

Saturday Bulletin

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Success at Bedales Sports Day



By Spencer Leach, Director of Sport

The weather gods were smiling on Saturday, and the Mem Pitch and Dunhurst Pitches looked like the perfect arena for the Bedales Sports Day. A lovely mix of competition and fun were very obvious in all events. The pleasure in achieving personal milestones was just as evident as the joy of being centimetres ahead, higher or further than good school friends. There were plenty of loud roars from spectators on the back straight, and none more so than when the students regained the relay title from staff. Congratulations to the Blue Team on their overall victory.

View and buy photos from Sports Day [here](#).

Bedales' sustainability journey continues



By Paul Turner, Head of Geography

Continuing Bedales Schools' commitment to combating climate breakdown and creating a more sustainable school, last week we hosted [Kate Cook](#), an environmental lawyer, who discussed the two key mechanisms of litigation and global climate conferences used to combat climate change on an international scale. Kate explained the workings of the Conference of the Parties (COP) series of conferences and key climate litigation examples around the world. This Wednesday, we hosted [Ann Finlayson](#), Executive Chair of [Sustainability and Environmental Education](#), who guided the school community through an initial 'ideation' process to encourage whole school engagement and ownership of our path to sustainability. Over the coming months, we'll continue this journey and build on the schools' commitment to move to a renewable electricity provider in September and retrofit solar panels on the old Art and Design building.

Gentlemen of Bedales Cricket Club



By Murray Chancellor, team captain, GoBCC

Having packed away your cricket gear a few years or even decades ago and just stuck to watching professional cricket ever since, have you ever wondered if you could still play that match saving innings, finally take that elusive hat-trick, or indeed, actually hang onto that catch?! Here's your chance! The Gentlemen of Bedales Cricket Club (GoBCC) was formed in the early 2000s and emanated from the annual social game between Dunhurst parents and teachers (which, incidentally, this year is on Friday 7 June at 4pm). GoBCC now has around 12 social fixtures against local village teams each year, generally from April through to the end of June. Home games are played on the fabulous and picturesque Bedales Memorial Pitch – probably one of the best village cricket venues in Hampshire. Picture: Hambledon captain pipes in batters. [Read more...](#)

Two students perform at The Point, Eastleigh

By Phoebe Peppiatt, 6.1

A group of Bedalians went on a trip on 16 May to watch two A Level Dance students – Hannah Mazas and Mack Cowling – perform a dance that was created in collaboration with the professional [Joli Vyann Dance Company](#) at [The Point](#), Eastleigh. The creative process was a total of three full days of learning and creating new material with the company and other students from various schools and colleges, to produce a six-minute curtain raiser for Joli Vyann's professional dance show, *Anima*. Starting out with unison phrases focused around the breath, Hannah and Mack played key roles in the piece, performing a beautiful contact duet. It was an amazing night as we had the opportunity to witness

talents of all ages and watch an incredible duet by two professionals which involved lots of exciting lifts and instruments. A huge well done to Hannah and Mack for such an amazing performance.

Youth Dance Platform review



By Aidan Hall, 6.1

On Sunday 12 May, it was the Youth Dance Platform at Bedales, which boasted a myriad of performances in the Theatre. The focus was on local dance groups, including Bedales, each with their own hand to show. For an hour and a half, the audience witnessed an impressive variety of dance. There was the sheer fun of the tap dancing, blending an interesting mix of a relatively old art form with such a contemporary style. There were body-and-mind-bending solos, duets and group pieces that simultaneously defined and undefined the boundaries of the body. The platform was a rare chance to see a really entertaining collection of an art form, from Petersfield Academy of Dance, Frensham Heights, Hampshire Youth Dance Company and many more.

View and buy photos from Youth Dance Platform [here](#).

Arvon attendees reunite for writing workshop

By Julia Bevan, Teacher of English

Last Wednesday, 14 students who attended the Arvon Creative Writing course in Shopshire over the Easter holidays attended an afternoon writing workshop. We held the workshop partly so they could collect *The Lighthouse* (the anthology of their writing from the course), but also to celebrate seeing their work in print and practise writing techniques they learnt on the course. To get themselves in the writing headspace, they began by carrying out a free writing task to some serious music, which quickly led to much fast scribbling! The students then attempted some 'Golden Shovels', a technique devised by the American poet Terrance Hayes in honour of his fellow compatriot Gwendolyn Brooks. The last words of each line in a Golden Shovel poem are, in order, words from a line or lines taken often from another poem; the original Golden Shovel is *The Pool Players / Seven at the Golden Shovel* by Brooks. [Read more...](#)

Cocktails & Dinner at the Polish Club – book now



By Camilla Bashaarat

There are a few remaining places on our final parents' event of the summer term (Hamper Ball aside): the [Vodka Cocktails and Dinner](#), which will be held at the Polish Club on Thursday 13 June from 7.30pm. Join us in the bar of the Polish Club to sample their famous vodka cocktails, including the new Kavka vodka. This will be followed by a relaxed dinner laid on by the Club's fantastic Ognisko restaurant. Cost: £60. Please do join us for what promises to be a wonderful evening. Please email parents@bedales.org.uk to reserve a place.

Bedales blog – Lupton Hall memories from Old Bedalian



By Alison Mallett (nee Melville), Old Bedalian (1939-46)

My first memory of the Lupton Hall goes back to the thirties and my single-figure age, just at Dunhurst. I had heard that a play was to be performed there and decided to see it. I was told that I couldn't as it was "unsuitable for young children". A challenge there! I slipped in with the audience and slid under one of the pews near the front. Somebody saw me and hauled me out ignominiously. Some years later, once I had moved up to Bedales, I suffered many bum-numbing Jaws, admirable though the principle. How many activities come to mind: speech competitions, Merry Evenings, Gilbert and Sullivan, Shakespeare when not outdoors. Details like Paul Williamson (1940-46) clasping his hands over his chest, declaring, "I never apologise!" Bob Collet's (1919-22, staff 1929-46) amazing hands playing Liszt; or the melting tones of Gervase de Peyer (1939-43) and Mozart. [Read more...](#)

Sports update: Strong performances in cricket and athletics



By Spencer Leach, Director of Sport – Boys' U15A Cricket v Hampshire Collegiate School – A lightning quick Bedales outfield played its part in Hampshire Collegiate reaching a respectable 102 for eight off their 20 overs. However the Bedales innings was perfectly paced, and with just a minor jitter, the total was eclipsed with four balls to spare – Harry Hornsby and Zac Stewart the pick of the batters.

By Kevin Boniface, Head of Hockey – *South East Hampshire Athletics Competition* – On Tuesday, a 35-strong squad of Bedalian athletes headed to the Mountbatten Centre in Portsmouth to represent the school in the South East Hampshire Competition. Traditionally performing well in this competition, the 2019 squad was no exception, superb in every aspect throughout the day, applying themselves to the best of their ability in each event and creating a competitive, supportive environment. We are still awaiting the official results, but notable performances came from the Block 4 girls' relay race team, who came second in their race; Kamaya Nelson-Clayton winning the shot putt and coming second in discus; Kit Mackay coming second in the high jump; Hugo Napier-Munn winning the discus; Kit Mayhook-Walker coming second in the long jump; Alisia Leach winning the triple jump; Lula Goldring coming second in the javelin; Sasha Arney coming third in a very quick 1500m race for her first outing; and Bade George-Coker winning his 400m heat and coming third in the final (his heat time would have won in the final). All in all an excellent day out, well done to all the athletes who took part and represented the school in such an excellent fashion.



Boys' U14 Cricket v Mountbatten School – On Wednesday the U14 cricket side hosted Mountbatten School in the ESCA National One Day Competition. Having lost the toss, Bedales were put in to bat and got off to a blistering start with Jac Wheeler scoring 18 from eight balls, but this was to be short-lived as he top edged one to the keeper. This brought captain Zach Stewart to the crease to join Huw Wheeler, who was looking in imperious form. A solid partnership ensued, with Bedales reaching 82, but the demise of Zach, pulling a short delivery straight into the hands of the square leg, signaled the start of a batting collapse. Huw Wheeler was soon to follow, having scored an impressive looking 69. Unfortunately there was not much resistance from the Bedales middle and lower order, other than a wonderfully creative and entertaining innings from Elio Mazas (28). Bedales were bowled out for 154 from 26 overs. The home side knew they were going to have to perform well with the ball and Jac Wheeler stepped up to the mark, clean bowling two of the Mountbatten top order. [Read more...](#)

By David Mann, Teacher of Chemistry – *Boys' U15B Cricket v King's School Winchester* – The U15B squad travelled to King's School in Winchester for a match in glorious conditions. After winning the toss, Bedales batted with an attacking mindset, scoring quickly with frequent boundaries. Unfortunately the wickets also fell at regular intervals, with the opposition taking some good catches and bowling at the stumps. Jamie King top scored with 36 and was ably supported by Hugo Napier-Munn (18) and Archie Tier (15) as Bedales were bowled out for 103 off 16 overs. The bowling and fielding unit started brightly with an early wicket to Hugo and good overs from Jamie, Archie and Patrick Bell. With the score at 46-3 off nine overs, we were in the contest but as we tired half-chances were dropped and boundaries were leaked, moving the opposition to 105-4 off 16 overs, and the game was lost. Captain Hugo's summary was 'a good performance in a match that we were in until late in the game despite a strong opposition'. Well done to all involved.



By Chloe Nicklin, Head of Netball – *Girls' U15A/U14A Rounders v Prior's Field School* – A really enjoyable afternoon of rounders. Bedales put in a magnificent batting performance in the first innings, coming away with 11.5 rounders. Unfortunately, this did not translate into the first fielding innings, allowing Prior's Field to come away with 14 rounders. Both teams' fielding performance in the seconds innings was equally as impressive, which unfortunately did not give Bedales the opportunity to steal the game. Most Valuable Players selected by Prior's Field were Kamaya for her batting performance and Maya for her fielding performance. I would also like to give out coach's players to Millie Kennedy for the most brilliant one-handed catch I have ever seen on the rounders pitch, and Mary Whitley for scoring four and a half rounders in the first innings and three more in the second. Well done girls, a really enjoyable game to watch. Final score: 16 - 22.5 to Prior's Field.

By Mariela Presnell, Teacher of Girls' Games & PE – *Track Athletics Meet with Ditcham Park and Ash Manor* – On Thursday Bedales hosted their first Track Athletics Meet with two opposition schools, Ditcham Park and Ash Manor. It was a beautiful afternoon and the event got off to a strong start with the 4x 400m mixed relay, which was won by Ditcham. This was followed by the 100m heats, the first of which was won by Zak Gabriadze, with a time of 12.09 seconds. We then moved into the 4x 100m heats, the first of which was won by the Bedales team. In the finals of the 4x 100m, Bedales came a narrow third to two rapid Ditcham teams. At the end of the event the scores showed that Ditcham won, Bedales came second and Ash Manor came third. It was a lovely afternoon and all of the races were excellent with superb spectator support. Well done to all students and we look forward to making it an annual event!

Train times for boarders

Friday 24 May – leave Petersfield 15.57 (next train 16.06), arriving Waterloo at 17.14 (17.27)

Sunday 2 June – leave Waterloo 19.30, arriving Petersfield 20.40

Coming up

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

For parents / students

24 May, Half term begins, 3.30pm

2 Jun, Boarders return, 6pm

7 Jun, [GoBCC v Dunhurst Teachers & Parents](#) (H), 4pm

9 Jun, [GoBCC v Chidham & Hambrook CC](#) (H), 2pm

14 Jun, 6.1 Welcome from the Head and Parents' Meeting

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

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

28 June, Hamper Ball (email development@bedales.org.uk to book)

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

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

12-28 July, [Petersfield Shakespeare Festival](#)

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

For students

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

8 Jun, Block 3 Badley Project Presentations and ODW Celebration

12 Jun, Informal Solos Concert

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 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
Wed 5 Jun	2.30pm	Girls' U15/U14 Tennis v Lord Wandsworth College	A
Wed 5 Jun	2.30pm	Boys' U15A/U15B Cricket v Winchester College	A
Wed 5 Jun	2.30pm	Boys' U15/U14 Tennis v Lord Wandsworth College	H
Wed 12 Jun	11.30am	Boys' & Girls' U15/U14 Tennis Tournament	H
Wed 12 Jun	2.00pm	Boys' & Girls' U15A Tennis v Portsmouth Grammar	H
Wed 12 Jun	4.30pm	Girls' U14A Rounders v Churcher's College	A

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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