

Saturday Bulletin

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Drums signal call to act on climate change



By Clive Burch, Head of Block 3

Last Monday’s senior school assembly brought together the Three Schools under the banner of Action Against Climate Change. Percussion teacher Kristian Bediako opened proceedings with a group of over 20 drummers from Block 3, calling forth collective action through audience participation, with dancers of all ages taking centre stage. At some point in their time here, Kristian has taught almost every student in the Three Schools, so who better to lead the charge?

Afterwards, Anouk Szpitalak and Freddie Robinson from our youngest Eco-Team stepped up to share Dunannie’s action plan to combat climate change at a local level. Neither were daunted by the assembled masses and both spoke with a touching sincerity. They were followed by Dunhurst’s Eco-Team who, along with Head of Outdoor Work Ryan Walsh, shared the steps they are taking to achieve Eco-School status as well as the topics they are focussing on, namely Biodiversity, Energy, Global Citizenship, Litter and School Grounds. [Read more...](#)

Oscar Wilde experience for 6.1 English students



Following last month’s John Keats experience day for 6.2 students, it was the turn of 6.1 English Literature students to be transported back in time on Monday as they marked the end of their study of Oscar Wilde’s *The Importance of Being Earnest* by taking part in an experience day designed to cement their understanding of the play. One of Wilde’s most renowned comedies, *The Importance of Being Earnest* tells the story of two bachelors and friends, John ‘Jack’ Worthing and Algernon ‘Algy’ Moncrieff, who create alter egos named Ernest to escape their everyday lives and win the hearts of two women who claim they are only able to love men called Ernest. As the play progresses and the pair struggle to keep up with their yarns, they become embroiled in a tale of duplicity that ridicules the sensibilities of the Victorian era in which it is set. [Read more...](#)

Preparing for DofE Gold Award



By Alex Lunn, 6.1

Canoeing. Sunny days. Leisurely trips down a glistening river. Well, this was not the case when 6.1 Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award students spent a Saturday afternoon in Southampton training for embarking on their Gold Award! After gracefully getting toggled up in perfectly sized waterproofs, these magnificent vessels were launched on the centre’s placid lake. Our instructor imparted expert knowledge of how to side paddle to turn sharply and where the centre of weight should be, based on wind and current speeds. After all, this will be a true expedition, requiring much stamina! Fearing we might need some more work, the instructor was pleasantly surprised when our group appeared extremely able and it seemed the task would be less of a challenge than initially anticipated. Soon we were crossing the nearby road and into the nearby River Itchen. Only in England can we enjoy such nature in the midst of train tracks and a small airport. [Read more...](#)

Running and mountaineering for good causes

Great South Run - By Rob Reynolds, Director of External Relations

‘Couch to Great South Run!’ Bedales is encouraging parents, students, staff, Old Bedalians and friends to enter the Great South Run, one of Europe’s most popular 10 mile races, attracting over 20,000 runners annually. The weekend of running in Southsea includes junior events from age 3 upwards, a canine run (human + dog), and 5k (14+ years) on Saturday 19 October with the full 10 miles (16+ years) on Sunday 20 October. All standards are welcome - beginners

through to seasoned professionals (Mo Farah and Paula Radcliffe are previous winners). Over the past two years, 65 Bedales runners have raised over £12,000 for the John Badley Foundation and other good causes. We are delighted the [Country House Company](#) is once again supporting the team. There's more about the events on the [Great Run website](#), or please get in touch with Rob Reynolds (rreynolds@bedales.org.uk) for more information about joining the Bedales runners.

Mountain climb for Eswatini - By Oscar Goldblatt, 6.1

In October 2019, a group of 23 Bedales students will go to Eswatini (formerly known as Swaziland) to help at a school and fund materials to install reliable water, solar power to power the pump, and carry out general improvement works to the school facilities. In order to do this, we need to raise a minimum of £10,000. A group of us are planning to climb Mount Snowdon between 24-26 May. It will make a real difference to the local community and we would greatly appreciate your help in supporting us. You can sponsor us via our Gofundme page [here](#).

'Impressive' new Block 1-4 play



By Samuel Vernor-Miles, 6.2

Having heard about the play – new for this academic year – that would combine Dunhurst's top two years and Bedales' lower two, I didn't know what to expect. However, after going to see it last Friday, I was certainly glad I had. The student directed, led, acted and written production featured growing talents from both schools, and they performed brilliantly. Performed on the Lupton Hall stage and adding an equally impressive homemade time machine – with very impressive effects when used – the audience was captivated, laughing and connecting with the characters in front of them. All of those involved should be incredibly proud of themselves, especially those who put it together behind the scenes. Overall, it was a really lovely production that I'm glad to have seen and I can't wait to see what the collaborative students do next! See photos from the production [here](#).

Exhibitioners' Concert

By Imogen Sinclair-Jenkins, 6.2

On 19 March, the Exhibitioners' Concert saw 16 music exhibitioners perform in the Lupton Hall for their termly concert. The standard was set very high after a busy term and limited rehearsal time due to the Spring Concert and the Petersfield Festival. There was a wide range of instruments and ensembles that had the chance to perform, from the French horn to bassoon and a trio for flute, oboe and piano. It was a great opportunity for everybody to gain practise performing in front of a welcoming and supportive audience. The next Exhibitioners' Concert will take place next term, on Thursday 23 May at 7.30pm in the Lupton Hall. Tickets are free; book via Bedales Events [here](#).

Enjoyable Spring Equinox parents' events

By Camilla Bashaarat

Last week saw over 160 Bedales parents taking part in a series of social events, ranging from the first whole Block Parents' Dinner, for Block 3 parents, on Sunday evening, to a fermentation workshop, a yoga retreat, a workshop on the healing power of flower essences and a fabulous morning learning which plants to forage and how to use them in delicious seasonal recipes. Thank you to everyone who came along. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and we hope this will be the start of some new friendships, new interests, and most importantly, a lot of fun. Please do email parents@bedales.org.uk if you have ideas for future events or visits. A number of additional social events have been organised for parents for the summer term, including a Behind the Scenes Tour of the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden (2 May, £20); a Wild Garlic Pesto, Foraging and Pizza Evening (17 May, £14); and a Vodka Cocktail Mixology Class and Dinner at the Polish Club, London (13 June, £60). Find out more and reserve your space [here](#).

Bedales blog – Insightful visit to Brockwood Park

By Blossom Gottlieb, 6.2

A vegetarian school where the students choose whether to take exams or not? Sign me up! On 13 March, a group of three students in 6.2 took a trip with Al McConville to [Brockwood Park School](#), only 15 minutes away in Alresford, to join their Inquiry Time (described as their “weekly opportunity to look deeper at issues arising in life, living together, the intentions of the school and how we respond to them”) and get involved in their Human Ecology (aka Outdoor Work on steroids!) I was struck not only by the beautiful surroundings of the school, but the sense of community that we experienced in the assembly as soon as we arrived. Sat in a circular formation around a few meditating people in the centre of this octagonal timber-roofed room, the atmosphere of peace was incomparable. Inquiry Time is an hour and a half session where students and teachers discuss a topic of importance, without debating it, enabling them to share their opinions without fear of judgement. [Read more...](#)

Sports update: Strong performances in hockey

By Kevin Boniface, Head of Hockey – *U14 Boys' Hockey v St Edmunds* – On Tuesday, the U14 side played host to St Edmunds. The visitors had a number of talented players in their side and dominated possession and the majority of the attacking territory for long periods of the game. However, it was pleasing to see a real grit and determination from the home side and this, combined with some outstanding goalkeeping from Josh Baty, meant the Bedales side deservedly

kept a clean sheet. At the other end of the pitch, an increasing amount of attacking possession led to a number of half chances for Bedales. However, these were not converted and the match ended in an entertaining 0-0 draw.

U16 Boys' Hockey v Lord Wandsworth College – On Wednesday, the U16 boys travelled away to Lord Wandsworth College. Illness and increasing workload had depleted the side, but in stepped Block 3 students Elio Mazas and Zach Stewart, and a return to hockey for Claude Barker bolstered the team. With a new look side, and despite the brilliant shot stopping of Laurence Johari, it was perhaps no surprise that the Bedales side soon found themselves 2-0 down. However, in a flash of brilliance, centre forward Oscar Amis beat two men at the top of the circle and scored a superb reverse stick strike to make it 2-1 at the break. The half-time team talk focused on giving our forwards an opportunity to run behind the defence, and reminding players that the next goal would be crucial. Led by the hard working, commanding Arthur Lingham, the Bedales side started the second half with real intent and were incredibly unlucky not to draw level as another powerful strike from Oscar was matched with a reaction save off the shoulder from Lord Wandsworth's keeper. A number of decent chances followed but Bedales couldn't convert and were punished by two goals on the break from Lord Wandsworth. The game ended 4-2 as Oscar scored a late consolation goal.

U14 Boys' Hockey v Lord Wandsworth College – The U14s also travelled away to Lord Wandsworth College on Wednesday. Buoyed by a recent run of good form, they were going into the game with confidence. However, a decent Lord Wandsworth went 2-0 to the good. Perhaps at the start of the season this may have killed off the Bedales team, but as the season has progressed they have become mentally stronger and consequently forced their way back into the game with a superb volley finish from Zach Stewart, while Elias Mazas converted towards the end of the game to earn a credible draw.

Train times for boarders

Friday 29 March – leave Petersfield 15.57 (next train 16.06), arriving Waterloo at 17.14 (17.27)

Tuesday 23 April – leave Waterloo 18.30, arriving Petersfield 19.38

Coming up

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

For parents / students

29 Mar, Spring term ends, 3.30pm

13-18 Apr, Blocks 4 & 5 trip to Grenada, Spain

23 Apr, Boarders return

24 Apr, Summer term begins

27 Apr, 6.1 Parents' Higher Education Information Morning, SLT, 11.30am

27 Apr, FoBs Tea and Coffee, Lupton Hall, 11.45am

4 May, FoBs Meeting, Reading Room, 10.30am

4 May, May Bank Holiday Leave Weekend begins

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 May, Parents' Event: [Behind the Scenes Tour of the Royal Opera House](#)

4 May, [Woodland Tales with Granddad](#), Theatre

11 May, ['Badley Behaved' Dog Show and Fete](#)

12 May, [Youth Dance Platform](#), Theatre

14 May, [Eckersley Lecture](#), Theatre

16-17 May, [Dunhurst Rock Show](#), Theatre

17 May, Parents' Event: [Wild Garlic Pesto, Foraging and Pizza Evening](#)

21-22 May, [6.1 Theatre Studies Shows](#), Theatre

23 May, [Exhibitioner Concert](#), Lupton Hall

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

For students

24 Apr-2 May, 6.1 internal exams

26-28 Apr, Silver DofE Practice Expedition to the New Forest

26 Apr, Music Pre U Recital recordings, Lupton Hall

27-28 Apr, Lower School Show All-in Weekend

27-28 Apr, 6.2 Drama Examination All-in Weekend

30 Apr, 6.2 Drama Examination

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
Wed 24 Apr	1.30pm	Boys' U15A Cricket v King's School	A
Wed 24 Apr	4.00pm	Girls' U15A/U14A Rounders v Ditcham Park	A
Tue 30 Apr	1.30pm	Boys' U14 Tennis v Ditcham Park	H
Tue 30 Apr	2.15pm	Girls' U15A Cricket v Boundary Oak School	H
Wed 1 May	2.00pm	Boys' 2nd XI Cricket v Churcher's College	A
Wed 1 May	2.30pm	Boys' U18 Tennis v PGS	A
Wed 1 May	2.30pm	Girls' U18 Tennis v PGS	A
Wed 1 May	2.30pm	Boys' U14 Tennis v The Petersfield School	A
Wed 1 May	3.15pm	Boys' U15A/U15B Cricket v KES Witley	A
Wed 1 May	4.00pm	Girls' U15 Football v Ash Manor School	H
Wed 1 May	4.00pm	Girls' U15/U14 Rounders v Ash Manor 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.

Dunannie Family Morning: On Saturday 11 May, 10.30am-12.30pm, Dunannie is hosting a Family Day. Set within the Orchard, there will be a range of outdoor activities for children and adults alike – Scavenger Hunts, Trim Trail Challenges, Miniature Worlds – and a not-to-be-missed tractor ride around the grounds. We will also have lambs and sheep for the children to meet. We are holding this event to have some fun and to nurture the sense of community at Dunannie, but we would also like to welcome any prospective families to come and see the school and its facilities at leisure, and to meet staff and pupils from Bedales Schools. If you have any friends with young children please do let them know about this event. Find out more and book a place [here](#).

I hope you have a Happy Easter holiday.

Yours,



Magnus Bashaarat

Head of Bedales

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