

Saturday Bulletin

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Sixth Form Show – perspectives



This year's Sixth Form Show was devised in collaboration with the Temper Theatre Company and performed at Bedales on 17-18 October 2018. We hear perspectives from staff and students.

By Hayley Ager, Head of Drama and Liz Wood, Head of Dance

We welcomed Temper Theatre Company this autumn as a company in residence to collaborate with Bedales and work with students who successfully auditioned to be part of the Sixth Form show. Their combined work, the physical theatre piece *Kin*, was performed prior to half term. Certain students will then be reworking this into a performance to tour around schools in Dubai in the upcoming exchange trip which Liz is running as part of the enrichment programme. We are incredibly proud of the students for their professionalism and engagement in the project which really saw them, as in real life, devising an original piece of physical theatre as a company. We were also very impressed with the company whose artistic vision, passion and devising skills were the perfect combination for our talented students and what he had in mind for this project.

By McCauley Fischer, Putney Exchange Student

The Sixth Form Show was full of many types of talent and creative choices. The audience entered a theatre filled with a thin layer of fog from a smoke machine, while live music played until the house lights dimmed for the start of the show. The fog allowed for a unique use of light to represent technology and a range of other things from mood to large amounts of water. The show, which centred around inhabitants of a town where a dam threatened to overflow, touched on themes of human connection with the earth and each other as well as communication...

By Eben Macdonald, Block 3

I believe that the meaning of the Sixth Form Show, *Kin*, is that humanity is forever arrogant and ignorant and that social media and this common sentimental social dependence which many people have is damning to society. This is because the people in the play are constantly warned by the Public Service that there is an imminent breakage of the local dam, which will cause severe flooding and will be very serious. However, they frequently ignore these calls. There is a scene where, during a loud and exuberant party someone receives a call, but because of the noise they are unable to hear it. They even say dismissively over the phone, "Sorry, I need to get back to my friends", which I feel conveys how damning this social sentimentality is. They could have heard that call and reacted, but they were too busy partying... [Read more](#) and [view photo gallery](#).



Block 4 girls' hockey trip to Holland



By Emma Nelson (Captain) and Mabel Watson (Vice-Captain), Block 4

Over half term the U15 girls' hockey team went on a tour to Holland, "the hockey capital of the world". We travelled by coach to Dover and then ferry across to Calais where we started the drive to Rotterdam. On arrival we went straight to the first of our training sessions, led by Mariela on the main water based astro at HC Rotterdam, the biggest hockey club in Holland. We warmed up and did some drills, focusing on shooting and attacking play. After training we travelled to our accommodation in the centre of Rotterdam where we were then able to relax and have a very well-deserved dinner. Day two was upon us before we knew it and we were back to HC Rotterdam for our first Dutch coaching session, led by three of their best members. In this training session we learnt to eliminate a player and we really gelled as a team. [Read more...](#)

Bedales runners raise £4,200 for education charities



Pupils, parents, staff and alumni from Bedales and Dunhurst who took part in the Great South Run in Southsea over the first weekend of the half term break have so far raised £4,200 for two education charities. Youngest team members were eight year-old Dunhurst pupils Annabel Rowell and Madeleine McNeill, and nine year old Benny McNeill. Top Bedales performers in Sunday's 10 mile race included Maths teacher Greg Clarke (1'11'12) and Old Bedalian George Vaughan-Barratt (1'13'48). Basil Eastwood, Founder of Cecily's Fund and father of Cecily who attended Bedales from 1991-96, commented: "This was a wonderful effort by the Bedales community, supporting two charities which in their different ways are totally dedicated to the proposition that, especially for the disadvantaged, education changes lives. Cecily was working in Zambia when she died, and with this support Cecily's Fund will be able to give hope and education to over 40 orphans or vulnerable children." Former beneficiary of a John Badley Foundation bursary, now Applications Engineer, Albie Waterton added: "The year on year effort via members of the school community allows so many people who could really benefit from it, to experience the Bedales environment and make the most of it." There's still time to support these causes [here](#). [Read more...](#)

Block 4 student's magic show success

By Amos Wollen, Block 4

On the first Saturday of half term, I competed in the finals for the Young Magician's Club J-Day Magic Close-up Competition 2018. A few weeks back, I received an email from the Magic Circle telling me that my audition act had got through on the criterion of originality. There were over 12 competitors during the auditions and I was selected to be one of the six finalists. In the finals, I performed the same act I auditioned with; it involved mugs, biscuits, cards and a theme of manipulating time. After the act, we had two hours of waiting and visiting the in-house magic dealers. After the waiting period, the awards ceremony started. I was awarded second place close-up and the 'Kaymar Comedy Kup' (for the best comedy), along with monetary discounts for magic dealers. Thank you to Bedales for allowing me time off to compete.

Global Awareness BAC identified as exemplar course

Bedales features prominently in an article on the benefits of Social and Emotional Learning (SEL), recently published by TES. The piece references a 2017 meta-analysis of 82 research studies which found that participation in SEL programmes improves students' mental health, social skills and academic achievement, with benefits continuing into later life. Students also display fewer conduct problems and report lower levels of emotional distress. In the UK, the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) has found that SEL interventions have a valuable impact on attitudes to learning and social relationships in school, including an average impact of four months' additional progress on attainment. As an example of SEL, the article explains how the Bedales Assessed Course (BAC) in Global Awareness encourages students to apply 21st-century skills to understanding and addressing global issues, such as poverty, equality, social justice and human rights. Bedales Head of Global Awareness, Abi Wharton, believes the course helps students to develop crucial citizenship skills. [Read more...](#)

Photos of school events

Did you know you can view galleries and purchase copies of professional photographs taken at selected events and performances at Bedales, Dunhurst and Dunannie throughout the academic year?

To view photos, visit the [Galleries page](#) on the Bedales website, where you can filter galleries by school and view a selection of images from each event. On each gallery page, there is the option to click through to the photographer's site; enter the password to view the full gallery and purchase digital copies and physical prints directly from the photographer.

Any purchase of images from the photographers' sites will benefit 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.

Follow Bedales on social media

If you aren't already, make sure you follow Bedales on social media to keep up-to-date with events and activities taking place across the three Bedales Schools. As well as our presence on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), we are also on [Instagram](#), [Vimeo](#) and [LinkedIn](#). Our blogs also provide insights into aspects of life at Bedales, and are published under the following categories: [Bedales School Blog](#), [Bedales Sport](#), [Bedales Arts](#), [Bedales Academic](#), and [Beyond Bedales](#).

Bedales blog – Giving students a greater voice

By Alistair McConville, Director of Learning and Innovation

What springs to mind when you hear the word "Dons"? A candlelit high table crowded with kindly academics passing the port? Or a gathering of Mafioso types gathered in a back room, discussing the destination of the next horse's head? At our school, The Dons was the deliberately ambiguous name chosen for our latest venture in student leadership. The students struck on the name themselves, and were delighted by the way in which it hints both at academic ambition and rigour, yet retains overtones of anti-authoritarian subversion in the cause of "getting things done" a la Corleone... As

one of the pioneers of progressive education, Bedales has a long tradition of taking “student voice” very seriously indeed. Our school council, chaired by our head boy and girl, recently celebrated its 100th birthday. The Dons are the latest incarnation of this commitment to devolving meaningful responsibility to our students. Essentially, the Dons are student leaders for each of the important elements of our school. Primarily, they are associated with academic departments – so the Don of biology or Spanish, for example – though other areas of school life also have a Don, such as our precious library. [Read more...](#)

Sports update: Hard fought hockey success

By Kevin Boniface, Head of Hockey – *U15 Girls’ Hockey v Kings School, Winchester* – Having lost the corresponding fixture last season the team knew that they would have to perform well to get anything from the game. Alisia Leach set the tone for the away side with driving runs from the inside forward position creating good attacking opportunities; unfortunately decision making in the final third meant that Bedales were unable to capitalise on these opportunities. As the first half ebbed and flowed the Bedales full back partnership of captain, Emma Nelson and Shanklin Mackillop-Hall was tested on a number of occasions but once again this season they were more than up to the task, defending with composure, intelligence and determination. As the game progressed both teams were guilty of a number of turnovers and were unable to turn attacking territory in to clear chances. However, it was the Bedales side that broke the deadlock through a well taken short corner from Alisia Leach. With only a couple of minutes remaining the Kings side forced an equaliser to end the game in a deserved draw. The game was a credit to both schools, hard fought but in a lovely spirit.

By Chloe Nicklin, PE Teacher – *U14 Girls’ Hockey v Bohunt* – The U14s played a strong and energetic Bohunt side who were not afraid to get involved in the action, making lots of successful tackles. Bohunt didn’t have a goalie and had to loan two of our players, but this still didn’t inhibit their performance and made for an extremely competitive match. Within the first two minutes we went a goal down. By underestimating our opposition due to their numbers, Bedales defensive play slipped. This gave Bedales a good wake-up call and after two goals from Lally, we finished the first half 2-1 up. Bedales continued to play with strength and Bohunt continued to play with high intensity forcing our defence to step up. Our captain was playing with so much determination that she got tangled up in an opponent’s stick and took a nasty fall. She jumped back up and continued to play and even managed a celebration dance back in the Bedales changing room! Bedales 4 Bohunt 2. [Read more...](#)

Train times for boarders

Saturday 3 November – leave Petersfield 13.54 (next train 14.18), arriving Waterloo 15.15 (15.29)

Sunday 4 November – leave Waterloo 19.30, arriving Petersfield 20.40

Coming up

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

For parents / students

10 Nov, FoBs Tea and Coffee for all Blocks, Sixth Form Social Space, 11.45am

10 Nov, [Ruth Whiting Memorial](#), The Quad, 2.30pm

10-11 Nov, Bedales is exhibiting at the Independent Schools Show, Battersea Park. Do please mention it to your friends and encourage them to come and talk to us! More information [here](#).

16 Nov, 6.2 Parents’ Welcome from the Head & Parents’ Meeting, 3pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 Nov, [Cecilia Concert](#), Quad, 7.30pm (including pop-up bar and mince pies)

22-23 Nov, [BAC Devised Performance](#), Drama Studio, 7.30pm – tickets limited to 50/night

27 Nov, [The Chair Maker](#), Arts & Crafts talk by Lawrence Neal & Hugo Burge, Old Bedalian, Lupton Hall, 7.15pm

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

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

For students

2-4 Nov, 6.1 Geography field trip to Dorset

3-4 Nov, Oxbridge Interview Preparation Visit

5 Nov, Steep Fireworks Night

7 Nov, Gecko Theatre Studies workshop

10-11 Nov, BAC Theatre Arts All-in Weekend

13 Nov, Sixth Form Design Trip

14 Nov, Oxbridge Interview Preparation Visit

14 Nov, 6.1 trip to Ashmolean Museum, Oxford

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 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
Fri 9 Nov	1.00pm	Girls' U14 Hockey Hampshire Trophy	A
Tue 13 Nov	2.30pm	Boys' U14 Football v Winchester College	H
Tue 13 Nov	2.30pm	Boys' U15 Football v Winchester College	H
Wed 14 Nov	3.45pm	Girls' U14 Hockey v Lord Wandsworth College	H
Wed 14 Nov	4.15pm	Girls' U15 Hockey v Hampshire Collegiate	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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Read news from Bedales Pre-prep School, Dunannie: [The Friday Newsletter](#).

Yours,



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Head of Bedales

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