

Saturday Bulletin

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First impressions of Putney School, US



On 15 October, a group of eight Block 4 students travelled to the [Putney School](#) in Vermont for two weeks as part of the annual school exchange. In this week's Saturday Bulletin, Freya Hannan-Mills shares her first impressions of the school.

By Freya Hannan-Mills, Block 4

Putney School in the US is extraordinary. At every moment someone or something is happening which is completely unique to both the school and its environment. At Putney, the academic subjects are not taught in isolation, instead they are a brew of different curriculum areas all blending together into one class. For example, I am taking the 'Humans in the Natural World' class and we are studying the Colombian exchange and how stories are created. The class is an intriguing mix of geography, history and English and uses the students' knowledge and skills in all those areas. Apart from the classes we are also taking on activities and jobs. The activities vary from tai chi to digital photography, ultimate Frisbee, hiking and many more. You get the sense that nothing at Putney is done half-heartedly and this certainly goes for the jobs. So far, everyone's jobs have been in the barn – some at 5am in the morning, and others at 4.40pm. [Read more...](#)

Boarders' weekend trip to Marwell Zoo



By Jack Brooksbank, Block 3

Last Saturday, I went with 11 other boarders on a trip to Marwell Zoo. We split into groups and explored the zoo. It is one of the most amazing zoos I've ever been to. It felt very welcoming and you felt really close to the animals. Most of the enclosures were really open so it felt like you were in the habitat with the animal. With my favourite animal, the meerkat, you were so close to them you could reach out and touch them (which is not a good idea). They had so many different animals; we saw tigers, cheetahs, giraffes, lemurs, mongooses, meerkats and many more. There was also a train that ran around the park, which is a great addition. Overall, we had a fantastic time. Thanks to Jo, Mary-Liz and Greg for taking us. Thank you, Marwell Zoo for letting us explore your beautiful park.

Bedales celebrates Biology Week



By Maisy Redmayne and Clover Skerry, 6.2

Last Friday, Block 3 students participated in the 'Bio Art Attack' competition run by the Royal Society of Biology as part of Biology Week which sees events take place all over the world to celebrate biological science. As part of the activity we went for a walk around the estate to collect autumn leaves and late flowers. We went back to the lab and used what we collected to create a palisade cell art piece. After this, we used the spare leaves to make landscape and nature scenes, which we also sent off to be judged for Art Attack. Other Block 3s have been working on models and posters of plant and animal cells for the competition. Last week a budding group of sixth form biologists undertook dissections, as a celebration of Biology week. Everyone seemed to think that chopping up rats and cuttlefish was a fun activity for a Thursday evening. [Read more...](#)

Visit to the Minerva Theatre

By Bedales Head Students

Last Tuesday, the Head Students, along with Magnus, saw [Cock](#) by Mike Bartlett at the Minerva Theatre in Chichester. While it was frustrating to watch due to the high levels of tension, it was also charming, funny and intimate. The dysfunctional relationship between John (Luke Thallon) and M (Matthew Needham) made the audience cringe and laugh. The fast moving pace of the writing made the relationship between John and W (Isabella Laughland) seem more exciting. In the story we see these relationships put to the test when John goes from dating M to dating W. Therefore identifying as gay to identifying as bisexual. The twist comes when John makes promises to both parties that he wants to stay with them. This in turn leads to the climatic end to the story where we see M's dad get involved in the situation. Although the ending is left ambiguous the acute frustration of a household chore is amplified in John's horrific decision. It is not the final choice that is horrific, of course, it is the journey that he took there. [Read more...](#)

Antony and Cleopatra review

By Isabella Montero and Berit Pill, Block 5

Last Wednesday, our Block 5 BAC English Literature class went to the [National Theatre](#) to watch the production of Shakespeare's [Antony and Cleopatra](#). It starred Ralph Fiennes as Antony and Sophie Okendo as Cleopatra. The play itself was passionate and engaging, but what really stood out were the grand sets and the contemporary costumes. It was a brilliant opportunity for us to see the play that we are studying in class come to life. Last year, we went to see the production of *Translations* by Brian Friel and it was very impressive to see the high standards of various types of drama which the National Theatre presents. We look forward to any future trips!

Submit a photo for the Bedales Calendar 2019

By Paul Turner, Head of Geography

The 2017 Geography Calendar raised money for [Education for All](#), a girls' education charity which students visited whilst on the Sixth Form trip to Morocco. Following last year's success, we're launching the competition to enter photos based around the topic 'Human Impacts' and plan to raise money for [Surfers Against Sewage](#), a marine pollution charity based in Cornwall who we've been working with for the [Plastic Free Schools](#) initiative. Enter the competition [here](#). The 12 winning entries will be selected after half term.

Invitations to two events in November



Fantastic Evening at the House of MinaLima, 29 November, 7pm

Join Old Bedalian Miraphora Mina and Eduardo Lima at their House of MinaLima in Soho, home to graphic art from JK Rowling's Wizarding World films and illustrated classics for Harper Collins. Miraphora and Eduardo will host a soiree for Bedales, talking about their work, and will introduce a brand new exhibit of their graphic art for *Fantastic Beasts and the Crimes of Grindelwald*, released on 16 November 2018. Tickets are £35 (over 18s only unless accompanied by a parent/guardian), and all proceeds will benefit the [John Badley Foundation](#). Limited availability – book [here](#).



The Chair Maker: Talk by Lawrence Neal & Hugo Burge, 27 November, 7.15pm

Join Lawrence Neal and Hugo Burge for a film screening and talk about the craft of rush seated chairs. Old Bedalian Hugo Burge produced a short film, *The Chair Maker*, about craftsman Lawrence Neal who makes the rush seated chairs that are in the Bedales Library. Lawrence has spent his whole life making chairs in a 100 year tradition passed down from Ernest Gimson, who designed the Bedales Library. The accumulated knowledge of this highly skilled process now resides with Lawrence alone. Hugo fell in love with the Library and its chairs during his school days and first started his own collection in 1994. He is now a supporter of the Heritage Crafts Association and is helping Lawrence to pass his skills, knowledge and tools (many of which were originally owned by Gimson) on to a sixth generation. This talk and film in the Lupton Hall about the value and heritage of traditional crafts will form part of the school's 'Civics' lecture series. Book [here](#).

Bedales blog – New cattle arrive at Bedales



By Andrew Martin, Head of Outdoor Work

Agnes and Audrey have joined us from [Cowdray Farm Estate](#). Their mothers are Holstein Friesian cattle used for milking; their fathers are used for beef. Agnes is a Holstein-Friesian cross Aberdeen-Angus. Aberdeen-Angus's are a native breed, black in colour and known for their hardiness and the quality of their beef. They have a great temperament which we hope proves true as Agnes grows up! Audrey is a Holstein-Friesian cross Hereford. Hereford cattle are distinctive, with their white faces and markings, and auburn bodies. Like the Aberdeen-Angus, Herefords fed on grass produce an excellent 'marbled' beef that is in great demand due to its distinctive flavour and quality. Hereford cattle are another native breed famous for their good temperament. This should make Audrey and Agnes absolutely ideal for our school environment. [Read more...](#)

Sports update:



By Spencer Leach, Director of Sport – Boys' U14 Football v Alderwood School & Boys' U14&U15 Football v Lord Wandsworth College – The U14 & U15 footballers have been in action this week. On Tuesday the U14s played an ESFA cup game against Alderwood School. A nervy first half saw each side score a scrappy goal but the second half was a classier affair. Both teams created some excellent chances but with five minutes to go it was Alderwood who clinically finished from just outside the penalty area to go through to the next round. On Wednesday, Lord Wandsworth College brought U14 & U15 teams for two cracking games. There were goals a plenty as the Bedales U15s won 7-5, while the U14s showed great determination against very spirited opposition to hold on and win 4-3. See photos [here](#).

By Chloe Nicklin, PE Teacher – Girls' U14 Hockey v Priorsfield – Bedales have been working hard all week aiming to improve their positioning and passing. This was most definitely achieved in their game against Priorsfield going 1-0 up in the first 20 minutes. Unfortunately, this lead was short lived and Priorsfield levelled going into half time. Coco took a nasty hit to the knee in the first half and had to retire for the rest of the game. She played a vital role in defence, playing with high levels of composure and skill. Bedales came out with a positive mindset in the second half taking the ball quickly and continuing to pass with precision and power. Lally, Katie and Zoe were integral to taking the ball up the pitch and passing into space for Kamaya, Anna and Eliza to run on to. Unfortunately, even with superb defensive play from Maya, Bedales were unable to stop three goals from three fantastic short corners, taking the score to 4-1. However, Bedales fought back with Eliza gaining her first goal of the season. [Read more...](#)

By Mariela Presnell, PE Teacher – Girls' U15 Hockey in the Lord Wandsworth Super 7s Tournament – Another tournament this week for the U15s, this time the Lord Wandsworth Super 7s. Traffic saw us arrive late to the tournament and enter the first game against LWC Sharks without a warm up; always a challenge! We dominated the game but struggled to get the goals, until a fantastic interception from Shanklin Mackillop Hall saw her in a one on one with the goalie, which she won and took the final score to 1-0. In our second game we faced an extremely strong Pangbourne side. Despite our many shots on goal we just could not get it past their expert keeper. [Read more...](#)

Girls' U15 Hockey v Ballard School – On 11 October the U15 hockey team ventured to Ballard School in the New Forest to participate in an U16 7-a-side tournament. Competing with the year group above was always going to be a challenge and despite a couple of tough first games (losing comfortably to the two schools who went on to place 1st and 2nd), the team remained positive and motivated. The third match saw the U15s hold a strong QE side off to a 0-0 draw and their success continued when they defeated the host team 2-0 with goals from Sasha Arney and Mabel Watson. [Read more...](#)

By Kevin Boniface, Head of Hockey – Girls' 1st XI Hockey in the Hampshire HA U18 Trophy Tournament – On Wednesday the girls' 1st XI took part in the Hampshire HA U18 Trophy Tournament. With four games in total, a skeleton squad, including an injury halfway through to Captain Nancy Tier and some tough weather conditions, the girls conducted themselves in an exemplary manner, working tirelessly. Although results didn't quite go their way, they were certainly competitive in all the games and some missed chances may have resulted in a very different outcome for the day. A good learning process which hopefully the team will take in to their next round of matches after a thoroughly deserved half term break. A special mention must go to Ella Peattie and Bella Doyle who made their season debuts for the 1st XI and proved themselves capable of playing at this level.

Train times for boarders

Friday 19 October – leave Petersfield 15.57 (next train 16.06), arriving Waterloo 17.14 (next train 17.27)

Tuesday 30 October – leave Waterloo 19.30, arriving Petersfield 20.36

Coming up

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

For parents / students

20-21 Oct, Great South Run, Portsmouth ([raising funds for the John Badley Foundation and Cecily's Fund](#))

20-30 Oct, Half term

8 Nov, [Band Night](#), The Quad, 7.30pm

14 Nov, [Exhibitioner Concert](#), Lupton Hall, 7.30pm

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 Nov, [James Taylor Quartet](#), Theatre, 7.30pm

7 Nov, [Kate Adie](#), Theatre, 7.30pm (Sorry, sold out)

13 Nov, A&E Theatre presents [Enter the Dragons](#), Theatre, 7.30pm

20 Nov, Company Chameleon presents [10](#), Theatre, 7.30pm

27 Nov, [The Chairmaker](#) (Talk by Lawrence Neal & Hugo Burge), Lupton Hall, 7.15pm

28 Nov, [Brilliance](#), Drama Studio, 7.30pm – tickets limited to 50

20 Nov, [Fantastic Evening at the House of MinaLima](#), London, 7pm

For students

20-22 Oct, Block 5 trip to Berlin

21-24 Oct, Block 3 Girls' Hockey trip to Holland

31 Oct, University Admissions Tests

2-4 Nov, 6.1 Geography Fieldtrip to Dorset

3-4 Nov, Oxbridge Interview Preparation Visit

5 Nov, Steep Fireworks Night

Sport (parents welcome)

Reminder that parents are very welcome to come and support teams: tea and nibbles will be served to parents in the Dining Hall after matches.

Date	Time	Fixture	Home / Away
Wed 31 Oct	2.30pm	Girls' 1st XI Hockey v PGS	H
Wed 31 Oct	3.45pm	Girls' U14 Hockey v Bohunt	A
Wed 31 Oct	4.30pm	Girls' U15 Hockey v Kings', Winchester	A
Wed 31 Oct	2.30pm	Girls' 1st XI Hockey v PGS	H
Tue 6 Nov	2.30pm	Boys' U15 Football v More House School	H
Wed 7 Nov	2.30pm	Girls' U15 Hockey v Christ's Hospital	A
Wed 7 Nov	2.30pm	Girls' U14 Hockey v Christ's Hospital	A
Wed 7 Nov	2.30pm	Girls' 1st XI Hockey v Ryde 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.

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Yours,



Magnus Bashaarat

Head of Bedales

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