

Saturday Bulletin

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Badley Day celebrations



Creating a new footpath, mud kitchen installation, landscaping, live music and sport were just some of the activities that took place at Bedales for Saturday's Badley Day. An annual event, Badley Day sees pupils, parents and staff work together to improve the outdoor environment of Bedales and beyond, as a celebration of the founding of the school by education visionary John Haden Badley. This year's projects included the construction of a footpath from Dunhurst across the school estate to the A3 footbridge, as well as the installation of a mud kitchen and storage shed at Steep Primary School. 6.2 students planted bulbs in the green space outside the Art & Design building and carried out other improvements to pathways. [Read more](#), [view photos](#), [watch video](#) and [read students' perspectives/poetry](#).

English National Ballet *Lest We Forget*



By Darcy Bartlett, 6.2, Dance Don

Last week Bedales dancers went to see English National Ballet's *Lest We Forget* which was a triple bill featuring poignant works commemorating the First World War from choreographers Liam Scarlett, Russell Maliphant and Akram Khan. *Lest We Forget* reflects on the experiences of those who fought in the conflict, and those who stayed behind. Akram Khan's *Dust*, in which the principle roles were danced by Tamara Rojo, the dance director of English National Ballet and James Streeter, was especially moving; it focused on the empowerment of women in WW1, as they became the main workforce in the country, and has been described by critics as 'gut – wrenching' and 'dancing full of pain and power'. Liam Scarlett's *No – Man's – Land* and Russell Maliphant's *Second Breath* were similarly as exhilarating as only deftly handled tragedy can be and – true to its title – stayed with you long after curtain-down.

Active start to new Sports Science BAC



By Spencer Leach, Director of Sport

A group of 17 Block 4 students have had an active start to their [BAC](#) Sports Science course, which is new to the curriculum for this year. The [Illinois agility test](#) to measure the athletes' ability to change direction quickly and precisely, and an old favourite, the [multi-stage fitness test](#) (beep test), were part of an early lesson to learn more about the components of fitness and how to measure them. In a phenomenal performance, one of our students recorded over 250 sit-ups as part of the muscular endurance test. Studying diet and nutrition for sport, the students made their own hypertonic and isotonic sports drinks, although the sugary and sometimes salty products met with mixed reviews. Find out more about the [Sports Science BAC](#) and view photos [here](#).

Milk Presents workshop & BULLISH review

We hear from two students on a recent drama workshop and performance.

Meg Allin, 6.2, Drama Don: Last week we had a visiting theatre company, [Milk Presents](#), perform their work *BULLISH* and also lead workshops with some of the drama classes. We were joined by their artistic director [Jo Tyabji](#), who came in and worked with us on Milk Present's style and creation process. Jo started by asking us our pronouns – he/she/they – and then asked us to say something we had done that made us proud that day, which helped set an initial basis and mood for the lesson. We got up on our feet and did some quick fire clap exercises. We were asked a few questions

about gender, like “are biological sex and gender the same thing?” to help create diversity in the room. Everyone was respectful of each other’s opinions and Jo pointed out that it’s okay to have differing opinions because it creates conflict in a piece. This is a factor that I think can get forgotten about in rehearsals. [Read more...](#)

Samuel Vernor-Miles, 6.2: On Wednesday night, we were all treated to a performance of *BULLISH* at the Bedales Theatre. Described by its producer as “a queer take on mythology”, this modern version of Theseus and the Minotaur, which was developed by theatre company [Milk Presents](#), was incredible. It followed Asterion, the Minotaur, and his journey to try and discover himself and become comfortable in his own skin. Not only was this so much fun to watch and entertaining, but it also dealt with themes such as being transgender in today’s society, and the impact that can have on you, your family, and your life. I’ve never seen anything like it in the Bedales Theatre; the performance managed to make us laugh our heads off and then make us think and feel deeply, blending comedy and drama perfectly. The cast was extremely diverse, and it was an honour and pleasure to have them come to Bedales to perform such an amazing show.

Head of PRE speaks at UCL Institute of Education

By Clare Jarmy, Head of Philosophy, Religion & Ethics

I am very grateful to Bedales for a half-term’s sabbatical last summer. I spent time in Oxford and Cambridge, working on a couple of papers on the philosophy of education. One of these was about knowledge in Religious Education, and it was on this subject that I was asked to speak last week at the UCL Institute of Education. The event was the launch of the Special Interest Group in Education & Religion. My talk focussed on the current trend for a ‘knowledge-rich curriculum’ and how an equivocation in what we mean by ‘knowledge’ causes problems when you consider RE as a case study. By ‘knowledge’, we can mean ‘a body of knowledge’, or ‘someone knowing something’. Too often, I argue, in debates about the importance of knowledge in schools, we think only of a body of knowledge, and not enough about the knowing subject - the student. In RE, and in other subjects, I am certain, the knower, not only the object of knowledge is key: knowledge and facts are not the same thing.

Murder Hunt in the English department

By Lucy McIlwraith, English Teacher

Last week and this, English teachers have been training Blocks’ students to be detectives. We’ve all been trying out an activity called ‘Murder Hunt’ in which a whole class have to use given clues and their own organisation and discussion skills to work out Whodunnit. Students need to work together to work out: Who was murdered, by whom, when, where, with what and why. Once they think they’ve got all the answers they can ask the teacher, who is allowed to say how many answers are correct but not which ones. The teacher gives a time limit but does not participate in the discussion or control of the room (no matter how much they want to!) Results have been extremely interesting: Left to their own devices, classes often elect a leader and scribe, some initially talk over each other until they realise how important listening is to this task. [Read more...](#)

Bedales International Day – 4 October 2018



By Tristan Wilson, Head of Modern Languages

Thursday 4 October will see several departments combine forces for a Bedales International Day. This is an opportunity for us to celebrate not only the diversity of nationalities of students at the school, but also to embrace the creativity, knowledge of language, and the customs and opportunities to learn that come along with that. The day will kick off with an international dress competition in morning break, then there will be stalls set out in the Quad during lunch break, with some traditional activities and food for sale in addition to the international menu at lunch. In the afternoon, the Bedales International Film Festival will take place, with student submissions having a chance of winning a ‘Boscar’. Finally, the day will finish in the evening with a non-English open mic event in the Lupton Hall. [Read more...](#)

Bedales blog – Transformative education

By Clare Jarmy, Head of Philosophy, Religion & Ethics

An education is a transformative thing, and a great education can lead to a great transformation. Every student at Bedales is fortunate to have so many opportunities. Being part of a school like this, someone has invested in that transformation. For many, parents make this investment. Sometimes, it is grandparents. I have even known students paying their own fees out of inherited money. Others, and I was one of them, get to come to a school like this with the support of others, through bursary programmes. I can speak as one who knows: bursaries transform lives. Patrick Derham, OBE, the Headmaster of Westminster, and formerly Rugby, knows this better than most. We were so fortunate to have him speak at Jaw on Wednesday, and the impact his talk had on students was palpable. Having, like me, been to seven schools before the age of 12, he was an ‘Ari Boy’, educated aboard the permanently moored vessel Arethusa. One day, he was asked ‘Do you know what Public School is, Derham?’ ‘No, Sir’, he replied. [Read more...](#)

Sports update: Boys’ football triumph against Lord Wandsworth College and girls’ hockey lose out to Hampshire Collegiate School



By Kevin Boniface, Head of Hockey – *Girls' 1st XI v Hampshire Collegiate School* – Early on the home side was caught napping and found themselves 1-0 down inside five minutes. However, in the testing heat, Bedales slowly clawed themselves back in to the game through the relentless work rate of Thea Levine and Freya Leonard. A late first half goal for Bedales saw the teams go in 1-1 at half time which was a good reflection of the game so far. The second half saw a flurry of activity in both Ds with both teams creating a number of chances; unfortunately HCS were the more clinical of the two sides and ended up winning 5-2. A scoreline that could have easily been 6-6! See more photos from the match [here](#).

By Chloe Nicklin, PE Teacher – *Girls' U14 Hockey v Hampshire Collegiate School* – Bedales were energetic throughout the game making a number of positive and effective plays throughout the pitch. The team worked extremely hard in defence against a strong opposition, with Olivia Cooper and Imogen Shannon making fantastic tackles. Katie Mansbridge was named MVP by the opposition for her tireless energy, hassling the opposition and pushing the ball up the pitch. [Read more...](#)



By Spencer Leach, Director of Sport – *Boys' 1st XI v Lord Wandsworth College* – Lord Wandsworth College took on a confident Bedales 1st XI and on this occasion the strength and footballing nous of the Bedales students proved too much for the opposition. A Jack Cecil hat-trick and a goal for Sam Wilson were the highlights. See more photos from the match [here](#).



Boys' 1st XI v Old Bedalians – Keen to redress the result of last year's Badley Weekend game, the Old Bedalians selected a younger, leaner and hungrier team for this year's fixture. The early encounters were balanced with limited opportunities until Jack Cecil, sensing a greasy, lightning quick surface might trouble the keeper, unleashed a fierce, dipping long range effort that found the back of the net. A pinpoint, one touch, top corner finish from Gabriel Samarine doubled the lead and the 1st XI grew in confidence. The OBs fought back in the second half and almost inevitably the spectre of penalties arrived. With the result in the balance, 1st XI captain Max Simmons stepped up and slammed home the final winning decisive penalty to retain the trophy.

By Graeme Coulter, Head of Tennis

The Block 4 boys' tennis team won the Division 2 County Play Offs against Swanmore College of Technology 5-1. There was a great performance from Harry Hornsby, Paddy Arrowsmith, Tobias Bonham Carter and Milo Whittle throughout all of last summer term, and at the start of the Autumn term remain unbeaten. The boys will now represent Hampshire at the Regional Play Offs in two weeks' time.

Train times for boarders

Friday 28 September – leave Petersfield 15.57 (next train 16.06), arrive Waterloo 17.14 (next train 17.27)

Sunday 23 September – leave Waterloo 19.26, arrive Petersfield 20.37

Coming up

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

For parents / students

12 Oct, [Three Schools Concert](#), Lupton Hall, 7.30pm

13 Oct, Insight Open Morning for Block 5s and families, 10.30am-12.30pm

13 Oct, BPA Meeting in the Reading Room, 10.30am-1pm

17-18 Oct, [Sixth Form Show](#), 7.30pm

20-21 Oct, Great South Run, Portsmouth (please [join the runners](#) or [sponsor the team](#))

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 Sep, Drama production: [Tabby McTat](#), Theatre, 2pm

2 Oct, Drama production: [A Super Happy Story \(About Feeling Super Sad\)](#), Theatre, 7.30pm

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

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

For students

2 Oct, 6.1 trip to see Othello at the Globe Theatre, 11am-6.30pm

4 Oct, 6.1 Product Design trip to polymer manufacturing company, 8.30am-1.30pm

4 Oct, Bedales International Day, Lupton Hall, 9am-9pm

6-7 Oct, Dance All-in Weekend

10 Oct, English BAC trip: Antony & Cleopatra at the National Theatre, 11am-6.30pm

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
Tue 2 Oct	2.30pm	Boys' U14 Football v KES Witley	H
Tue 2 Oct	2.30pm	Boys' U15 Football v KES Witley	H
Wed 3 Oct	2.30pm	Girls' 1st XI Hockey v Christ's Hospital	H
Wed 3 Oct	4.30pm	Girls' U15 Hockey v Portsmouth High	H
Sat 6 Oct	10.15am	Girls' U14 Hockey v Churchers College	H
Wed 10 Oct	2.30pm	Girls' U15 7s Hockey v Christ's Hospital	H
Wed 10 Oct	4.30pm	Girls' 1st XI Hockey v Kings' Winchester	A
Wed 10 Oct	4.20pm	Girls' U14 Hockey v Portsmouth High	H

Notes

Dunannie Christmas Fair: Dunannie's Charity Christmas Fair, which will be hosted on Monday 3 December 2018, 3-6.30pm in the Dunannie/Dunhurst Sports Hall, is looking for more stallholders. If you would like to rent a stand or for more information, please contact Gill or Tabitha at friendsofdunannie@gmail.com.

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.

Yours,



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Head of Bedales

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