

Saturday Bulletin

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Successful Bedales Dog Show and Fete



Our annual Dog Show and Fete returned last Saturday, when lots of visitors joined us on the Dunhurst pitches with their dogs (and even the odd Shetland pony!) Seven dog classes – including Loveliest Labrador, Shortest Legs and Punks and Rockers fancy dress – as well as an agility course and 11-legged races kept visitors entertained, with competitors all vying for the top prize of an Emma Bridgewater dog bowl (and if you weren't lucky enough to win one, a limited number are available to buy for £39.50; email development@bedales.org.uk to order). Thank you to everyone who supported this year's event, which once again captured the school's spirit and sense of community. The proceeds support the [John Badley Foundation](#), which offers financial support through bursaries, giving more young people a chance to benefit from the transformational opportunity a Bedales education can provide.

View and buy photos from the Dog Show [here](#) and watch the video [here](#).

Annual walk to the Poet's Stone



By David Anson, Head of English

As ever, the annual Block 3 and 6.2 Poet's Stone walk on Saturday 4 May was an invigorating and stimulating occasion. So good to see the two year groups displaying all that is good about the cross year group friendships that are possible at Bedales. After the brisk trek up the Shoulder of Mutton we had a breakfast of fruit and pastries with a side of some Edward Thomas poetry; 6.2 students Sam Vernor-Miles and Meg Allin read rather beautifully *The Penny Whistle* and *Tall Nettles*, I read *The Combe* and one of our librarians, Ian Douglas, read *The Lofty Sky*. It seems such a lot to achieve before 8.30am but definitely set us all up for a welcome bank holiday long leave before the more serious business of A Level exams begin. [Read more...](#)

A year in the life of Block 5 ODW students



By Andrew Martin, Head of Outdoor Work (ODW)

As this year's Block 5 projects have recently come to an end, we thought you might like an update on what the students have been up to. Moderator Nick Heasman, from the South Downs National Park, visited all our students on 2 May. "The variety and practical nature of the projects this year have provided the students with excellent opportunities. At times they have been challenging, but they have also allowed students to work to their strengths with the guidance of Andrew and the ODW team," he said. "I have been impressed by the quality of work, the passion of students and the professional manner of staff. It is important to the students and the school that they leave a legacy that adds value and assists in their development. This is very evident in the cohort of 2019." So, without further ado, onto the projects... Will, Tom and Ossian have been busy in the potting shed. They have installed a solar panel system on the roof, as well as lights and growing lamps. In doing so they have vastly improved the teaching space and given us much needed power in that part of the grounds. [Read more...](#)

Old Bedalian Caius Pawson returns to talk to students



By Jake Scott, Block 4

On 1 May, a small group of passionate Bedales musicians were fortunate enough to meet Old Bedalian Caius Pawson (2004), founder of record label [Young Turks](#), an imprint of [XL Recordings](#). Caius came in to talk to us about his experience in the music industry and pass on his knowledge to our eager ears. Arriving at Bedales, he entered the studio almost as if he was in a trance, clearly amazed at how much Bedales has changed since he left. We introduced ourselves and then he began to explain how his experience at Bedales set him up for his career in the music industry. During his time here, Caius helped organise various events, including the famous Jazz Folk Poetry (JFP) concert. After he left, he went on to curate various gigs and club nights, until he was picked up by XL Recordings. Young Turks has signed a range of different artists, from the atmospheric English indie pop group The xx, to the electronic Quirke, modern jazz master Kamasi Washington and Mercury Prize winning Sampha. [Read more...](#)

Three Reasons God Exists – invitation for parents

By Clare Jarmy, Head of Philosophy, Religion & Ethics and Head of Able, Gifted & Talented, Scholars and Oxbridge

Next Thursday morning (23 May), Bedales has the great opportunity to host internationally renowned philosopher and Christian apologist, [Professor William Lane Craig](#), to speak about 'three reasons why God exists, and why it matters'. Professor Craig is known for his view that religion can be reasonable – it can have a rational basis – and for arguing his case precisely and persuasively. His visit is thanks to Amos Wollen (Block 4), who contacted Professor Craig and asked for Bedales to be part of his UK tour. Parents are welcome to attend if they are interested and able to come. Tickets are available [here](#) and, thanks to Professor Craig's generosity, are free of charge.

Open Mic Night

By Aidan Hall, 6.1

With so many huge, potentially high budget and high profile events going on at Bedales throughout the year, it's refreshing to have a night where there are no stakes. On Open Mic Night in the Lupton Hall last Thursday, it was just us and the music. The night was filled with the vulnerable courage of acoustic solos, the budding expression of originals both new and old, a band's first performance (albeit a loud one), and other songs which refuse to define themselves. Whenever you step on stage, you discover more about the dynamic between you and the audience, and on Thursday night that held even more true due to the relaxed atmosphere; everyone appreciated the casual nature of the occasion, even with some bands screaming senselessly at the top of their lungs!

Bedales teacher's research papers published

Clare Jarmy has had two peer-reviewed academic papers published in recent months. The first: *Subject knowledge: the 'knowledge-rich' agenda, Buber and the importance of the knowing subject in Religious Education* was published in the British Journal of Religious Education, one of the best-known and most respected journals in the field, internationally. The second paper 'Neath the Moth-Eaten Rag: Do Artefacts Play a Special Role for Historical Knowledge? Is out on early view in the Journal of the Philosophy of Education, again, a journal at the forefront of research in the field, and asks a simple question: 'do students gain knowledge from artefacts?' [Read more...](#)

Bedales blog – The changing face of Bedales



By Matthew Rice, Old Bedalian 1975-1980, Chairman of Governors

Old Bedalians arrive for Parents' Day, memorials or reunions, to visit as prospective parents or grandparents, or just because we are nearby and would like to see school again. This is a welcome part of every day in Steep and we are always welcome. There is huge comfort in the place: the Library and Lupton Hall, the Orchard and the sand quarry, Steep Church or Steephurst. That familiarity is a good antidote to a life of moving house, one's own, or our parents', but what if it at first seems unrecognisable? In fact, while the overall landscape may be reassuringly familiar, the buildings are far from unchanged. In the last 15 years, the buildings at the school have seen a period of development unmatched since the early years; nowhere is this more apparent than on arrival. [Read more...](#)

Sports update: Positive cricket matches

By Spencer Leach, Director of Sport – Boys' U15A Cricket v St Edmunds – The junior cricket team started a busy week of cricket with a strong performance and a comfortable win on the picture perfect Mem Pitch. Harry Hornsby provided a solid opening platform and reached the retirement score of 25, while all other visitors to the wicket added runs at a good strike rate, finishing with a very competitive 102. St Edmunds were always facing a considerable challenge but when Hugo Napier-Munn clean bowled both openers in the first over, their task became that more difficult. Good catches were held, run-outs well executed and the fielding was generally tight – all leading to a successful and enjoyable afternoon.



Boys' U14 & U15 Cricket v Lord Wandsworth College – A dramatic afternoon of cricket, worthy of an Ashes summer was had in the glorious sunshine at Lord Wandsworth College. Two Bedales sides bowled, batted and fielded to a really good standard and both matches had the excitement of a final over finish. The U15s, having set a competitive total of 117, doggedly defended this until LWC were finally able to eclipse the score with just four balls to spare. The U14s were set a total of 101 and paced their chase to perfection, with Josh Baty and Raff Ross setting the foundations. With skipper Archie Tier and Jamie Loudon closing in on the total, it was left to Mike Wei to keep his head and make sure we got the winning run with just one ball of the match left.

By Kevin Boniface, Head of Hockey – *Bedales Hockey Summer Festival* – Tuesday saw the start of the inaugural Bedales Hockey Summer Festival with two games taking place. The idea behind the festival is an inter-school competition based on a small adapted pitch, five-a-side, with short, intense games. Despite having a bit of a break from hockey, the players soon warmed up and produced some good hockey in tough conditions. Thirteen goals in 30 minutes, with Tobias Bonham Carter (3) currently leading the top goal scorers' race, despite some outstanding goalkeeping from Anthony White, who has recently finished his first season in the Hampshire Hockey setup. A number of players will be taking part in the South East Athletics next week so there will be a break in the competition and we will resume after half term.

Boys' U15 Tennis v Westgate School – On Wednesday the boys' U15 tennis team travelled to the glorious setting of Winchester Tennis Club to play against Westgate School. Playing on the main courts in front of some senior club members, the Bedales side rose to the occasion, comfortably winning the fixture. Clean hitting, good movement around the court and intelligent doubles play was the order of the day. The pick of the results was a 6-0 win for number one seed Harry Hornsby.



By Chloe Nicklin, Head of Netball – *Girls' U14 Rounders v Frensham Heights* – The sun came out for the U14s' first rounders game of the season. In these perfect conditions, we put out a team who have showed willing and enjoyment from the game and were excited to play competitively. It took Bedales a while to settle into their fielding game, with unnecessary half rounders being given away. However, by the second innings Bedales had found their stride, and although the nerves hadn't completely settled in the field, the batting performance improved and Bedales was able to beat their first innings score. There were many great fielding performances, but especially from backstop Zoe Lobbenberg and second base Nicole Simpson, as well as a strong deep fielder performance from Ava Sender-Logan. Unfortunately, the batting performance from Frensham was too strong and we were unable to come away with a victory. The final score was 18.5 - 12. Kamaya Nelson-Clayton was selected as Most Valuable Player (MVP) for her batting performance and Nicole Simpson was selected as MVP for her brilliant performance on second base.



Girls' U14B Rounders v Churcher's College – A fantastic match that only got better as the game went on. The Junior B team was made up entirely of U14 players, meaning they were against a team a year older, who were extremely strong. The fielding performance in the first innings was superb, seeing great barriers from Coco Witheridge fielding between 2nd and 3rd base, as well as great backstop to second base team work from Millie Kennedy and Millie Harris - in these first moments, the back-ups to second base Kamaya and Maya proved vital, ensuring the batter did not have the opportunity to score at second base. Unfortunately, the brilliance demonstrated in the field did not translate to batting in the first innings, seeing only 3 batters left with 10 balls to go! [Read more...](#)

Train times for boarders

Saturday 18 May – leave Petersfield 13.57 (next train 14.18), arriving Waterloo at 15.14 (15.27)

Sunday 19 May – leave Waterloo 19.30, arriving Petersfield 20.40

Coming up

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

For parents / students

13 May-27 Jun, External exams

24 May, Half term begins, 3.30pm

2 Jun, Boarders return, 6pm

18 May, BPA Meeting in the Reading Room, 10.30am

14-16 Jun, Long leave weekend

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

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

23 May, [Three Reasons God Exists – And Why It Matters](#), 10am

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

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

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

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

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

For students

18 May, Bedales Sports Day

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

21-22 May, 6.1 Drama examinations

22 May, 6.1 Creative Writing Inspiration at West Wittering or Petworth House

5 Jun, Sport Science Insight at Chichester University

6 Jun, Block 4 Design trip to London Design and V&A Museums

6 Jun, Junior Band Night

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 21 May	2.15pm	Boys' U15B Cricket v Hampshire Collegiate School	H
Tue 21 May	2.30pm	Girls' U16B/U16C/U15A/U14A Rounders v St Edmunds	H
Wed 22 May	2.30pm	Boys' U15B Cricket v King's School	H
Wed 22 May	3.30pm	Girls' U15 Tennis v King's Winchester	A
Wed 22 May	3.30pm	Boys' U15/U14 Tennis v King's Winchester	A
Wed 22 May	4.15pm	Boys' U15A Cricket v Hampshire Collegiate School	A
Wed 22 May	4.45pm	Girls' U15A/U14A Rounders v Prior's Field School	H
Tue 4 Jun	2.15pm	Girls' U15 Tennis v Oaklands	A
Tue 4 Jun	2.15pm	Girls' U14A Cricket v Hampshire Collegiate School	H
Tue 4 Jun	2.15pm	Boys' U15A Cricket v More House School	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.

Yours,



Magnus Bashaarat

Head of Bedales

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