

Saturday Bulletin

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Memorable Bedales Dance Performs



By Max Berger, 6.2

On 6 March, Bedales Dance students performed their annual dance show, which this year included incredible performances from the top year students all the way to Block 3s. Accompanied by a fascinating variation of music, whether it was from the early 1900s or in the classic Spanish style guitar, all the dancers embodied the time period and themes with high energy and strong emotion. Gripping solo performances from 6.2 students such as Elina, Mila and Darcy had the audience captivated and debut performances from dancers in the younger years left audiences impressed with the way they balance stagecraft and narrative. It was a great year for the dancers, as, while many performed their final memorable dances at Bedales, others have proved to show much potential and provide an excitement for more beautiful performances to come in the future. See photos from Bedales Dance Performs [here](#).

Sixth Formers 'Brain Day' at Bedales



By Skye Hurwitz, 6.2 and Psychology Don

On 5 March, Sixth Form Psychology and Biology students attended a full day of lectures delivered by Dr Guy Sutton for 'Brain Day'. As the students delved into the realm of neuroscience, they grasped a sense of university life. Dr Sutton discussed studies of the brain, exposing the unimaginable intricacy of the mind. The day commenced with a comprehensive explanation of the workings of the brain (brain anatomy down to synaptic transmission) and ended with an interactive dissection of a sheep brain. The day culminated with a discussion about the future of 'neuro-bionics' (brain engineering) and the controversy regarding its implications for society. Will our children be asking for brain implants for Christmas? Guy Sutton portrayed the enigmatic nature of the human mind and brain, which left the audience itching for more.

Reminder: Invitation to Extended Project Exhibition – 21 March



By Al McConville, Director of Learning and Innovation

A host of 6.1s are currently putting the finishing touches to the wide variety of [Extended Projects](#). This is in preparation for one of the most heartening evenings of the year – the Extended Project Expo – to which you are warmly invited. Films, plays, dissertations, artefacts in all their glory. Project teams will be showcasing their efforts in the Library on Thursday 21 March between 7.30-9pm. Come and see the fabulous range of interests that 6.1s have been pursuing for the past two terms. It's Bedalian education at its best, I promise! For an idea of what to expect, find out more about Extended Projects [here](#) and see photos from last year's exhibition [here](#).

Reducing food waste

By Paul Turner, Head of Geography

Thanks to a Bedales Parents' Association bid, both Bedales and Dunhurst have begun weighing the food waste scraped from people's plates following each meal. By measuring and communicating the amount of waste we create, the hope is for us to begin reducing the overall amount we throw away and ultimately become a more sustainable community. At the moment, it is estimated Bedales throws away around 80kg of food each day. Much of this food waste is then sorted by hand and put through a macerator into the main sewerage system – a practice banned in Scotland.

Save our seas

By Laurence Johari, Block 5

Over the last half term, Block 5 Geography students researched the different ways humans are impacting on the ocean including plastic pollution, overfishing and climate change. Students were then tasked with creating a piece of persuasive media which was designed to inform and influence a real world audience. Many of the students' creations can be seen in Bedales Reception. I chose to create a live performance rap which I then made into a music video. My song included lyrics such as "We as humans destroying the ocean, We as humans causing a commotion". Other students chose to create sculptures and mini documentaries as creative responses to the task.

More Old Bedalian music industry success

Another week and another piece of news about an Old Bedalian and Rock Show alumni to share. Leah Mason – who attended both Dunhurst and Bedales, and left in 2009 – released her long-awaited debut EP, *The Tearoom*, last week. Leah, who performs under the moniker Minke, released the EP following the success of her internet hit, *Gold Angel*, which has been streamed over 15 million times since its release in 2017. The EP was produced by Grammy nominated Rory Andrew, who also attended Bedales. Leah is now set to play SXSW in Austin, US, this month and will return to London to play at the Scala alongside US Band X Ambassadors in April. Listen to Leah's new EP online [here](#).

Eckersley Lecture 14 May – invitation for parents

By Emily Seeber, Head of Sciences

The Periodic Table is the ubiquitous symbol of Chemistry, seen in classrooms and lecture halls throughout the world. But it is also an undeniable testament to human achievement in either discovering order within the world around us or imposing order on the chaotic universe, depending on your perspective. This year is the International Year of the Periodic Table, and so this year's Eckersley Lecture on 14 May will be given by Dr Peter Wothers of the University of Cambridge: Chemistry Teaching Fellow, expert in the History of Chemistry, as well as author of numerous books. Peter is highly in demand as a speaker, and his Royal Institution Christmas lecture, *The Modern Alchemist*, is a masterclass in balancing stimulating subject matter with well-timed explosions! Peter has been awarded an MBE for services to Chemistry for his outreach work. More recently, Peter has curated an [exhibition on the Periodic Table](#) at St Catherine's College, Cambridge, which is open until 5 April. Tickets to the Eckersley Lecture are free; book via Bedales Events [here](#).

Bedales blog – Encouraging lifelong interest in sport



By Spencer Leach, Director of Sport

In 2017 a survey by Women in Sport found that only 56% of girls in secondary school enjoyed participating in sport compared with 71% of boys, and only 45% of girls saw the relevance of PE to their lives against 60% of boys. The gender split is worrying, but in truth none of these figures are good enough – at Bedales, we want all students to leave the school having enjoyed sport in some way, and minded to continue some kind of participation in their adult lives. Something I think we've done particularly well at Bedales is to help students who have arrived feeling that sport isn't for them to find something they enjoy. No matter the student, they will always get a warm reception from us, and we will try to find something for them that is suited to their abilities and preferences – for various reasons. [Read more...](#)

Sports update:

By Spencer Leach, Director of Sport – U17 Basketball v Leighton Park – Bedales U17 basketball team proved what an exciting team we have ready to step into the shoes of our 6.2 players. A really impressive team performance against Leighton Park led to a comfortable win after deadlock at halftime. The standout contribution was the second half 12 point streak of Lok Radcliffe that put the game beyond the opposition.

By Kevin Boniface, Head of Hockey – First XI Hockey v Kings' School, Winchester – With a serious bout of unavailability, the hockey was heavily affected on Wednesday. However, the Bedales hockey community rallied together and raised a side to travel away to Kings' School, Winchester. The high level of unavailability created a unique opportunity and for the first time there was a school side that had a representative from every single year group, Block 3 through to 6.2. With this mixed side, the team put in an impressive performance, with incredible work rate, energy and a real team spirit. Having gone behind twice in the game, Bedales fought their way back onto equal terms with goals from Sam Pemberton and Oscar Amis, the former being particularly impressive on the ball and pulling the strings from the middle of the pitch. However, as the game progressed it was perhaps inevitable that the Bedales side, only having the bare 11, began to tire. Despite some outstanding saves from goalkeeper Anthony White, Kings' finished with a flurry of goals to deservedly end the game as winners.

Train times for boarders

Saturday 16 March – leave Petersfield 13.57 (next train 14.18), arriving Waterloo at 15.14 (15.27)

Sunday 17 March – leave Waterloo 19.30 arriving Petersfield 20.46

Coming up

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

For parents / students

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

19 Mar, [Exhibitioner Concert](#), Lupton Hall

20 & 21 Mar, [BAC Scripted Performances](#), Theatre

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)

21 Mar, Extended Project Expo, 7.30pm (see separate write-up above)

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

23 Mar, Bedales Parents' Association AGM, Lupton Hall, 11.00am (see Notes)

24 Mar, Block 3 Parents' Dinner in the Dining Hall, 7pm

27-28 Mar, [Student Directed Performances](#), Theatre

29 Mar, Spring term ends, 3.30pm

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

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

11 May, ['Badley Behaved' Dog Show and Fete](#)

12 May, [Youth Dance Platform](#), Theatre

14 May, [Eckersley Lecture](#), Theatre

For students

16-17 Mar, All-in weekend: BAC Scripted (Drama and Theatre Studies)

16-17 Mar, Design 6.2 Open Workshop

18 Mar, 6.1 Biology trip to Kew Gardens

18 Mar, Petersfield Music Festival rehearsal and performance

21 Mar, Communion Service, Steep Church

22 Mar, Politics talk with Clare Moriarty, Permanent Secretary, DEFRA

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 19 Mar	2.00pm	Girls' 1st Netball Fastnet Tournament at Seaford	A
Tue 19 Mar	2.30pm	Boys' U15A Basketball v The Royal School	H
Wed 20 Mar	1.45pm	Boys' 1st XI Hockey v Lord Wandsworth College	A
Wed 20 Mar	4.30pm	Boys' U14 Hockey v Ditcham Park	H
Tue 26 Mar	1.30pm	Girls' U14A Netball Tournament at Hampshire Collegiate	A
Tue 26 Mar	2.30pm	Boys' U14 Hockey v St Edmunds	H
Wed 27 Mar	1.45pm	Boys' U16 Hockey v Lord Wandsworth College	A
Wed 27 Mar	2.45pm	Boys' U14 Hockey v Lord Wandsworth College	A
Wed 27 Mar	4.30pm	Girls' U16A Netball v Chucher's College	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.

BPA AGM: The Bedales Parents' Association (BPA) AGM will be held on Saturday 23 March at 11am in the Lupton Hall. The meeting is open to all parents from all three schools – do come along to hear what the BPA has been doing in 2018/19 and what the plans are for 2019/20. Magnus will be sharing his thoughts on the future development of both the BPA and Friends of Bedales/Dunhurst/Dunannie committees, plus there will be an open BPA related Q&A session. The meeting will conclude by 1pm at the latest. If you would like to attend, you are kindly asked to RSVP to Wendy Hudson at whudson@bedales.org.uk.

Yours,



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Head of Bedales

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