

## Saturday Bulletin

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### Bedales Chemistry teacher awarded RSC Research Fellowship



Bedales chemistry teacher Liz Stacy has been awarded a prestigious Chemistry Teacher Research Fellowship for 2019 by the Chemical Education Research Group of the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC). The Fellowship will see Liz conduct research into whether the teaching of mole calculations over three years as now practised by Bedales, rather than as the content of a single topic as currently recommended by exam boards, leads to a deeper understanding of this keystone concept. Bedales teachers are adamant that the school's approach is bearing fruit, and hope Liz's research will be of use not only to Bedales but also to chemistry teachers in other schools via resources to be made available through the RSC Learn Chemistry website. [Read more...](#)

### Company Chameleon workshop and performance



By Darcy Bartlett, 6.2 and Dance Don

Company Chameleon celebrated their 10-year anniversary with a viscosly beautiful triple bill consisting of the pieces *Rites*, *Imprint* and *Trip*. We were fortunate enough to celebrate this achievement with them. Dave and Racheal, who dance with the company, delivered workshops throughout a day at Bedales. They taught us the repertoire of the performance they gave the following evening in the Bedales Theatre. The three dance pieces used engaging and athletic choreography to explore themes of humanity, throughout which were moments that provoked an emotionally devastated response from both the dancers and audience members alike. The dancers of *Imprint* – which for me was the stand-out piece – tested how far their physical capabilities could take them in a demanding trio which lasted 20 minutes. They pushed themselves to their limits while appearing as themselves on stage, which was raw and captivating.

### ‘Sensitive yet provocative’ Devised Performances



By Hayley Ager, Head of Drama

The Block 5 BAC Devised Performances took place in the Studio on 22 and 23 November. Changes were made this year and the students were taught [verbatim theatre](#) and the works of [Alecky Blythe](#). The students connected really well to the style of storytelling, which uses real events and the real words of people to create the material, even performing 'recorded delivery' where the actor uses earphones and repeats the words heard on stage. The students were also given four stimuli to spark ideas; they then chose a stimulus, were grouped accordingly and created their own original pieces. Themes included Grenfell Tower, social media and migration. The pieces were sensitive yet provocative and showcased the immense talent of our drama students but also the intelligence of their theatre making. We are incredibly proud of their creative process and their performances which were externally assessed for their BAC Theatre Arts course. See photos [here](#).

### Careers events inspire students

By Samuel Vernor-Miles, 6.2 and Drama Scholar

Last Sunday, four Drama students in 6.2 (myself included) and three Dance students travelled to London for a series of workshops as part of a careers day trip. The workshops were hosted in Finsbury Town Hall, and it was a brilliant experience from start to finish. The four of us went through interesting and eye-opening talks covering the audition processes for drama schools and three really fun sessions to help us develop improvisation, movement and vocal skills. There was such a huge amount to take away and we gained significant insight into the professional world of the performing arts. We were finally treated to an inspiring showcase of some of the best musical theatre, dance and song

performances from schools all over the country, showing such diversity, range and skill. Overall it was a fantastic day, and we owe massive thanks to Hayley Ager and Liz Wood for taking us all to be part of the event.

### By Cheryl Osborne, Science Teacher

A group of 6.1 students opted to attend the Careers Fair at Portsmouth Grammar School on Friday afternoon. They had access to a wide range of careers from accountancy to veterinary medicine, as well as the opportunity to talk to representatives from the Armed Services and students studying for degree apprenticeships. The wide variety of careers on offer always makes this a very worthwhile event to attend, especially for students who are unsure as to where they want to go in the future.

### Trip to Winchester Cathedral Christmas Market



#### By Harry Huang, 6.2 and EAL Don

On Tuesday, the [English as an Additional Language](#) (EAL) Department took us on our first trip of the year to Winchester Cathedral Christmas Market. It was pouring with rain, so the market was unsurprisingly empty. Wonderful Christmas gifts, decorations and festival foods could be found everywhere in the market. Unfortunately, we were not allowed to try some mulled wine, which would have been perfect for the wet weather! I loved the atmosphere in the market and the mince pies were delicious. It was a pity that I didn't buy any presents for my family, because there was a wide choice of goods. Some people also visited Winchester Cathedral, which is one of the largest cathedrals in Europe, with the longest nave and greatest overall length of any Gothic cathedral in the continent. This trip certainly helped all the international students to experience the English Christmas tradition. I'd like to say a big thank you to Jane Shannon, Sally Compton, Uta Colbey and Jo Mayhook-Walker for taking us – we all enjoyed every second! (*Photo by Elina Dibsteva, 6.2*).

### Geography lessons for parents – 10 January



#### By Paul Turner, Head of Geography

What's Geography all about? Come along on 10 January to an evening of cheese, wine, innovative teaching practice and cutting edge knowledge, exploring the best Geography has to offer. As a result of numerous conversations at parents' evenings, we've decided to offer parents a special opportunity to experience Geography at Bedales with an evening of "lessons" exploring the topic of Factfulness. Now taught in Block 3, Factfulness challenges our misconceptions of the world with a fact based approach and has received considerable press around the world including Bill Gates.

Book a place [here](#).

### Old Bedalian artists in the archives



#### By Ian Douglas, Librarian

Bedalians should take care not to miss [Julian Trevelyan: The Artist and his World](#), at Pallant House Gallery in Chichester until 10 February 2019. As the *Country Life* reviewer notes, this fascinating exhibition celebrates "a unique artistic vision that was first fostered at Bedales". Recently the Bedales Archive was delighted to welcome James Scott, co-curator of the exhibition. He came to learn more about the febrile artistic environment which prevailed at Bedales in the early part of the 20th century, and which produced a crop of highly influential artists, patrons and art administrators. We were able to show James early work by such luminaries as John Rothenstein, Stephen Bone and Julian Trevelyan himself, including his woodcut of the newly-completed Memorial Library, pictured here. [Read more...](#)

### Bedales blog – Speaking on innovation at HMC Conference

#### By Blossom Gottlieb, 6.2

I had the pleasure of assisting Alistair McConville last Friday at a Conference for Academic Deputy Heads and Directors of Studies. Al invited me to speak for around five minutes about my experience in education, with the view of how institution-led learning could improve our current curriculum. We ran two sessions, each addressing around 25 people for an hour and a half. Supporting the concept of internally moderated assessments and our own Bedales Assessed Courses (BACs) in front of a somewhat sceptical audience was more challenging than I had expected.

#### By Alistair McConville, Director of Learning and Innovation

It's daunting having 'innovation' in your job title... People expect you to be working on something earth-shattering! No trips to Mars (yet), but Blossom Gottlieb and I did venture out to Brighton last week to address the Academic Deputy Heads of the Headmasters' Conference on the subject of running your own innovative courses. Blossom gave the Deputies a heart-felt blast about the damaging nature of metric-obsessed approaches to education, and the tedious treadmill of nine or ten GCSEs. I weighed in with our story of doing things more imaginatively through BACs and Enrichment. [Read more...](#)

## Sports update: Hockey victories and goals galore



**By Kevin Boniface, Head of Hockey** – *Girls' U14 Hockey v St John's College* – As the Girls' 1st XI hockey team's last game of the season, this was also the final game in Bedales colours for the 6.2 pairing of Alice Perry and captain Nancy Tier. Despite tough weather conditions, the team was determined to send off the departing 6.2s with a good performance. Things could not have got off to a better start, with Nancy opening the scoring inside 10 minutes with a fiercely struck short corner. After a melee inside the St John's circle, Amber Pearson finished neatly on the half-volley to put the Bedales side 2-0 up at half-time. Soon after the re-start, Elsa Rymer had made it 3-0 to the hosts with a shot from the top of the circle that was deflected in. [Read more...](#)



**By Spencer Leach, Director of Sport** – *Boys' Football v Box Hill* – The goals have come thick and fast in the last few weeks. The U16s staged another remarkable Bedales comeback in our block fixture against Box Hill. 5-2 down just before half-time, they never gave in and got their rewards with a highly improbable 6-5 victory. The U14s shared the honours in a ten goal frenzy and the seniors lost in two close and well contested matches. See photos from the games [here](#).

**By Mariela Presnell, PE Teacher** – *Girls' U15 Hockey v Bohunt* – This week, on a very cold and very wet Wednesday afternoon, the U15 hockey team travelled to Bohunt for their final game of the season. After a long warm-up, the game got started and within the first five minutes an excellent cross from Alisia Leach was fired into the circle, straight to Mathilda Douglas on the left post, who sent the ball straight into the back of the net – putting the first score on the board. Bohunt had a couple of strong players who made some great attacking breaks, but unfortunately for them, they struggled to break through our defensive cell of Emma Nelson and Shanklin Mackillop-Hall. As the game progressed, Alisia Leach got the second goal when she dribbled the ball into the top of the D and injected it straight past their keeper into the goal. Fleur Donovan continued to attack with force down the right and sent some excellent balls into the circle. Towards the end of the first half, Sasha Arney found herself in a one v one situation with the keeper. Fortunately for us, Sasha won and we ended up finishing the first half 3-0. [Read more...](#)

## Train times for boarders

Saturday 1 December – leave Petersfield 13.48 (next train 13.57), arriving Waterloo at 14.57 (15.14)

Sunday 2 December – leave Waterloo **19.37** (note earlier departure time), arriving Petersfield 20.52

## Coming up

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

### For parents / students

1 Dec, Friends of Bedales Christmas Tea & Coffee in the Reading Room

7 Dec, Autumn term ends, 1.15pm

7 Jan, Spring term begins

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

**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](mailto:abrewer@bedales.org.uk)

3 Dec, [Carol Service](#) at Steep Church

4-6 Dec, [The Trench](#), Whole School Production, Theatre

### For students

1-2 Dec, Whole School Show All-in Weekend

3 Dec, 6.1 Politics trip to Westminster

4 Dec, 6.1 trip to Buddhist Monastery, Chithurst

4 Dec, 6.2 trip to *Exploring the Interaction of Science & Psychology* conference

4-10 Dec, Drama trip to Dubai

9-12 Dec, PRE trip to Florence

10-18 Dec, Global Awareness trip to Cuba

### 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 5 Dec	1.00pm	Boys' U16 Indoor Football Tournament	H
Wed 5 Dec	2.00pm	Mixed 6.1 v 6.2 Football	H
Wed 5 Dec	4.30pm	Girls' U14 Hockey v KES Witley	H
Tue 15 Jan	2.30pm	Boys' U14A Rugby 7s v The Royal School	A
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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

## 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](mailto:lwilson@bedales.org.uk)). For on-the-day absence of day students, please email [bedalesabsence@bedales.org.uk](mailto:bedalesabsence@bedales.org.uk). Thank you for your assistance.

**Dunannie Christmas Fair:** Dunannie are hosting their annual Christmas Fair on Monday 3 December, 3-6.30pm. Staff, students and parents from across the three schools are all welcome.

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

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

Yours,



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## Head of Bedales

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