

Saturday Bulletin

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Cecilia Concert raises £1.5k for John Badley Foundation



By Giacomo Pozzuto, Music Teacher

As the audience enjoyed a final encore of *Goodnight Sweetheart* from the particularly fine Chamber Choir last month, we had a chance to reflect on the successes of the school musicians this term. A gargantuan effort was required by all of them to produce such a wealth of variety and sheer polish for this year's concert, to honour the patron saint of music, St Cecilia, and in aid of the John Badley Foundation. The music community at Bedales are thankful for their time, effort and expertise. The evening's entertainment began with Concert Band thumping, albeit with extreme sensitivity, through Dave Gorham's wild-west-bareback-riding *Compton Ridge Overture*. It was a particularly strong performance from our brass and percussion, who in turn showed their own turn in smaller ensembles throughout the evening. [Read more...](#)

The Trench – perspectives



By Meg Allin, 6.2, Drama Don and *The Trench* Assistant Director

We have spent the last three months working on *The Trench* for only three hours a week. Working with Head of Drama Hayley Ager (who directed the production) and the rest of the cast has been a pleasure. It has been understandably difficult at times, but we have enjoyed and overcome the challenges we have faced. As Assistant Director, I have worked in casting and rehearsals while Hayley has tirelessly worked on stage design with Joanne, organisation, all the admin and the nitty gritty that goes with Theatre Production...

By Hayley Ager, Head of Drama and *The Trench* Director

We were approached by Petersfield Council about what we as a community could do to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War One. It was a wonderful opportunity to choose something suitably different to direct for this year's Whole School Show and a challenge to pick from the wealth of war based literature as a starting point. I have always been drawn to Oliver Lansley's creative writing style and his physical theatre creations for his company, *Les Enfants Terribles*. *The Trench* is no different...

By Samuel Vernor-Miles, 6.2 and Bert in *The Trench*

I've had the honour over this past term of playing the role of Bert in this Whole School Production of *The Trench*. Behind the scenes, we members of the cast have worked ourselves harder and harder each week, but have also grown closer and stronger as a result of it, just in time to deliver this Christmas performance. Personally from having worked with every group in the cast (from the soldiers, to the families left at home, to the demons in the underworld), I know that every single one of us has put so much effort to bring the world of *The Trench* to life... [Read more](#) and [view photos](#).



Hampton School General Knowledge Competition



By Athena Lucas, 6.2

Last Tuesday, four students from Blocks 4, 5 and 6.2 – Harry Snell, David Wilson, Milo Whittle and Athena Lucas – went to Hampton School to participate in a regional general knowledge competition. Soon after we arrived, we played against two other schools: Lady Eleanor Holles and Hurstpierpoint. Each individual match lasted 20 minutes, and was similar in format to the show *University Challenge*. We won one game and lost the other, but we netted the most points overall, so we left feeling pleased with our success. We didn't make it through to the next game, but it was a great experience – and I'm sure the trivia won't go unused later on!

Politics students attend Westminster conference

By Jonathan Selby, Head of Government and Politics

A group of 6.1 Politics students went to an A Level Conference held in the vast Methodist Hall at Westminster on Monday. As the hall is very near Parliament, well known politicians come across and speak to the audience of approximately 2,000 students. The format is that the politician addresses the hall on a particular issue for ten minutes and then takes questions, some of them difficult (there is no vetting procedure!) for 20 minutes. The conference started with an address by Sir John Bercow, Speaker of the House of Commons, who explained how he saw his role and he spoke very clearly. He was asked a question about bullying culture in the House; he himself has had his name raised on this issue, which he hotly denied. Sir Vince Cable, Leader of the Liberal Democrats, gave an erudite exposition of his line on Europe and the audience was broadly sympathetic. He responded honestly to an inevitable question about broken promises on tuition fees. [Read more...](#)

Bedales Events season draws to a close



By Camilla Bashaarat

The current season of Bedales Events has come to an end with two exciting events among the last on the calendar. The Drama Studio was the perfect venue for the production *Brilliance* by the talented Farnham Maltings Theatre Company last week. The intimate setting, on what was a dark and stormy evening, helped transport the audience back in time to a damp, rural village hall devoid of electricity. Here we watched the unfolding of the thwarted hopes and dreams of the village inhabitants, young and old. It was a clever, poignant performance by the cast who kept us on tenterhooks, hoping for that illusive happy finale. There was song, laughter and I am sure I saw some tears being wiped away before the audience set off back in to the dark night. The following evening, Bedales parents, Old Bedalians, students and friends were welcomed in to the magical Harry Potter world of the House of MinaLima for a private tour in aid of the JBF. [Read more...](#)



Bedales musicians play at Dunhurst Parents' Christmas Party

By Raphael Henry, 6.2

Last Friday, a group of ten Bedales students entertained around 40 Dunhurst parents at the Cricketers in Steep. We were playing for around four hours, with a healthy mix of originals, covers and Christmas songs performed by our main singers – Safi, Lara and Imo – and the House Band. The pub had a very nice atmosphere for the whole night, and we even had some parent involvement on a few songs! The House Band (Tiger, Kai, Monty and Minna) deserves a huge amount of thanks for tirelessly committing to each of these events that we play at, despite how frequent they can be and how late into term it is. As always, a big thank you to Neil Hornsby for giving us all the opportunity to perform to a wider audience, and thank you to parents who showed their appreciation by making donations to the John Badley Foundation.

Rock Show returns for a 15th year

One of the most exciting events in the Bedales calendar, the now legendary Rock Show returns in the first week of February 2019, again in aid of the John Badley Foundation. From its origins, when Pete Townshend light-heartedly suggested to Neil Hornsby back in 2003 that if he could get permission to use the Olivier Theatre for a Bedales Rock Show he would send the Who's road crew to help, the Rock Show has become a remarkable demonstration of the extraordinary talent and versatility of Bedales students and unflinching dedication with which Neil Hornsby approaches the project every year. Having been credited with launching the careers of established artists including Marika Hackman, Leah Mason and Delilah Montagu, don't miss next year's fifteenth anniversary shows (6/7/8 February 2019). See the trailer for next year's show [here](#), and buy tickets [here](#) from Saturday 8 December 2018.

Bedales blog – keeping in touch with young alumni

By Philip Parsons, Alumni Officer

As part of Bedales' efforts to support and stay connected with the network of Old Bedalians, every year the Alumni Relations team of the school's External Relations department organise several reunions. For recent leavers, these gatherings come in the form of university reunions, which are organised by Alumni Liaison Manager Leana Seriau,

University Liaison Officer Sarah Oakley and Alumni Officer Philip Parsons and hosted in cities or towns where Old Bedalians have gone on to study at university. Last Thursday, 29 November, the series of university reunions continued in Bristol, where eight Old Bedalians studying at Bristol and Cardiff met at the Hotel Du Vin to renew acquaintance and share their post-Bedales experiences. [Read more...](#)

Sports update: Hockey success bodes well

By Kevin Boniface, Head of Hockey – *Girls' U14 Hockey v KES Witley* – On Wednesday the girls' U14 hockey team played their final game of the season, hosting KES Witley. The Bedales side got off to a good start, driven by the energy of captain Katie Mansbridge and piercing runs down the right channel from Zoe Lobbenburg. Having generated a lot of attacking possession and pressing extremely well high up the pitch, Bedales was unable to capitalise on the opportunities and KES Witley ended the half the stronger side and took a 1-0 advantage in to half time. The half time team talk focused on gaining more control in the middle of the pitch and looking to attack different areas of the circle. It was a great response from Bedales as they came out flying in the second half and a rapid hat-trick from Lally Arengo-Jones combined with some excellent defensive play from Maya Cressman saw the home side cruise to a 3-1 victory. A huge credit must go to the team as they have developed and progressed incredibly well in such a short space of time and it will be interesting to see what they can produce as they move through the school.

Coming up

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

For parents / students

7 Jan, Spring term begins

10 Jan, [Geography Lessons for Parents](#)

12 Jan, FoBs Meeting in the Reading Room

19 Jan, BPA Meeting in the Reading Room

25 Jan, FoBs Tea and Coffee in the Reading Room

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

14 Jan, [A Fortunate Man](#), Lupton Hall

17 Jan, [Baroque Recital](#), Lupton Hall

17 – 19 Jan, [Blood Bread & Bone](#), Theatre

23 Jan, [Music Scholars' Concert](#), Lupton Hall

24 Jan, [Natalie Williams Band](#), Theatre

For students

4-10 Dec, Drama trip to Dubai

9-12 Dec, PRE trip to Florence

10-18 Dec, Global Awareness trip to Cuba

9 Jan, Camouflage Paintballing Day House trip

17 Jan, Baroque Workshop

18 Jan, 6.1 Biology A Level lectures

19-20 Jan, Fashion Design BAC All-in Weekend

19-20 Jan, Block 5 BAC Dance All-in Weekend

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
Tue 15 Jan	2.30pm	Boys' U14A Rugby 7s v The Royal School	A
Tue 15 Jan	2.30pm	Boys' U15A Rugby 7s v KES Witley	A

Tue 15 Jan	2.30pm	Boys' U15 Basketball v More House School	H
Wed 16 Jan	4.45pm	Girls' 1st, 2nd & U14A Netball v The Royal School	H
Tue 22 Jan	2.30pm	Boys' U15A Rugby 7s v The Royal School	A
Tue 22 Jan	2.30pm	Boys' U14A Rugby 7s v KES Witley	A
Wed 23 Jan	2.30pm	Girls' 1st & 2nd Netball v Ryde	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.

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

We wish you a Happy Christmas.

Yours,



Magnus Bashaarat

Head of Bedales

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