

Saturday Bulletin

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Students' Swaziland Project



By Jo-Lea Edery, 6.2

In the half term break, 22 students and five teachers ventured off on an expedition to Southern Africa. Our destination? A small landlocked country called Swaziland. Our goal? To provide a sustainable, free supply of clean drinking water to a primary school in need, but first we had to get there. After a seemingly endless flight and a series of car journeys, we arrive at the residence that we would occupy for the week. The scenery of Swaziland was very rustic and beautiful, in any direction you looked the view could be considered 'postcard' worthy. The warm hues blended with casual herds of cattle, antelope, wildebeest, and even the occasional crocodile, most of which could be seen at close range during the optional early morning walks at 6am. The general routine for the rest of the day involved the trickle of aching and half-awake students in and out of breakfast and bed. [Read more...](#)

Exploring Dorset by kayak



By Paul Turner, Head of Geography

With recent changes, many A Level subjects reduced their fieldwork and practical investigation components, whereas Geography has instead increased its commitment and made four days compulsory. Last weekend, 6.1 geographers headed to the Jurassic Coast in Dorset to jump feet first into the diagrams and theories they explore in class. Students began their stay kayaking around Old Harry Rocks, learning about edible plants from a botanist and seeing the coast from the water. Students worked long hours collecting data to investigate the effectiveness of coastal management techniques and gained a deep understanding of the sense of place. Next term the students will be off investigating changing places in London.

Student internship at renowned costume house



By Juliette Lemley, Block 5

I was fortunate to have an opportunity in the Summer to complete an internship at [Tirelli Costumi](#), a renowned costume house based in Rome which supplies period costumes for motion picture productions. During the internship, I met the fashion designer [Andrea Sorrentino](#) and I was able to work with him as he prepared the wardrobe for [Catherine the Great](#), starring Helen Mirren, which is currently being filmed. At the conclusion of our work in July, Mr Sorrentino invited me to take my internship further and return to Rome to assist him in the presentation of his work in a major exhibition on costume and wardrobe in cinema. My role was to assist him in the preparation of his portion of the exhibition. Mr Sorrentino was displaying one of his original wardrobe pieces that he created for a short film called [The Secret of Joy](#). [Read more...](#)

Kate Adie delivers Global Awareness Lecture

By Abi Wharton, Head of Global Awareness

This week, the annual Global Awareness Lecture was delivered by Kate Adie CBE to a full house, in the year which she was also awarded the BAFTA fellowship. Kate framed her experiences in response to the question of how journalists play a role in protecting human rights – one of the key themes in the Global Awareness Bedales Assessed Course. Kate talked movingly about her progression from an accidental foray into local journalism which led to her becoming the BBC's Chief News Correspondent from 1989 to 2003 and a career which included reporting on a series of kidnaps in Sardinia, and being arrested in Belgrade trying to gather material about General Tito. She spoke about the two foreign

assignments she is most often associated with - the American bombing of the Libyan capital Tripoli in 1986 and the Chinese authorities' killing of protestors in Tiananmen Square, Beijing, in 1989. [Read more...](#)

Dons – the student perspective

In last week's Saturday Bulletin, we shared Al McConville's article about student dons, as published in TES magazine. This week, PRE Don Flora Smeeton provides a student perspective.

By Flora Smeeton, 6.2 and PRE Don

In my school, I am known as a "Don". And I get to give feedback to teachers on what we learn and how we learn it. The Dons are student leaders for each of the important elements of the school. Primarily, they are associated with academic departments – so, the Don of biology, or Spanish, for example – though other areas of school also have a Don, such as the library. What do they do? Some help lead activities for younger students. Others organise external speakers and take responsibility for the extracurricular societies. They pop up at the A-level Choices Fair to tell potential subscribers "what it's really like". They offer lesson and curriculum feedback to heads of department. And they lobby for changes in what or how they are taught. You can read the teacher perspective on this programme in the 26 October issue of TES, but here is my view. [Read more...](#)

Inspiring James Taylor Quartet workshop and show

By Tiger Braun-White, Block 4

Having James Taylor come to perform at Bedales was an amazing experience. We were even lucky enough to have an opportunity to sing as part of his second set, following a fantastic, exciting, crowd-jumping first half. James is such a fantastic musician in the way he composes and plays live, which I know was very inspiring to many students including myself. James talked to us about the music business, speaking about how he got where he is, his problems and how he got over them, and how he goes about creating a new piece of music which we all found very interesting. He very kindly gave some of us advice on our hopes and plans for the future and was clearly interested in talking about the students' lives, just as much – if not more – than himself, which I found inspiring. Of course, the performance was an awesome opportunity that we all learnt so much from, whilst having a lot of fun (especially with the back-up dancing...). We were given instructions and advice about how to compose and cope with a professional gig. We are all very grateful to have been involved with this event, which made such a big impact on us, that I'm sure we will never forget.

Exhibitioners' Concert next week

On Wednesday 14 November at 7:30pm in the Lupton Hall, please do come and support Bedales music exhibitioners in their recital evening. They have been working hard all term, and for many it will be the first time they have performed solos since arriving at Bedales. The programme is typically wide-ranging, with repertoire from Toto's Africa to Purcell's Dido and Aeneas. Drinks and nibbles will be served before and after. Please book [here](#) for a ticket.

Bedales blog – Remembrance Jaw

By Clare Jarmy, Head of PRE

At Dunhurst and Bedales, students commemorated the centenary of the Armistice at a Remembrance Jaw. Jaw at the Bedales Schools takes the place of chapel in more traditional independent schools. It is the time during the week for reflecting on philosophical, spiritual, religious and moral ideas and views. Remembrance Jaw is the most solemn event in our calendar. The Bedales Archives project creating profiles of those [Old Bedalians](#) who died provided the substance for our commemoration. Students heard in much more detail than before about three Bedalians who died in 1918. We heard about Edmund 'Gabriel' Rice, nephew of Mrs Badley the founder's wife. We remembered Ellis 'Lynn' Doncaster, who was shot down on the first day of the Battle of Amiens, and hence the start of what was to be known as the Hundred Days Offensive that ended the war. Finally, we remembered Oswald Horsley, known universally as 'Pump', a gentle giant, a lot of fun, and a popular choice for Head Boy. [Read more...](#)

Sports update: Tough games



By Kevin Boniface, Head of Hockey – Girls' 1st XI Hockey v Ryde School – Having met previously at the Hampshire Trophy tournament and drawn, the girls knew they would be in for another tough match. The first half was end to end with both teams creating a number of attacking half chances but not quite being able to add the finishing touches to these until Ryde scored with five minutes to go until half-time. With the Bedales girls producing some of their best individual performances of the season so far, hopes were high about getting back in to the game. Unfortunately it was not to be, more chances went unfinished and despite the best efforts of player of the match Bella Doyle and her defensive partner Hannah Mazas, Ryde converted two more chances and ended up winning 3-0. In the post-match debrief the team talked about the need to retain possession in key areas of the pitch and look to create better scoring opportunities when in the circle. They have a chance to try and implement these next week as they host what will be a strong Priorsfield side.

By Kevin Boniface – U14/15s B Football v Morehouse School – For much of the first half there was plenty of action at both ends until the deadlock was broken with a clever back-heel finish from Cosmo Hurwitz. At the other end of the pitch Bedales keeper Archie Tier was in fine form producing a number of outstanding saves, one in particular which was a point blank save Archie somehow managed to tip on to the bar and over. With time running out in the first half and the Bedales side cruising at 2-0 up a freakish goal from the baseline brought Morehouse back in to the game. As the second half progressed Morehouse began to exert more pressure on the Bedales side, however Man of the Match, Bade George-Coker was more than up to the challenge as he made well timed interceptions, good covering tackles and was carrying the ball out of defence with confidence and distributing with intelligence. Unfortunately a bang to the knee for Bade and a subsequent re-shuffling meant Bedales lost their way defensively and Morehouse deservedly finished 4-2 winners.

By Chloe Nicklin, PE Teacher – Girls' U14 Hockey v Christ's Hospital School – Bedales played with great determination and strength throughout the game, showing a brilliant improvement in their skills and teamwork. The team training sessions have really paid off and Bedales were able to play with great intensity and presence. We had over 50% of the possession, but unfortunately we were only able to create two opportunities to score and these were saved by the opposition goalie. We came away with a loss, but the team can hold their heads up high due to playing with great composure, respect and determination until the final whistle was blown. Lally and Daisy were nominated as MVPs by the opposition.

Train times for boarders

Saturday 10 November – leave Petersfield 13.59 (next train 15.13), arriving Waterloo 15.13 (15.23)

Sunday 11 November – leave Waterloo 19.30, arriving Petersfield 20.40

Coming up

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

For parents / students

10 Nov, FoBs Tea and Coffee for all Blocks, Sixth Form Social Space, 11.45am

10 Nov, [Ruth Whiting Memorial](#), Lupton Hall, 2.30pm

10-11 Nov, Bedales is exhibiting at the Independent Schools Show, Battersea Park. Do please mention it to your friends if they would like an opportunity to find out more. Information [here](#).

16 Nov, 6.2 Parents' Welcome from the Head & Parents' Meeting, 3pm

16-18 Nov, Long leave weekend

20 Nov, Polish Club supper for parents (more information: pgoff@bedales.org.uk)

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

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

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

21 Nov, [Cecilia Concert](#), Quad, 7.30pm (including pop-up bar and mince pies)

22-23 Nov, [BAC Devised Performance](#), Drama Studio, 7.30pm – tickets limited to 50/night

27 Nov, [The Chair Maker](#), Arts & Crafts talk by Lawrence Neal & Hugo Burge, Old Bedalian, Lupton Hall, 7.15pm

28 Nov, [Brilliance](#), Drama Studio, 7.30pm – tickets limited to 50

29 Nov, [Fantastic Evening at the House of MinaLima](#), London, 7pm

For students

10 Nov, Sixth Form Scholarship interviews

10-11 Nov, BAC Theatre Arts All-in Weekend

13 Nov, Sixth Form Design Trip

14 Nov, Oxbridge Interview Preparation Visit

14 Nov, 6.1 trip to Ashmolean Museum, Oxford

15 Nov, Whole School Dance in the Quad

19 Nov, Company Chameleon dance workshop

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
Tue 13 Nov	2.30pm	Boys' U14 Football v Winchester College	H
Tue 13 Nov	2.30pm	Boys' U15 Football v Winchester College	H
Wed 14 Nov	3.45pm	Girls' U14 Hockey v Lord Wandsworth College	H
Wed 14 Nov	4.15pm	Girls' U15 Hockey v Hampshire Collegiate	A
Thu 15 Nov	1.00pm	Girls' U15 Hockey – Hampshire Trophy	A
Thu 15 Nov	2.30pm	Boys' 1st XI & 2nd XI Football v Winchester College	H
Tue 20 Nov	2.30pm	Boys' U15 Football v Ditcham Park	H
Tue 20 Nov	2.30pm	Boys' U14 Football v Ditcham Park	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](#).

Yours,



Magnus Bashaarat

Head of Bedales

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