

## Saturday Bulletin

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### Politics students invited to Westminster



**By Jonathan Selby, Head of Government and Politics**

On Monday, Bedales 6.1 students were invited to take part in a livestream Question Time event at Westminster. We combined our visit with a tour of the House of Commons, which we were originally due to undertake in the summer, the House of Lords and the Lobby Hall, where ordinary citizens can go and lobby MPs. We were fortunate to have the tour at a time when Parliament was in sitting, as usually school tours take place when Parliament is in recess. We saw David Davis, Hilary Benn, Diane Abbott, Dame Patricia Hodge and John Bercow, Speaker of the Commons, controlling the debate. The topic was initially on housing and communities, leading to urgent questions on weapon control. The House of Lords was rather more a slow-moving affair, with bowing to the empty throne one of the quaint conventions we witnessed. [Read more...](#)

### Bedales compete in Latin and Greek Reading Competition



**By Christopher Grocock, Head of Classics**

Bedales once again sent a select set of competitors to the annual Southampton Classical Association Latin and Greek Reading Competition on 1 March at Portsmouth Grammar School (PGS), where our students found themselves pitted against entrants from Winchester, PGS, Pilgrims and Southampton Grammar School. Alastair Harden and I spent time drumming up interest and rehearsing them – I used chocolate biscuits as an incentive in Monday afternoon breaks! Our entry was whittled down through illnesses (and the same had happened to other schools, as we found when we arrived), but undaunted, we set off at 4pm in our trusty minibus, hoping that nerves would not impede us and we would all do our best. [Read more...](#)

### Reading to Dunannie children for World Book Day



It was World Book Day on 7 March and pupils from all three Bedales schools took the opportunity to take part in reading related activities. Children at Dunannie arrived at school for the day dressed as characters from books, while pupils at Dunhurst enjoyed a range of activities – including reading to staff members' dogs and the Dunhurst Outdoor Work chickens – during the school day. Bedales Head of English, David Anson, and a group of Bedales students got involved in the fun when they too dressed as characters from books and visited Dunannie to read to the children. World Book Day is a national charity event which has been held annually since 1998 as a way of encouraging children to explore the pleasures of books and reading.

### Green Ribbon History Lecture 12 March – invitation for parents



**By Matthew Yeo, Head of History**

The Green Ribbon History Lecture is the History department's annual flagship lecture, delivered by a distinguished academic or public historian. We're very lucky this year to welcome Jerome de Groot of the University of Manchester to Bedales for this event on Tuesday 12 March. In his talk, Jerome will look at the ways in which DNA and genetic science informs our understanding of the past. Looking at ancient DNA and contemporary family history genetic sequencing, as well as considering high profile cases such as Cheddar Man, Richard III and the Golden State Killer, he will think about the new ways for remembering that have been created by innovations in scientific knowledge. Tickets are free – book via Bedales Events [here](#).

## Invitation to Extended Project Exhibition – 21 March

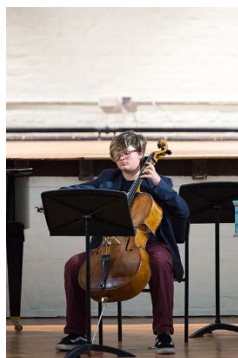
By Al McConville, Director of Learning and Innovation

A host of 6.1s are currently putting the finishing touches to the wide variety of [Extended Projects](#). This is in preparation for one of the most heartening evenings of the year – the Extended Project Expo – to which you are warmly invited. Films, plays, dissertations, artefacts in all their glory. Project teams will be showcasing their efforts in the Library on Thursday 21 March between 7.30-9pm. Come and see the fabulous range of interests that 6.1s have been pursuing for the past two terms. It's Bedalian education at its best, I promise! For an idea of what to expect, find out more about Extended Projects [here](#) and see photos from last year's exhibition [here](#).

## Old Bedalians' music industry success

Following on from Chili Chilton's debut last month, three more Old Bedalians – and Rock Show alumni – have recently made their mark in the music industry. Freddy Sheed, who left Bedales in 2012, can be heard playing drums on the album *Good at Falling* by The Japanese House, which was released on 1 March (listen online [here](#)). Freddy, who contributed a huge amount of creative input to the album, has now moved on to work with [Lewis Capaldi](#), who is currently at number one in the official [UK Top 40](#) and can be seen on tour with him for the rest of the year and beyond. Meanwhile, Luca Caruso and Peter Wilson – who left Bedales in 2017 and 2015 respectively – released their debut recording as part of the jazz trio Ukita last week (listen to the EP online [here](#)). Luca is currently in his second year at the Royal Academy of Music and Peter is in his third year at the Guildhall School of Music; both are studying Jazz.

## Music events coming up this term



By Doug McIlwraith, Director of Music

A reminder that the [Spring Concert](#) takes place on Wednesday 13 March at 7.30pm in the Lupton Hall. It has been a very busy term but the musicians and singers have impressed with their commitment and enthusiasm. Highlights of the concert will be the thrilling *Danse Bachanale* by Camille Saint-Saens played by the school orchestra; a real challenge but hugely exciting. The choirs will sing Schubert's delightful *Mass in G major* and also Allegri's famous *Miserere* with its soaring top C for soprano solo. There will also be music from the percussion ensemble, concert band and jazz band and many opportunities for our talented students to take solo roles. The final musical event this term will be the [Exhibitioner Concert](#) on Tuesday 19 March at 7.30pm in the Lupton Hall. There will be quite a number of performers playing and a great opportunity to hear their progress. Tickets are free – book via Bedales Events [here](#).

## Bedales blog – Emily Seeber in TES

An article for TES co-authored by Bedales Head of Sciences Emily Seeber and Elizabeth Bathurst, music teacher at St Catherine's School in Surrey, explores whether research around science practicals could transfer to music teaching – and beyond. The authors consider similarities between lessons in the two subjects, and ask whether principles underpinning the approaches from research in science and music lessons are comparable, and whether teachers might pool their research. It does not tend to happen in this way, they argue; rather, general findings about how a pedagogical approach impacts on learning are taken up by a teacher and applied to their particular subject context. [Read more...](#)

## Sports update: Closely competed matches



By Spencer Leach, Director of Sport – *U18 Basketball v Bohunt & Rooks Heath* – The U18 basketball team played two competitive and successful fixtures this week. Both games remained tight until the final quarter and then the Bedales team used their experience and power to pull away and establish a lead against Bohunt and our visitors from Harrow, Rooks Heath.

*Rugby Sevens v King Edward's School (KES) Witley* – The much anticipated Rugby 7s match against KES Witley did not disappoint and a large crowd cheered on an impressive and disciplined performance with Bedales enjoying a comfortable win.

*Senior Girls' Football v Charterhouse* – The senior girls' football team took on Charterhouse in a seven-a-side fixture which was competitive and great fun, with honours going to our opponents on this occasion.

By Chloe Nicklin, Head of Netball – *U14A Netball v Ditcham Park* – This was a closely competed game that kept the two spectators on the edge of their seats until the very end. Bedales made a fantastic start, winning the first quarter 8-2. However, this lead was short lived, with Ditcham fighting back all the way through, closing the gap with each quarter. A fantastic all round performance from Lally Arengo-Jones, changing to the defensive end after an impressive stint as Goal Attack for the first three quarters. Zoe Lobbenberg's game showed a brilliant improvement in the last quarter, denying her opponent a goal. Clemmie Pike came on and gave a feisty performance against a strong and fast Wing Attack (WA). However, Ditcham showed great determination and were able to close the gap to 17-15 by the final whistle. A narrow win for Bedales, with Coco Witheridge and Anna Tasker being selected as Most Valuable Players (MVPs).

**By Mariela Presnell, Teacher of Girls' PE & Games** – This week, rain put a dampener on our plan to run an U15 Bedales Netball Tournament, so we modified the afternoon and played a series of shorter matches. Our first game was against KES Witley. It took a while for Bedales to settle into the game, but some great interceptions from Lally Arengo-Jones allowed us to take the win 6-3. Our second game was against Bohunt and we looked much more composed. Some excellent balls into the shooters; Alisia Leach and Mathilda Douglas from WA Mabel Watson meant we finished the second game 11-6 to us. Some excellent play from all the girls, and many thanks to the four schools that visited us. Particular mention to Lally who took MVP in the first game and Mabel who got it in the second.

### Train times for boarders

Friday 8 March – leave Petersfield 15.57 (next train 16.06), arriving Waterloo at 17.14 (17.27)

Sunday 10 March – leave Waterloo **19.03\***, arriving Petersfield 20.40 (\*please note earlier train time)

### Coming up

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

#### For parents / students

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

23 Mar, Bedales Parents' Association AGM, Lupton Hall, 10.30am

**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)

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

8-10 Mar, Sixth Form trip to Paris

11 Mar, Prebendal Percussion Trip

12 Mar, 6.1 Classics Sovereign Lecture Day on 'Iliad'

13 Mar, Block 4 Geography field trip to Portsmouth and Southsea

13 Mar, Spring Concert rehearsals

16-17 Mar, All-in weekend: BAC Scripted (Drama and Theatre Studies)

16-17 Mar, Design 6.2 Open Workshop

#### 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 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
Tue 19 Mar	2.00pm	Girls' 1st Netball Fastnet Tournament at Seaford	A
Tue 19 Mar	2.30pm	Boys' U15A Basketball v The Royal School	H
Wed 20 Mar	1.45pm	Boys' 1st XI Hockey v Lord Wandsworth College	A
Wed 20 Mar	4.30pm	Boys' U14 Hockey v Ditcham Park	H

## 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](mailto:lwilson@bedales.org.uk)). For on-the-day absence of day students, please email [bedalesabsence@bedales.org.uk](mailto:bedalesabsence@bedales.org.uk). Thank you for your assistance.

Yours,



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## Head of Bedales

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