

Saturday Bulletin

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Block 4 student wins Young Poets Competition



Congratulations to Freya Hannan-Mills (Block 4), who emerged as the winner of the [Robert Hutchison Young Poets Competition](#) at a special prize-giving event at the University of Winchester on 4 October. The competition, which was organised by the [Winchester Poetry Festival](#) and [Winchester Action on Climate Change](#) and celebrates the memory of Winchester climate change campaigner and poetry enthusiast Robert Hutchison, called for Hampshire-based school and college students to write poems on any aspect of climate change. After Freya's winning poem received praise from the competition's judge, poet and editor [Robyn Bolam](#), Freya was awarded a copy of a special anthology which features her poem, £100 prize money, and a further £100 for the English department at Bedales. Well done Freya!

Bedales' donation "transformational", says charity



IT equipment donated by Bedales to a charity supporting vulnerable young people in Sierra Leone has had a "transformational" impact, the charity says. Bedales donated over 20 laptops and corresponding software to EducAid – a Sierra Leone-based charity providing high quality education and support to vulnerable young people – following an appeal from the school's Global Awareness department. The donation was made possible by the combined efforts of Bedales student Mack Cowling – who chose to raise funds for the charity as part of a project for the new Global Awareness Bedales Assessed Course – Head of Global Awareness Abi Wharton, and the school's ICT department. As well as collecting financial donations via a Pledgit page, Mack organised cake sales in order to raise the funds required to ship the equipment to Sierra Leone. [Read more...](#)

Scholars' Concert review



By William Lithgow, Assistant Director of Music

Parents, pupils and teachers were treated to an impressive recital by Bedales music scholars in the beautiful Lupton Hall on Wednesday. The wonderful Arts and Crafts architecture and excellent acoustic made it the perfect venue for a programme of solo works ranging from Bach to Britten. The standard was exceptionally high this year, especially considering that we are only in week 4. A parent writes: "not only was the standard impressive, even more gorgeous was the delightful camaraderie I saw between your scholars... completely embodying the Bedalian spirit". Doug, Will and Giacomo would like to thank all the scholars and their teachers for such an inspiring concert. Another date for your diaries is the Bedales [Exhibitioner Concert](#) on 14 November.

Ancient Civilisation trip to Avebury



By Christopher Grocock, Head of Classics

A select quartet of Block 4 students studying the BAC in Ancient Civilizations had the opportunity to experience two extraordinary Neolithic sites within minibus reach when they visited on 25 September. The sun shone, and we were able to spend plenty of time at Avebury, which impressed all of the students on account of its sheer size, and gave us a chance to listen to some neo-pagans who had visited for the autumn equinox. Then on to West Kennet, where we explored the insides of a megalithic tomb and picnicked on top of it; and so to Stonehenge, where the visitors had come in crowds but we found plenty of time to absorb the displays and try a hand at moving a megalith (see picture!) before walking round the site itself. A day which proved that learning can be a pleasure!

A Super Happy Story (About Feeling Super Sad) review

By Max Berger, 6.2

Jon Brittain's *A Super Happy Story (About Feeling Super Sad)* was performed on Tuesday night in the Olivier Theatre to a large and excited audience. It was a stimulating interactive performance that managed to discuss the topic of Depression uniquely by using upbeat music, comedic wit and physical theatre. The protagonist Sally (played by Madeleine MacMahon) depicted a woman in her late teens, growing up, and discovering that she has depression and how she learns to manage it and suppress it to some extent. Because of the theme of the play, it was also haunting in its authenticity as while there were moments throughout the performance of joy and emphasised happiness, these were juxtaposed to moments of intense sadness by use of compelling monologues that clearly evoked sadness in the audience. The play struck at so many emotions and was able to realistically depict an unrelenting mental illness while focusing on the good and the bad. *A Super Happy Story (About Feeling Super Sad)* ultimately educated the audience as their key message was reach out for help when you need it and don't be ashamed.

Nightshifter review



By Aidan Hall, 6.1

Last Wednesday, the cast of the Sixth Form Show lost themselves in the sensational revolt that was Temper Theatre's *Nightshifter*. It starts in a somewhat dystopian world, not too unlike our own, where a girl, Flo, is swiping her way through life. The show turns itself on its head throughout, looking at Flo's world from a more truthful point of view but also thrusting her into a part of reality she had never encountered before: the world beyond the one we create with our phones and comfortable lives. From the moment the audience was plunged into darkness to the final, silent moment where the characters and a crushing realisation stare deep into our eyes, this show was a revolution, blending innovative use of portable lighting rigs that created the set with carefully-timed movement that synced with the soundscape to create a surreal night that I don't expect any of us to be able to forget.

First winner of Ruth Whiting History Prize announced

By Matthew Yeo, Head of History

The History Department is delighted to announce the award of the Ruth Whiting Memorial Prize for History to Morgan Tasker (6.1). Morgan was awarded the prize, which is in its inaugural year, for his very strong performance in the Bedales Assessed Course in History, in which he was awarded a 9 grade this summer. We are delighted to be honouring the memory of Ruth Whiting, who was Head of History between 1963 and 2000, who died very suddenly earlier this year. Congratulations to Morgan.

There is a Ruth Whiting Memorial event at Bedales on 10 November – find out [more](#).

Bedales blog – Conference season

By Magnus Bashaarat, Head of Bedales

This year's annual HMC Conference was held at the Midland Hotel in Manchester. The hotel was built on the site of the Peterloo Massacre in 1819, a bloody milestone along the treacherous road towards universal suffrage. It's a stone's throw away from what was the legendary club The Hacienda, now a block of luxury flats (sic transit gloria). But its most compelling claim to shaping history as opposed to having history happen on its doorstep was that Mr Rolls and Mr Royce had their first ever meeting in the hotel and decided that they would go into partnership: the engineer and the money man realising that each had something the other didn't.

The theme of this year's conference has been 'Together to Learn' – a title which is meant to work in all sorts of clever ways, of course, as we have all come together to learn from each other, from the long list of eminent speakers that have given presentations, and of course it's a statement about how all teachers and all schools, whether independent or maintained sector, can learn from each other. [Read more...](#)

Sports update: Girls' hockey overpowered by Christ's Hospital and boys' football knocked out of Independent School Cup after extraordinary match against Frensham Heights



By Kevin Boniface, Head of Hockey – Girls' 1st XI v Christ's Hospital – The opposition got off to a flying start, taking the Bedales side by surprise with their high press, speed and intensity and were soon 2-0 up. However the home side slowly fought their way back in to the game and started to create chances of their own but some clinical finishing from Christ's Hospital saw them go in to the half time break 4-0 up. A much improved second half for the home side, mainly through sheer determination and work rate, saw them create a number of breakaway chances with Eliza Goodfellow and Thea Levine being instrumental in these. Unfortunately the Bedales side was unable to capitalise on these chances and despite best efforts of Hannah Mazas and Maddy Upton with some heroic defending, the continued relentless attacking from Christ's Hospital saw them add further goals to their tally to leave as deserving winners. [Read more...](#)

By Spencer Leach, Director of Sport – Boys' U16 Independent Schools Cup – The U16 football team was knocked out of the Independent Schools Cup this week in an extraordinary match against Frensham Heights. The team will be disappointed not to have progressed after losing 7-3 but will feel that the balance of chances was very much in their favour and the game was decided by the opposition's clinical finishing. What was most encouraging was the spirit and determination to the very last kick of the game.

Train times for boarders

Saturday 6 October – leave Petersfield 13:54 (next train 14:18), arriving Waterloo 15:15 (next train 15:29)

Sunday 7 October – leave Waterloo 19.30, arrive Petersfield 20.40

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](#))

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

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

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

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

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

For students

6-7 Oct, Dance All-in Weekend

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

13-14 Oct, Sixth Form Show All-In Weekend

14-29 Oct, Block 4 Putney School Exchange

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
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
Thu 11 Oct	12.30pm	Girls' U16 7's Hockey Tournament at Great Ballard	A
Wed 17 Oct	11.30am	Girls' 1st Hockey, Hampshire Trophy	A
Wed 17 Oct	2.00pm	Girls' U15 Hockey v LWC	A
Wed 17 Oct	2.30pm	Boys' U15 Football v LWC	H
Wed 17 Oct	4.30pm	Girls' U14 Hockey v Prior's Field	A

Notes

BAC Coursework deadlines: BAC Coursework deadlines for Blocks 4 and 5 have now been published online (view [here](#)). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Matthew Yeo (myeo@bedales.org.uk).

Bedales' Parents Address Book: The [Bedales Parents' Address Book](#) is now available on Firefly. If you find that you have not been included in the Parents' Address Book but would like to be, please email your consent to Bedales Reception (reception@bedales.org.uk).

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.

Read news from Bedales Prep School, Dunhurst: [The Friday Report](#).

Read news from Bedales Pre-prep School, Dunannie: [The Friday Newsletter](#).

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.