

Saturday Bulletin

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Farewell to all our departing students, parents and teachers.

Congratulations to the following for receiving awards in the final assembly of the academic year:

- **Outstanding performance in the Intermediate Maths Challenge** – Raef Macnaghten
- **Outstanding contribution 6.1 Drama & Dance Award** – Aidan Hall and Hannah Mazas
- **Outstanding contribution 6.1 Design Award (Product Design)** – Max Lobbenberg
- **Barnsley Workshop 6.1 Mentoring Scholarship** – Finn Wilkins
- **Outstanding contribution 6.1 Design Award (Fashion)** – Flora McFarlane
- **Kadian Harding Block 3 award for academic excellence in Maths and Science** – Daisy Taylor
- **Kadian Harding Block 3 award for an outstanding project in a subject in any area connected with Science and Technology** – Zac Prior

Successful fundraising for the John Badley Foundation



By Tanya Darlow, Head of Development

The Hamper Ball was the place to be on Friday night with over 290 guests joining together to support the John Badley Foundation (JBF). We kicked off the evening with gin cocktails and jazz on the Mem Pitch before guests tucked into their luxurious homemade hampers. Old Bedalian Esme Allman (pictured) gave a moving speech about her time at Bedales as a bursary holder, before judging the three 'best decorated' tables. Huge thanks to all guests and parents at home who bid on the live and online auction, and to Matthew Rice for his stint as auctioneer on the night. And biggest thanks of all to the Bedales All Stars Band for an incredible two-hour set which filled the dancefloor. We are delighted to announce that the event and auctions raised £23,000 for the JBF. A fantastic result! Special thanks to our stellar team of volunteers – Mariangela Franchetti, Tamsin Bland and Patrick Heneghan – for making this possible.

See and buy photos from the Hamper Ball [here](#).

Parents' Day round-up



Current, past and prospective parents and students were treated to a wonderful day of exhibitions and events – as well as gloriously warm, sunny weather – on Saturday's Parents' Day. This year, for the first time, proceedings included Dunhurst's Parents' Day and Sports Day. At Bedales, there was the usual fanfare and more, including a concert in the Lupton Hall, pop music on the Orchard, a lower school production of *Around the World in 80 Days*, an Art & Design exhibition, an art sale, a series of OB reunions, tennis tournaments, the traditional Stoner vs Bedales cricket match, and of course, tea and jazz in the marquee. Details of the Biology department's Parents' Day event, a cricket report, and a student's write-up of the lower school production are included in this Bulletin.

See and buy photos from Parents' Day [here](#).

[Around the World in 80 Days review](#)



By Maddie Jefferies, 6.1

This year's lower school production, *Around the World in 80 Days* – which was performed on Parents' Day as well as 1 and 2 July – was a high spirited and energetic performance. The set was beautifully crafted, linking in the theme of time through clocks and cogs printed on the stage and on the screens that hung over the traverse. This type of stage gave a more inclusive feel and allowed the actors to interact and engage with the audience at breakneck speed. The music was vibrant and contemporary, drawing the audience into Phileas Fogg's journey. Dev Mannion as Fogg led the piece with confidence and poise. The Passepartouts (Elio Mazas and Blu Schneider-Marsan), a French butler whose part had been split into two, bounced off each other as a comic duo, entertaining us at every turn. In addition, the unamused detectives Fox and Fix (Freddie Pape and Otto Hall) kept us all laughing as they tried in vain to capture Fogg. [Read more...](#)

See and buy photos from *Around the World in 80 Days* [here](#).

Biology department marks Parents' Day

By Mary Shotter, Biology technician

Following on from this year's Eckersley Lecture on the History of the Periodic Table by Dr Peter Wothers, this year the theme of the Biology department's Parents' Day display was *The Elements of Life*, which looked at how individual chemical elements were used in the natural world. Also, in the lab there was the chance to make slides to view under the microscope and see the myriad of microscopic creatures found in pond water, test your grip strength (won, as always, by Sam Wilson in 6.2), check your lung volume and blood oxygen levels, and test your speed using a reaction timer. Most popular of all, though, was a chance to see if you were 'one in a million' by trying out a series of genetic tests where people looked at a number of their own physical traits – for example, whether they could smell freesias, taste the bitter chemical found in sprouts or roll their tongue. [Read more...](#)

Bedales hosts first Reading Day



Last Friday saw Bedales host its first Reading Day, with students and staff taking part in a range of reading related activities throughout the day, from nature poetry walking tours to exploring different ways to enjoy Shakespeare, listening to Stephen Fry read Harry Potter and independent reading on the Orchard. Head of English David Anson – who along with Rick Cross (Deputy Head Academic), Al McConville (Director of Learning and Innovation), Emily Seeber (Head of Sciences) and Ian Douglas (Librarian) organised the day – explained that the idea for a 'Reading Day' stemmed from a collective, passionate belief in independent learning, as well as the view that reading is the very best way to learn. This is an idea that is backed up by research as well as some of the pedagogical foundations Bedales was set up with. [Read more...](#)

Weekend activities for boarders



By Jack Brooksbank, Block 3 and Oskar de Aragues, Block 4

The weekends for the boarders at Bedales this year have definitely been a highlight and a great way to end a busy week. We have done it all, from visiting a 500-year-old ship (the Mary Rose), to seeing all the animals at Marwell Zoo, jam packing our weekends with activities. There were also the classic favourites of bowling, shopping or seeing the very latest blockbusters at Gunwharf Quays. Last Sunday, we went trampolining at Flip Out. What we really like about the weekend here is that Bedales provides a relaxing, homely place to rest your head after the previous week, thanks to having supper and breakfast on flat in the shared kitchens, a movie night and friends from different year groups all around you. There are also many food related activities – two of our favourites being pasta making with Giacomo and fajitas with Alejandro and Alastair. The weekends are what makes being a boarder feel so unique with a family and home away from home. See more boarding photos [here](#).

Gold Duke of Edinburgh expeditions to South Wales



By Allen Shone, Teacher of Physics

This year, ten 6.2 students successfully completed their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award which culminated in the recent Qualifying Expedition to South Wales. Students canoed along the River Wye between Hay and Ross-on-Wye, being completely self-sufficient and coping with all the river had to throw at them. These students will soon be heading to St James' Palace to receive their Gold badges and certificates. June also saw 65 6.1 students complete their practice expeditions developing their walking and canoeing skills as well as camp craft and cooking. Those students in the Brecon Beacons challenged themselves with one day of 25km and over 1km height gain. Next year, we'll be heading to Scotland for these students to complete their expeditions.

Bedales blog – Bedales backs review of university admissions

In a blog for HMC (the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference), Magnus Bashaarat welcomes a forthcoming review of the university admissions system, recently announced by the Office for Students (OfS). The review has arisen from concern about the extent to which universities now hand out unconditional offers to students applying prior to sitting their A levels. Magnus says: "Those students receiving such offers – secure in the knowledge that a place is in the bag – must deal with the temptation to believe that their work has been done. Of course, taking their foot off the pedal at this point may see their standards slip and ability to cope at university diminished, and the risk of a CV tainted by unimpressive A levels. And pity the poor school teachers to whom it falls to keep potentially demotivated students going when they have more legitimate demands on their time." [Read more...](#)

Sports update: Final fixtures of the year



By Kevin Boniface, Head of Hockey – *Stoner Cricket Club v Bedales Invitational XI* – Parents' Day saw the annual Stoner CC vs Bedales Invitational XI take place. The Bedales side was a wonderful mixture of varying year groups and staff. Having won the toss, new captain Gordon Dale elected to bat first. Unfortunately, having scored a plethora of runs this season, Bedales lost opener Hugo Napier-Munn in the first over. However, David Mann (22) was there to settle the ship and was ably supported by Block 3 Zach Stewart (27), who has been in fine form this season. The demise of David saw the arrival of Block 5 Sam Wheeler (32) to the crease who built a wonderful partnership with Zach, steadily increasing the run rate and setting a solid base for the remaining Bedales batsmen. A flurry of runs and wickets made for an exciting final few overs of the Bedalian innings. Cameos from Chris Bott (14) and Gordon Dale saw Bedales post a competitive 135 from their 25 overs. After a wonderful tea in the marquee overlooking the Mem Pitch, the teams retook to the pitch and the Bedales side got off to a flying start with Block 3 Josh Baty, bowling Justin Jones, often a danger man in these fixtures, with his first ball. [Read more...](#)



Boys' First XI Cricket v Paramatta Academy Cricket Club – On Friday of last week, Bedales hosted Paramatta Academy Cricket Club, a touring Australian side. Due to the Mem Pitch hosting another event, the teams travelled the short distance to the quintessentially English ground of Steep Cricket Club. Paramatta were coming from a round of good games against Eton and this was always going to be a tough fixture for the Bedales side. Having won the toss and elected to bat, Bedales unfortunately never really got going; with the quick and accurate Paramatta opening bowlers, the away side were soon on top and, despite a fantastically gritty innings from captain Anthony White and a fast scoring cameo from Jamie King, the Bedales team was bowled out in the 23rd over for a very below par score of 63. A good half-time team talk took place and the Bedales side knew they had to not only take wickets but also make Paramatta work incredibly hard for any runs they may get. Fresh back from an exam break, Oscar Amis was the pick of the bowlers, with a superb spell, taking 1-17 from six overs. Catches were held, most notably one from Josh Baty who somehow managed to hold on to a rasping drive at wide mid-off. All in all it was a valiant effort from the Bedales side, who conducted themselves in an exemplary manner and fought toe to toe with an outstanding opposition. Paramatta secured victory in the 14th over for the loss of four wickets.



By Graeme Coulter, Head of Tennis – A very busy week for tennis last week. U15 girls drew 3-3 with Portsmouth Grammar School (PGS), while the U15 boys won 8-1, also against PGS. U15 girls lost 4-2 in an excellent match against St Swithuns in the Hampshire semi-final. The match went down to the wire and unfortunately we fell just short in the tie break. Huge congratulations to Romilly White, Eliza Mcfarlane, Alisia Leach and Sasha Arney, who played some brilliant tennis throughout the year to get to the semi-finals. Our annual school tennis finals (pictured) took place on Parents' Day in the scorching heat. A massive congratulations to all those involved for persevering through the heat and producing some wonderful tennis. [Read more...](#)



By Chloe Nicklin, Head of Netball – *U14 Rounders Tournament* – The Block 3s were ready and raring to go for their last fixture of the year. Due to the Wimbledon trip and an injury, Bedales were only able to compete with eight rather than the standard nine rounders players. However, this did not phase them at all. Kamaya Nelson-Clayton stepped in as the U14s' coach and number one fan due to her injuries, helping Bedales with tactical decision from the side of the pitch. Out of the five games they played, they won three, drew one and just lost to the hosts Ditcham Park by 1.5 rounders. The girls adapted well to only having eight players, seeing some fantastic fielding performances from them all. [Read more...](#)



Mixed Senior Rounders v The Royal School – The first fixture of the season for the mixed senior rounders team. After spending the whole summer term training for this moment, the team started the game with a few nerves. The pitch they were playing on lacked width, forcing the team to be tactical with their placement. The first innings went off to a flying start, with a brilliant back stop performance from Meadow Ridley. We won the first innings 8.5 - 2.5, getting the opposition out after 18 balls. The nerves had settled by the second innings, gaining 11 rounders. The Royal did not give up so easily and came back fighting with a brilliant performance, gaining ten rounders in the second innings. Unfortunately for them, this was not enough to beat the ever competitive Bedales side and they went away with a 19.5 - 12.5 win. [Read more...](#)

Train times for boarders

Friday 5 July – leave Petersfield 13.57 (next train 14.18), arriving Waterloo 15.13 (15.23)

Coming up

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

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

10-12 July, As part of our ongoing education partnership, we are delighted to host Bohunt School's production of [Beauty and the Beast](#) in the Bedales Theatre

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

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

19 September, [HOTTER](#) and [The Privileged](#), Theatre

19 September, Parents' Event: [Private Vineyard Tour & Wine Tasting](#) at The Grange, Hampshire

17 September, Visiting Poet: [Julia Copus](#), Theatre

20 September, [Marika Hackman](#), Theatre

26 September, [Nick Cassenbaum](#): My Kind of Michael, Theatre

28 September, [Tales from the Trees](#), Theatre

30 September, Parents' Event: [Private tour of Ivon Hitchens' exhibition](#) at Pallant House Gallery, Chichester

6 October, Parents' Event: [Block 5 Parents' Supper](#), Dining Room

18 October, [Romantic Road](#), Lupton Hall

28 November, Parents' Event: [Christmas Supper](#) at The Polish Club, London

6 December, [Christmas Wreath Workshop](#) with Hector at the Fox, Stedham

For students

13-23 July, 6.2s Loet Brouwer and Cian Watson cycle from Land's End to Tom O'Groats in aid of the JBF (please sponsor them [here](#))

15 August, A Level Results Day

22 August, GCSE/BAC Results Day

29 August, Block 3 induction starts

31 August, 6.1 induction starts

1 September, Block 4 and 5 induction starts

1-7 September, Block 3 trip to Ullswater

7 September, Block 5 ODW trip to Alresford Show

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
Thu 12 Sep	2.30pm	Boys' 1st XI Football v Marlborough College	H
Tue 17 Sep	2.15pm	Boys' U14/U15 Football v Frensham Heights	A
Tue 24 Sep	2.15pm	Boys' U14/U15 Football v St Edmunds	H
Wed 2 Oct	2.15pm	Boys' 2nd XI Football v Salesian College	A
Wed 2 Oct	2.15pm	Boys' 1st XI Football v Salesian College	H
Thu 3 Oct	2.15pm	Boys' U15 Football (ISFA Cup) v Hereford Cathedral School	H

Notes

Innovation and Futures: A reminder that a letter has been sent out to all parents about the Futures and Innovations project this week, which can be accessed [here](#). The letter also included a link to the video from the Futures and Innovations workshop on 24 May, which can be viewed [here](#).

Parents' Events: A new event has been added to the parents' events scheduled for Autumn 2019. On 30 September, from 10.30am-2pm, parents are invited to join us for a private tour of Old Bedalian Ivon Hitchens' exhibition at Pallant House Gallery, Chichester, followed by lunch in the gallery restaurant. Tickets are £20; email parents@bedales.org.uk to reserve your space. Information about all the events taking place next term can be found [here](#).

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Magnus Bashaarat', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Magnus Bashaarat

Head of Bedales

If you do not wish to receive these emails in future, please reply with 'no thanks' in the subject line.