It is really wonderful to become part of the Dunhurst community. A particularly warm welcome to new pupils and parents. It seems that the pupils have settled in really well and Dunhurst is buzzing with energy and life.

I would also like to welcome some new staff to our community. Helen Retter joins us as Head of Girls Boarding, Olly Olie joins the science department and Margot Rouillier is our French assistant. We wish them all a really enjoyable first term.

If you do have any minor queries or concerns, your child's tutor is the first point of contact. Kate Olphert heads the Groups, Alan Simmons the Blocks, Kathy Misson oversees all matters concerning teaching and learning and Simon Kingsley-Pallant heads Boarding. I hope it goes without saying that I am happy to talk to you at any time and much prefer nipping things in the bud rather than letting things worsen.

Two dates of particular note. On Saturday 10th September we have the Welcome for New Parents' at 12 noon in the Dunannie library. This will give you the opportunity to put some faces to the names above and also meet other key personalities of the Dunhurst team. On the 17th September there is the Welcome from the FoD (Friends of Dunhurst) from 11.00 am – 1 pm, again in the Dunannie Library. We also have the Groups Class teacher/parent initial consultations on Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th September.

The school calendar and address book should be with you during the middle part of next week. Any changes or additions will be made clear in the Friday Report as we move through the term. I would be grateful if all parents would take a little time each week to read the report as it acts as a key communication point between school and home.

Sadly the legendary Dunhurst walk to the 'Poets' Stone' had to be cancelled. We will send you details of our alternative plan for this walk shortly. Plans for the Badley weekend will also be in next week's newsletter.

I have just received the Lamda results and they are outstanding. All pupils passed with either merit or distinction (the majority with distinction) which is a remarkable performance.

Sport got off to a flying start. Pre-season training saw record numbers attend and on Wednesday over 140 girls and boys participated in the netball and football trials. The level of engagement, determination and focus was impressive and we are anticipating a really amazing season. There were some concerns from the pupils that with this level of interest they may not get a match, but we are looking into this and hope to create additional teams and opportunities so that those who wish to play will have the opportunity.

Next week will be an exciting one we launch into our first full week of lessons and the activities and individual lessons get underway. We have six football fixtures coming up on Wednesday 14th, giving approximately 60 boys the opportunity to represent Dunhurst in competitive matches. Under 8/9 girls have their first netball tournament and the older girls have St Swithuns in their sights! You are always welcome to come and support and the match tea offers a great opportunity to meet other parents.

I look forward to meeting you at some point over the next few weeks.

*Warm Regards
Jane*



Letter from Jane...

The first week has flown by and it has been wonderful to see the pupils and staff embrace the new term with such energy and enthusiasm. I asked some of the staff to provide a snap shot of their first lessons. Group 1 have settled like ducks to water.....they've been creating 3D paper people and inventing their names and characters. Group 2 have been using the all new 'visualiser' to explore the universe. They were particularly intrigued to read about quasars the light and radiation given out by black holes as they suck in matter, time and light! Group 3 scientists have been making auto gyros this week. Considering all the variables involved (flap size, number of paper clips, material used, size of paper, position and length of cuts) their aim was to make the 'best' Autogyro! In history, Block 1 pupils They were given ten minutes to find out as much about each as possible and then they told the whole class three interesting things they had learnt about the person they were sitting next to. It was a lovely ice-breaker and they all found that they had many passions and hobbies in common. In science with Pam, Block 2 are hopefully seeing the light! Block 1 are beginning an investigation of acids and alkalis and Group 1D are becoming science detectives!





What's going on ...

Train Arrangements

Saturday 10th September

Depart Petersfield 1:48pm Arrive Waterloo 2:57pm

Sunday 11th September

Depart Waterloo 6:30pm Arrive Petersfield 7:37pm

Gaps Duty Mobile Number 07827478489

HPV Vaccinations

To all Block II girls parents

Please may we have the HPV consent forms in by **MONDAY 12th SEPTEMBER**
Even if you have decided you do not want your daughter to receive it, we need the form in saying
yes or no for our records

The first vaccination is on Tuesday 20th Sept

Many thanks

From the Matrons Jo & Alex



ART, DESIGN & DANCE

There is an opportunity to see what Bedales students can achieve in Art & Design by visiting Bedales Gallery, where *Bedales Selective* is open until 17 September. The Gallery is adjacent to the main car park and is open Mon-Fri 2-5pm and Saturday 10am-1pm. As well as the chance to appreciate what may be possible for your children to achieve in the coming years – with pieces ranging from beautifully designed and finished garments, to furniture, paintings, sculpture and ceramics – there is an insight into where some of the makers are heading for their future studies.

On Tuesday 13th September the eight-strong all-male dance company 2FACED DANCE will perform at the Bedales Olivier Theatre, in the first performance of a national tour. Their new triple bill received some glowing reviews at the Edinburgh Fringe and was awarded 4 stars by *The Independent* and *The Stage*. One of the choreographers is choreographer-in-residence at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden and this is an opportunity to see a dynamic young company in some exciting new work.



What's going on ...

Music Information from Debbie

Individual Music Lessons and MRS slots commence on Monday.

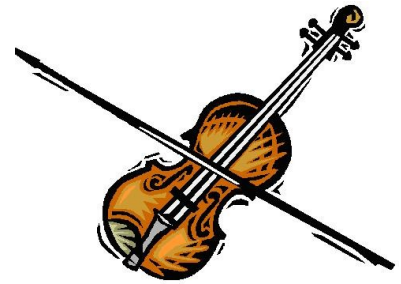
Please make sure instruments and music are in school on Monday.

All children wishing individual music lessons have been allocated their slots and have been informed of the timings, although there are some outstanding queries (i.e. Jerry's trumpet and jazz piano timings and some guitar lessons) This will be organised as soon as possible.

The MRS slots enable children to put in some practice during the school day and help a little towards their progress on an instrument. However they will need to put in extra practice slots at home in order to make good progress and ideally should be practising every day. Other MRS slots can be generated for boarders at 8am and as an activity.

If you have any queries please contact Debbie

Email: dadamson@bedales.org.uk



Who Am I?

Erawin Olie—Science Teacher

Hello, I am Erawin Olie (Olly) and am very pleased to have been appointed to teach science and some games at Dunhurst. What a first week! The single most impressive thing for me has been the very obvious mutual respect between staff and all pupils. My background has been at a variety of senior and local prep schools as well as large comprehensives in Reading and Portsmouth. Dunhurst already clearly stands out from the crowd.

By way of a brief biopic:

I am married with four boys aged 13, 11, 10 and 6, all a blessing but don't tell them I said so.

The book that has most recently left an impression on me is *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini, I am now beginning to read the books my children read recently these were the *Garbage King* by Elizabeth Laird and *Holes* by Louis Sachar. I have always enjoyed reading and it is a pleasure to be able to enjoy and read books alongside your family. There is almost enough of us to form our own book club.

Favourite colour: I really, really can't do favourite lists. I like all colours equally, except maybe pink.
Favourite film see above, though when pushed I normally plump for *Princess Bride*. It is always best to watch this film when you are sick and stuck in bed so that you can identify more with the boy being read to by his granddad.

Favourite sport: This is actually very easy, it is rugby. I played from the age of 11 through to 33 and am a qualified RFU coach and very keen to play my part in rugby part Dunhurst in whatever way I can. Hopefully with the World cup upon us there will be even greater interest in the sport. For those concerned I am entirely confident that England will not win it, New Zealand will blow it again and France might sneak in for glory.





What's going on ... Who am I?

Margot Rouillier—French Assistante

My name is Margot,

I am French.

I live in Normandy near to Caen.

I am 19 years old.

I am pleasantly surprised by the work of Dunhurst, it's very different from France. How lucky to be able to learn so many different subjects.

And the environment is exceptional.

I am looking forward to starting my French groups.



Who Am I?

Helen Retter—Girls Housemistress

Married to David

3 children

Emma-Elizabeth, Simon and Madeleine.

Teach P.E full time at Bedales:

Responsible for the tennis and netball teams but also coach U14 Hockey

Ski as much as I possibly can.

Love walking and most sports.

Appreciates a good book to read .

I love to see students achieve new skills in sports when they have always felt it wasn't possible.

Most of all I love working with young people.





Sport ...

SPORTS ROUND UP

What a great start to this year with record number attending both pre season training and trials in all age groups for both football and netball. We are thrilled with the enthusiasm from the children. We have plenty of matches next Wednesday (10 teams) and I would like to encourage parents to come along and support our teams.

PE KIT

The children are looking very smart in the new PE kit. Apologies for the school shop running out but there will be another batch in 7-8 weeks. Anyone missing a piece of kit has been able to borrow from the school.

OPRO

We have OPRO coming in on Tuesday 13th September so if you child needs a gumshield (hockey and rugby) please fill in a form on line at: www.opro.com.

TENNIS LESSONS

Graeme Coulter is our tennis coach this year. He will be in Dunhurst on Monday morning break to meet with anyone that would like lessons.—Rachel



Football Trials

Thank you to all of the boys who attended the football trials on Wednesday. Almost every boy in the Groups, and approximately 40 boys from the Blocks turned out on Wednesday afternoon for some coaching and small sided matches with Dunhurst Staff and Portsmouth FC coaches. It was fantastic to see so many boys enjoying themselves and working so hard – it's going to be a great season!!

The U11 and U13 teams are both competing in league fixtures, tournaments and friendly matches all term - with matches every week. There are also many U9 matches for our youngsters and B team fixtures for all age groups. We will be very competitive and play to win in all matches, but will also give opportunities to anybody who works hard and demonstrates commitment and determination in lessons and clubs – regardless of ability.

Please come along and support us whenever you can – it makes a huge difference when we have some vocal support from the touchlines! - Ryan

Morning Netball.

This will begin next Tuesday for any Group or Block girl who would like to play a game of netball before school. We will be in the Sports hall from 8 o'clock.

Please drop off your child at the Sports hall any time after 0755. I will escort the girls back to Dunhurst for registration after the game.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact me via email or 'phone.

Many thanks—Debbie dpayne@bedales.org.uk



*Parents' **action** page ...*

1. Groups Parents don't forget to sign up with your child's class teacher for initial parent/teacher consultations.
2. Do come to the New Parents Reception on Saturday.
3. Make sure you have returned the reply slip to OPRO mouth guards if you wish your child to have one fitted.
4. Do come and support your child if they are playing in a match this week.
5. Don't forget the FoD's welcome morning for new parents next Saturday.