

Saturday Bulletin

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Three Sisters at the Almeida Theatre



By Julia Bevan, Teacher of English, and Block 4 English Literature students

On Wednesday afternoon, we took 23 Block 4 English Literature students to the Almeida Theatre in Islington, London, to watch a production of *Three Sisters* by Anton Chekhov. One class summarised their experiences below.

Three Sisters is one of the most intriguingly worked plays we've ever seen. In the first scene we meet all the characters, their stories and their desires. We are introduced into the world of the sisters with the sombre occasion of a funeral. Each of the sisters are spotlighted in their funeral chairs, helping us to see them at their most vulnerable when their vulnerabilities and personal weaknesses are exposed in Act 2. In the first act we see the family at their best, as a kind of poster for a perfect family. Each family member - although in the less than ideal situation of living in a rural community - is infused with hope. Each sister thinks that their brother Andrey will become one of Russia's top scholars, given that he is the 'talented one'. Although Andrey lives a secluded and antisocial lifestyle, we know from the fact that he spends his days mastering the violin that he has potential. None of the three sisters are living in their dream world. [Read more...](#)

Blocks 4 & 5 visit Granada for Spanish study trip



By Melanie Jimenez, Head of Spanish

A group of GCSE Spanish pupils in Blocks 4 and 5 took part in a study trip to Granada, Spain, for the last week of the Easter break. Students were hosted by Spanish families and attended language lessons every day during their stay, which certainly helped them in gaining more confidence and consolidating their speaking skills. The group enjoyed the wide range of attractions the city has to offer – the Alhambra Citadel, the Summer Palace of Generalife and its gardens, the Albaicín Medieval Arab quarter and the traditional gypsy quarters of Sacromonte, amongst others – as well as taking part in the organised cultural activities. At this time of year, the city fills up with the smell of incense and the sound of drums and brass bands accompanying the religious processions. It was heart-warming witnessing how the Bedales group became interested in all related to this part of the Spanish tradition. The Spanish Department hopes to organise what was a very successful trip again in the not too distant future. Many thanks to Liv Burnett-Armstrong and Alejandro Osorio for their help in making it possible this year!

Successful Girls' Cricket Coaching Day



By Mariela Presnell, Teacher of Girls' PE and Games

On 3 May, we were fortunate enough to have Hampshire pro-cricketer Lewis McManus come into school to deliver a Girls' Cricket Coaching Day. The day began with a fielding session, developing high catching skills and short reaction fielding. After a short break, the girls went into the cricket nets and had the opportunity to work on their bowling technique. This was then followed by a batting clinic, where all the girls were able to practise batting technique and power. After lunch, the girls had the chance to put their newfound skills to the test in two smaller cricket games. The development of girls' cricket is very much in the early stages at Bedales. However, it was clear from the Coaching Day that we have a number of extremely talented young cricketers in our midst. It is an exciting time for girls' cricket in England as a whole, but particularly at Bedales as we continue to add more girls' cricket matches to our summer fixture list.

Bedales Dog Show and Fête – reminder



Don't forget, the [Bedales Dog Show and Fête](#) takes place tomorrow (Saturday 11 May), 12.30-4.30pm. Everyone (with or without a dog!) is welcome to join us for the afternoon on the Dunhurst Pitches. Dog classes (£2 to enter) include Loveliest Labrador, Shortest Legs, Most Likely to Catch, Best Rescue, Cuddliest Dog in the World and Magnificent Mongrel, and the fancy dress class this year is Punks and Rockers. An obstacle course, 11-legged race and a 'Retrieve the Sausage' competition will keep dogs and their families entertained throughout the afternoon. You can also expect live music, a BBQ, bar, tea tent, bouncy castle, water fight zone and coconut shy, as well as many other games and activities for all ages. No need to book: admission is £2 for adults and children are free. Car parking is available via the Dunhurst and Dunannie entrance (via Alton Road). All proceeds will go to the [John Badley Foundation](#), which provides life changing opportunities for children through 100% bursaries.

Upcoming Bedales Events

By Phil Tattersall-King, Director of Bedales Events

Don't miss the [Youth Dance Platform](#) at the Bedales Theatre this Sunday, 12 May, at 6pm. We're proud to host the Platform; providing performance opportunities, and raising the aspirations of young people sits at the heart of what we do. The evening will showcase an eclectic mix of dance works created by the very best local schools, colleges and groups in Hampshire. We are also privileged that the Hampshire Youth Dance Company will be returning with a piece created by an exciting professional choreographer. Tickets are £6 (or £4 for concessions); book [here](#). Next week sees the return of the [Eckersley Lecture](#) (Tuesday 14 May, Bedales Theatre, 7.30pm), and if you haven't already booked your tickets, you'll need to be quick as just a handful remain. This year we're delighted to be joined by Dr Peter Wothers, a Teaching Fellow in Chemistry at the University of Cambridge and Director of Studies in Chemistry at St Catharine's College. A fantastically engaging speaker, Peter has a keen interest in the history of chemistry and has amassed a significant collection of early works on the subject, and so is doubtless the right person to further our understanding of the most iconic image in science – the Periodic Table. Tickets are free; book [here](#).

New Bedales lambs and piglets



By Andrew Martin, Head of Outdoor Work (ODW)

It's that time of year again... lambing has well and truly begun! In fact we only have one more ewe left to give birth; so far the total is 42 lambs; three singles, one set of triplets and 18 sets of twins. Students from all three schools have been as fascinated and involved as ever. While some have been content to just watch, others have rolled their sleeves and got stuck in, helping to check for new arrivals, bringing them into the barn, feeding, tagging, castrating and tailing. A special mention must go out to our ODW Don Oscar Kingsley-Pallant who has done more than his fair share of 6am duties! On one hand it might seem insensitive to mention that meat from last year's lamb will be available in June. But on the other, I think it's important that we're all aware of where our meat comes from; the farm to fork journey is something we teach all our students. And it's something that parents clearly support – Bedales lamb flies off the shelves! Please look out for emails in the coming weeks relating to lamb sales. All profits are ploughed back into ODW so your support is greatly appreciated. Our beloved pig Gloria also gave birth a few weeks ago; she had eight piglets, two of which were stillborn, and sadly the runt later died despite syringe feeding. The rest of the babies and mum are doing well though, feel free to have a look if you're passing (although do not enter the pen). We look forward to seeing you soon at ODW.



Film screening 18 May – invitation for parents

By Al McConville, Director of Learning & Innovation, and Camilla Bashaarat

Earlier this month we wrote to parents to tell them about the Innovation and Futures workshop we will be hosting at Bedales at the end of the May. For the workshop, we will be joined by Bedalians in their twenties who have recently joined the workplace, Old Bedalians, as well as current parents who are 'experts' and thought leaders in their field. The event is part of a new project which will see us assess our educational offer to ensure that students have the right skills, mind-set and knowledge to enable them to thrive once they have left Bedales and we look forward to sharing and testing the outcomes of the workshop with parents at a special event on Friday 14 June, when all parents will have the chance to have their views heard. As a warm-up for the event in June, we would like to invite parents to a film screening of *Most Likely to Succeed*. The film follows a school in America which is looking at the curriculum for secondary school aged children in a totally new way. While we are not proposing to adopt their approach carte blanche, it does make interesting food for thought. The film will be shown on Wednesday 15 May at 7.30pm – if you would like to attend, please do email parents@bedales.org.uk. The venue will be confirmed in due course and will depend on the number of parents attending.

Bedales blog – Stoner Cricket Club



By Rollo Wicksteed, Old Bedalian 1949-54

Eighty-five years ago, at the end of their final year at Bedales, two boys had a meeting with their young games master to discuss the future. Jim Atkinson (1930-34) was about to embark on an engineering degree at Cambridge, and John Fox (1929-34) was preparing to study Civil Engineering. 'Benn' Bennett (staff 1930-71) was in his fourth year at the school. However, it was not their futures they talked about, but the much more important question of cricket and in particular, cricket at Bedales. An idea was suggested: at the end of the Summer term, OBs should be invited to return for a week of cricket. Benn agreed to approach 'The Chief' (Mr Badley) to see if the proposal met with his approval. It did, so he was promptly chosen to be the Club's first President, and Stoner Cricket Club was born. [Read more...](#)

Sports update: Positive cricket matches

By Kevin Boniface, Head of Hockey – *Boys' U15A Cricket v Meoncross* – On Tuesday our Junior A side hosted Meoncross in the first round of the T20 competition. Having won the toss, Meoncross elected to bat first. The opening bowling combination of Hugo Napier-Munn, Archie Featherstone and Connor O'Donnoghue not only restricted Meoncross to 29 runs in the opening power play, but also took four wickets, three coming from Archie, one of which included a stunning catch at first slip from Jamie King. The Bedales side continued to bowl well, the pick of the change bowlers being Zach Stewart who bowled three overs for seven runs, including a triple wicket maiden. Despite some careless extras and the occasional sloppy fielding, Bedales restricted Meoncross to 102 from their allotted 20 overs. Bedales got off to a solid start chasing the Meoncross total, with openers Jamie King and Paddy Arrowsmith punishing any loose deliveries. However, this was soon followed by the loss of two wickets in quick succession, which could have derailed the run chase, but Hugo Napier-Munn (37) and Harry Hornsby (N.O 20) calmly built a partnership to all but seal the victory. A miscommunication when taking a quick single saw the demise of Hugo, but it brought Captain Patrick Bell to the crease to see the home side over the line with two overs to spare.

By David Mann, Teacher of Chemistry – *Boys' U15B Cricket v Frensham Heights* – The Junior B team travelled to Frensham Heights yesterday for a league match captained by Archie Tier. After losing the toss, we batted, and runs were hard to come by as the opening bowlers put in the ball in good areas. Ed Cobb and Leon Amos hit some good shots and a late push by Inigo Portman and Nate Shuster saw Bedales reach 70-9 off their allocated overs. In reply, Frensham struggled against some very accurate bowling from Archie, Inigo and Theo Heining-Farmiloe. With the score at 28-6 off nine overs, Bedales looked in contention, but a late push by Frensham saw them across the line with an over to spare despite good catches and fielding from the Bedales team.

Train times for boarders

Saturday 11 May – leave Petersfield 13.58 (next train 14.18), arriving Waterloo at 15.18 (15.27)

Sunday 12 May – leave Waterloo 19.30, arriving Petersfield 20.40

Coming up

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

For parents / students

12 May, [Gentlemen of Bedales CC v West Meon CC](#) (H), 2pm

15 May, Film screening: *Most Likely to Succeed*, 7.30pm (email parents@bedales.org.uk to book)

16 May, [Gentlemen of Bedales CC v Bosham CC](#) (H), 5.30pm

18 May, BPA Meeting, Reading Room, 10.30am

24 May, Half term begins, 3.30pm

2 Jun, 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

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

13 May-27 Jun, External exams

15 May, Kate Cook (Environmental Lawyer) talk, 1.30pm

16 May, 6.1 Art trip to Roche Court

18 May, Bedales Sports Day

18-19 May, 6.1 Drama Examination All-in Weekend

21-22 May, 6.1 Drama examinations

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 |
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| Tue 14 May | 3.15pm | Girls' U15 Tennis v St Nicholas | A |
| Tue 14 May | 2.15pm | Boys' U15 Cricket v St Edmunds School | H |
| Tue 14 May | 2.15pm | Girls' U15A Rounders v Frensham Heights | H |
| Tue 14 May | 4.40pm | Girls' U14A Rounders v Frensham Heights | H |
| Wed 15 May | 2.15pm | Boys' U14 Tennis v Bohunt | H |
| Wed 15 May | 2.30pm | Boys' 3rd XI/U15A/U14A Cricket v Lord Wandsworth College | A |
| Wed 15 May | 3.00pm | Boys' U15/U14 Tennis v Westgate | A |
| Wed 15 May | 4.40pm | Girls' U15A Rounders v Churcher's College | H |
| Thu 16 May | 3.30pm | Girls' U15 Tennis v Farnborough Hill | H |
| Thu 16 May | 3.30pm | Boys' U15 Tennis v Robert Mays | H |

Notes

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

Events on 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).

Darran Kettle shortlisted for 'Teacher of the Year' Award: Dunhurst's Head of Mathematics Darran Kettle has been shortlisted for the 'Teacher of the Year' category in the Petersfield Awards 2019. The public are invited to vote [here](#).

Yours,



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.