

## Saturday Bulletin

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### Overview of Parents' Day – 29 June



#### By Phil Tattersall-King, Deputy Head (Co-curricular) & Director of Bedales Events

With the launch of the [JBF auction](#) last week, Parents' Day is now just days away. This year we have a tie-up with Dunhurst who are also hosting their Parents' Day on 29 June, so there will be a superabundance of activity throughout our beautiful South Downs site. Another first is our sale of student artwork, curated by Lucy Ogilvie-Grant. You can find it in the Dance Studio, aka the Old Gym, depending how far back your folk memory stretches! As well as the Art and Design showcase, Music Concert in the Lupton Hall (booking required – tickets available [here](#)), pop music on the Orchard, this year's Summer Production in the Theatre (booking required – tickets available [here](#)), and the Bedales jazz band with special guests in the Mem Pitch marquee, there will be the usual tennis and cricket matches, as well as pastoral events for 6.2 and 6.1 students in the boarding houses. The Outdoor Work barnyard will also be open, showcasing some of the new ODW projects and selling freshly baked bread and other homemade produce. [Read more...](#)

### New outdoor gym opens



#### By Spencer Leach, Director of Sport

The outdoor gym is now fully usable and, despite the lacklustre weather, students have been exploring the new equipment's potential under the watchful eye of Ally Prior, our Sports Technician. Own body weight exercises (pull ups, dips, leg raises, inclined and declined push ups), grappling with monkey bars, and the plyometric base are examples of the type of physical work outs the 'rig' is suitable for. In addition, the punch bag has been temporarily attached to add to our 'boxercise' routines. Students and staff have contributed a number of additional work out ideas that the area will be well suited to, including tyre lifts and 'TRX' equipment, and we hope to have these in place for September.

### Seeking support for student's photo exhibition



#### By Dan Hall, 6.1

As a keen photographer, I am about to shoot my 100th roll of film. To celebrate this milestone, I have decided to put on an exhibition of my prints at the [Tabernacle Gallery](#) in London. With your help I hope to exhibit my work to the public. With £2,500 to be raised in order for me to do it, please help make this a reality by donating via my [fundraising page](#) and sharing the page on social media. Every donation and share will help, regardless of the amount. To say thank you for your support, all donors will be invited to a private view and given a signed 6x4 print on the night. If you'd like to see some examples of my photography before donating, you can see some on my [portfolio](#). Thank you for your support and I look forward to showing you my work.

### 'Wonderful' Informal Concert

#### By Sampson Keung, 6.1, Music Don

Although the weather was not looking good this week, we had a wonderful audience for our Informal Concert on Wednesday evening. This is the first concert organised by me as Music Don and my peers, and we are grateful that so many great musicians participated in the concert. We were also delighted to have had the support of parents and students in the audience, who enjoyed a wide variety of music from Bach to Shostakovich. Our special guest was Maths teacher Martin Jones, who performed a solo violin piece by Bach – we are lucky to have such talented staff performing

for us. Thank you to Doug, Will and Giacomo for all their suggestions and support for the concert. There will be more performance opportunities next year and we are looking forward to seeing more and more Bedales musicians participate in the informal concerts.

### **The Importance of Being Ernest theatre trip**

**By Alex Lunn, 6.1**

The production of *The Importance of Being Earnest* at the Watermill Theatre just outside Newbury was great. Upon arrival, we were met by some very scary ducks, who waddled across the grassy verges of the River Lambourn with all the confidence of actors preparing for a Wildean performance. The playhouse itself was rather beautiful, a converted watermill that seats about 200 in a cosy boxy space. Our group was pleased to note that they were the youngest there by far, even the teachers seemed a couple of hundred years younger than the coach parties...! The play was very simply staged, with a William Morris screen as its backdrop, and paper plates and cups instead of bone china, an interesting take on Wilde's affiliation with the aesthetic movement. The acting was excellent and laughs were aplenty. Even the interval power cut seemed staged, as if Oscar Wilde had intended it to remind us of art for art's sake. I have loved studying this classic, it is a welcome break from the heavier elements of literature on the A Level course. The Watermill was a perfect setting, and overall it was a perfect outing. And nobody forgot their coat!

### **Bedales biologists visit Marwell Zoo**

**By Charlie Ford, 6.1**

6.1 Biologists visited Marwell Zoo this month to expand on the topic of zoos and seed banks, where we learnt about endangered species and their conservation. We followed the endangered species trail, where we saw a wide variety of endangered animals, ranging from rhinos to the cotton top tamarin. One of the more intriguing aspects of the day was the sight of an ostrich protecting its eggs – it was very encouraging to see that they were successfully breeding. It was an insightful and, most importantly, enjoyable trip. Thank you to the Biology department for making it possible.

### **Block 2 bid farewell to Dunhurst with *Romeo & Juliet***



**By Aidan Hall, 6.1**

In five words: Romeo, Juliet, basketball, [boomwhackers](#) (you might want to look that up!), basketball. In 133 words: this year's Block 2 production once again bore the Dunhurst standard of high energy and multi-talented student involvement like there was no tomorrow. This reinterpretation of that classic Shakespeare play we all know – and love/live in fear of – set itself up in a Brazilian basketball court with the Montagues and Capulets as two rival teams. The choreographed boomwhacker battles to intense Latin drumbeats (pictured) were more entertaining than any sword fight I've ever seen. The play never failed to involve students from different performance styles: singers, musicians and dancers all had their place on the court, from breakdancing to ukulele solos. This came together with the Latin influence to form a show full of both artistic and cultural diversity that was sure to keep us entertained throughout.

### **Bedales blog – Supporting the Rural Refugee Network**



**By Rob Reynolds, Director of External Relations**

As part of the school's partnerships, pupils from Bedales and Dunhurst have supported the Rural Refugee Network (RRN) fundraising effort by creating artwork for RRN's major Art sale; they also helped prepare for the annual exhibition held at Bordean House, near Petersfield last week. The charity's founder and Co-chair of the Board of Trustees, Julia Thistleton-Smith commented on Bedales' contribution: "This year's event was our most successful yet. Thank you all for your wonderful support. I can't tell you how much we appreciate what I can only describe as an outpouring of support from Bedales. It makes such a difference to our own motivation to get a boost like this." 62 pupils from Block 1 (Dunhurst) and the Sixth Form contributed artwork together with Dunhurst's Head of Art & Design, Susan McFarlane. [Read more...](#)

### **Sports update: Tough cricket quarter-final**

**By Kevin Boniface, Head of Hockey – Boys' U14 Cricket v King Edward's School Southampton** – On Wednesday the U14 boys' cricket team travelled away to King Edward's School (KES) Southampton to play in the quarter-final of the Hampshire One Day Cup. Due to the weather conditions, the 40-over a side game had to be reduced to 20. Bedales lost the toss and were put in to bat. A well balanced opening partnership between Huw Wheeler and Archie Featherstone got the side off to a good start. Huw went on to dominate the innings, scoring his maiden century with a blend of powerful attacking shots and well worked rotation of the strike. He was ably assisted by Jac Wheeler (23), and Bedales posted a very respectful 153 from their 20 overs. The second half of the game wasn't to be as successful. Bedales struggled to bowl a consistent line and length and leaked far too many extras. This, in combination with a superb opening stand from KES, meant that when the rain increased and the game was abandoned, KES were comfortably ahead of the run rate and were deserved winners. Best of luck to them as they progress to the semi-finals.

## Train times for boarders

Saturday 22 June – leave Petersfield 13.53 (next train 14.18), arriving Waterloo at 15.14 (15.28)

Sunday 23 June – leave Waterloo 19.30, arriving Petersfield 20.40

## Coming up

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

### For parents / students

22 June, [Drugs Workshop with Dave Parvin](#), 11.45am

22 June, Petersfield Museum Roadshow, Steep Village Hall, 11.30am-5pm

23 June, GoBCC v Hammer Bottom Butsers CC (A), 2pm

24 June, Block 5 return for Pre-A Level lessons

26 June, Tiger Braun-White cello recital, St Bartholomew's Church, Rogate, 6pm

28 June, Reading Day

29 June, Parents' Day

1 July, Sixth Form Induction Week

5 July, End of Summer Term, around 2pm

**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](mailto:abrewer@bedales.org.uk)

28 June, Hamper Ball (email [development@bedales.org.uk](mailto:development@bedales.org.uk) to book)

29 June, [Parents' Day Concert](#), Lupton Hall, 11am

29 June-2 July, [Bedales Summer Production](#), Theatre, 2pm

12-28 July, [Petersfield Shakespeare Festival](#)

21-24 August, [Stansted Players' 29th Annual Production](#), Theatre

19 September, [HOTTER](#) and [The Privileged](#), Theatre

17 September, Visiting Poet: [Julia Copus](#), Theatre

20 September, [Marika Hackman](#), Theatre

26 September, [Nick Cassenbaum](#): My Kind of Michael, Theatre

28 September, [Tales from the Trees](#), Theatre

### For students

21-25 June, Gold DofE Practice & Qualifying Expeditions in South Wales

22-23 June, Lower School Show All-in Weekend

25-27 June, Lower School Drop Down Day

26 June, 6.1 Biology trip to Bembridge, Isle of Wight

26 June, Petersfield Radio Partnership Training Day

28 June, 6.1 Psychology University Preparation trip

2 July, ABRSM exams

3 July, JFP (Jazz, Folk, Poetry) & BBQ, Sotherington Barn

3 July, Block 5 Ball

### 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 25 Jun | 2.00pm | Boys' U15 Tennis v Portsmouth Grammar School          | H           |
| Tue 25 Jun | 2.00pm | Girls' U15 Tennis v Portsmouth Grammar School         | H           |
| Tue 25 Jun | 2.15pm | Girls' U15A/U15B Rounders v Portsmouth Grammar School | H           |
| Tue 25 Jun | 2.15pm | Boys' U15A/U14A Cricket v The Royal School            | A           |
| Wed 26 Jun | 2.00pm | Boys' U14A Cricket v The John Lyon School             | H           |
| Wed 26 Jun | 4.15pm | Girls' U14A Cricket v Portsmouth Grammar School       | H           |
| Tue 2 Jul  | 1.00pm | Girls' U15A/U14A Rounders Tournament at Ditcham Park  | A           |

## Notes

**Absence:** Please send requests for absences to house staff. For on-the-day absence of day students, please email [bedalesabsence@bedales.org.uk](mailto:bedalesabsence@bedales.org.uk). Thank you for your assistance.

**Head Students:** The members of the new Head Student Team for 2019/20 are Yaya Caird, Lara Rippinger, Norpell Wilberforce and Finn Wilkins; many congratulations to them all.

**Petersfield Museum Roadshow:** Bedales Librarian and Archivist Jane Kirby will be at the Petersfield Museum Roadshow at Steep Village Hall on Saturday 22 June from 11.30am-5pm (view flyer [here](#)). All welcome; free entry.

Yours,



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## Head of Bedales

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