

Saturday Bulletin

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Rock Show raises over £6k for the JBF



By Neil Hornsby, Head of Contemporary Music

Twelve months ago, after the congratulations had died down following a hugely successful Bedales Rock Show 2018, the most common phrases I heard included “What are you going to do next year, with so many amazing 6.2s leaving?” and “The Rock Show will never be the same again!” True, 20 of last year’s 30 songs were sung by 6.2s, and after hearing these comments so frequently, I started to feel a little worried myself. However, I was aware that a backbone of very promising talent remained at Bedales, so we set out on the herculean journey towards the Rock Show 2019. I challenged Block 4 students to play like sixth formers, sixth formers to perform like professionals and we all worked harder than ever before to see if we could come close to matching our 2018 effort. After a relaxing half term break, I still can’t believe how spectacularly our amazing group of students pulled off such a successful show. [Read more...](#)

Bedales hosts first Classical Music Day



By Mary Wang, 6.1

On 11 February, the musicians at Bedales helped with a Classical Music Day and enjoyed a busy day with pupils from Bohunt, The Petersfield School, Prebendal and Dorset House. The day started with Doug McIlwraith leading the pupils doing a series of fun vocal exercises, followed by learning *When the Saints Go Marchin’ In* with Giacomo Pozzuto. Afterwards, we split into sections and rehearsed orchestral pieces. Jonny, Sampson and I had a nice time teaching the pupils how to play percussion instruments. Although it was their first time trying these out, they progressed quickly and performed *McIlwRave*, a piece composed by Doug, with the orchestra in front of the parents at the end of the day. The pupils had a samba session with Simon after lunch, experimenting with different instruments and complex rhythm patterns. Later, the pupils listened to a few songs performed by the musicians involved in this year’s Rock Show. [Read more...](#)

Bringing Keats to life



A Level English students were transported back in time before the half term break as they took part in a poetry experience day to enhance their study of a John Keats classic. Students participated in a series of activities inspired by Keats’ 1819 poem, *The Eve of St Agnes*, in an exercise designed to cement their understanding of the revered text. The poem, which is set in the Middle Ages, was inspired by the legend that unmarried women could see their future husband in their dreams if they performed certain rituals on 20 January – the eve of St Agnes. It follows the young maiden Madeline as she escapes a loud and festive family party to go to her bedroom and perform the rituals, hoping to see her lover Porphyro in her dreams, despite being from opposite sides of two rival families. As Keats fans will recall, Madeline does see Porphyro in her dreams, but her dreams morph into reality as her lover – having snuck into her room while she was at the party – emerges from his hiding place in the closet and attempts to rouse her by laying out a feast and playing the lute. [Read more...](#)

Digital Game Design course to launch September 2019

By Ed Mason, Deputy Head (Staff), Head of Digital Learning

It seems that barely a day goes by without a public plea from business, government and educationalists for greater emphasis on coding, computing and future jobs, while others warn of the significant risks of the fourth industrial

revolution to jobs, health and society. The development of artificial intelligence, machine learning and ever greater automation, as well as increased global competition as barriers to entry diminish in an increasingly borderless online world, makes this a hugely dynamic and rapidly changing arena. A growing part of this sector is the Games industry: Newzoo Analytics estimates that there are currently 2.3 billion gamers across the world who will spend \$137.9 billion this year. The UK is one of the leaders in computer game design, with significant software houses as well as 450 courses currently available at universities in the UK, ranging from specialisms in programming, concept art and interactive audio, to degrees studying the industry. In September 2019, a new Bedales Assessed Course (BAC) in Digital Game Design is being introduced to inspire the next generation of programmers and designers. [Read more...](#)

Bedales compete in Oxford Schools' Debating Competition

By Jonathan Selby, Head of Government and Politics

On Tuesday, two teams from Bedales took part in the [Oxford Schools' Debating Competition](#) hosted at Guildford High School. There were 90 teams competing – and two 'swing' teams to make up the numbers – which makes the competition logistically different as each judge only ever sees a maximum of eight teams. Unlike other competitions, the judges were all Oxford University students, which gave a lively and youthful feel to the competition. On arrival, the teams only had 15 minutes notice of the motion they were to debate, and were not allowed phones, books or teacher assistance to help them construct their arguments. It was a testing format which none of our debaters had experienced before. Each team had two debates, the first on compulsory national service and the second on removing the gender distinction for actors in the arts. Bedales' first team comprised our conservative thinkers, Morgan Tasker (our version of *The Spectator* columnist Rod Liddle) and Amos Wollen (who doesn't like post-modernism). [Read more...](#)

Eventful ski trip to Sölden



By Doug McIlwraith, Director of Music

The skiers and snowboarders enjoyed an amazing week with brilliant snow and weather in the Austrian Alps in half term. After rather a long journey they arrived in Sölden, one of Austria's premiere resorts and the first day was the usual assessment to judge ability. The snowboarders were an impressive, cohesive group and the skiers were soon improving their skills on a variety of well-groomed blue and red pistes. The group also enjoyed a trip to the local swimming pool, pizza night and the week culminated with an awards evening and a chance to get feedback from the instructors. Chloe, Mariela and Doug had such a great time accompanying the group and were impressed by how well they behaved and supported each other, especially when things did not quite go to plan!

Spaces available on Spring Equinox events



By Camilla Bashaarat

Spaces are still available on two of the Spring Equinox events for parents, which are taking place later this month. Celebrate the first day of spring with a wonderful one-day [Yoga and Sound Meditation Retreat](#) (Thursday 21 March, 10.30am-3pm, £75) at [Niki Perry's](#) stunning yoga Cowshed Studio in Sidlesham, near Chichester, close to the beautiful beaches around West Wittering. Start with a yoga flow class and breath work in the morning, a delicious lunch by [Feed Me Momma](#), followed by an afternoon of sound and transformational therapy from [Selda Soul Space](#). Leave feeling calm but energised and ready for whatever spring throws at you! Later that week, join us for [Spring Foraging and Cooking](#) (Saturday 23 March, 10am-12.30/1pm, £17) with Hector and the Fox in Stedham. Hector will lead us on a foraging walk, exploring the stunning woodland around their rural home, and back at their house we will make a delicious lunch using our foraged food. Leave in time to collect your children from Bedales, with a delicious seasonal goody or two to take home to enjoy! If you would like to reserve a place on either of these events, please email Tracey Harris-Allen (tharris@bedales.org.uk). I very much hope to see you there!



Bedales blog – Magnus writes in the Times

Magnus Bashaarat has offered his support for a proposal to replace "narrow and inadequate" GCSEs with a broader alternative. Chairman of the Education Select Committee Robert Halfon made headlines on 11 February when he called for GCSEs to be replaced with a baccalaureate that would include a mix of academic and vocational subjects. In a letter published in *The Times* on 13 February, Magnus argued that vocational education is undervalued – and Mr Halfon's proposals, which aim to provide pupils with a diverse, 'well-rounded' education, "make sense". Pointing to the Government's treatment of the ill-fated Tomlinson Report – which in 2004 recommended replacing GCSEs and A Levels with a diploma covering both academic and vocational pathways – Magnus said that Mr Halfon's proposals "deserved a better fate". [Read more...](#)

Sports update: Exciting week for Bedales sport

By Spencer Leach, Director of Sport – *U15 Basketball v Ditcham Park, U18 v KES Witley* – Two great basketball encounters this week. The U15s enjoyed a 28-23 humdinger of a game against Ditcham Park. The U18s played arch rivals King Edward School (KES) Witley, got off to a slow start and struggled to get back into the game, leaving them

49-26 down going into the final quarter. The final quarter, however, was quite extraordinary. Bedales scored 21 unanswered points and, with 30 seconds remaining, had a two point deficit – and a very worried opposition. Despite the high press and cool heads, Bedales couldn't find the elusive final basket and narrowly missed out in an epic fight back.

By Kevin Boniface, Head of Hockey – Boys' 1st XI Hockey v Churcher's College 2nd XI – On Wednesday the 1st XI travelled away to play Churcher's 2nd XI and, having previously struggled in this fixture, were prepared for a tough game. However, this was a week where everything just clicked for the Bedales team. They pressed high up the pitch and won a lot of the 'second ball', creating a number of attacking opportunities and winning a plethora of short corners, only to fail to convert any during the game. Thankfully they were not made to rue these missed opportunities and set about creating and converting a number of open play goals. Goals came from Trumble Outhwaite (3), Loet Brouwer (2), Louis Beecham (1) and debutant Block 5 student Hugo Burnett-Armstrong. [Read more...](#)

U16 Boys' Hockey v Churcher's College U15 – What an excellent match this was. The mixed age Bedales U16 side came across a talented Churcher's U15 side and it made for an absolute thriller. Churcher's had most of the initial attacking play, but the plan was always to use the Bedales physical strength and speed to play direct and on the counter attack. This worked perfectly for the first goal as the ever present Arthur Lingham won the ball outside the Bedales circle, played a quick ball to Ed Marshall-Smith – who would go on to have one of his best performances in a Bedales shirt – followed by a release pass to Alec Grew, and as both teams thought the ball was going out on the baseline, Alec managed to swoop in and convert it with a superb one handed finish. [Read more...](#)

U14 Boys' Hockey v Winchester College – On Tuesday, the U14 team played host to Winchester College. It was evident from the early stages of the match that the Bedales side were going to be up against it with the visitors having a number of talented players in their team. Despite the best efforts of the tireless Raff Ross and Elio Mazas, Bedales could never get a foothold in the game and found themselves 4-0 down at half-time. Some much improved counter attacking play from the home side created a number of good chances, but unfortunately these were not converted. Winchester College deservedly won the game comfortably but a special mention must go to goalkeeper Josh Baty who was simply outstanding.

By Chloe Nicklin, Head of Netball – 1st XI Netball v Churcher's College – A thoroughly enjoyable game to watch, due to highly competitive play from both teams. Bedales made a great start taking an early lead. However, Churcher's fought back in the first quarter, which ended 4-4. Bedales managed to maintain a lead, mainly due to a fantastic performance from Captain Nancy Tier who persevered despite a thumb injury. The quality of shooting was superb from Goal Shooter (GS) Phoebe Peppiatt and Goal Attack (GA) Maddie Jefferies, as well as the defensive performance from Goal Keeper Maddy Upton. Unfortunately, even ending the third quarter 14-14, a final surge from Churcher's in the fourth quarter saw them end the game 15-19 in their favour. Most Valuable Player (MVP): Nancy Tier.

U15 Netball v Prior's Field School – Another highly competitive afternoon of netball. Due to some players not being able to play in the year above, some U15 players were moved up. This meant we gained Kamaya Nelson-Clayton, Millie Kennedy, Millie Harris and Lally Arengo-Jones from the U14 side to fill the gaps. The first quarter saw a lot of congested play, with players driving into the same spaces. However, this settled and the play improved in the second and third quarters. The team started to trust each other more, which resulted in much stronger and accurate passes into the D. A fantastic defensive performance in the third quarter from Lally opened Bedales' lead by five goals, ending the quarter 17-12. However, the changes made in the final quarter made for a nail biting watch as Prior's Field fought back, denying Bedales the chance to score any goals. [Read more...](#)

By Mariela Presnell, Teacher of Girls' PE & Games – U16 Netball v Prior's Field School – This week, on an unseasonably warm February afternoon, the U16 netball team travelled to Prior's Field for their fixture. From the outset it was clear that Prior's Field were going to be competitive, but despite their persistence, we managed to finish the first half 15-12. Some excellent defending from Maddy Upton put pressure on their shooters and made the circle extremely competitive and congested. Alisia Leach worked extremely well in the GA position, providing support all through centre court and displaying excellent movement skills to allow her to lose her defender and feed the ball into GS Grace Vernor-Miles. In centre court, Daisy Flint applied excellent pressure down the court and took a number of tips and interceptions to slow the game down and allow us to regain possession. [Read more...](#)

Train times for boarders

Saturday 2 March – leave Petersfield 13.57 (next train 14.18), arriving Waterloo at 15.14 (15.27)

Sunday 3 March – leave Waterloo 18.35*, arriving Petersfield 20.47 (*please note there is a bus replacement service for part of this journey, info taken from southwesternrailway.com).

Coming up

Term dates are on the school website [here](#).

For parents / students

6 Mar, [Bedales Dance Performs](#), Theatre

8 Mar, Block 4 Welcome from the Head and Parents' Meeting

8-10 Mar, Long leave weekend

13 Mar, [Spring Concert](#), Lupton Hall

18 Mar, Spring Equinox event: [Sauerkraut and Fermentation Workshop](#) (sold out, waiting list available)

19 Mar, [Exhibitioner Concert](#), Lupton Hall

20 Mar, Spring Equinox event: [Flower Power Workshop](#) (sold out, waiting list available)

21 Mar, Spring Equinox event: [Yoga and Sound Meditation Retreat](#) with Niki Perry Yoga and Selda Soul Space (limited spaces remaining)

23 Mar, Spring Equinox event: [Spring Foraging and Cooking](#) with Hector and the Fox

Bedales Events: Book tickets via the links on the [website](#) (fee free) or call the Box Office on 0333 666 3366 (booking fee applies). To set up the ability to place tickets directly on the school bill, please email our Front of House Lead, Amanda on abrewer@bedales.org.uk

7 Mar, [mapdance 2019](#), Theatre

11 Mar, [No Kids](#), Theatre

12 Mar, [Green Ribbon History Lecture](#): Jerome de Groot, Theatre

4 May, [Woodland Tales with Granddad](#), Theatre

11 May, ['Badley Behaved' Dog Show and Fete](#)

For students

2-3 Mar, All-in weekend: Bedales Dance Performs & BAC Product Design

4 Mar, 6.1 Politics trip to Westminster

4-6 Mar, Bedales Dance Performs rehearsals

5 Mar, Psychology A Level Brain Day, SLT

7 Mar, Block 4 trip to Neasden Temple and National Gallery

7 Mar, 6.1 Geography trip to London

8-10 Mar, Sixth Form trip to Paris

Sport (parents welcome)

Reminder that parents are very welcome to come and support teams: tea will be served to parents in the Dining Hall after matches.

Date	Time	Fixture	Home / Away
Tue 5 Mar	2.30pm	Boys' U15A Basketball v Frensham Heights	H
Wed 6 Mar	2.30pm	Boys' U14A Rugby Sevens v St Edmund's	H
Wed 6 Mar	2.30pm	Boys' U15A Rugby Sevens v Frensham Heights	H
Tue 12 Mar	2.30pm	Boys' U15A Rugby Sevens v St Edmund's	H
Wed 13 Mar	4.30pm	Boys' 1st XI Hockey v Hampshire Collegiate School	A
Wed 13 Mar	4.30pm	Boys' U14 Hockey v KES Witley	A
Wed 13 Mar	4.15pm	Girls' U15A, U15B, U14A, U14B Netball v Churcher's	A

Notes

Absence: Please send requests for planned absences for routine matters to house staff, and requests for overnight absence to Louise Wilson, Senior Deputy, (lwilson@bedales.org.uk). For on-the-day absence of day students, please email bedalesabsence@bedales.org.uk. Thank you for your assistance.

Bedales Christmas Fair: We are planning a large Christmas Fair for the local community and parents from Bedales, Dunhurst and Dunannie on Sunday 17 November 2019, from mid-afternoon to approximately 9pm. The Christmas Fair, which will raise money for the [John Badley Foundation](#), will be held in the Dining Room/Quad area of Bedales and will include a food area, children's stall area and a more general marketplace for Christmas shopping. Please email Camilla Bashaarat (cbashaarat@bedales.org.uk) if you are interested in having a stall at the event.

Bedales babies: Congratulations to Bedales staff who have recently welcomed new arrivals. Alice McNeill (Head of

Partnerships, Initial Teacher Training, Academic Tracking and EPQs) welcomed Orlando Raphael on 28 January; Leana Seriau (Alumni Liaison Manager) gave birth to a baby boy, Benjamin, on 10 February; Graeme Coulter (Head of Tennis) welcomed baby William; and Hayley Ager (Head of Drama) reported the safe arrival of two new additions – twins Alfred William and Alice Flora – on 14 February.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Magnus Bashaarat', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Magnus Bashaarat

Head of Bedales

If you do not wish to receive these emails in future, please reply with 'no thanks' in the subject line.