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DORTER HOUSE WINS HOUSE MUSIC FOR SECOND YEAR

The Inter-House Music Competition on Friday 4 October saw the Bede's Sports Complex packed to the rafters and alive with soaring choruses, thrashing electric guitars and thunderous applause.

This was the second year in which the girls' Houses took the lead, with the boys' Houses acting in support and, in some cases, split between Bloomsbury, Crossways, Dorter and Charleston.

The overall format changed slightly for this year's Abba-themed competition, as each House was required to put forward a Soloist in addition to their entries for the traditional Big Song, Small Choir and House Band categories.

Each House brought passion, gusto and verve to their respective entries, with breath-taking ensemble and individual performances prompting cascades of applause from fellow House members and the rest of

the School body.

In the Big Song, Dorter House won, aided in their task by some spectacular costumes and dance-routines from Personal Tutors. For the Small Choir category, Bloomsbury took the prize, Best House Band went to the Crossways/Dicker/Stud team and in the Solo category Charleston won deservedly with some breath-taking Chopin care of Dicker House pupil Lazar Liebenberg.

After the points were tallied across all the categories it was Dorter House who claimed the prize for Overall Winner - a victory which Housemaster Mr Leggett declared was, "one of the highlights of the year - and that's knowing that there is still so much to come for Dorter this term, let alone in 2014!"

To see a huge range of photographs from the evening, and to read accounts by students from all ten Day and Boarding Houses, please visit bedes.org

MR TUSON LAUNCHES ACADEMIC BLOG

Bede's Academic Deputy Head Mr Tuson has launched a blog, the first entry of which discusses Bede's League Table ranking and much more besides. **Read the blog at bedes.org/senior-school/academic**



KELLIE LARKIN ON PLAYING FOR ENGLAND

Bede's girls' Football scholar and Lower Sixth pupil Kellie Larkin has already played in two tournaments for England this year.

Read about Kellie's hopes for the rest of 2013 on bedes.org



DICKER HOUSE QUIZ RAISES £500 FOR G.E.P.

In one of the first House Charity events of the year, Dicker House managed to raise over £500 for the Ghana Education Project during a quiz and raffle night. **Read a full account of the event at bedes.org/senior-school/pastoral/dicker-house**

BLOOMSBURY BAKE SALE RAISES OVER £250 FOR MACMILLAN CANCER CARE



Friday 27 September saw mountains of baked goods, home-made from all ages of students within Bloomsbury, sold at Bede's, raising over £250 for Macmillan Cancer Care.

The occasion was organised by Prefects Ana Walters-Woodhead, Bryony Wallace and Jess Bass, with the entire Bloomsbury team and others helping throughout the day. Bloomsbury Prefect Rowan Lewis said of the day, "We would like to thank everyone at Bede's for their support. Hopefully we can bring a little happiness back into the lives of those affected by cancer."

Read a full account of the day at bedes.org/senior-school/pastoral/bloomsbury-house

EQUESTRIAN SUCCESS FOR MOLLIE FREEMAN



On Sunday 29 September, Bede's student Mollie Freeman competed on her horse Titan II in the National Schools Equestrian Association Dressage Qualifier at Mayfield School, winning both of her classes.

Having won the Riding Club Championships just three weeks previously, Mollie was really feeling the pressure to keep up the standard - especially as this was her first Dressage Qualifier for Bede's. Well done Mollie!

Read more about Bede's successful equestrians at bedes.org/senior-school/co-curricular/sport/equestrian

MEDIA, FILM AND DT STUDENTS TOUR HARRY POTTER STUDIOS



On October 1st 2013, a cohort of 30 GCSE and A Level Media, Film Studies and Design Technology students travelled to Watford to take a look at the craftsmanship that went into the making of the largest film franchise of all time: Harry Potter.

Included in the tour were visits to the recreated and restored sets of Diagon Alley, Harry's bedroom, the Night Bus and the Potions Room, with pupils also able to spend time looking over many of the props, wigs, cos-

tumes and books they had seen on screen. GCSE Media student Harvey Cole said of the tour, "Something I personally became aware of whilst there was the extraordinary amount of detail imbued into every last item.

"Elven encryptions into the 17,000 wands in Ollivanders Wand Shop," continued Harvey, "the faint scribbles in Tom Riddle's Diary and the scuffed glory of the Triwizard Cup... every last item was accessible and full of information exclusive to the studio."

With innumerable curators on hand, the pupils were able to learn about not only the actors, directors and producers of the films but also the editors, chefs, animal management staff, teachers, lawyers, writers, cameramen and hundreds more.

"I developed a sense of awe and pure respect for the thousands of people who spent 10 years of their lives creating what we know as Harry Potter. The legacy of these craftsmen and women will continue long into the future."

To read Harvey's full account of the trip, please visit bedes.org/senior-school/academic/media-and-film-studies

BONNETS AND BENNETS: SIXTH FORMERS VISIT JANE AUSTEN'S HOME

During the first week of October, a group of A Level English students travelled to the village of Chawton to visit the modest home of Jane Austen - and the rather more stately one belonging to her brother, Edward.

Aside from a spot of dressing up, the students sampled quills and handled period artefacts including an ear wax spoon, snuff box and fine china.

They explored a small spinet, the winding corridors of the homes and series of snug rooms. Anna Moody, one of the Sixth Formers who took part in the visit, said of the two properties, "The clearly male-dominated society of the time ensured Jane's brother Edward's possession of the splendid mansion on the hill, while she and her mother 'amused themselves' in their humble abode down the lane." Browsing the shelves of Edward Austen's library, Anna said, "it was far too easy to feel



more than a little under-read!"

The day ended with the students learning the steps of a regency dance, thumped out by the students.

"No smelling salts were required," said Anna. "It was an altogether delightful day!"

To read Anna's description of day, which is written in the style of the much-loved author, please visit bedes.org/senior-school/academic/english

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DR DAWSON IS NOT YOUR AVERAGE PHYSICS TEACHER



This photo was taken, and this interview written, by Bede's student Zoe Cauvin who has been learning journalism skills during the new Bede's Correspondents' Club activity.

Doctor of Astrophysics Steve Dawson has returned to Bede's this year to become the new Head of Sixth Form Physics. Well travelled and friendly, he is not your average Physics teacher.

As a student, Dr Dawson admits to "not being as studious as (he) should have been" while at school, spending more time socialising with his friends, playing Football and Rugby rather than keeping his head buried in books. But his passion developed over time - not just for our world but for worlds beyond it.

After graduating from Sussex University, Dr Dawson then earned his PhD in Astrophysics in

Mexico. But why Mexico?

"Because they've got good telescopes!" he chuckles. "But it is also a very cool place to live. You should go to Mexico."

Anyone would expect a Doctor of Astrophysics to be a world-renowned research scientist however. So why teach?

"My desire to become a teacher comes from the love of Physics," he says. "That, and my passion for passing knowledge on to young adults."

He continues, adding, "Being a teacher is an important role in society. Being a research scientist would make me feel self-indulgent. It might give me more prestige, but I firmly believe that it is not as helpful to the world as being a teacher."

Returning to Bede's after a year teaching in Malawi, where the weather was much better but the conditions far less-so, Dr Dawson now hopes to keep inspiring Bede's students.

"I want to explore the newest and most exciting ideas in Physics with them," he says. After hearing his past, there seems little doubt in my mind that he will be successful.

To read more from the Bede's Correspondents' Club, please visit the Co-Curricular pages on bedes.org

CHARLESTON HOUSE FIRST YEARS BOND WHILE BOWLING

by Charlie Bransby-Zachary

A Charleston House First Year

On Tuesday 24th September the First Year Charleston girls went on a social bowling trip to get to know our new house members and bond with people we hadn't necessarily spent much time with yet.

The evening was a lot of fun - especially the opportunity to mix with girls that we were yet to get to know.

Personally, I found that I had a lot of similarities with people we hadn't expected to get along with.

The evening was a great chance to socialise with the rest of the First Years in Charleston and become more comfortable around each other.



Starting a new school with new people can be difficult, but this trip brought us all together and created a stronger sense of friendship between the girls in the House. Thank you to Mrs Von Riebeck for organising the event.

NATIONAL SUCCESSES CONTINUE FOR BEDE'S BAND 'HOW'S HARRY'



Bede's band 'How's Harry', which consists of current Upper Sixth students and 2013 leavers, is enjoying further successes after appearing on BBC 6 Music in April.

After returning to school from a series of summer gigs, Tom Davies and Ike Foulkes mastered the band's new E.P., 'The Letter', with reviews and features about the group having now appeared in magazines including Hilly Dilly, Daily Beat and France's Pausé Musicalé.

For all your 'How's Harry' news, including links to their music, and to buy tickets for upcoming gigs, please visit: facebook.com/HowsHarry

PUPILS ENJOY WORKSHOP WITH BERKOFF DISCIPLE



On Wednesday 2nd October, Upper Fifth Drama students had a workshop with George Dillon, a disciple of and frequent collaborator with Stephen Berkoff.

Mr Dillon helped the students in their work towards their final coursework performances, with the session involving exercises related to Berkoff's 'Total Theatre', including the use of physical theatre and mime in performance.

This supported the students work on Steven Berkoff's *Metamorphosis* and *Two*, which the pupils will be performing sections of in a closed performance on Monday 25th November at 7.15pm. **Parents are very welcome.**

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SPORT FOOTBALL

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A SLEW OF SUCCESSES AS SENIOR SEASON STARTS



This term has been as busy as ever on the football front. The Senior boys have been out in force every Saturday as well as training hard during the week and competing in various cup campaigns during the midweek.

The 1st XI started the season by trying to secure their third in a possible hat trick of wins in the ISFA National 6's competition. They came ever so close and made their 4th final on the trot but were unlucky to lose in extra time. Their run in this competition is unrivalled and hopefully they can give a good account of themselves again next year. The 1sts have also made good progress in their competition games, making their way so far through to the English Schools round three, as well as sitting pretty in the last 16 of the ISFA cup. They secured their passage to this stage with a rousing victory over rivals Charterhouse 5-2, and have only lost one game this term. Hopefully their growth and progress will continue through to Christmas.

Individual honours from the Seniors include

Christian Hutson, who again has made the Sussex U16 County Squad, Matthew Morrish, who made the Sussex County U18 squad as well as progressing through to the ISFA South representative side alongside Jacob Merrick.

The 2nd XI have also performed well so far this term and are working hard to develop as a side and push for 1st XI places. They have had a great result in the Sussex Cup, where they beat Hazelwick to move through to the last 16. The young players in this team, most notably Charlie Pugh, Ben Finch and Bertie Bextor, have really made the step up from last year's U15s and are putting in impressive performances week in, week out. There is also a strong work ethic and committed attitude amongst our 3rd and 4th XI teams. Mr Cook, Mr Dozagic, Mr Rimmington and Mr Oliver have been impressed with their performances and are looking forward to both those teams continuing their runs of success after half term.

David Leggett
Head of Football

DIARY DATES

CROSSWAYS HOUSE CHARITY FASHION SHOW

Friday 8 November at 7.00pm



CABARET

Saturday 23 November at 6.30pm



SCHOOL MUSICAL: *SWEET CHARITY*

4-7 December at 7.15pm



To book tickets to any of these events, please call the Bede's Box Office on +44(0)1323 843252

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