

Saturday Bulletin

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Block 4 student scoops national scriptwriting award



A screenplay written by Block 4 Bedales student Freya Hannan-Mills has emerged as one of the winners of a parliamentary-based film and scriptwriting competition for students and independent filmmakers based in the UK. Freya's entry, *The Iron Grotto*, took the prize for Best Original Film Script in the Under 16 category of the Film the House Awards 2018. As well as being presented with the award by House of Cards writer and executive producer Lord Michael Dobbs at a prestigious ceremony at the House of Commons on 2 April, Freya took home an impressive prize, which included a BBFC rating certification, a monetary award to support the purchase of film equipment and 12 months of one-to-one industry mentoring. Film the House was set up by former MP Mike Weatherley to educate parliamentarians and young people about the importance of the creative industries to the UK economy. It continues to be run by MPs to find the filmmakers of the future, as well as raise awareness of the importance of intellectual property rights among creators, legislators and the general public. [Read more...](#)

Youth choir and orchestra experiences



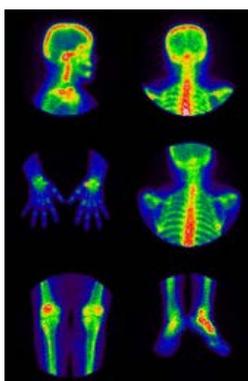
By Annia Grey, 6.1

Over the Easter break, I spent a week with the National Youth Choir on an intensive training course, finishing the week with a concert in St George's Hall, Liverpool, where I sang the soprano line as a solo in Poulenc's *Videntes Stellam*. I also had a solo in Robert Brook's arrangement of Elton John's *Rocket Man*, which reached a top B! Finally, I spent a day recording the pieces to be added to the National Youth Choir's album.

By Sampson Keung, 6.1

This year, George Harlan, Claude Barker and I are participating in the Hampshire County Youth Orchestra. It is such an amazing opportunity for us to play with other talented musicians in Hampshire who are a similar age. Over the Easter break, we went to Bryanston School in Dorset for a residential course with the orchestra. We spent most of the time rehearsing two major repertoires – Dmitri Shostakovich's *Symphony No. 10* and Leonard Bernstein's *Mass* – that we will perform in the upcoming concerts. [Read more...](#)

Physics students discuss radiation



By Anthony White, 6.1

On 27 March, a handful of 6.1 Physics students attended a discussion with the school's Radiation Protection Adviser, Andy French, who was a member of the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (DSTL), an executive agency of the Ministry of Defence specialising in cutting edge science and technology which aids the United Kingdom. You may recognise the name of the group from the Salisbury Novichok poisonings, as they played a crucial role in finding the origin of the nerve agent. Andy specialises in the Radiological Protection sector, which works to minimise the damaging impacts of radiation on individuals in drastically varying circumstances. During the talk, he discussed a fascinating range of uses for radiation, from industrial radiography to radioactive waste disposal, emphasising to me how diverse a career one can have in this line of work. Andy started his career in nuclear medicine, an intriguing field which improves upon using simple x-rays by injecting a radioactive source into the patient. [Read more...](#)

6.1 biologists visit Kew Gardens



By Mary Shotter, Biology Technician

On 18 March, 6.1 Biology students visited Kew Gardens to look at how plant species are classified, why it is important and how a plant's DNA profile can inform science based solutions in medicine, conservation and food security. We also looked at how plants have evolved and are adapted to various habitats, including the Aloe plant, which has leaves full of gel, enabling it to store water and survive in arid environments. In the Princess of Wales Conservatory, which has various biomes, we saw a vast array of plants from the tropics, including a colourful display of 6,200 orchids, which were part of the 2019 Orchid Festival; insect-eating pitcher plants; ferns; and a few creatures such as a sloth, giant birds and a life-sized jaguar, constructed from plant material. See more photos from the trip [here](#).

Celebrating music success

By Doug McIlwraith, Director of Music

Congratulations to Bedales Music students for an excellent crop of recent exam results. Johnny Greenfield (Grade 5 Theory), Safia Kazim (Grade 8 Trumpet), Cassius Kay (Grade 8 Singing) and Jamie Bland (Grade 8 Baritone Horn) all passed with Distinction, while Luca Oppenheimer (Grade 4 Jazz Piano), Rhiannon Griffiths (Grade 5 Bassoon) and Annie Bailey (Grade 7 Tuba) passed with Merit. Congratulations also to Anais Crowther-Wilkinson and Elio Mazas for strong passes in Grade 5 Trombone and Grade 5 Singing respectively.

Biology Society Lecture 1 May – invitation to parents

By Richard Sinclair, Head of Biology

Joining us for the Biology Society Lecture on Wednesday 1 May is Professor Sarah Ennis PhD, a professor of genomics within the medical school at the University of Southampton. Since sequencing the first genome in 2003, genetic medicine has changed the way we look at health. This talk will explain some new tools and their application for researching human disease and prompt discussion on ethical issues as we move towards personalised medicine, where *Gattaca*-like issues are raised. Modern genomics is changing the face of clinical medicine and will have an increasing impact on health issues for all of society in the years and decades to come. It can enable genetic diagnoses for patients at presentation, treatment tailored to an individual's genes and accurate prognostics. This lecture is open to all students, and parents may also like to attend. If interested, please email me at rsinclair@bedales.org.uk.

Delilah Montagu releases solo debut



Congratulations to Old Bedalian Delilah Montagu who – following a performance to a packed Bedales Theatre last April and a collaboration with Black Coffee and David Guetta last summer – released her solo debut, *Temptation*, on Columbia Records on 16 April (listen to it online [here](#) and watch a live performance of it [here](#)). As well as being streamed over 50,000 times on Spotify by 22 April, the track made the Best of the Week playlist on Apple Music, with Delilah also being heralded as the platform's New Artist of the Week. Praising the track, *The Line of Best Fit* wrote that it “soars with a beautifully cyclic melody that hits the morose, the melancholic and the euphoric just long enough to give a hint at the extremes of Montagu's range and talent”. In what is shaping up to be a busy year for Delilah, she is now set to make appearances at [Live at Leeds](#), [Hit the North](#) and [The Great Escape](#) festivals next month.

Bedales blog – Engaging Arvon Creative Writing trip



On 15 April, English teachers Lucy McIlwraith and Julia Bevan accompanied a group of Bedales students to the Hurst Arvon Centre in Shropshire for a five-day residential creative writing course. Set in the former home of playwright John Osborne and led by tutors Malika Booker and Colin Grant, both of whom are published writers, the course saw the group take part in a series of workshops designed to “ignite a life-long love of creative writing”. Over the course of the five days, group writing workshops saw students take part in a range of exercises, including keeping haiku diaries as a way of focussing observation skills; free writing as a means of ‘loosening up’ and increasing the flow of ideas; exploring ways of creating images to express emotions; using memoir writing as a way of recording not only facts but also atmospheres; and practising writing dialogue where each new speech had to start with the sequential letter of the alphabet. [Read more...](#)

Sports update: 6.2 vs Staff Hockey ends in a draw



By Kevin Boniface, Head of Hockey – 6.2 vs Staff Hockey – The penultimate day of the spring term saw the annual 6.2 vs Staff hockey match take place, and once again the game was played in a wonderfully competitive spirit. The match followed a similar pattern to previous years with the 6.2s maintaining the bulk of the attacking possession – orchestrated by Sam Pemberton and Nancy Tier – reducing the staff to counter-attacking hockey. Despite having the majority of the attacking possession, the 6.2s were unable to convert this to goals, mainly due to the heroics of



new staff goalkeeper Olly Hout. However, eventually and deservedly, the 6.2s made the breakthrough and ending up going into half-time 2-0 up. The second half became more open with both teams beginning to wilt in the heat, which created a number of chances at both ends. Despite calls for penalty shuffles to decide an outright winner, the game ended in a thrilling 4-4 draw. Plenty of talking points – a Rick Cross hat-trick, Phil Tattersall-King putting his body on the line for the cause, a Gus Bartlett backflip celebration, a wonder goal from Jack Cecil – but ultimately it was a thoroughly enjoyable game played in the right spirit. Many thanks to the departing 6.2s who have committed their time and energy to hockey at Bedales. See more photos from the match [here](#).

Train times for boarders

Saturday 27 April – leave Petersfield 13.58 (next train 14.18), arriving Waterloo at 15.15 (15.27)

Sunday 28 April – leave Waterloo 19.30, arriving Petersfield 20.40

Coming up

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

For parents / students

27 Apr, 6.1 Parents' Higher Education Information Morning, SLT, 11.30am

27 Apr, FoBs Tea and Coffee, Lupton Hall, 11.45am

1 May, Biology Society Lecture: Professor Sarah Ennis PhD (email rsinclair@bedales.org.uk to attend)

4 May, FoBs Meeting, Reading Room, 10.30am

4 May, May Bank Holiday Leave Weekend begins

6 May, Boarders return, 6pm

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

2 May, Parents' Event: [Behind the Scenes Tour of the Royal Opera House](#)

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

11 May, [Bedales Dog Show and Fete](#)

12 May, [Youth Dance Platform](#), Theatre

14 May, [Eckersley Lecture](#), Theatre

16-17 May, [Dunhurst Rock Show](#), Theatre

17 May, Parents' Event: [Wild Garlic Pesto, Foraging and Pizza Evening](#)

21-22 May, [6.1 Theatre Studies Shows](#), Theatre

23 May, [Exhibitioner Concert](#), Lupton Hall

13 June, Parents' Event: [Vodka Cocktail Mixology Class and Dinner](#)

For students

24 Apr-2 May, 6.1 internal exams

27-28 Apr, Lower School Show All-in Weekend

27-28 Apr, 6.2 Drama Examination All-in Weekend

30 Apr-1 May, 6.2 Drama Examination

2 May, 6.1 UCAS trip to University of Winchester

2 May, Sports Awards

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 30 Apr	1.30pm	Boys' U14 Tennis v Ditcham Park	H
Tue 30 Apr	2.15pm	Girls' U15A Cricket v Boundary Oak School	H
Wed 1 May	2.00pm	Boys' 2nd XI Cricket v Churcher's College	A
Wed 1 May	2.30pm	Boys' U18 Tennis v PGS	A
Wed 1 May	2.30pm	Girls' U18 Tennis v PGS	A
Wed 1 May	2.30pm	Boys' U14 Tennis v The Petersfield School	A
Wed 1 May	3.15pm	Boys' U15A/U15B Cricket v King Edward's Witley	A
Wed 1 May	4.00pm	Girls' U15 Football v Ash Manor School	H
Wed 1 May	4.00pm	Girls' U15/U14 Rounders v Ash Manor School	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). For on-the-day absence of day students, please email bedalesabsence@bedales.org.uk. Thank you for your assistance.

Saturday 11 May: On Saturday 11 May, there are numerous events across the three schools (which we hope you will attend) and so we are making more parking space available. Before 1.30pm, please can all parents attending the Dunannie Family Morning and the Bedales Dog Show use the Dunannie car park and the additional parking on the Dunhurst and Dunannie pitches (which can be accessed via the Dunannie car park).

Internet safety: At Bedales, we find that the vast majority of students use the internet in ways that are helpful to them, including to communicate with each other. The two biggest challenges we see are young people accessing unhealthy images and information online and misuse of social media. The internet is a good source of information but can perpetuate self-harming behaviour without students seeking professional support for their mental health needs. Social media can be a barrier to good communication, with young people making comments that they would not do in person. When this happens, staff help students to resolve disagreements and concerns for themselves, mediating when that is needed. House staff talk often with students about their use of the internet, to guide them with healthy use. The Well-Being programme has a significant focus on building self-esteem and resilience as well as the specifics of safe and healthy internet use. Social media is blocked in the school day for all but 6.2 students and phones are not permitted in lessons without staff permission. Next year, Block 3 students will not be permitted use of mobile phones in the first term as we believe this will help their transition at this vulnerable time. We will review the success of this pilot towards the end of the first term as we believe that, ultimately, long-term bans prevent good self-regulation. The NSPCC works closely with internet providers to provide information and advice to support parents and adults who work with children. You can access advice and find out more about the current popular games and sites by visiting the NSPCC website [here](#). The latest government advice about screens is [here](#).

Yours,



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Head of Bedales

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