

Saturday Bulletin

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Student shortlisted for National Theatre New Views Playwriting Competition



By Aidan Hall, 6.1

From the beginning of the school year until the first day of the summer term, some sixth formers had been writing their own plays to submit to the [National Theatre's New Views Playwriting Competition](#). Led by David Anson and Hayley Ager, we honed our skills in dialogue, character development and expressing messages that were personal to us through our writing. We would meet every Monday for an hour and a half, sometimes reading what our peers had written, sometimes doing exercises that gave us a better perspective on how to craft personality and motivation in our characters. Other times, we would spend writing. At the end of the Easter holidays and after a week-long reclusure into the hills of Shropshire with some other Bedalians for the Arvon creative writing course, I submitted my play. It got shortlisted! [Read more...](#)

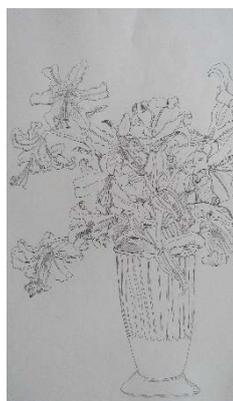
Exhibitioners' Concert



By William Lithgow, Assistant Director of Music

On the Thursday before half term, as the evening sun slanted through the rose window of the Lupton Hall, parents, students and teachers were treated to a wonderful recital by Bedales' music Exhibitioners. The Arts and Crafts architecture and excellent acoustic made it the perfect venue for a programme of solo works ranging from Bach to Erroll Garner. Special congratulations to our Block 3 Exhibitioners, most of whom were making their solo debut.

Rural Refugee Network 33 Art Sale – 13 June



Next Thursday (13 June), the Rural Refugee Network (RRN) is hosting the 33 Art Sale at Bordean House in Langrish, GU32 1EP. RRN is a Petersfield based charity, set up in 2015 in response to the Syrian refugee crisis. It has found accommodation for 11 families from Syria and other war-torn countries to date, and provides new arrivals with support they need to restart their lives in the UK. The 33 Art Sale has over 60 artists exhibiting and local artists feature alongside leading figures in British contemporary art, including Turner Prize nominated artists. Students from both Bedales and Dunhurst are involved via volunteering during the event and showing work themselves. Work on sale ranges from £12 through to £12,000. The funds raised will help RRN bring more families to safety in the UK. The event is called the 33 Art Sale because 33% of profits go to charity – RRN has decided for this year's sale to share the proceeds with another local charity, Children on the Edge, who work to help children marginalised by society all over the world. One of the projects we hope the proceeds will support is their work setting up schools in refugee camps in Lebanon. (Pictured: 6.1 student Flora McFarlane's sketch, one of the pieces available to buy at the event).

Innovation and Futures event 14 June – invitation for parents

By Al McConville, Director of Learning & Innovation

John Badley wrote that Bedales should re-invent itself every seven years. With such iconoclasm in mind, just before half term a small group of Old Bedalians, current and former parents and staff met for a facilitated workshop to ponder the post-school landscape and think about how Bedales should respond to a rapidly changing world. Does the current model deliver what young people need? And if not, what should we do differently? More projects? Collaborative activities? 'Real world' learning connected to local and international communities? And if we do more of that, what should we do less of? Discussion ranged widely to say the least, but several themes shone through strongly. If you would like to find out what they were, and have your own say about how Bedales should evolve next, please do come to

our next Innovation and Futures event on 14 June from 12-2pm. It will include a brief presentation about themes from the workshop, lunch and an opportunity for wider input. We really do want to hear from as many people as possible on this important subject. Please let Pam Goff know (pgoff@bedales.org.uk) if you're able to make it. You will be aware that we held an event earlier in term where we showed a film, *Most Likely to Succeed*, so if you fancy some pre-event prep, we recommend watching what happens when the Californians start school from scratch!

Skiing and snowboarding in Banff, Canada



By Doug McIlwraith, Director of Music

I am pleased to announce our plans to take the skiing and snowboarding trip during the Easter holiday 2020 to the wonderful Canadian resort of Banff. The ski towns of Banff and Lake Louise are home to the distinctive mountain resorts of Mount Norquay, the Lake Louise Ski Resort and Sunshine Village. The three resorts boast nearly 8,000 acres of skiing, two gondolas, 26 chairlifts and 30 feet of feather-light, dry Canadian Rockies powder annually! There are 24 places available for students and we will need to fill all 24 for the trip to go ahead – if not, we will revert to a European destination. If you are interested in your child going to Banff, please let us know sooner rather than later, and by the deadline on Friday 5 July. Full details of the trip (including forms you must return by the deadline if you wish your child to attend) are available on Firefly [here](#).

Bedales Reading Day – 28 June

By Al McConville, Director of Learning & Innovation

Imagine the scene: the Orchard on a sun-warmed afternoon, strewn with Bedalian-filled hammocks swinging gently in the breeze, jauntily-coloured deck chairs scattered around, with poetry books and classic novels shading the faces of recumbent youths, who gobble up eagerly their literature of choice in blissful silence; down by the lake, a reclining audience chortles at a reading of Jerome K Jerome by a panama-wearing gentleman, who declaims from a boat with his Montmerency stand-in. And so forth. This is the sort of misty-eyed vision that the architects of the first Bedales Reading Day have in mind as they plan their book-filled extravaganza for 28 June – the day before Parents' Day. We are planning a mixture of free-reading sessions, and an enticing variety of workshops. I'll be leading a workshop on How to Read the Bible in the lovely grounds of Steep Church, for example, and am aspiring to be the panama-wearing gentleman from the above dream. Why do I mention it? Well, two things. We would be very happy to have some parents join us for some of the day in modelling good reading to your junior counter-parts. If you have any brilliant wheezes about workshops you might like to run (subject to take-up!) let me know over the weekend – planning time is short! Secondly, rather prosaically, we don't have any hammocks or deck chairs... So we're beseechingly after the loan of some of your garden accessories. Hammocks, rugs, deckchairs all much to be desired. All offers gratefully received. If you could let me know about coming in person, or loaning us some of your garden-ware, at amcconville@bedales.org.uk, that would be marvellous.

A very Bedalian day out at All Points East Festival



By Neil Hornsby, Head of Contemporary Music

On Saturday 1 June, I was lucky enough to visit the [All Points East Festival](#) in Victoria Park to see several Old Bedalians perform. I sat in on Delilah Montagu's (2016) sound check with her brilliant band, made up of Jasper Ford Welman (2014) on bass and former Head Boy Luca Caruso (2017) on drums. After the sound check, we all went over to the huge North Stage to watch the wonderful Marika Hackman (2010) debut some new material from her upcoming album, *Any Human Friend*, which will be released on 9 August (listen to her latest single [here](#)). From there, it was back to the Firestone Stage to see Delilah perform. As Delilah started to sing her new single, *Gold* (listen [here](#) and watch the video [here](#)), word quickly spread around the site that a major new talent had arrived and by the end of her short set, a sizeable crowd was left transfixed. Once Delilah and her band were finished it was time to take in some more of the festival, highlights of which included Delilah's label mate Leon Bridges, Dizzee Rascal and Mumford & Sons.

Bedales blog – Reforming the curriculum

In an article for TES, Head of Bedales Magnus Basharaat takes issue with schools minister Nick Gibb's recent defence in The Times of GCSE reforms, at the heart of which sits the prioritisation of a handful of subjects – notably maths and the sciences, and others making up the English Baccalaureate. The restoration of rigour forms the thrust of the minister's argument – GCSEs, we learn, were intended to bring clarity and consistency to examinations: students would be rigorously tested on their mastery of a subject, while teachers and employers would know exactly what the resulting grade meant. However, says Magnus, rigour is a quality applied only selectively by Mr Gibb himself. Magnus observes that rigour demands that competing arguments at least be considered, even if they are then dismissed, but that Mr Gibb fails to acknowledge concerns on issues such as the narrowing of the national curriculum to marginalise creative subjects, GCSEs' continued fitness for purpose, and the relationship between adolescent mental health and a burgeoning exam culture. [Read more...](#)

Sports update: Comfortable win for Bedales cricket

By David Mann, Teacher of Chemistry – *Boys' U15B Cricket v More House School* – On Tuesday the U15B squad played a home fixture against More House School. We won the toss and bowled in wet conditions; fielding and bowling were difficult with a wet ball. More House played some good shots and finished on 6-101, with wickets shared between Zac Stewart, Jac Wheeler, Jamie Loudon and Archie Featherstone. In response, Jac W and Josh Baty opened the batting and despite some good shots were dismissed early bringing Zac S and Archie Tier to the crease. This pair batted intelligently, rotating the strike and waiting for the bad ball to keep the scoreboard ticking over. They took the score from 2-11 to 2-52 at the half-way point to keep up with the run-rate, then accelerated in the final few overs to bring about a comfortable victory at 2-102. Archie finished on 51 not out and Zac on 30 not out in a season's best display from the pair.

Train times for boarders

Saturday 8 June – leave Petersfield 13.48 (next train 13.57), arriving Waterloo at 14.57 (15.14)

Sunday 9 June – leave Waterloo 19.30, arriving Petersfield 20.40

Coming up

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

For parents / students

9 June, [GoBCC v Chidham & Hambrook CC](#) (H), 2pm

14 June, 6.1 Welcome from the Head and Parents' Meeting

14 June – Innovation and Futures Parents' event (email pgoff@bedales.org.uk to book)

14-16 June, Long leave weekend

20 June, [GoBCC v Churcher's College Teachers](#) (A), 6pm

21 June, [Developing Self-Esteem & Resilience Workshop with Mandy Saligari](#), 7.30pm

22 June, [Drugs Workshop with Dave Parvin](#), 11.45am

23-24 June, Block 5 return for Pre-A Level lessons

1 July, Sixth Form Induction Week

5 July, End of Summer Term, around 2pm

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

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

28 June, Hamper Ball (email development@bedales.org.uk to book)

29 June, [Parents' Day Concert](#), Lupton Hall, 11am

29 June-2 July, [Bedales Summer Production](#), Theatre, 2pm

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

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

For students

8 June, Block 3 Badley Project Presentations and ODW Celebration

12 June, Informal Solos Concert

13 June, 6.1 Biology trip

17-23 June, Blocks 3 & 4 internal exams

21-25 June, Gold DofE Practice & Qualifying Expeditions to South Wales

22-23 June, Lower School Show 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
Wed 12 June	11.30am	Boys' & Girls' U15/U14 Tennis Tournament	H
Wed 12 June	2.00pm	Boys' & Girls' U15A Tennis v Portsmouth Grammar	H
Wed 12 June	4.30pm	Girls' U14A Rounders v Churcher's College	A
Tue 18 June	2.30pm	Girls' U16B/U15A Cricket v St Edmunds School	H
Tue 18 June	2.30pm	Boys' U15A Cricket v Ditcham Park School	A
Wed 19 June	4.15pm	Girls' U15A/U14A Rounders v The Royal School	A
Tue 25 June	2.00pm	Boys' U15 Tennis v Portsmouth Grammar School	H
Tue 25 June	2.00pm	Girls' U15 Tennis v Portsmouth Grammar School	H
Tue 25 June	2.15pm	Girls' U15A/U15B Rounders v Portsmouth Grammar School	H
Tue 25 June	2.15pm	Boys' U15A/U14A Cricket v The Royal School	A

Notes

Absence: Please send requests for absences to house staff. For on-the-day absence of day students, please email bedalesabsence@bedales.org.uk. Thank you for your assistance.

Yours,



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.