

Saturday Bulletin

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Ullswater perspectives



We hear perspectives from Block 3, 6.2 and a teacher on last week's Ullswater trip: **Clive Burch, Head of Block 3:** "Last week Block 3, their tutors and an elite squad of Badley Seniors (6.2 student mentors) substituted Jane Austen's Hampshire for Wordsworth country, the comfort of the school for a lake and its surrounding mountains and their usual beds for roll-mats... Over 100 individuals left; one unified year group returned."

Eben Macdonald, Block 3: "Activities included: gorge walking, jog and dip, camping, hiking and much more. The idea was that if we did rather arduous activities together, we'd end up helping each other. And we did.... Thanks to this experience at Ullswater we have made amicable friendships and have learnt what determination is. We shall apply this to our school careers."

Rahaf Tammour and Imo Mayhook-Walker, 6.2: "What we experienced was a really enjoyable week where we got to know a part of the school that we would normally have limited contact with...Ullswater is truly a unique part of the Bedales experience and one that we would greatly encourage any new Block 3 or Badley Senior to embrace." [Read more](#) and watch [short film](#).

Work of Each for Weal of All - Badley Day 2018



By Phil Tattersall-King, Deputy Head, Co-curricular

As is often the case it's useful to start with 'why?' Why do we do the things we do? With Badley Day the answer is easy. It is to honour our past and in particular one of the concepts we hold dear: *Work of Each for Weal of All*. We are actively involved in Badley Day for both the immediate and the wider community. Then on to the 'what?' Badley Day 2018 is built around the whole school effort (here and at Steep Primary), a 6.2 legacy project, music and alumni events. The whole school effort is the core of the whole day. This year we concentrate on the path between the Dunhurst tennis courts and the A3 footbridge - a wonderful project and a revamp for our outside spaces. At Steep Primary there will be an update to the playground and this represents a great way to improve areas in the local community. When? Badley Day is on the 22 September, 8.45am - 5pm. Dunannie and Dunhurst families join in the celebrations with working parties in the morning, a community walk to the Poet's Stone followed by lunch. Dunhurst Blocks also have the option to contribute to the Bedales whole school effort.

Block 4 student shortlisted for playwriting competition



Congratulations to Freya Hannan-Mills (Block 4) whose original writing - SWALLOW - has been shortlisted for the [Young Pleasance London Playwriting Competition](#). Freya's work will now be performed alongside the other nominated works at the Pleasance Theatre, Islington, in December 2018 as their inaugural production. After this performance, one monologue will then be selected as the foundation of a new play to be devised, developed and performed by the same company in 2019. Applicants were invited to: write about something you're passionate about; two-three minutes in length; written for a character aged 16-25; based in the present; set where you live; and be your own original work.

"A production like no other" review of *Flop*

By Blossom Gottlieb, 6.2

On Tuesday evening many of us were lucky enough to watch the inclusive theatre company Hijinx perform *The Flop*. It was a production like no other, from clever word play to audience interaction as well as some catchy musical numbers. The passion emanating from each of the actors ensured the audience was deeply invested in the story. I was not expecting a historically accurate farce about impotence in 17th century France to be so amusing but I'm sure I can speak for the entire audience when I say it was a spectacular way to begin the Events Season at Bedales!

Factfulness – Challenging misconceptions

By Paul Turner, Head of Geography

Over the summer I read *Factfulness* by Hans Rosling; a book which affected me so strongly, I decided to create a new scheme of learning to kick off Geography for Block 3s. Factfulness is defined as “the stress-reducing habit of only carrying opinions for which you have strong supporting facts.” Whilst travelling, Hans realised most people hold outdated misconceptions about world development and believe the world to be much worse than it actually is. Bill Gates thinks the book is so important he's paid for every college graduate in the US to have a free copy. The Block 3 topic will spread hope and challenge Bedales students' understanding of difference between countries. We've challenged the entire school community to test their knowledge and prove Hans wrong. Try the Gapminder test [here](#). What percentage did you get?

Life as a boarder

By Isabella Montero, Block 5

As an international boarder from Barcelona, I spend virtually every week and weekend surrounded by the Bedales community. It's warming and great to see how the full time boarders create their own substitution of home together. Almost every weekend, there are activities and some sort of co-ed gatherings, whether it be barbecues or vinyl parties. The first weekend of term can be nerve wracking for new students and younger years, but such options like going to Petersfield (Pefe) and making pancakes on Boys' Flat, for example, can be really helpful and welcoming, as it is a time for different years to come together and enjoy their Saturday nights. This weekend, I led a group of new Block 3s to Pefe and set out with a £100 budget to buy vinyls for Steephurst's first record player. With such albums from artists like The Eagles, Rolling Stones and John Denver, Steephurst held a 'listening' party in the common room for everyone to enjoy. Although boarding may be hard at times, it's the people and the community around us who make it fun, relaxing but most of all homely!

Preps for Whole School Show *The Trench*

By Meg Allin, 6.2, Drama Don

On Wednesday, the newly appointed cast of the Whole School Show *The Trench* had a workshop with one of the members of *Les Enfants Terribles*; the company has previously created *Alice Underground* and worked with *Pussy Riot*, both of which I personally love. They are now working on *The Trench* again, ready to go on tour. Mhegan started the afternoon with some comforting words about “letting go” and how “all theatre is weird”, which helped everyone relax and put 100% into everything they did without feeling embarrassed. She then proceeded to do exercises to test the mind and body. The cast walked around the space whilst keeping in a triangle with two others (without their knowledge) staying at least a meter away from everyone else and passing a green and purple pen that could only be passed to others with the correct hand. She then asked the cast why this helped them (focus, connection to each other, feel of the space, teamwork and awareness) and they all agreed that it was difficult but sharpened their focus. Throughout she engaged with them educationally but also created a delightfully friendly atmosphere. The second half of the afternoon was dedicated to exploring tableaux. They created freeze frames with given words such as 'Bedales' and 'Trench'. This created ideas for the piece and sparked an image in the actors' minds. They learned about sight lines and exact focus, things which may feel small but watching from the outside it makes the biggest difference. They were lastly split into two groups: one group explored how everyday objects can become personified through puppetry skills while the other devised a 10 second piece from a line in the play. The ideas presented were massively improved from ones shown in auditions, showing the leaps and bounds made during this workshop. Everyone found fun and laughter in the workshop and the relaxed environment made it pleasant to watch and be part of. [The Trench](#) will be performed from 4-6 Dec.

Bedales blog – addressing global issues

In a blog for the Independent Schools Council (ISC), Bedales Head of Global Awareness, Abi Wharton, explains how a group of students sought to tackle the issue of hunger as part of their Bedales Assessed Course (BAC). Any movement with widespread mobilisation throughout history has had young people at the forefront. Given the rate of social change in the 21st century, says Abi, educators have a responsibility to equip young people with the skills to ensure that they are able to lead movements of any kind and be able to become social innovators. The latest addition to Bedales' alternative qualifications to GCSEs, the ambitious Global Awareness BAC is devoted to social entrepreneurship and innovation, involving the use of 21st century skills to understand and address global issues. Abi explains: "In the last academic year, our students communicated with organisations and governments across the globe, devised solutions for issues ranging from landmines in Angola, harvesting the mist in East Timor, educating children as young as six about human rights, and more." Inspiring and feeding an appetite for change is key to the Global Awareness programme. In the first year of the course, emphasis is placed on students acquiring research skills and analysing different points of view. In the second year, they undertake both collaborative and individual projects selected from four areas – human rights, global health, peace and conflict, and the arms trade. [Read more.](#)

Sports update: Girls' hockey success and 'bedding in' for boys' football

By Kevin Boniface, Head of Hockey - Bedales (6) vs Portsmouth High (1) - In the season opener, the Bedales girls 1st XI played host to Portsmouth High School. The home side made a promising start, creating numerous chances and playing with an attacking mindset. Unfortunately they couldn't convert these chances and perhaps in desperation to score, became a little cavalier in defence and Portsmouth High opened the scoring through a converted penalty corner. Another breakaway for the away side forced returning goalkeeper Mia Threapleton in to a fine sliding save and from this the home side once again exerted more attacking pressure with Thea Levine converting a scrappy chance. 1-1 at half-time and a productive half-time team-talk led to a much improved second half for the Bedales side. Incoming captain, Nancy Tier, led by example with two superb individual goals. Three further goals were to follow (Eliza Goodfellow, Charlotte Land and Amber Pearson) to round off a promising start to the hockey season. Further mentions should also go to first team debutantes Maddy Upton, Jess Sainsbury (both Block 5) and Charlotte Whiteside.

By Spencer Leach, Director of Sport - U14 & U15 Football 6 a-side - Two teams went to the Ditcham 6 a-side tournament on Tuesday and it was an excellent chance to see our new players bedded in with our more experienced performers. The teams achieved 3 wins 3 draws and 2 losses and they can be very pleased with their efforts.

Train times for boarders

Saturday 15 September – leave Petersfield 13.48 (next train 13.54), arrive Waterloo 14.57 (next train 15.15)

Sunday 16 September – leave Waterloo 19.30, arrive Petersfield 20.40 (but [check times](#) dues to planned industrial action)

Coming up

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

For parents / students

15 Sep, 10.30am, Friends of Bedales Meeting in the Reading Room, 11.45am UCAS application talk with 6.2 parents

21 Sep, Music School performance at [Priory Park Festival Chichester](#)

22 Sep, Badley Day

26 Sep, Scholars' Concert, Lupton Hall, 7.30pm

28 Sep, Friends of Bedales (FOBs) Tea and Coffee for All Blocks in the Reading Room, 2.15-3.30pm

28 Sep, Block 3 Parents' Welcome from the Headmaster and Parents' Meeting, 3-6pm

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

19 Sep, Drama production: [Bullish](#), Theatre, 7.30pm

30 Sep, Drama production: [Tabby McTat](#), Theatre, 2pm

2 Oct, Drama production: [A Super Happy Story \(About Feeling Super Sad\)](#), Theatre, 7.30pm

For students

14-16 Sep, Block 5 Silver DofE Qualifying Expedition

15-16 Sep, All-in weekend for Sixth Form drama production

20 Sep, Block 5 Geography field trip to River Itchen, 8.45am-5.30pm

20 Sep, Sadler's Wells London Dance Trip, 4-11pm

23 Sep, Music Department All-in Day, 9am-5pm

25 Sep, Block 4 Ancient Civilisation trip to Avebury, West Kennet Long Barrow and Stonehenge, 8.45am-6pm

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 18 Sep	2.30pm	Boys' U15 & U14 Football v The Royal School	A
Wed 19 Sep	2.30pm	Girls' U15 Hockey v Lord Wandsworth College	A

Wed 19 Sep	2.30pm	Girls' U15B 7s Hockey v Lord Wandsworth College	A
Wed 19 Sep	2.30pm	Girls' 1st XI Hockey v Lord Wandsworth College	H
Wed 26 Sep	2.30pm	Boys' 1st XI Football v Lord Wandsworth College	H
Wed 26 Sep	2.45pm	Girls' 1st XI Hockey v Hampshire Collegiate	H
Wed 26 Sep	4.30pm	Girls' U15 Hockey v KES Witley	A
Wed 26 Sep	4.15pm	Girls' U14 Hockey v Hampshire Collegiate	A

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.

Yours,



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Head of Bedales

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