

Saturday Bulletin

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Bedales concert in London on 28 February - Invitation to parents



Bedales musicians are preparing to perform at a lunchtime concert of vocal and instrumental music, which will take place at St Luke's Church, Chelsea, on Thursday 28 February at 1pm. The concert, which is open to all, provides an opportunity to hear a wide variety of music. There will be performances from the Bedales chamber choir singing Durante's short but exciting *Magnificat*; chamber music for piano, violin and cello; virtuosic soloists; and music from the jazz band, including tunes by Tower of Power and Jaco Pastorius. There will also be original songs by our talented singer-songwriters and an opportunity to join in singing with our young musicians. The concert will be preceded by a buffet reception at 12pm. If you would like to attend, please contact Jo Alldridge (tel: 01730 711569, or email: admissions@bedales.org.uk).

Block 4's work to be performed in Liverpool



Congratulations to Block 4 student Freya Hannan-Mills, whose original script, *Swallow*, is to be performed at the Everyman Theatre in Liverpool on 26 January (tickets available [here](#)) as part of their [Scratch Morning](#) series. Following the performance at the Everyman, *Swallow* will be further developed for the [John Thaw Initiative](#) at the Tristan Bates Theatre in London from 27-28 February (tickets available [here](#)). This is the latest in a string of accolades for Freya's script, which was also [selected to be performed in London](#) last year. Meanwhile, Freya has also recently been named as a finalist in the [Frank Moran Young Writers Award](#), with the winner set to be revealed at a ceremony at the Athenaeum in partnership with the Liverpool Echo and BBC Radio Merseyside.

Bedales Geography teacher awarded prestigious fellowship



In recognition of the innovative Geography Bedales Assessed Course, Bedales' Head of Geography [Paul Turner](#) has been awarded membership of a prestigious Curriculum Planning Working Group through the [Fawcett Fellowship](#) offered jointly by the UCL Department of Geography and the Institute of Education. The working group will meet on a termly basis and look to link theory with practice at different levels of planning. Fawcett Fellows are committed to the value of contemporary geographical knowledge and a dynamic curriculum with a view to stimulating pupils' interest in the subject and capacity for thinking geographically. As a Fawcett Fellow, Paul will contribute to classroom-led research in order to evaluate how curricular aims are translated into pupils' capabilities in geography. [Read more...](#)

A Fortunate Man review



By Max Berger, 6.2

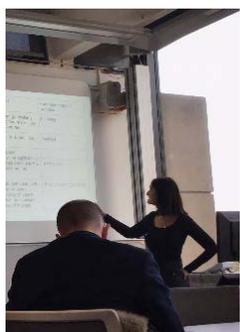
A Fortunate Man: The Story of a Country Doctor, a book written by John Berger and photographed by Jean Mohr, was performed on Monday in the Lupton Hall and was received wonderfully. Adapted into a political drama by writer and theatre-maker [Michael Pinchbeck](#), the production told the story of country doctor John Sassall. While the play focused on the life of the doctor, it also included images and recorded quotes of both John Berger and Jean Mohr, mirroring their lives in comparison to Sassall's and educated the audience on the lives of the three men. Having had the wonderful pleasure of meeting John when I was 14, I was lucky enough to experience his kind, gentle and wise character, and even enjoyed listening to him read aloud a story he had written when he was 16. This performance was a beautiful reminder of John's kind nature and talent in storytelling, and was performed by two excellent actors, who told the story of *A Fortunate Man* with pride and did great justice to the book.

Students learning through partnership

By Lettie Verdon-Roe, 6.2, Head Girl

On Wednesday, Head Students, Ollie van Hoeken and I, visited The Petersfield School (TPS) for the second three schools' meeting of Bohunt, Bedales and TPS. It was good to meet again with the other Head Students/School Council representatives and it was a really productive meeting as we already all knew each other. We discussed mental health and pastoral care and how we can learn from each other, specifically looking at the different support in each school to help student wellbeing and to combat anxiety and depression. We shared the different approaches to supporting young people, as well as each school's existing platforms. We discussed how to deal with high levels of anxiety in exam years by helping to find alternative solutions to help students manage exam stress such as mindfulness and exercise. [Read more...](#)

Rethinking the science education landscape



By Emily Seeber, Head of Sciences

Last Thursday and Friday, I took a trip to the University of Birmingham to take part in the Association for Science Educators National Conference, which is the largest gathering of science educators in Europe. I was giving two talks at the event. The first was entitled 'Reinventing the Chemistry Practical', which gave chemistry teachers tools to allow students to lead their own practical work and end the monotonous recipe-book practicals which dominate the science education landscape (in other schools!) The second was a workshop on 'Planning a Progressive Practical Curriculum', sharing the principles used to design the varied, purposeful and coherent practical curriculum at Bedales. It was inspiring as ever to speak to other educators about how we can support students so they can take advantage of a rapidly changing technological world. I look forward to sharing more of the great work happening in Bedales Sciences in future. [Read more...](#)

Bedales events coming up



The [Bedales Events](#) season continues next week with the [Natalie Williams Band](#) (Thursday 24 January, 7.30pm, Theatre). One of the UK's most endearing and popular soul/jazz artists, singer-songwriter Natalie has seven critically acclaimed albums under her belt and a dedicated following across the globe. For the last 11 years, Natalie has had a monthly residency at Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club, selling out regularly and playing to over 40,000 very enthusiastic soul fans over throughout. Book tickets, priced £16 (£14 for concessions), [here](#). Meanwhile, the UK's premier improv comedy troupe [The Noise Next Door](#) will be bringing their brand new, full length, evening show, *Remix*, to Bedales (Wednesday 30 January, 7.30pm, Theatre). As eight time sell-out veterans of the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and one of the country's most sought after comedy club headliners, The Noise Next Door leave audiences everywhere in awe of their lightning-quick wit and original comedic talents. Book tickets, priced £14 (£12 concessions), [here](#).

Bedales blog – Next chapter in the story of creation

By Alice McNeill, Head of Partnerships, Initial Teacher Training, Academic Tracking and EPQs

This article was originally published in the TES on 21 December 2018.

Too often, when we think of creativity, we think of coloured pencils or a mind-boggling array of Post-it notes; we mentally interchange creativity and originality, or creativity and innovation. But creativity should be better defined in education – because I do believe that it's the missing ingredient. I also think a creative education is the remedy to a great number of problems with our system, but creativity's proper definition, "the ability or power to create, to make something", has to be at its heart. The only way to futureproof education is to place more value on creativity. It is a truth almost universally acknowledged among educators, especially since educationalist Sir Ken Robinson's famous TED Talk on the subject in 2006, that creativity should be as important as literacy and numeracy in schools. "It is education that is supposed to take us into this future which we cannot yet grasp," he said. [Read more...](#)

Sports update: Good starts to season for boys' hockey and girls' netball

By Kevin Boniface, Head of Hockey – Boys' 1st XI Hockey v Bohunt – On Wednesday the boys' 1st XI hockey team travelled away to Bohunt for their first fixture of the season. The team remained relatively unchanged from last season; a new full back partnership of Toby Fairs and Finn Wilkins, along with a new role for Jack Cecil in at centre half were the only real changes. It was therefore slightly disappointing to see the high number of turnovers in the game. However, the Bedales side played with intensity and an attacking mindset, which was what was asked of them before the game. This was sometimes to the detriment of choosing the right passing option, but they ended up dominating attacking possession and two excellent individual goals from Loet Brouwer and a solid finish from Trumble Outhwaite ensured the Bedales side came away with the win. An increase in precision when in attacking possession and avoiding carrying the ball into 'trouble' will be the target for the team as they travel away to play Peter Symonds College next week.



By Chloe Nicklin, Teacher of PE – *Senior Triangular Fixture v Merewether High School (Australia) & The Royal School* – A fantastic afternoon of netball with Bedales hosting a triangular senior fixture, with oppositions from both home and abroad. Even with the cold and drizzly conditions, Bedales were in good spirits and put in great performances. Merewether High School – a touring Australian school – weren't so keen on the weather conditions! However, this didn't seem to affect their game play which demonstrated high levels of determination and some good skill. The senior matches were competitive all afternoon, seeing close scoring matches, especially between Bedales and The Royal School. Most Valuable Player (MVP) for the first team was Maddie Jeffreys and Cheska Moufarrige for 2nds. Other key mentions include the excellent defence from Charlotte Whiteside, Livvy Edgeworth and Maddy Upton. The results of the triangular are as follows: 1st Team - 1 win; 2nd Team - 2 wins.



U14A Netball v The Royal School – The U14s had a fantastic start to their season, gelling extremely well. The first quarter against The Royal School was greatly contested, ending the quarter 1-1. However, this tussle soon ended with Bedales gaining a comfortable lead and winning 19-6. MVPs were Lally and Millie Harris. Other mentions include Clemmie Pike for her relentless energy and making numerous interceptions as Wing Defence, as well as Ellen Wilson for her great vision playing the ball into the circle. Brilliant start to the season!

Train times for boarders

Saturday 19 January – leave Petersfield 13.58 (next train 14.18), arriving Waterloo at 15.14 (15.27)

Sunday 20 January – leave Waterloo 19.30, arriving Petersfield 20.40

Coming up

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

For parents / students

19 Jan, BPA Meeting in the Reading Room

25 Jan, FoBs Tea & Coffee in the Reading Room

25 Jan, Block 5 Enrichment Fair and Parents' Meeting

25-27 Jan, Long leave weekend

29 Jan, Bedales Art and Music Scholarships (internal candidates)

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

23 Jan, [Music Scholars' Concert](#), Lupton Hall

24 Jan, [Natalie Williams Band](#), Theatre

30 Jan, [The Noise Next Door](#), Theatre

6-8 Feb, [Bedales Rock Show](#), Theatre (Tickets still available on Wednesday, and limited on Thursday)

26 Feb, [Luke Jermay: Intuition](#), Theatre

28 Feb, London Concert, St Luke's Church, Chelsea – all parents welcome, Reception from midday. Book via Jo Allridge, tel: 01730 711569; email: admissions@bedales.org.uk.

For students

19 Jan, 6.2 trip to Dorset

19-20 Jan, Block 5 BAC Dance All-in Weekend

19-20 Jan, Fashion Design BAC All-in Weekend

25 – 28 Jan, Economics/Business Studies trip to Prague

2-3 Feb, Rock Show All-in Weekend

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 22 Jan	2.30pm	Boys' U15A Rugby Sevens v The Royal School	A
Tue 22 Jan	2.30pm	Boys' U14A Rugby Sevens v KES Witley	A
Wed 23 Jan	2.30pm	Boys' 1st XI Hockey v Peter Symonds College	A
Wed 23 Jan	2.30pm	Boys' U16 Hockey v Hampshire Collegiate School	A
Wed 23 Jan	2.30pm	Girls' 1st & 2nd Netball v Ryde	H
Wed 23 Jan	3.45pm	Boys' U14 Hockey v Bohunt	A
Tue 29 Jan	2.30pm	Boys' U15 Basketball v St Edmund's 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). For on-the-day absence of day students, please email bedalesabsence@bedales.org.uk. Thank you for your assistance.

Cambridge offers: Congratulations to the Bedalians who received offers from the University of Cambridge on Monday: Hanna Brown (Japanese, Emmanuel College, Cambridge); Finlay Smith (Japanese, Emmanuel College, Cambridge); Saul Barrett (English, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge); Scarlett Croft (English, Homerton College, Cambridge); and Nancy Powell (Theology and Religion, Oriel College, Cambridge).

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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