

Saturday Bulletin

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Sixth Form student joins 'Question Time' panel with Education Secretary



Connie Gillies (6.1) joined Damian Hinds, Secretary of State for Education and Member of Parliament for East Hampshire, and Magnus Bashaarat for a high-level 'Question Time'-style panel discussion at Bohunt on 1 February, chaired by journalist Victoria Lambert. Over 100 sixth form students from Bedales and Bohunt took the opportunity to engage on topics involving education and the local area. The *Education in an Uncertain World* panel discussion was based on the popular 'Question Time' format. It was hosted by Bohunt Sixth Form, in conjunction with Bedales as part of our ongoing education collaboration. The afternoon was attended by over 120 Politics, Economics and History sixth form students. [Read more...](#)

'Murder mystery' for Psychology students



The aftermath of a murder and a crime scene is the last thing you'd expect to find in a classroom, but that's exactly what students at Bedales discovered when they arrived for their first lesson yesterday. Our 6.2 Psychology students were shocked when they turned up for class, only to discover the room had been cordoned off due to a 'murder'. The 'crime scene' had in fact been set up by Psychology teachers for the school's first Forensics Day, designed to give students the opportunity to apply their knowledge to a practical task as they sought to solve the crime and establish just who was responsible for the 'murder' of 'Deid Mann'. Donning forensic suits for the challenge, students collected evidence and were given a series of clues to help them crack the case before the end of Period 4. See photos from the day [here](#).

Students investigate Czech business



By Ellie Xi, 6.2

Over Long Leave Weekend in January, a group of Economics and Business Studies students took a trip to Prague in the Czech Republic, accompanied by [Shaun Ritchie](#) and Gabriela Vrbikova. On the first day, we had a guided walking tour by Gabriela, which allowed us to see the main sights such as Wenceslas Square, the Old Town Square and the Astronomical Clock. The city is both modern and traditional, with medieval architecture of castles and palaces. That evening, we watched a ballet in one of the national theatres – the Estates Theatre. The following day, we took a train journey to Pilsen, where Pilsner Urquell Brewery is located. The group had a guided tour of the production process, travelling in the brewery bus to three brew houses. At the end of the tour, we had an opportunity to dine in the largest restaurant in the Czech Republic: Na Spilce. On the third day, we visited the high-tech production facilities of car giant Skoda. [Read more...](#)

Auctioning Take That concert VIP tickets



To celebrate 15 years of the Bedales Rock Show, we are auctioning four pairs of VIP tickets to the upcoming Take That concerts in Southampton on 25 and 26 May 2019. Many thanks to Mark and Emma Owen who have so generously donated these tickets. Bidding is now live [here](#) and will close on Sunday 17 February at 9pm - please bid generously! All proceeds are in aid of the [John Badley Foundation](#), which offers fully funded bursaries, giving more young people a chance to transform their lives through a Bedales education.

Climate Emergency update

By Bella Evershed, Aggie Levingstone and Sky Hurwitz, 6.2

Following a school assembly on the 'Climate Emergency', a group of students from across the school community participated in an action on Friday morning to highlight the importance of reducing our reliance on fossil fuel powered vehicles. We are facing an unprecedented climate crisis which we can no longer ignore. The solutions exist for us to limit warming to 1.5°C. Now, the group are urging the Bedales community to come together to tackle the climate crisis. They believe we are not doing enough to address the urgency of this existential crisis and would like to introduce schemes to minimise the school's cumulative carbon emissions, including introducing more bus routes, setting up a car-pooling system and aiming to use electric vehicles on site. The group intend to host an open meeting next term for those interested in supporting the initiative – look out for more information.

Enlightening Classics lecture day in London



By Cosi Ross and Bella Sandhu, 6.2

On Tuesday, 6.2 Classic Civilisation students went to London to attend four lectures given by university lecturers from Reading, Oxford and London on themes in the Aeneid and Iliad. We also learned about extracurricular epics and poets, such as the Odyssey to give us greater comparative context. The first of the lectures was delivered by Dr [Matthew Nicholls](#), who spoke on whether we could consider Virgil's promotion of Augustus propaganda. After this, Professor [Matthew Leigh](#) spoke about Religion in Virginian and Homeric epics; this was one of the group's favourite lectures of the day. After listening to [Edith Hall](#), we were given a lively lecture on what a Roman and Greek hero is by [Fiachra Mac Gorain](#). The day proved to be an enlightening exploration of both epics.

Bedales Jaw marks Chinese New Year



By Ellie Xi, 6.2

With the theme being Chinese New Year, in Jaw on Wednesday, a group of Chinese students and I talked about the traditions, stories and messages behind Chinese New Year. There were two video clips playing in the background as people came in, portraying the Spring migration where millions of people travel back home for their reunion dinner. This event is also known as the Spring Festival travel rush. Some of the traditional dishes were introduced and why we have them in the reunion dinner for good luck. There was also a slide of numbers which are closely linked with Chinese New Year – for example, "double six breaks the jinx" and "four is not to be mentioned as it sounds like death". They show the superstitions people still have at New Year and the wish for luck for the year ahead. [Read more...](#)

Bedales blog – Praise for Bedales teacher's book

A book co-written by Bedales Director of Learning and Innovation Alistair McConville has been named as one of the top 10 education books of 2018. *Learning How to Learn: How to Succeed in School Without Spending All Your Time Studying; A Guide for Kids and Teens* by Barbara Oakley and Terrence Sejnowski with Alistair McConville was included in a list of last year's top books on education as selected by TES editor Ann Mroz. The book, which is written for children, gives an accessible account of how our brains work along with activities that can be put into practice immediately. TES describes the book as "a landmark", noting that it goes beyond traditional teacher injunctions to communicate directly with the pupil. [Read more...](#)

Sports update: Fantastic afternoon of netball

By Kevin Boniface, Head of Hockey – Boys' U16 Hockey v KES Witley – On Wednesday the Boys' 1st XI Hockey travelled away to play KES Witley, having only recently just met at the Hampshire Trophy Tournament with the Bedales team taking victory. However, there was unfortunately not a repeat performance. Having started strongly, pressing high up the pitch, as the first half progressed Bedales found themselves under increasing pressure and deservedly went 1-0 down to a very well taken reverse stick finish from the top of the circle. After this, the Bedales side struggled to maintain any sort of possession and another well taken goal – followed by a scrappy third – ensured the away side had a lot of work to do in the second half. The half-time talk was focused on reducing personal errors and trying to bring the halfbacks into the game to create possession higher up the pitch. For a while this worked, and Bedales created a number of decent chances, but these weren't taken and the game soon followed a similar fashion, with KES Witley deserved winners.



By Spencer Leach, Director of Sport – U17 Basketball v The Oratory – Our U17 Basketball team took on The Oratory in the latest round of the Super Sixes. It was immediately clear that it was a great match-up and, after the third quarter, Bedales trailed by three points. Ultimately, our smaller squad size may have proved decisive as The Oratory pulled away for a ten point win.

By Chloe Nicklin, Head of Netball – U14A Netball v Lord Wandsworth College – A fantastic afternoon of netball for the U14As. Due to illnesses, we went with a team of seven with no subs, and two players persevering with nasty colds. It was a closely contested game throughout, with both teams showing considerable strength. Bedales started the first quarter rushing the play and not utilising the space effectively. As the game progressed, the team settled, and were

timing drives well and passing with accuracy. There was fantastic centre court performance from Millie Harris, as well as brilliant movement from Ellen Wilson. Shooting from both Lally and Kamaya was fantastic and they worked well as a team in the circle. Final score 28-25 to Bedales, with Millie Harris being selected as Most Valuable Player (MVP). *U14B Netball v Lord Wandsworth College* – Due to illness, the B team only had six players. Clemmie Pike came to play with the Bs and made a great positive impact in the centre court. Coco Witheridge had a great game playing Goal Keeper and was able to apply pressure to the strong Lord Wandsworth College (LWC) shooter. Unfortunately, LWC just had the edge and maintained a convincing lead throughout. Well done Bedales for showing great determination and grit and making it an enjoyable game to watch. MVP: Coco Witheridge.

By Mariela Presnell, Teacher of Girls' PE & Games – *U16 Netball v Lord Wandsworth College* – This week the U16 netballers travelled away to play Lord Wandsworth College. Bedales were slow to settle in to the fast paced game, allowing LWC to take an early lead and finish the first quarter 8-3 up. As the game progressed, Bedales began to look much more polished, and there was some excellent movement in the circle from Grace Vernor-Miles, which saw her get some lovely shots away and the score crept up on the LWC side. The third quarter was our best by far, and we won that 5-3. Maddy Upton and Shanklin Mackillop-Hall defended fantastically in an extremely physical and competitive D, making it extremely challenging for LWC to get the ball into their shooters and taking endless numbers of interceptions. Emilia Barnsdale-Ward battled her way through the game playing against an excellent opposing centre, applying pressure down the court, taking interceptions and feeding the ball into the circle. At the end of the game, LWC walked away with the victory. However, Bedales should be extremely proud of the work ethic they demonstrated during an extremely physical, competitive and equally contested game that was great to watch. All of the Bedales girls were exceptional, but a special mention must go to the player of the match, Maddy Upton.

Train times for boarders

Saturday 9 February – leave Petersfield 13.57 (next train 14.18), arriving Waterloo at 15.14 (15.27)

Sunday 10 February – leave Waterloo **18.30**, arriving Petersfield 20.28 (due to disruption on the line, there will be a bus replacement service; the scheduled train will leave Waterloo an hour earlier than usual)

Coming up

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

For parents / students

9 Feb, Music Parent Meeting, 11.30am

13 Feb, Eswatini (Swaziland) Project Parent Presentation, 4.30pm

13-24 Feb, Half term

27 Feb, [Solo and Blocks Concert](#), Lupton Hall

6 Mar, [Bedales Dance Performs](#), Theatre

18 Mar, Spring Equinox event: [Sauerkraut and Fermentation Workshop](#) (sold out, waiting list available)

20 Mar, Spring Equinox event: [Flower Power Workshop](#) (sold out, waiting list available)

21 Mar, Spring Equinox event: [Yoga and Sound Meditation Retreat](#) with Niki Perry Yoga and Selda Soul Space (limited spaces remaining)

23 Mar, Spring Equinox event: [Spring Foraging and Cooking](#) with Hector and the Fox

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

26 Feb, [Luke Jermay: Intuition](#), Theatre

7 Mar, [mapdance 2019](#), Theatre

11 Mar, [No Kids](#), Theatre

12 Mar, [Green Ribbon History Lecture](#): Jerome de Groot, Theatre

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

For students

9-10 Feb, A Level Dance / Product & Fashion Design All-in Weekend

11 Feb, Classical Music Prep School Day

11-13 Feb, Block 3 History trip to the Battlefields

12 Feb, 6.1 and 6.2 Valentine's Ball

13 Feb, Field trip to Portsmouth Food Bank

16-23 Feb, Ski trip to Soden

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 26 Feb	2.30pm	Boys' U14 Hockey v Winchester College	H
Wed 27 Feb	2.30pm	Boys' 1st XI Hockey v Churcher's College	A
Wed 27 Feb	2.30pm	Girls' 1st Netball v Churcher's College	H
Wed 27 Feb	4.30pm	Girls' U16A & U15B Netball v Priorsfield	A
Wed 27 Feb	5.30pm	Boys' U16 Hockey v Churcher's College	A
Thu 28 Feb	2.30pm	Boys' 1st XI Hockey v Winchester College	H
Tue 5 Mar	2.30pm	Boys' U15A Basketball v Frensham Heights	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, (wilson@bedales.org.uk). For on-the-day absence of day students, please email bedalesabsence@bedales.org.uk. Thank you for your assistance.

St Luke's Concert: Please note the Bedales concert due to take place on 28 February 2019 at St Luke's, Chelsea, has been cancelled. There are a number of other Bedales concerts taking place after half term – book tickets [here](#).

Yours,



Magnus Bashaarat

Head of Bedales

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