

HOME GROWN

Shows from the
heart of Bedales



All home grown events are free of charge
and all timings in this section are indications only



Dunhurst Show

Dreams of Anne Frank by Bernard Kops

Thu 23 Jan, 19.30-21.00 &

Fri 24 Jan, 14.00-15.30

Theatre

In 1942 Anne Frank, a young Jewish girl, was forced into hiding with seven others in a secret annexe in Amsterdam. *Dreams of Anne Frank* vividly brings her story to life in a poignant and highly charged drama. Using actors, movement, and song Bernard Kops reimagines a world in which Anne Frank lived, fell in love, and dreamed of freedom.



BAC Scripted

Tue 03 Mar, 19.30–21.00

Theatre

As part of their BAC drama exam, students will perform pieces of theatre in the style of leading theatrical practitioners. This is the final chapter of their BAC Theatre course concluding two years of dedicated and creative work from the whole cohort. Each group will perform a scripted piece of theatre using the style and practices of outstanding practitioners, to ensure that the work is considered, compelling and pushes the boundaries of creativity.



Spring Concert

Wed 11 Mar, 19.30–21.00

Lupton Hall

The Spring Concert is a vibrant showcase of all school ensembles including the orchestra, choirs and jazz band. This year there will be a number of ambitious choral works, some chamber works performed by our music scholars and a great selection of music from our jazz band.



“I was amazed by the standard of the performances and the students seemed so assured. The choral music was particularly thrilling and the jazz band gave the perfect end to the evening”.

Block 4 parent

“It was great to hear that Bedales is in fine voice and that the music is flourishing; the acoustics in the Lupton Hall are as impressive as they were in my day but the variety of music has definitely grown”. OB

Bedales Dance Performs

Thu 12 Mar, 19.30–21.00

Theatre

Students from Block 4 to 6.2 have been choreographing and rehearsing in preparation for Bedales Dance Performs. During the course of the evening they will be showcasing a variety of examination pieces for BAC and A Level Dance and performances choreographed as part of the dancer's personal development. The range of works is inspired by an eclectic mix of stimuli including professional choreographic styles, as well as concepts and ideas from both the exam boards and the students. The students' passion and commitment to Dance has resulted in this impressive evening of variety, skill and originality.



6.2 Devised Drama Examination Performance

Tue 17 – Wed 18 Mar, 19.30–20.30

Theatre

In this 6.2 examination performance, the cohort will perform an original piece of devised theatre influenced by an established theatre practitioner. It is a culmination of their two years of diligent and wide-reaching work on a number of contemporary practitioners. These performances are consistently of an excellent quality and highly varied. This promises to be a night of boundary-pushing performances.

“The centre is commended on its approach to this unit and was a pleasure to moderate.”

[Exam board report on last year's performances](#)



Student Directed

Tue 24 Mar, 19.30–20.30

Theatre

Bedales is proud to present pieces created and performed by the students as part of our Drama enrichment program. A collection of creative Sixth Formers has written and developed scripts to produce outstanding pieces of theatre. This student-led project demonstrates the talents of their casts, made up of students from all year groups.



“The Student Directed performances gave me a chance to work collaboratively and see a different side of the theatre making process where I learnt a lot about organisation, leadership and what it’s like to be a director.”

Meg Allin, Theatre Don 2018, on last year’s shows

Dunhurst Rock Show

Tue 05 – Wed 06 May, 19.30–20.30

Theatre

This promises to be a riotous affair with the young rockstars of Dunhurst. The Dunhurst Rock Show has been going for 14 years now and has established itself as one of the most exciting events in the Dunhurst calendar. Expect mind-blowing drumming, raucous guitar solos and talented vocal performances, showcasing a variety of musical genres.





6.1 Drama Examination Performance

Tue 19 – Wed 20 May, 19.30–20.30

Theatre

The 6.1 A Level drama students will perform sections from major theatrical works that they have reimagined and reinvented in the style of leading theatrical practitioners. These pieces continue to entertain and inspire audiences. Last year's performances ranged from an outrageous recreation of George Bernard Shaw's *Mrs Warren's Profession* to an enlightening Brechtian version of Ackland's *Absolute Hell*.



"The performances were focused, creative and demonstrated sophisticated skills. The selection of texts and application of practitioner / company was excellent and the candidates responded with gusto and an impressive performance attack."

Eduqas (A Level Exam Board) on last year's performances.

Lower School Show

Sat 27 & Mon 29 Jun

Theatre

(Look out for the Parents' Day brochure or Bedales Events website for more information closer to the time)

Our Lower School Show, performed by Block 3 and 4 students is a highlight of the summer term for all involved. In the past, these shows have ranged from devised ensemble pieces, to shows written by Old Bedalians, to adaptations of novels and classic stories. It is a chance for students and audiences alike to engage in the creative freedom that this show offers and to create something that is of a consistently high standard.



“Talented, genuinely interested
and focused students”

Tatler Magazine

