

Saturday Bulletin

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Welcome to the first Saturday Bulletin of the school year – emailed weekly to parents

Awe and wonder on Iceland Geography trip



By Paul Turner, Head of Geography

Only a short flight from London takes you to Reykjavik, capital city of Iceland, a place which feels a million miles from the landscape and culture of England. In the first week of the summer holiday, nearly 30 Block 4 geographers headed out to explore the awe and wonder of Iceland. The once in a lifetime trip involved swimming in geothermally heated pools at the Blue Lagoon and climbing one of the most recent volcanic eruptions at Eldfell on the island of Heimaey. The trip also saw students reflect critically on Iceland's twist on the Nordic dream, their intimacy with nature and the impact of almost 24 hours of daylight in the summer. With over one million tourists each year, the trip also involved students questioning how sustainable tourism is for Iceland and seeing first hand its impact on the people and environment.

Student showjumping success



Congratulations to Tomer Ziv (6.1), who won first place in the Longines Global Champions Tour CS1* 1.15m Grand Prix for International Showjumping in Paris in July. Despite showjumping professionally for only three years, Tomer competed against rides of all ages in the Grand Prix, fending off competition from multi-national adult professional riders to scoop the €4,000 prize. His success came just three weeks after his last victory, when he took part in the Longines Global Champions Tour in Cannes and secured a win with less than a one-second lead in the final round. Both victories were made possible by the teamwork of Tomer and his horse, Chaska II, a ten-year-old HANN chestnut mare that Tomer had only been riding for a few months. See video [here](#).

Paddling the Thames with Duke of Edinburgh



By Paul Turner, Teacher in charge of Duke of Edinburgh Award

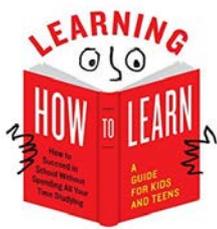
The Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award is a key component of the varied and extensive co-curricular provision at Bedales. In the final week of the summer term, ten 6.1 students heroically set out on an arduous and challenging expedition along 125km of the Thames travelling by canoe. Navigating numerous locks and other river boats each day, the groups successfully completed the Gold DofE Practice Expedition, camping and cooking their own food each day. The students found the experience tough but also relaxing, as well as a great opportunity to share experiences with friends. Canoeing is now a staple of the Gold DofE programme and in the future we're looking to run expeditions further afield. Watch the video of the recent expedition [here](#). More on DofE [here](#).

New season for Bedales Events

By Amanda Brewer and the Bedales Events team

Kate Adie is a news correspondent and a household name, having reported from disasters and conflicts around the globe throughout her 35-year career. Simon Armitage is an award-winning poet, playwright and songwriter. What do they both have in common? They are both visiting us at the Bedales Theatre as part of the new season of Bedales Events. The autumn programme of events, which includes speakers, dance, drama and music performances, kicks off on 11 September with [The Flop](#): a slightly rude, hilarious slice of silliness set in Paris in 1650, where impotence is illegal and a member of the aristocracy is accused of being less than upstanding. [Simon Armitage](#) then comes to Bedales on 13 September to read from a range of his work and take questions from the audience. If you haven't already booked, be quick – demand has been high and only a few tickets remain. [Read more...](#)

Learning how to learn



Congratulations to Bedales Director of Learning and Innovation, Al McConville, on the publication of a new book in August. Al co-authored *Learning How to Learn: How to Succeed in School Without Spending All Your Time Studying* with esteemed US academics Professor Barbara Oakley (Oakland University) and Professor Terrence Sejnowski (Salk Institute for Biological Studies). Filled with illustrations, application questions and exercises, the book is described as “a fun, practical book about how to help your kids build the most important skill in life... the skill of learning”. [Find out more](#), read the [TES book review](#), Al's recent [interview with Ni4kids](#), or [buy a copy](#) of the book.

Teacher exhibiting art

New Head of Art, Daniel Preece, is exhibiting at two locations in Cornwall in September. Daniel, who is also a practising artist of 25 years, is taking part in a three-man show at the Tregony Gallery, near Truro. The three artists involved – Daniel, Mark Dunford and David Wiseman – are all members of the prestigious artist collective, the London Group. The three are also taking part in a London Group exhibition at the Penwith Gallery in St Ives. The exhibition features painting, drawing, photography, mixed-media, print, 3D and a video show reel. The London Group came out of the Camden Town Group and was set up in 1913 by 32 artists including Walter Sickert, Jacob Epstein, Wyndham Lewis and David Bomberg, with the aim of creating a powerful artist-run group to act as a counter-balance to institutions such as the Royal Academy. The founding group created a unique structure for an organisation, and has gone on to successfully nurture the careers of many of Britain's best-known artists. [Read more...](#)

Great South – why not run (or sponsor)?

By Rob Reynolds, Director of External Relations

Following last year's success, Bedales runners are entering the Great South Run on 20/21 October. We are still looking for more parents, pupils, staff and Old Bedalians to join in the 5 km or 10 mile runs; all members of the school community and friends are welcome - and as extra incentive, you get a special Bedales running shirt. A list of runners is [here](#). We are raising funds for two charities: [Cecily's Fund](#) - enabling Zambian orphans and vulnerable children to gain an education, and the [John Badley Foundation](#) - providing transformational opportunities for children to attend Dunhurst and Bedales on full bursaries. The main 10 mile race is on the Sunday, with the junior and 5k events the day before. Parents can accompany their children in the mini event. Entry fees vary depending on the race (enter [here](#)). We are very grateful for the support of [The Country House Company](#) and [Pledgit](#) which means the first £1000 raised will be matched. Find out [more about the run](#), and if you can, please donate [here](#).

Bedales blog – a school with a mission

By Magnus Bashaarat, Head of Bedales

“The past is a foreign country, they do things differently there.” The opening line to LP Hartley's 1953 novel, *The Go Between*, is often used to explain change; behaviour, mores, fashion will all change over time, and perhaps the link between present and past will not be obvious or clear. Clare Jarmy, shared with me a copy of a 1962 guide to public schools that included a long, detailed and erudite summary of Bedales. The decade of dramatic social change was about to happen, but England in 1962 was still a rather austere, monochrome and insecure place. But what is evident from the review written by HB Jacks (the initials, rather than first name, bear out the austerity stiffness of post-war England), is that the essential differences of Bedales, the founding principles John Badley handed on to successive generations of Bedalians and successive Heads, were there in 1962, and still as present today. The title of Henry Newbolt's famous poem, *Vitae Lampada*, rather than the poem itself (easy to learn, hard to forget) springs to mind. Taken itself from Lucretius, I feel strongly that ‘the torch of life’ has been passed by Keith to me, and I now have to do the running. Read [more](#).

Sports update: Boys' pre-season football

By Spencer Leach, Director of Sport

The boys' 1st XI pre-season game against RGS Guildford proved a great way to ease back into the football season. Bedales surrendered the majority of possession in the early encounters but always looked threatening on the break and it was Bedales who went into the lead after a close range finish from Finn Mason. RGS pushed hard and gained a deserved equaliser that set up a tense final 10 minutes but honours remained even.

Girls practised their hockey skills ready for the start of fixtures next week.

Train times for boarders

Sat 8 Sep – leave Petersfield 13.54 (next train 14.18), arrive Waterloo 15.15 (next train 15.29) – note revised timetable due to planned industrial action

Sun 9 Sep – leave Waterloo 19.28, arrive Petersfield 20.37

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

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

11 Sep, Drama production: [The Flop](#), Theatre, 7.30pm

13 Sep, [Simon Armitage](#), Theatre, 7.30pm

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

For students

12 Sep, Sixth Form Show - workshop

12 Sep, Music: Merry Evening in the Lupton Hall

14-16 Sep, Block 5 Silver DofE Qualifying Expedition

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

22 Sep, Badley Day

Sport (parents welcome)

Link to Bedales sport portal is [here](#). 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 11 Sep	1pm	Boys' U14 & U15 Football 6-a-side tournament at Ditcham Park	A
Wed 12 Sep	2.30pm	Boys' U16 Football v Salesian College	A
Wed 12 Sep	2.30pm	Boys' 1st XI Football v Salesian College	H
Wed 12 Sep	4.30pm	Girls' U15 Hockey v Priorsfield	A
Wed 12 Sep	4.30pm	Girls' 1st XI Hockey v Portsmouth High School	H
Fri 14 Sep	3.30pm	Boys' U16 Football v Meoncross	H
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

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,



Magnus Bashaarat

Head of Bedales

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