

Saturday Bulletin

Also available on the Parent Portal, [here](#)

13 October 2018

At a glance

- [Bedales hosts International Day](#)
- [Block 5's show jumping success](#)
- [Bedales in the Great South Run](#)
- [Commission for Block 4 student](#)
- [English Literature trip to *Othello* at The Globe](#)
- [Students cycle the South Downs Way in a day](#)
- [Working in partnership with local schools](#)
- [Bedales blog – World Mental Health Day](#)
- [Sports update – Football and basketball success](#)
- [Coming up...](#)

Bedales hosts International Day



By Tristan Wilson, Head of Modern Languages

Thursday 4 October saw Bedales International Day. Proceedings kicked off with an international dress competition. There were some highly entertaining staff and student entries but the winning outfit was a Colombian dress worn by Miranda Ashby. At lunchtime students were treated to a generous international spread in the Dining Hall before flocking to the stalls for anything from cheese to Chinese food in the quad. Here they could buy student-made world food from France, Belgium, Greece, China and Italy or have their names written in foreign scripts. The Geography department also ran an interactive mapping event. Some maths sets were lucky enough to have maths lessons in German or Czech before heading to one of the many student and staff led workshops on offer which included Kung-Fu, Kendo, Albanian, Swedish, Origami, Model United Nations, Chinese and Modern Greek. Perhaps one of the highlights was the International Open Mic Night which proved to be an enjoyable evening featuring poems and songs in Chinese, Swedish, French, Japanese, Portuguese and an unforgettable Chinese rap. See photos from the day [here](#).

Block 5's show jumping success



By Emilia Barnsdale-Ward, Block 5

On the sunny weekend of 29 September, I took part in a national school competition at Wellington for show jumping with my horse, Clear Contender (Minnie) who I have owned for one year and seven months. We were competing on behalf of the Bedales school team. I was entered into the 90cm single phase class. I went in with determination and a positive attitude, and we flew over the first jump, and from then on managed to jump each of the 12 jumps with ease. We got round in a time of 40 seconds and won the class! It was my first win on Minnie and I was very pleased with our result. We will hopefully be out with the rest of the team very soon and we are hoping to qualify for the championships at Hickstead in summer 2019.

Bedales in the Great South Run supporting two education charities



By Rob Reynolds, Director of External Relations

Next weekend, I am joining 30 pupils, parents, staff and Old Bedalians running in the Great South Run 10 mile, 5k and junior races in Portsmouth. Sunday's race is one of the UK's biggest running events with over 20,000 entrants and is usually televised live. The team is raising funds for two education charities close to Bedales' heart: [The John Badley Foundation](#) (JBF) provides opportunities for children who do not have the means to consider an independent education to attend Dunhurst and Bedales. There are now eight such pupils at the schools on fully funded bursaries; [Cecily's Fund](#) enables orphans and vulnerable children to gain an education in Zambia so they are able to reach their true potential, and has helped 20,000 young people so far. The charity was founded by the parents of Cecily Eastwood (Old Bedalian) in 1997 after she died in a road accident on her gap year in Zambia whilst working with young people affected by HIV/AIDS. Please consider supporting the runners and these two charities by donating [here](#). With thanks to The Country House Company and the online Pledgit donation platform, the first £1000 donated will be matched. More [information](#); list of [runners](#).

Commission for Block 4 student

A Block 4 student whose original script was selected to be performed at an event in London has been commissioned to develop it into a full-length piece for theatre in the capital's West End. Freya Hannan-Mills' script, *Swallow* – which documents a daughter's last days in a hospice with her mother – was one of four pieces of writing chosen by casting company Spotlight to be produced for an event hosted at their studios in the heart of the West End on 7 October. The piece, which was brought to life for Spotlight's event by director Phoebe Rhodes and actress Kate Kelly Flood, was well received by the industry panel in attendance, with casting director Daniel Edwards tweeting: "Left speechless by [Freya's] exceptional piece ... This young actress/writer is one to watch people!" [Read more...](#)

English Literature trip to *Othello* at The Globe

By Alex Lunn, 6.1

On 2 October, 6.1 English Literature students – along with a handful of 6.2s – embarked on another amazing trip. I'm beginning to learn fast there are many perks to doing this subject! A couple of weeks ago we had the opportunity to meet Simon Armitage and now we have seen *Othello* with Mark Rylance at the Globe. Mark Rylance gave a very convincing performance as Iago. Surprisingly, the actor chose to portray the malcontent with a bumbling foolishness. For me this gave Iago an even more menacing air, as if his calculated evil was lying behind a simple façade. The Globe was incredible. With the atmosphere of this historic theatre glowing, you could feel and trace the expressions of people with all of the shocking deaths and deceptions throughout the play, as if Shakespeare could see into the future. [Read more](#)

Students cycle the South Downs Way in a day

By Oscar Kingsley-Pallant, 6.2

On 29 September, during the long leave weekend, Archie Gibbon, Jack Cecil, Sam Wilson and I left the King Alfred's statue in Winchester at four o'clock in the morning attempting to cycle the South Downs Way in a day. The initial 25 miles went by in a breeze, though in freezing temperatures and pitch-black skies the distance we covered in such a short space of time raised our confidence. At 30 miles we hit a low and began to struggle with the constant increase in steepness of the hills. At the perfect time we met Nicola Cecil and Fionna Gibbon who re-supplied us with energy and morale. Setting off after that was hard and required huge mental and physical strength for the next 40 or so miles. After hours of intense cycling on the unforgiving terrain we met Jim Gibbon, a true guardian angel to each of us. From Brighton he supported us with fuel and motivation, meeting us at pit stops well into the night. When darkness came we were still left with 30 miles to go and struggled. [Read more...](#)

Working in partnership with local schools

By Allietta Verdon-Roe, 6.2, Head Girl

Last month, Bedales Head Students visited Bohunt School to begin what we hope will become an exciting long-term partnership between Bedales, Bohunt and The Petersfield School. Student voices from all three schools came together to discuss how to improve our student leadership within our own schools and also to learn from each other. Together, we discussed the difficulties faced by each school council, most prevalent was size. The students were able to appreciate that the small size of Bedales allows for an ease of communication between the student body and the staff, and this allowed for more effective actions. The Head Students thought it was an absolute success and believed it was very eye opening. More to come as we are looking forward to visiting The Petersfield School for our next round of talks!

Bedales blog – World Mental Health Day and Peer Listeners

By Louise Wilson, Senior Deputy

Sixth Form peer listeners took the opportunity of World Mental Health Day on Wednesday to promote the support they offer to fellow students. In Notices, the peer listeners got to their feet so that students could put faces to names. In the evening, they hosted hot chocolate and biscuits in the Sixth Form Common Room. The event was very well attended, with peer listeners ensuring everyone had warm drinks and using the opportunity to help younger students to get to know them. Information and support was given, including via leaflets from the [Mental Health Foundation](#). Students can contact peer listeners in person or via the 'peer listener' shared email account. There is a range of mental health support available to students at Bedales, particularly from house staff, the Health Centre and counsellors. There is also a 'Need help at school?' page on Firefly. The school seeks to destigmatise mental ill health and promote good mental health and the management of mental ill health through providing a safe and supportive environment, warm relationships, an engaging curriculum with a focus on learning for learning's sake rather than results, a varied co-curriculum with opportunities for mindfulness and physical exercise and good bedtime routines so that students get at least 9 hours sleep a night. The Friends of Bedales (FOBs) have kindly invited staff and students to talk about sleep at the forthcoming coffee morning on 10 November (11.45am-1pm) – please come along (all parents welcome) so we can share what we do and work together to make sleep even better.

Sports update:



By Mariela Presnell, Girls' PE & Games Teacher – *Girls' U15B Hockey v Christ's Hospital* – A very well balanced first half with excellent saves from Matilda Gellatly – made all the more impressive as it was only her second time in goal – saw us finish the first half 0-0. As we entered the second half Dora Wooldridge demonstrated some great attacking leads on the left, playing with composure and a high work rate which was fantastic. Early in the second half Christ's hospital were the first to score but the Bedales girls quickly worked and followed this up with a wonderful goal from the Messi of Bedales, Mathilda Douglas. Christ's Hospital then worked hard to get it back and their efforts were rewarded with a second goal. All was not lost for the U15Bs however as some excellent attacking play from newcomer Jade Mark combined with the central support of Lila Levingston saw us take the ball into our attacking D and earn a short corner. Read more and see photos [here](#).

By Chloe Nicklin, PE Teacher – *Girls' U14 Hockey v Portsmouth High* – Against a strong Portsmouth High team, the U14s played with copious amounts of determination. Unfortunately, in the last two minutes of the first half, despite fantastic saves made by GK Daisy, we were down 1-0. Both teams were just as evenly matched in the second half however, the opposition were able to score four more goals. This was due to quick breaks from the opponents and a lack of discipline in our positioning. Bedales had a number of shots on goal and we were happy to see a well-deserved goal scored by Kamaya in the final two minutes. It was a great result for Bedales with their goal being the final one of the game! The team have improved significantly since their last match and I look forward to seeing how they progress this season. Final score 5-1. MVP Kamaya.



By Spencer Leach, Director of Sport – *Boys' U17 Football v Hampton School* – Bedales U17s came back from being behind twice in the match to grab a late Oscar Goldblatt winner in a very balanced encounter with Hampton. See photos [here](#).

Boys' U15 A & B Football v St Edmunds – The U15A and U15B football teams had great matches at St Edmunds on Tuesday. The As bounced back from a two goal deficit to clinch the game 4-2 and the Bs had an amazing game that finished 6-5 to Bedales.

Bedales Basketball v KES Witley – Bedales basketball season got underway with a pre-season friendly against KES Witley. A tight score line throughout, the seniors showed mature game management and closed out a much deserved 37-34 win.

By Kevin Boniface, Head of Hockey – *Girls' 1st XI Hockey v Kings' School, Winchester* – On Wednesday the girls' first XI travelled to Winchester to play Kings', a school that has a strong hockey tradition and fielded a side containing a number of representative players. The game got off to an even start with both teams showing some excellent individual skill and a real desire to win the ball. However, it was the home side who struck first and scored two goals in quick succession. Unfortunately Bedales then lost one of their defensive stalwarts, Maddy Upton, as she suffered a nasty finger injury when making a tackle outside the circle. A re-jig of the formation was well managed by the girls and the tireless pressing and work-rate from centre forward Amber Pearson resulted in a turnover and well taken finish from Amber. As the first half progressed the Bedales forward line of Amber, Eliza Goodfellow and Block 4 Alisia Leach looked threatening and were slightly unfortunate not to score again. [Read more...](#)

Train times for boarders

Saturday 13 October – leave Petersfield 13.48 (next train 13.57), arriving Waterloo 14.57 (next train 15.14)

Sunday 14 October – leave Waterloo 18.30*, arrive Petersfield 20.42 (*due to a [bus replacement service](#) – complete journey time 2hr 12mins).

Coming up

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

For parents / students

17-18 Oct, [Sixth Form Show](#), 7.30pm

19 Oct, 6.1 Parents' Welcome from the Head and Parents' Meeting, 3pm

20-21 Oct, Great South Run, Portsmouth (please [sponsor the team](#))

20-30 Oct, Half term

8 Nov, [Band Night](#), The Quad, 7.30pm

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

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

2 Nov, [James Taylor Quartet](#), Theatre, 7.30pm

7 Nov, [Kate Adie](#), Theatre, 7.30pm

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

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

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

For students

14-29 Oct, Block 4 Putney School Exchange

16-17 Oct, UK Maths Trust Days

19-29 Oct, 6.2 trip to Swaziland

20-22 Oct, Block 5 trip to Berlin

21-24 Oct, Block 3 Girls' Hockey trip to Holland

31 Oct, University Admissions Tests

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
Wed 17 Oct	11.30am	Girls' 1st XI Hockey, Hampshire Trophy	A
Wed 17 Oct	2.00pm	Girls' U15 Hockey v LWC	A
Wed 17 Oct	2.30pm	Boys' U15 Football v LWC	H
Wed 17 Oct	4.30pm	Girls' U14 Hockey v Prior's Field	A
Wed 31 Oct	2.30pm	Girls' 1st XI Hockey v PGS	H
Wed 31 Oct	3.45pm	Girls' U14 Hockey v Bohunt	A
Wed 31 Oct	4.30pm	Girls' U15 Hockey v Kings', Winchester	A

Notes

Scholarships: A reminder that the deadline for Block 5 students to apply for 16+ Scholarships is Friday 19 October. To apply, students should collect a scholarships pack from Admissions and return their application form by the deadline. If you have any questions, contact admissions@bedales.org.uk.

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.

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

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

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.