

Saturday Bulletin

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Musicians preview Rock Show – only one night with tickets remaining



By Monty Bland, Block 4

Last Friday, a group of Bedales musicians who have been busy rehearsing for the Rock Show went to Dunhurst to give them a sneak peek of what's to come in this year's 15th anniversary show. It was really useful to be able to test drive some of our songs in front of a live audience. The Dunhurst students were really supportive, enthusiastic and enjoyed a selection of original and cover songs performed by Safi Kazim, Imo Mayhook-Walker, Isabella Montero and Lara Rippinger. It was also a good learning experience because we had some technical problems with the drum kit and we had to try and sort the issue, which Kai of course did successfully! As a former Dunhurst student, along with Minna Hall and Tiger Braun-White, it was really nice to go back to the school and get back to my roots. Overall, it was a great experience and we would be very happy to go back and play for them again. See a video from the performance at Dunhurst [here](#), and book tickets for the Rock Show [here](#). Proceeds support the [John Badley Foundation](#), offering transformative opportunities for individuals.

Bedales announces climate emergency



By Aggie Levingstone and Bella Evershed, 6.2

Inspired by the words of Greta Thunberg – a 15-year-old Swede who recently spoke at the COP 24 Climate Summit in Poland and, earlier this week, to world leaders in Davos – Bedales came together in Monday's assembly to announce a climate emergency and held a funeral for the planet. The assembly began with a funeral procession symbolising all those people, animals and plants who have died from climate change or will die in the future because of our inaction. The current science was explained and the most recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report highlighted. The report acknowledges that we must act now to safeguard our collective future. During the assembly 10 proposed "environmental sustainability goals" were discussed which it is hoped will become the backbone of the school's commitment to sustainability. Watch the assembly [here](#); read the words [here](#); explore the slides [here](#); and comment on the proposed goals [here](#).



6.1 student launches new podcast



A Bedales student has launched a new podcast which gets right to the heart of the school community. *The Marcus Show*, created by Marcus Bugge (6.1), focuses on topical school issues and includes interviews with students. The first episode, which Marcus published online last week, featured an interview with fellow 6.1 student Will Needs, including his thoughts on Magnus's mineral prospecting and the future of Bedales. Although still in the early stages, Marcus has aspirations to develop the podcast even further and include interviews with members of staff as well as students in future. He said: "I hope *The Marcus Show* will become a way for students to communicate between year groups about their opinions about school life to build a more cohesive and socially welcoming community that promotes freedom of expression." The next episode focuses on the recent Dubai trip, where students were invited to Dubai to participate in various workshops and meet students from across the country. Listen to the podcast [here](#).

Old Bedalian releases debut single

Old Bedalian Chilli Chilton, who left Bedales in 2017, has released her first single, *Right Now*, with electronic pop producers AZTX. The single, which is available to listen to on Spotify from Friday 25 January, is the latest single from AZTX, who have worked with a range of artists, including Apropos, Amelia Carey, Mulally and Dusky Grey. Listen to *Right Now* [here](#).

Twelfth Night – theatre review

By Eben Macdonald, Block 3

On 15 January, Block 3 students went to see William Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* at the Minerva Theatre, Chichester, directed by Kelly Hunter. The plot follows the plight of a woman named Viola, who is shipwrecked on the fictional island of Illyria, wrongly assuming that her brother Sebastian is dead. For her own safety, she pretends to be a boy, gives herself the pseudonym Cesario and goes to work for Duke Orsino, who madly loves Queen Olivia. She, however, does not feel the same, therefore Viola tries to persuade Olivia to love Orsino, but Olivia in fact falls in love with Viola, of course thinking she is male. There is then a variety of mad love affairs. This energetic and powerful performance on Shakespeare's most famous comedy certainly has a lot of display. Everything from the acting to the music had been well thought out and enthusiastically executed. [Read more...](#)

Old Bedalians return to advise sixth formers

By Philip Parsons, Alumni Officer

On Friday evening, a group of Old Bedalians from the 2008 cohort came back to meet the current 6.2s and describe their career paths since leaving school. This has been an annual event for some time now and this year they were a typically varied collection including a technology consultant, a human resources manager, a vet, a chemical engineer, a marketing manager, a furniture designer, an A&R manager, and the entrepreneur in residence at the University of Oxford. The Old Bedalians were at pains to point out that a successful career depended not only on hard work but on confidence, a sense of purpose and a willingness to adapt and seize opportunities. They were generous and encouraging in their advice and the 6.2s responded well to the foretaste of what they might be like in ten years' time.

Spring Equinox events – invitation for parents



By Camilla Bashaarat

Following the parents' dinner in London in November, I have been thinking about other ways to bring parents together this term and have organised some, hopefully tempting, events around the Spring Equinox week. In the depths of a cold, wintery snap it has been fun to think of ways to celebrate the start of spring, shake off any lingering wintery hibernation feelings and tap into the natural energy that this time of year brings. I've also enjoyed meeting some wonderful, inspiring people who are excited about leading the events and workshops for us. I hope you'll agree that they, and the events themselves, fit well with the whole Bedalian ethos. The events include a Sauerkraut and Fermentation Workshop (Monday 18 March), a Flower Power Workshop (Wednesday 20 March), a Yoga and Sound Meditation Retreat with Niki Perry Yoga and Selda Soul Space (Thursday 21 March), and Spring Foraging and Cooking with Hector and the Fox (Saturday 23 March). Further details and booking information available [here](#).

Bedales blog – Visiting Thomas Hardy's Wessex



Last Saturday, a group of 6.2 English students went to Dorset to visit some of the key sites in Thomas Hardy's life, to complement their study of *Tess of the d'Urbervilles* and some of his poetry. Here are two perspectives from the trip.

By Magnus Bashaarat, Head of Bedales

Thomas Hardy didn't move far in his life; the distance from his birthplace in Lower Bockhampton to Max Gate, the house he built for himself on the outskirts of Dorchester once he had found success, is less than two miles. First up was Hardy's birthplace, a small cottage that has remained largely unchanged from when Hardy lived there with his parents and siblings. We were led there by National Trust volunteer Wendy, who led us through the woodland above the cottage and read to us some of the poems Hardy wrote inspired by the landscape. [Read more...](#)



By Thea Sesti, 6.2

By walking from one of Hardy's homes to the other, we explored the landscape and the place Hardy was so tied to and served as a backdrop for so many of his works. We were at times accompanied by a National Trust guide who read out some of Hardy's poetry in the Dorset woodland, which clearly evidenced the sensibility and attachment to nature he had from a young age and emerged so prominently in some of his later novels, like *Tess of the d'Urbervilles*. Having studied the text as part of A Level English, we were able to draw comparisons between the then appropriately damp and evocative scenery we came across walking and that in the book, making us understand all the more the area's impact on Hardy's life as an author. [Read more...](#)

Sports update: Tough hockey match at Hampshire Collegiate and a busy week for girls' netball

By Kevin Boniface, Head of Hockey – Boys' U16 Hockey v Hampshire Collegiate School – On Wednesday the boys' U16 hockey side travelled away to Hampshire Collegiate School (HCS) for their first outing of the season. The first game is always tough and this certainly proved to be the case as Bedales came up against a very strong opposition. For the majority of the game, Bedales were on the back foot, defending with bravery and sheer determination. Goalkeeper Laurene Johari and fullback Arthur Lingham both put in outstanding performances. Relentless pressure and some fine individual stick skills from HCS inevitably meant that Bedales were going to concede goals, however, on the counter-attack Bedales were always a threat. Led by captain Hugo Burnett-Armstrong and a quick forward line of Oscar Amis, Cosmo Hurwitz and Ed Marshall-Smith, they created a number of decent chances. Unfortunately a lack of poise when it was needed most meant these chances were squandered and HCS ended the game comfortably as deserved winners.

By Chloe Nicklin, Teacher of PE – Girls' 1st XI Netball v Ryde School – This match saw a shaky start from Bedales, rushing play and delivering passes that lacked power and accuracy. After the first quarter, Bedales settled into the match and were able to take the lead. This was a highly competitive game throughout, with Ryde fighting back and taking the win by only three goals in the final quarter. Bedales' circle defence was really strong, with both Maddy Upton and Thea Levine making great interceptions and taking control of the circle. The final score was 25-28, with Maddie Jefferys selected as Most Valuable Player (MVP).

Girls' 2nd XI Netball v Ryde School – The second team has made an extremely strong start to the season, winning their first two matches. They were able to continue this winning streak against Ryde School, gelling well as a team and staying ahead from the start. This match saw a great shooting performance from Lola Vogel and yet again outstanding defence from Charlotte Whiteside. The final score was 41-18 with Cheska Moufarrige selected as MVP.

Girls' U15A Netball v St Swithun's – St Swithun's, a team known for their excellent game play and team cohesion, came to Bedales and received a highly contested and competitive match. The U15A team worked extremely well together, with great movement and passing to help maintain possession. We had a strong defence who worked tirelessly to make getting into the shooting D as difficult as possible for the strong St Swithun's side. This was an exciting game to watch, with Bedales determined to win right until the very end. The final score was 12-19 to St Swithun's, with Mabel Watson and Shanklin MacKillop-Hall selected as MVPs.

Girls' U15B Netball v St Swithun's – The pure determination and grit shown by the Bedales U15B team was remarkable. Although St Swithun's maintained a comfortable lead throughout the game, this didn't stop the newly formed team from creating excellent drives onto the ball and executing some passes with strength. A great defensive performance was shown by Esther Stewart, gaining multiple interceptions, as well as an entertaining shooting performance from Gala Pearson, making two fantastic swish shots from long range – this really lifted the team! The best quarter was the last, with all players giving everything they had to improve their final score. Jade Marks was selected as MVP.

Girls' U14A Netball v Bohunt – Bedales started in a panic, playing at the opposition's tempo and not gaining control of the ball. They managed to keep the score level in the first quarter, but then Bohunt were able to slip away and take a 13-7 lead by the end of the second quarter. As Bedales went into the third quarter, and some adjustments were made, they settled into the game and started to close the gap. The final quarter was exceptional, with great defensive play across the court, but especially from Leela Walton, Millie Kennedy and Zoe Lobbenberg, who were able to dominate the circle and not concede a single goal. This match saw an outstanding shooting performance from Kamaya Nelson-Clayton and great feeds into the circle from Anna Tasker. The final score was 18-16 with Kamaya Nelson-Clayton and Millie Kennedy selected as MVPs.

Girls' U14B Netball v Bohunt – This was the U14B team's first match for Bedales and they played extremely well together. The first five minutes was a little scrappy, but once Gabi scored their first goal, they began to settle down. It was quite a physical match but the girls maintained their discipline and scored another goal in the first quarter. Lula defended well with some excellent interceptions. In the second quarter Bohunt scored two goals, however Bedales responded by scoring another five goals. The third quarter saw Bohunt making a comeback, scoring four goals, with Bedales only managing to score two goals. Both teams played well, but Bedales just had the edge and managed to score another two goals in the last five minutes of the game to seal victory. Final score: 11-6; MVP: Gabi Starring.

Train times for boarders

Friday 25 January – leave Petersfield 15.57 (next train 16.06), arriving Waterloo at 17.14 (17.27)

Sunday 20 January – leave Waterloo 19.30, arriving Petersfield 20.40

Coming up

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

For parents / students

25-27 Jan, Long leave weekend

28 Jan, Bedales Art and Music Scholarships (internal candidates)

13-24 Feb, Half term

27 Feb, [Solo and Blocks Concert](#), Lupton Hall

6 Mar, [Bedales Dance Performs](#), Theatre

18 Mar, Spring Equinox event: [Sauerkraut and Fermentation Workshop](#)

20 Mar, Spring Equinox event: [Flower Power Workshop](#)

21 Mar, Spring Equinox event: [Yoga and Sound Meditation Retreat](#) with Niki Perry Yoga and Selda Soul Space

23 Mar, Spring Equinox event: [Spring Foraging and Cooking](#) with Hector and the Fox

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

30 Jan, [The Noise Next Door](#), Theatre

6-8 Feb, [Bedales Rock Show](#), Theatre

26 Feb, [Luke Jermay: Intuition](#), Theatre

28 Feb, London Concert, St Luke's Church, Chelsea – all parents welcome, Reception from midday. Book via Jo Allridge, tel: 01730 711569; email: admissions@bedales.org.uk.

7 Mar, [mapdance 2019](#), Theatre

For students

25 – 28 Jan, Economics/Business Studies trip to Prague

1 Feb, Sixth Form Partnerships 'Question Time' Event at Bohunt School with Damian Hinds MP

2-3 Feb, Rock Show All-in Weekend

6 Feb, Art trip to Ashmolean Museum, Oxford

9-10 Feb, A Level Dance / Product & Fashion Design All-in Weekend

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 29 Jan	2.30pm	Boys' U15 Basketball v St Edmund's School	H
Wed 30 Jan	1.00pm	Boys' 1st XI Hockey, Hampshire Trophy	A
Wed 30 Jan	2.30pm	Girls' 1st/2nd/U15A/U15B Netball v Lord Wandsworth College	H
Wed 30 Jan	4.30pm	Boys' U14 Hockey v Portsmouth Grammar School	A
Wed 30 Jan	4.40pm	Boys' U16 Hockey v Kings	A
Fri 1 Feb	1.00pm	Boys' U14 Hockey, Hampshire Trophy	A
Tue 5 Feb	2.30pm	Boys' U15A Rugby Sevens v Ditcham Park	A
Tue 5 Feb	2.30pm	Boys' U14A Rugby Sevens v More House School	A

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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