

REFLECTIVE BEDDE'S

Spring 2022



WOODLAND CREATION INITIATIVE

This term, we have started our tree planting initiative. As a community, we have pledged to plant 1,200 trees by the end of the Spring Term. A further 800 will be planted in the autumn.

The tree-planting initiative is the result of a generous donation from a former parent at the School. 2,000 trees are being planted as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative, as a celebration of the Platinum Jubilee this year. The initiative invites people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee".

The 2,000 trees being planted at the Senior School represent every pupil and staff member within the Trust, with the first 1,200 representing the pupils. There has also been a further 250 trees donated by parents within the Bede's community. This initiative provides both Senior School and Prep School pupils with the opportunity to contribute to a greener landscape, and leave behind something that will be a part of the Upper Dicker village forever.

The initial 1,200 trees are being delivered in several batches and include Field Maple, Wild Cherry, Silver Birch and Rowan. These specific trees were carefully selected after consulting with a local environmental services contractor. They provided a list of native Sussex trees that encourage birds, wildlife and berries. The bare root trees were acquired directly from English Woodlands.

This project has been brought to life by the Grounds team, who have thought carefully about the placement of the trees. They have ensured that a 3-metre radius for each tree to guarantee no overshadowing and the trees have all of the sunlight and space they need to grow. There has been a 12-metre island left in the centre of the trees which will eventually be home to a plaque to commemorate the tree planting experience of 2022.

The trees are being planted in batches of 400 at a time, giving every pupil the opportunity to plant a tree. The pupils have been writing their names and attaching them to their planted tree. They have been planted alongside biodegradable rabbit spirals. Already over the course of the last few weeks, the trees are coming into bud and bloom.



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NEW BOARDING HOUSE UPDATE

With only one term to go until the completion of our new boarding house, we investigated the latest progress of the new Dorms building.



There has been lots of progress this term on the new boarding house and it is really starting to come together. Sunninghill have been busy working hard to get the boarding house ready for completion in July. There are many tradespeople currently working on the new build including plumbers, electricians, painters, carpenters and more.

The roof is now finished, the building is water-tight, and the rooflights are installed. Sunninghill are currently drying all of the fresh plaster so that they can focus on the decorating aspects. There are over 200 doors to be installed! At the beginning of April, they will begin working on the exterior elements and hard landscaping such as paving.

When July rolls around, the completed building will be handed over to our Estates team, who will start work on soft landscaping such as planting and laying the lawn. Our team is working with a bespoke furniture company who will install made to measure, fitted beds and storage to each bedroom.

The House staff are working with the Estates team on the furniture required for the main breakout rooms, the main atrium and matrons' offices. They will also complete the house with finishing touches including mirrors, art work, coat hooks - all the things that will make it homely for its first occupants in September!

CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday 22 March, the whole school took part in cross country! It was a beautifully sunny day and everyone worked as a team to earn points for their houses. There were some fantastic performances! Here are the top three times from each category:

Senior Boys:

1	Benedict Noon	Knights	00:15:01
2	Ellison Venter-Rathbone	Deis	00:16:01
3	Michael Blight	Camberlot	00:16:56



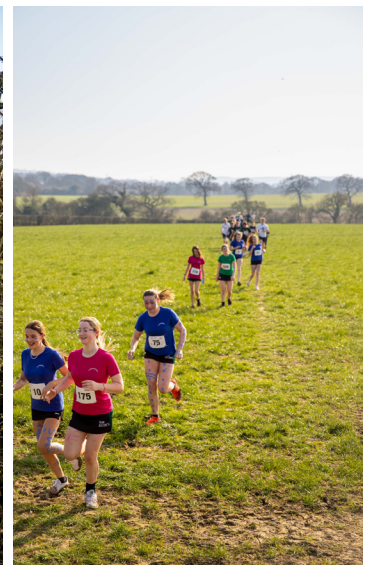
Senior Girls:

1	Maddy Baldwin-Charles	Dorter	00:17:19
2	Mollie Barrett	Crossways	00:21:16
3	Lily Ferguson	Dorter	00:21:21



Junior Boys:

1	Oliver Charman	Stud	00:17:40
2	Ryan Young	Dorms	00:17:41
3	Jack Barraclough	Stud	00:17:56



Junior Girls:

1	Lola Brown	Bloomsbury	00:17:30
2	Eliza Hutchison	Charleston	00:20:36
3	Imogen Beale	Charleston	00:22:26



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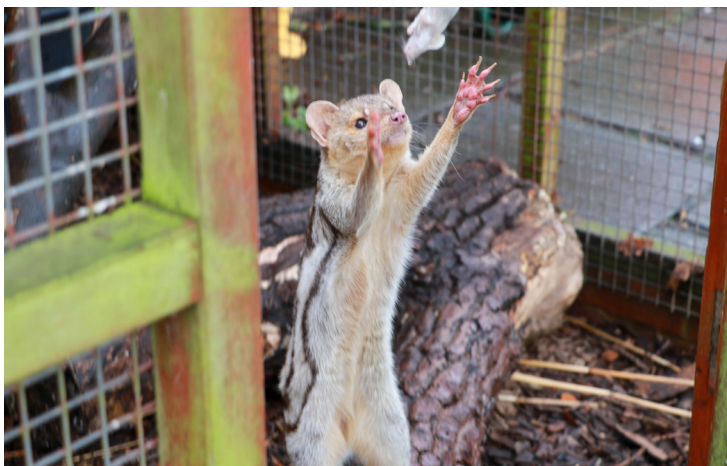
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ZOO: NEW ARRIVALS

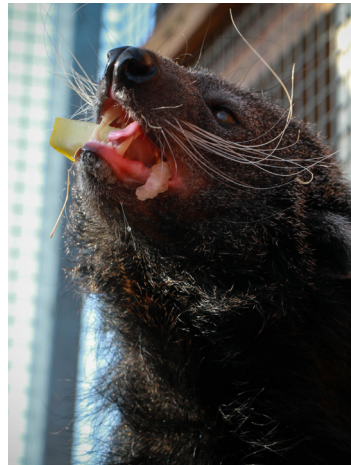
Madagascan Giant Striped Mongooses

It has been a busy term at the Zoo! Four mongooses arrived in February who seem to have settled into their new life in Upper Dicker. We have three confident, energetic boys and one slightly more shy girl (who only has three legs). There is estimated to be just 2,000 - 5,000 in the world and only 16-18 in captivity, so we are very lucky to have them!



Binturongs

Since our Binturongs (Bede and Bella) arrived in December 2021, they have grown quite a bit! Binturongs are also known as 'bearcats'. We visited them recently when Bede was just tucking into some juicy melon...



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PERFORMING ARTS

Performing Arts Faculty: An overview of a busy term

Our much anticipated week-long residency at the Devonshire Park Theatre, Eastbourne saw pupils from across the school delight in our production of **The Addams Family**. Whether performing on stage, in the pit, backstage or, indeed, in the auditorium, it was a shared school experience like no other. Years 4-8 from the Prep School were a wonderful first audience on the Thursday matinee and the Senior School pupils were packed in amongst paying guests on the Thursday evening, kicking off a spectacular run. The dedication, talent and energy of the pupil and staff company made for a truly wonderful experience! The Eastbourne Herald wrote a professional review of the performance which is still available on their website if you missed the



show. You can read Mr Vaux's review in this newsletter. I am thrilled that live theatre visits could continue to enrich and enliven our educational experience and Legat enjoyed a well deserved treat to the lively **Mamma Mia** at the Brighton Royal whilst the those dramatists taking public exams in the summer watched the astounding **Small Island** at the National Theatre to fuel their written papers in the summer.



In the Music Department BTEC taster sessions kicked off the term and our delayed BTEC concert will take place on April 21 in the Miles Theatre for all to get a full flavour of that event. However, we did see the **Rock/Pop Gig**, which was a pupil-led venture under the guidance of Mr Hopkins, showcasing an eclectic mix of talent from across the school. Early March saw singers whisked up to London for an Evensong at the **Royal Naval College Chapel** and the term end on a real high with our wonderful **Gala Concert** that demonstrated talent across the board - a real highlight.

Rehearsals for the Performing Arts and Languages faculty latest collaboration, the French Play **La Voyageuse Sans Bagage** have got underway and we look forward to two performances in June in the Miles Theatre and the Junior School Production, **Lungs** by Ducnan Macmillan is well underway with a string of performances early next term. We've also seen first round auditions for the **Bede's Young Musician of the Year**, and the competition will conclude next term.



Legat have enjoyed visits from **Brighton Academy** and **Momentum Performing Arts Academy** who spoke about their degree courses. We attended **Move it** - the world's biggest dance event at the ExCel arena and Mrs Pennington was booked up for her Jazz classes! We performed in **Let's Dance** at The Congress Theatre in Eastbourne and we held the first ever **Legat Solo Awards** with our guest judge Kate Prince MBE - Founder of **Zoonation**. All of the faculty were invited to a design for theatre masterclass with the wonderful Ryan Laight - a very interactive and inspiring session.



Of course this term the focus has also been examined performances and across the faculty pupils have been involved in GCSE, A level and BTEC assessments - much of it catching up from our period of lockdown.

Although we are always sorry to see our Legat Dancers move on to new ventures beyond Bede's, we delight in their achievements, and acceptance at top colleges affirms the quality of dancers and training we have here in Legat. Freya Woods has places at Laine Theatre Arts and London Studio Centre and Olivia Clark has added to Trinity Laban with the Institute of Arts Barcelona and London Studio Centre. Zara Henstock has been accepted at Urdang and the Brighton Academy whilst Alfie Kennedy is excited to be offered Performers and Bird College and Anna Featherstone has the pick of Bird College, London Studio Centre and The Hammond.

Karen Lewis
Director of Performing Arts

THE ADDAMS FAMILY

In January, Bede's Performing Arts Faculty took to The Devonshire Park stage for their performances of The Addams Family. Read Mr Vaux's review below:

During the opening number of this year's Bede's musical, the titular Addams family dances their ancestors out of the afterlife – and with them, after four years away from the Devonshire Park theatre, and two years of a show-thwarting global pandemic, it felt a little like they brought Bede's Drama back from the dead, too.

After a soaring, spiralling overture, which included the iconic and all-but-mandatory Addams Family theme, and during which Bede's Director of Music Robert Scamardella roused his whip-tight band into a frenzy, this opening tune, When You're an Addams, felt like a showstopper right out of the gate.

In addition to introducing the core cast, including Will Gillett as Gomez, Antonia Clark as Morticia, and Veronica Travers and Tabitha Newton as Wednesday, the song saw the Devonshire Park stage gradually filling with over twenty cast members, all dressed to the nines while singing, dancing, and raising the roof.

It really was something to behold – unearthly, hilarious, and a joyous reminder of the theatrical wizardry for which Bede's is justifiably acclaimed.



Set years after the Addams Family you might know, be that the foundational Charles Addams comic strips, 1960s black-and-white TV series, the 90s movies, or the modern animated films, the Addams Family musical sees Wednesday all grown-up and back from college. She has met a boy, Lucas, played here by Alfie Kennedy, and the plot centres on his very normal Ohio parents being invited for dinner.

An allegory about modern American cultural difference, the show sees a right-wing father, Mal, played by Robbie Cloke, and his repressed wife, Alice, played by Trinity Gott, clashing with the kooky, exuberant, utterly uninhibited Addamses, embracing their opulence, Hispanic warmth, and learning to let their freak flags fly.

Aiding them is Fester, played here by Will Quibbell on sweet and airy form, conspiring to make the evening a success in the name of love; at the same time, Pugsley, care of Bede's Anna Scott and Maya Goswami in alternating performances, contrives to ruin the event, fearing his sister will no longer want to torture him for kicks.



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The plot is delightfully subversive, and with a cast so large it felt remarkable that nobody was lost in the mix. Indeed, Goswami and Scott, who each channelled the duelling-spirits of Sid Vicious and Billie Eilish in their shared role, made the most of every moment they had on stage. Scott, sneering yet vulnerable, and Goswami, pugnacious yet gentle, excelled. Their solo number 'What If' was an absolute highlight, the voices of both young actors quite astounding.



The absolute crutch of the show, however, is Gomez. The character with the most to do, and a role which requires extraordinary range, from rapid-fire quipping to sincere and heart-felt speeches, Gillett was furiously, relentlessly brilliant. The glue that held the show together, snake-hipped, loose, relaxed and ribald, he was a dynamo of charm and livewire energy. He sang like a veteran and made every moment count. And that accent? Flawless!

The yin to Gomez' yang, of course, is his wife, Morticia, played in the Bede's production by Antonia Clark. Dry, sarcastic, wounded and severe, Clark delivered a femme fatale brimming with caustic poise and grace. As a mother struggling to adapt to middle-age, a rip-roaring highlight saw her skirt whipped away, revealing a corseted body suit, fish-netted legs and heels that would have made any mum squeal with joy. This led into a gymnastic, jaw-dropping tango which marked the climax of Clark's physical performance – one that few could have hoped to deliver.



Voice of the show had to go to Trinity Gott however, whose Act One closer 'Waiting' raised the roof. As an actress, Gott has always been dynamite; crackling with energy, wit and passion, she's a chameleon and a natural. As such, it was no surprise that she could play a sweetness and apple-pie mother. When she opened her mouth to sing, however, who could have expected such range, power and skill? Her solo raised goose-bumps, prompted rapturous impromptu applause, and marked a high point in Bede's Drama few things have touched in my ten years at the school.

As supporting characters to the glitz, glamour and Gothic grace of Gomez and Morticia, Gott and Cloke were in danger of drawing the short straw: thankfully, while the two managed to sing in glorious harmony, the acrimony of their marriage proved a rich vein of

comedy gold. Cloke squeezed jokes out of thin air at times, bravely appearing stripped to his underwear as his character gradually moved from repression into subversion. The moment where he ripped his shirt from his chest and declared his love was sensationally cathartic, note perfect, and a joyous political statement to boot.

With scene-stealing moments from Liv Driver as dirty-minded Grandma, cracking wise and crookedly wheeling a baby-carriage full of poisoned apples, and Anthony Tridico as Lurch, whose short solo was a joy, the show was packed with moment after moment of pleasure. Tridico in particular deserves notice for being the gel who made so much of the production run smoothly. A workhorse, he quietly moved props and set items with character and skill, finding the funniness in practicality, and marked himself out as a hidden talent brought finally into the light.

As the heart of the show, of course, Wednesday has a lot to do and both Travers and



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Newton made the most of the part, though both in refreshingly different ways. Travers offered us a bright-eyed Wednesday full of vim, bounce and dark energy. Newton's take on the character was more sinister, vacant, and pleasantly perverse. Both actresses also sang tremendously well, walking the tightrope between earnestness and deviancy with enviable skill.

As Lucas, Kennedy played their dramatic foil – all rosy-cheeks, blue-eyes and farm boy charm. A slightly thankless task, he made the most



of it, dancing and singing with every fibre of his being. His high-point was 'Crazier Than You' – a duet ending with a kiss that elicited jubilant whoops from the crowd.

No review of this show could be complete without significant and justifiable praise directed to the design, of course, which was brilliantly innovative. Most of the action takes place within the crumbling Addams mansion, which was rendered in a monochromatic set of swivelling flats designed by veteran genius Richard Waring and painted by the widely celebrated artist Stephanie Carr-Gomm. With each rotation revealing something new – a fireplace, window seat, or torture device – all smoothly operated by a backstage crew of 13 pupils, their creation was crammed with smile-inducing surprises.

Standing out from this intricate yet muted backdrop were the costumes, care of Eleanor Conlon. Bringing her expertise from Shakespeare's Globe and Glyndebourne, she delivered intricate, detailed stylings that married alchemically with the work of multi-award-winning lighting designer Bob Bryan. Rather than offering us the look we might have expected, all matte blacks and greys, the tonal, textured,



incredibly crafted costumes were packed with threads of gold and glittering fabrics that turned Bryan's pink, blue and red illuminations into something evoking 1960s psychedelia.

This magic was possibly best embodied in the Ancestors – a singing, dancing, gambolling chorus of eleven corpses dressed variously as conquistadors, cavemen, flappers and nurses. Their cream and white costumes whirled, twirled and enlivened every moment, hauntingly beautiful and nigh-on hysterical at times.

The beating heart of the show was, of course, the musicianship, care of Mr Scamardella and his team, who variously played with fury, whimsy, and unbridled sweetness, the fiendish, relentless rhythm captured and ridden by cracking choreography care of



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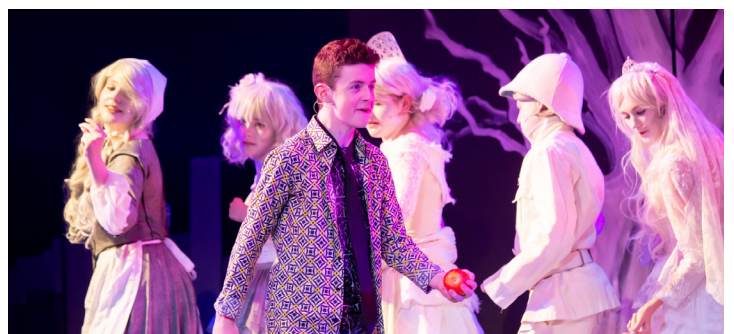
Head of Legat Sherrie Pennington. To have over 20 numbers and make each count, using bodies and voices en masse, in small groups, or solo, raising and lowering tempo, while conveying such a range of moods, was no mean feat. To do it all so stylishly and well is a whole other matter.

Then, sitting behind it all, is the production's director, Bede's Director of Performing Arts, Karen Lewis. Her first Bede's musical since 2018's widely-lauded *Oliver!*, the *Addams Family* served as a powerful reminder of her skill, ability, playfulness and judgement. The school is lucky to have her, as the cast would no doubt attest, and she marshalled all involved to knock it out of the park.



Like lovestruck Fester singing at the moon, this year's Bede's musical proved an object of adoration. Sweet, funny, beautiful and daring, the *Addams Family* was a show you would be crazy to have missed. And not the good kind of crazy, either. A manifesto for a school that prides itself on fostering individuality, unearthing character, and in helping everybody feel like they belong, no matter how unusual they might seem or feel, the show is and was a triumph whose echoes will reverberate for years to come.

Martin Vaux
Head of Scholars



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What a term! In just 5 weeks, we have had a theatre trip, a company outing to the world's biggest dance event, the first Legat Solo Awards, a performance at the Congress Theatre, RAD Ballet exams and more pupils success with college placements.

At every opportunity, the dancers have shown support to others, worked together as a team, demonstrated their outstanding talents and acted with integrity at all times. It has made me incredibly proud to watch them shine!

Next up - Once Upon a Time!

Move It - London's Excel

What a fantastic day at Move It on Saturday 12 March. All the pupils had the opportunity to take part in various classes throughout the day finishing off with my musical theatre jazz class. It was an absolute honour to represent Bede's Legat Dance Academy as a guest teacher and made even better by having the wonderful dancers performing my work.

A big thank you to Alex Lowe and Emma Manes for joining us on the trip and to all the dancers who acted with such professionalism throughout the day.



Legat Solo Awards

On Friday 18 March we held the first ever Legat Solo Awards. The Miles Studio was once again transformed by our very own Ben Phelps into a gorgeous theatre space and we welcomed friends and family to watch. Kate Prince MBE was our guest judge and I'm sure, for those that were in attendance, we could all agree what a tough decision she had to make.

However our wonderful winners were chosen and they were...

Jazz Winner - **Zara Henstock**

Contemporary Winner - **Freya Woods**

Ballet Winner - **Ayaka Amos**

Tap Winner - **Owen Pennington**

A huge well done to all of the dancers for your fabulous performances and your team spirit.

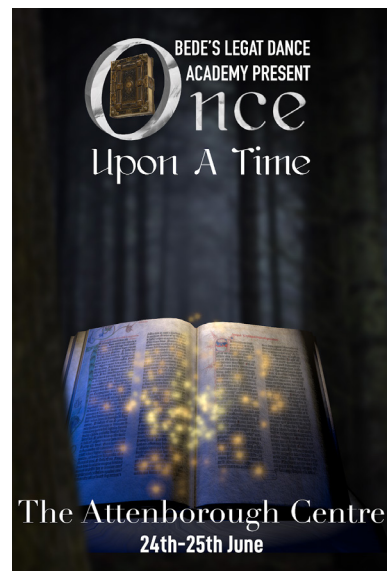


June Show 2022

We are now busy preparing for the Legat show - Once Upon A Time which will be held on June 24 and 25. Lots of choreography has already been learned and costumes ordered.

This is always the pinnacle of the year especially for our leavers, to work together and perform as a company one more time.

Tickets will be available soon. Please spread the word and get the fantastic audience our dancers deserve.



Sherrie Pennington
Head of Bede's Legat Dance Academy

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Live concerts are back! In the Music department, this has been the most busy and exciting term, as we welcome in-person events and concerts and the full range of gigs, recitals, student-led bands performing, and choir performances in London.

January, of course, was dominated by our production of *The Addams Family* at the Devonshire Park Theatre, Eastbourne. We were absolutely delighted to perform a live show with all the buzz and energy we all get from a live performance, which is something we have all missed so much in the last few years. The in-house band was led by many wonderful pupils, including music scholars Emma Chin, Alfie Burton, Joshua Slater, Sam French, Louis Davison, Grace

Watkins, Donnie Cecil and Fearghus Beauchamp. Our amazing visiting music teachers helped make the band up and sound even more incredible, supporting the



singers and performers on stage in what was a most memorable production. Each evening, every performance was watched by a capacity audience, and everyone left with a feeling of joy as Bede's pupils reached to the highs again.

In February, we welcomed over 70 Prep School musicians from St. Ronan's School, Skipper's Hill School, Bede's Prep, and Handcross Park. Again, this was an event that has sadly had to be cancelled in recent years, but this year was a wonderful occasion to celebrate orchestral playing and learning all about new and different repertoire for budding musicians across the South East.

A number of taster sessions were held throughout the term, enabling pupils studying academic music to gain a flavour of GCSE Music, BTEC and 'A'-Level Music and have their minds extended and enriched by all the possibilities of music as a career path.

The Music scholars' recital in February was a fabulous occasion to celebrate our premier musicians: some notable performances by Donnie Cecil, Joshua Slater, Fearghus Beauchamp (honorary music scholar!) and Alfie Burton gave everyone a flavour of the breadth and depth of our young musicians at school. Parents



and friends were serenaded to a wide range of styles and different performances, and we were delighted to host yet another recital to a capacity audience in the Recital Room.

Next, Upper Sixth Music Scholar Louis Davison organised a student-led gig in the Miles Theatre, a chance for our budding musicians from all over the school community to come and perform in a relaxed and informal setting. Despite the informal and relaxed atmosphere, this was a stunning evening of performances from pupils Joshua Ting, Anoushka Breadshaw, Alice Meyer, Devanie Travers, Veronica Travers, Louis Davison and Patrick Flamman.



The chamber choir were fortunate enough to perform evensong at the Old Royal Naval College Chapel under the direction of Dr Ralph Allwood. Our choir performed Wesley's *Lead Me Lord* and Mozart's *Ave Verum*, and some pupils, most notably Tommy Paynter, Finn Leatherdale and Fearghus Beauchamp were also brave enough to sing in the Howells Gloucester Service. We were thrilled to perform in such an inspirational setting, and to have the opportunity of joining a young professional choir, raising our standards even more and giving our young singers such a feast for the senses.

Finally, the term came to a finish with our Gala Concert extravaganza, performed to a full house in the Recital Room. A wonderful occasion, a precursor to Cabaret, where a whole host of pupils performed a range of repertoire. The programme opened with 'Beautiful Music' by our very own Roy Hilton, with solos from pupils including Walter McKinna and Patrick Rodohan. Anoushka Beardshaw performed the sleek and sultry 'Roxie' from Chicago; Davina Ifie-Sekibo resurrected her performance from House Music once again of 'Valerie' by Dave McCabe (et al), performed famously of course by the iconic Amy Winehouse. Maya Goswami and Devanie Travers serenaded us all with a performance of 'It Don't Mean A Thing' by Duke Ellington, and Grace Watkins and her band performed a verve-like arrangement of Blur's *Park Life*. The Jazz Choir, including pupils Flossie Wilson and Sophia Titterton-Manos gave gorgeous performances of Horace Silver's *Doodlin'* and St Vitas' *Dance*. The Concert Band, led superbly by Emma Chin and Alfie Burton, ended the evening with a rousing performance of Schönberg's *Les Misérables* Medley, leaving everyone with a warm glow and uplifted, as we approach the end of term and a well-deserved break for Easter.

Robert Scamardella
Director of Music

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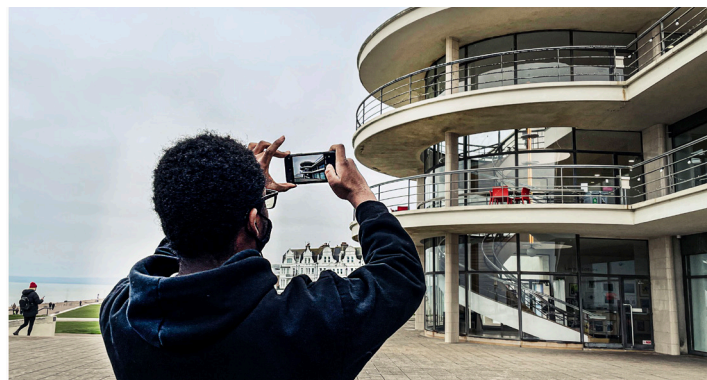
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'Spring has sprung, the grass is ris' and the sense of all the pupils' creative endeavours coming to fruition is in the air. The summer term will see Media Pupils Films being completed, the final varnish put on the DT pupils' masterpieces and the final brushstrokes added to paintings in the art studios. At the end of the year, we will have an End of Year Show for the first time in two years and it will be a chance to see our talented pupils work in person. As we look forward to that point there is still the final creative push to complete the work.

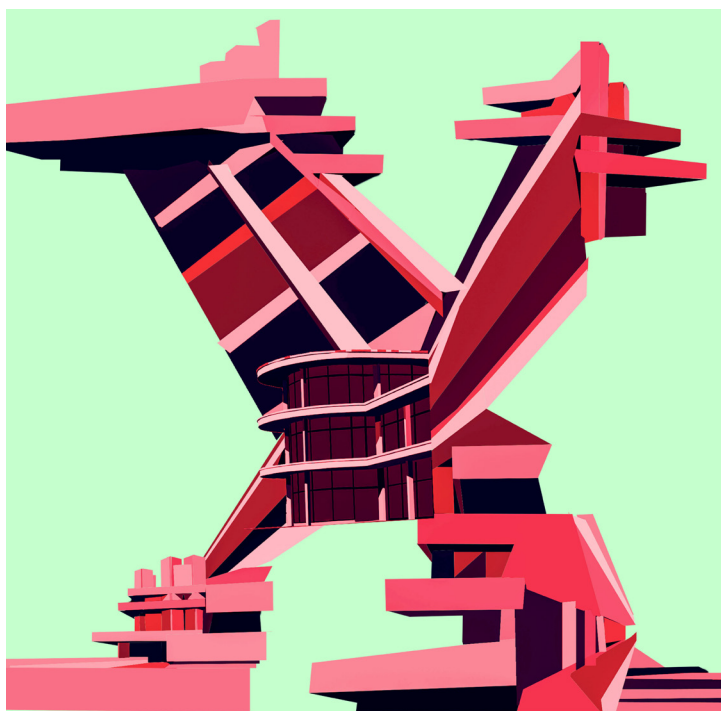
That creative rush has been the theme of this term and pupils have



been busy rising to the challenge. Along the way there has been Masterclasses in Photography and Fashion Illustration along with trips including a visit to the magnificent De La Warr Pavillion.



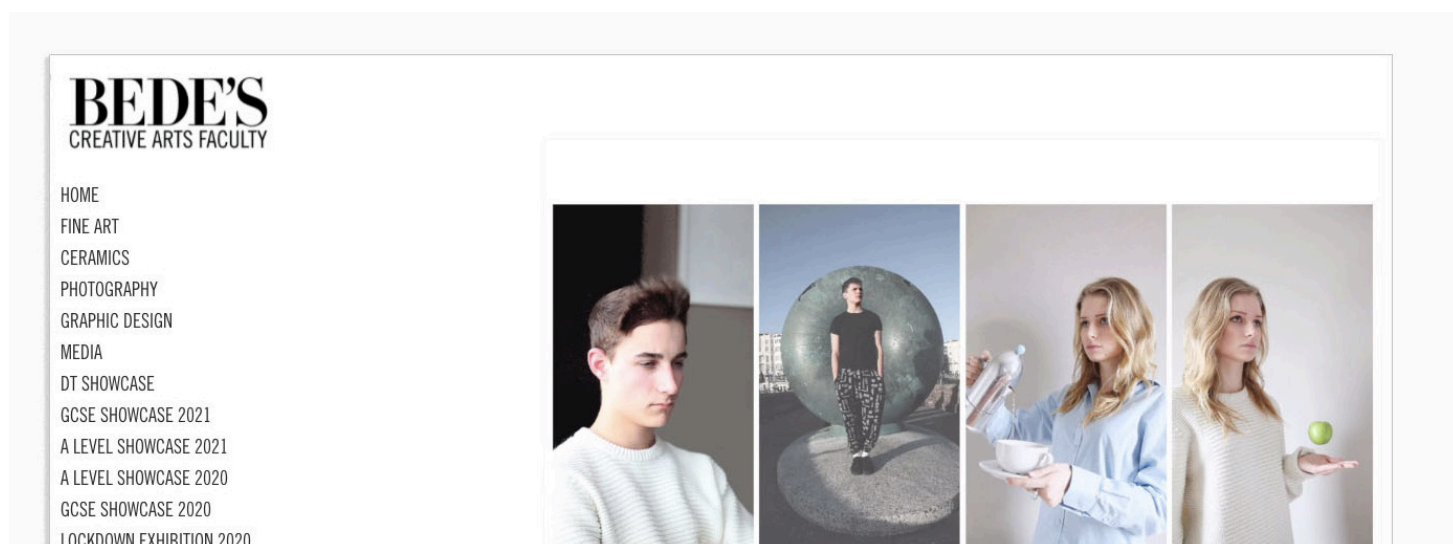
On a Saturday in January Bede's creative pupils visited the De La Warr Pavilion in the local seaside town of Bexhill-on-sea. Bexhill is a traditional English seaside town apart from the iconic piece of modernist architecture designed by Erich Mendelsohn and Serge Chermayeff and built in 1935. As well as being one of Britain's leading examples of modernist architecture, the De La Warr Pavilion is a gallery, performance venue and café with views of the sea. Its white curved frame makes it very photogenic and it has been photographed and used by multiple Bede's pupils over the years – always worth a visit.



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This term has also seen the first motion graphics activity where pupils have had the opportunity to create their own animations using a variety of approaches from stop motion, plasticene, flip books to digital animations and films. Bede's already has a long history of pupils producing creative approaches to animations and going off to study related subjects like game design and animation. Examples of Bede's pupils work can be seen on the Bede's Creative Arts Website here - <https://bedescreativeartsfaculty.org/motion-graphics>



So between the rush of a deadline, modernist masterpieces and moving images the Spring Term has been brimming with creativity in the Creative Art Faculty – We'll see you at the End of Year show on 24 June to celebrate!

Jonathan Turner
Head of Creative Arts

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ACADEMIC

The two year anniversary of the first lockdown has just recently passed and it has truly been a remarkable time. As the quote goes: 'May you live in interesting times' - and the last 24 months have certainly been that.

One pressing question that was on pupils, teachers (and parents) minds was 'what was going to happen with exams?' as we awaited the Government's decision. Two years ago there were Centre Assessed Grades, last year there were Teacher Assessed Grades and, for this year, we're back to regular exams.

The Sixth Form, Upper Fifth and Pre-Sixth pupils will be the first in two years to sit conventional GCSE and A Level exams this summer and will be spending the next few weeks preparing for them. Whilst I'm sure that many of us would prefer Teacher Assessed Grades, there at least is a clear target to aim for.

Before the Easter holidays, I asked some pupils what their revision strategies would be and what advice they would give to their peers. Below are some of the answers:

"Creating revision cards really helps me. I learn a lot when I'm creating them each time, and then can use them to help memorise facts. Sometimes I try and create them from memory."

"I use my phone as an alarm clock so I can set myself 45 minutes of revision then a 15 minute break. It helps break up the revision session so that I can see how long I've worked each day."

"I'm aiming for four hours of work a day, with some days off. I'd prefer to work at the start of the week then I can enjoy the end of the week off."

"Sometimes the revision books are very good and I'd recommend getting the CGP ones (especially for Maths and Science)."

"Once you've done your revision, start concentrating on exam papers. Then use the Mark scheme and make sure, if you sit the paper a second time, you'd be able to get 100%."

"Don't leave it to the last minute. You should revise continually. Make sure you have a plan."

"Break down your revision timetable into 50 minute blocks then set up a revision timetable. You can put in blocks for 'I can revise anything' to help you."

"Start in the morning - that way you can relax every evening."

All sound advice, and I very much hope that the pupils who helped me with this advice are sticking to their own plans. At the same time, I also asked teachers to provide some advice to parents so that they

could help with their child's revision strategies. Many of the teachers at Bede's have also had children go through the exams process and below are some of their suggestions:

"Talk to children about their revision planning - allocating time each day to revise - building routines."

"Talk to your child - check that they know what they've got coming up; ask how their revision has gone that day; 5 minute quiz per subject each evening - either teach you what they've revised, or answer short quiz questions that you ask them."

"Set up 'when devices are allowed' use this as a reward system."

"Gently suggest things rather than go overboard with advice."

"Provide the resources and conditions for your child to thrive. Participate in revision activities with your child."

"Set clear boundaries and times when pupils should be working at home - especially if they are behind with something or lack independence in their ability to complete work."

"Listen and agree with them first. Once they feel listened to, they are more likely to agree with you and listen to your advice."

"Help your child organise their work."

I thank both the pupils and teachers who provided the recommendations above and hope their tips are of use to others.

There is much debate about where the quote "May you live in interesting times" came from with a suggestion that it was actually meant as a curse rather than a blessing - and that uninteresting ones, full of peace and tranquillity were far preferable. Originally ascribed as a Chinese proverb, there's no evidence that this was the case and a version was first ascribed to Joseph Chamberlain (father of the Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain) who apparently said in a parliamentary speech:

"I think that you will all agree that we are living in most interesting times. I never remember myself a time in which our history was so full, in which day by day brought us new objects of interest, and, let me say also, new objects for anxiety."

As they say in the House of Commons, hear, hear.

Nicholas Abrams
Assistant Head: Teaching & Learning

ACADEMIC: STEM

STEM@HOME

We have seen continued success with our STEM@Home events this term - with themes around Chinese New Year in January and Mother's Day in March.

Our exceptional pupils joined us online in January for a range of activities celebrating the history and culture of Chinese New Year. After learning the story of the origin of the festival, and the story of the

Zodiac animals; we went on to talk about some important aspects such as food and colours. We talked about the psychological and cultural significance of the colour red to the New Year celebrations; and applied our scientific knowledge to various celebratory creations - from chromatography lanterns to tiger 'stained glass' for decorating the house, to homemade (biodegradable) party poppers, food colouring fireworks and film pot bangers.

We had a lot of fun! And learnt about a wonderful tradition alongside some great STEM ideas.

In March, we ran a hybrid event where pupils were able to both join us online and in person for an Open Morning, Mother's Day special STEM@Home event. Once again our pupils were brilliant in joining in, following along and sharing their successes and questions throughout.



Our activities in this session were very different, and much more focused on using our science and mathematical skills to create thoughtful and lovingly made gifts for mums.

Our gifts included a mixture of sweet treats - in the form of tempered chocolate dinosaurs - homemade sugar scrubs and lip balms, and relaxing reed diffusers - and were completed with a thoughtful origami card; handmade and written by our pupils for their intended recipients. We still talked about the history and applications of our activities, both historic and current, and explored the ideas that drive these discoveries. For example, how origami and the mathematics behind it continue to drive technological developments in both industry (air bags for example) and medicine (heart stents) to name a few.

Once again, we had a lot of fun and very much look forward to our next events in the Summer Term.

Science of Skin Care

As part of our enrichment opportunities, we often run pop-up events from the Science block, particularly when the weather is a little kinder. Our first pop-up of the year was held in February and looked at helping pupils explore the science of skin care. We talked about skin types and myths from the industry, as well as the best ingredients for our skin types - from sugar to essential oils and base oils to wax.



During this event, our pupils also had the opportunity to create their own organic products including a sugar scrub, lip balm, face masks and nail cuticle oil. It was fantastic to see them engaging with such a

big social concept on such a personal and thoughtful level. These events encourage a range of pupils to explore and participate in science outside of the classroom, and aim to bring the subjects into forms directly relevant to everyday life and activities. We are very proud of those who take the time to participate and join in something a little different.



Julia French
Head of STEM

BIOLOGY

Wakehurst Place 2022 A Level Biology Trip

It was a warm sunny day and we took off at lunchtime to the world's largest seed bank.



We are so fortunate to be in a school in Sussex as it's just down the road! The Lower Sixth A level Biology group visited Wakehurst Place and the Millenium Seed Bank on 9th March. The most important aspect of the afternoon was to learn about the scientific mission to protect wild plant biodiversity.

It has a collection of over 2.4 billion seeds from around the world, banking them to conserve them for the future. The vault is

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underground and is fire, bomb, airplane crash and flood proof.

The pupils were given a tour around the exhibits, nurseries and laboratories, examined the largest (Coco de Mer) and smallest (Orchid) seeds and listened to a working scientist describe the different types of collections being delivered from all around the world and how a day is never the same as the next. This scientist did mention that the cleaning part is the least interesting but collaboration and the chance to travel all round the world was the best part of her work!

We are also able to look at a variety of their conservation projects, one being the Sussex Poplar Conservation & Reintroduction project and the protection of the Chilean Araucaria Araucana Tree.

Part of the A level specification tests the



understanding of seed viability, biodiversity conservation projects and examines the role of seed banks worldwide.

It always is a heartwarming day and the Lower Sixth were able to consolidate some useful information that may help them in their final exam.

Nancy Morton-Freeman
Head of Biology

PSYCHOLOGY

A Level Psychology pupils this term have been focusing all their newfound psychological skills on trying to understand some mental health issues and criminal behaviour. In the Lower Sixth, the pupils have been exploring phobias and depression, thinking about the empathetic nature needed to be working with such individuals.



In the Upper Sixth we have considered what makes a criminal mind tick and how we could try and understand such behaviours to protect society. We had a Masterclass in crime scenes and studied how we can collect different pieces of evidence about the suspect - the killer was caught by our



fantastic profilers!

We have also had Psych Week 2022! We had the pleasure of hosting guest speaker Dr Charlotte Lemaigre who spoke to our pupils about her experiences working with homeless individuals with addiction problems and guided our aspiring psychologists on the pathways into the field.

Alongside this we have hosted sessions on how to thrive under pressure, manage stress as well as looking after your mind, all aimed to support the Bede's community with upcoming exams and other pressures they may be experiencing.



We also hosted a BTEC Treatment Adventure Day where the Upper Sixth pupils looked at how their Health Psychology unit could be put into practice! They enjoyed the sunshine whilst experiencing and practicing their mindfulness & relaxation skills followed by a bike ride to showcase the importance of physical activity on our wellbeing.

Yvette Stainsby
Head of Psychology

CHEMISTRY

It has been a busy time for the Chemistry department this term.

Exam classes have been busy working and revising for their trial assessments in preparation for the summer examinations. After 2 years of teacher assessed grades, we see the return of summer examinations with some modification.



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The First Year have been turning back the clock and studying where it all began, the early atmosphere and its evolution. It is very apparent that humans impact the physical environment in many ways: overpopulation, pollution, burning fossil fuels, and deforestation. Changes like these have triggered climate change and poor air quality. We hope that gaining a deeper understanding of this will encourage the younger generation to make conscientious decisions for a greener and more sustainable future.

Our Lower Fifth looked at energy changes in reactions and how those can be used in everyday life. I hope this will show them that chemistry is all around us.

This term we are very pleased to welcome back Mr Mpandawana in the classroom after a few weeks of absence.

Sixth Formers are continuing putting the pieces together to our organic chemistry mindmap looking at how multistep synthesis can lead to useful compounds in chemistry. Organic chemistry is an important part of everyday life as it can be applied to many industries ranging from agriculture, food and pharmaceutical industry.

At the end of such a long term, I wish to thank Mr Carville, Dr Mansfield and Mr Mpandawana for their outstanding contribution to the department.

Laure Finat-Duclos
Head of Chemistry

PHYSICS

For the Love of Physics

The latest in our series of Wednesday evening Physics lectures took place on 16 March in the Science block; pupils were treated to a recorded lecture entitled "An Introduction To Relativity" by Dr. Stephen Wilkins, a reader in Astronomy and public engagement fellow at the University of Sussex.

The theory of relativity is one of the most famous theories in modern Physics and was developed by perhaps the most famous physicist of all time, Albert Einstein. It transformed the field of physics and astronomy in the early 20th Century, representing an advance on the hitherto firmly-established laws of mechanics described by Newton.

The lecture elucidated the basic principles of relativity, incorporating surprising concepts such as time dilation and length contraction, as well as emphasising the multifarious benefits it brings to our everyday lives, such as nuclear technology and satellite navigation systems. Pupils also saw how the theory correctly predicts the behaviour of such exotic cosmic phenomena as neutron stars, black holes and gravitational waves, the last of which were first detected

as recently as 2015 and announced in 2016, almost exactly 100 years after the prediction of their existence by Einstein.



This was a great opportunity for pupils to explore a mind-expanding concept that will not feature heavily in their Physics studies until degree level. As always, pupils enjoyed accompanying hot refreshments and were enthused by the subject matter, evidenced by subsequent discussions and conversations!

Oli Froom
Head of Physics

MATHS

We took two teams of Lower Fifth pupils to a Maths Competition held at Worthing College on Thursday 3 March. This is the first time for over 2 years that the AMSP (Advance Maths Support Programme) has been able to hold a live team event and it was great to see so many local school represented.

Both teams performed with great enthusiasm and distinction finishing 6th and 7th out of 20 teams. We hope that these type of competitions will slowly creep back into the calendar and more pupils will get the opportunity to show off their maths skills to a wider audience.

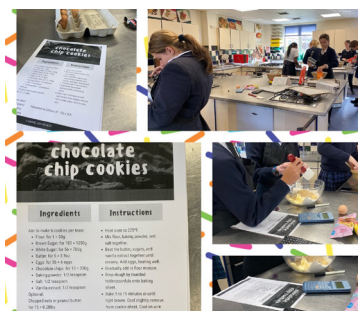


Stavros Manos
Head of Maths

Maths Week

We celebrated Maths week from the 14 -18 March and as a break from the normal in class maths competitions we do, we decided to be a little more creative and put on a cookie baking competition related to maths.

We invited as many First Year,



Lower Fifth and Upper Fifth as the food tech room could fit and asked them to bake six chocolate chip cookies from a recipe that was jumbled up in terms of ratios and units of measure. Their task was to convert the ingredients to the correct amounts for six cookies. The winners were judged on taste, texture, looks as well as cleaning up skills and were given some prizes. The losers, unfortunately, were made to eat their creations!

Julia French
Head of STEM

Pupil led Women in STEM

In February, Lower Sixth physicist, chemist and mathematician Ellie Abel interviewed women working in the STEM industry about their experiences. Ellie used these conversations to start some of her own, presenting in assembly and putting together a range of videos from these women which are in the process of being added to our STEM website. One of our favourite quotes from one of those wonderful women that resonates and expresses why such conversations need to be shared: "After all how can we strive to achieve something that we cannot see. That being, female role models in stem careers."

Julia French
Head of STEM

UK Space Design Competition - National Final

The National final to the UK Space Design Competition (UKSDC) is traditionally held in March at Imperial College, London. Regrettably, Imperial made the decision that they could not allow the use of their facilities because of the pandemic back in December and when restrictions started to ease, it was too late to change back. The result was that the competition was held online, with the Bede's team basing themselves in the Maths block.

Similar to the face-to-face event, our dozen pupils were placed with six other schools, from all around the country, to form a team of 60.

After introducing the event to the teams, (Bede's being in Da Vinci Mechanica), they were then given some technical training in each of their sections and were finally, at about 10:30am, given the Request for Proposal (RFP), which gave them the detail of what the project they were designing was about.

This year's RFP was set in the year 2072 and they were asked to bid on the construction of a cultural centre for 75,000 residents and 20,000 visitors to be built on Phobos, which is one of the moons of Mars. So nice and simple then! This was possibly the most challenging RFP I have seen and included some real oddities, such as the buildings had to be reconfigurable so that the residents could experience different works of art and culture on a regular basis. In practice this meant that the rooms needed to be movable within the

structure the teams built!

Work on the RFP continued largely uninterrupted, apart from an occasional meal, until a 'client meeting' in the early evening, where the team was given the opportunity to show part or all of their proposal to some of the judging panel, so they could gain some technical feedback on what they were producing.

The evening was rounded out with a late-night pizza before the team broke up and the pupils retired to the boarding houses for the night, where many of them then worked through the night to continue the work!

A tired group of pupils reconvened at 8am and worked on the final touches, before handing in the proposal at 11:30am.

Da Vinci Mechanica were the final team to present and we had high hopes going into it, based on what the other teams had presented. Some technical glitches and some lack of polish in the presenting marred an otherwise great looking and technically well-thought-out proposal, but we certainly felt they had a chance.

As I tell the pupils before the competition, winning is not in your control and is frankly incidental to the real benefit of the competition for the pupils, which is to put themselves in a working environment that is immensely pressurised, undertaking a project that is fundamentally impossible, with nowhere near enough time or knowledge to achieve it! Whilst I can imagine that people will wonder how this of benefit to the pupils, the underlying purpose of the UKSDC is to develop the 'soft skills', (teamwork, presenting, researching, working under pressure to a tight deadline), that business and industry value and simply cannot be experienced in the classroom.

And win we did not. Such is the way of things; whilst we (completely!) disagreed with the decision of the judges, we nevertheless had a great time and I am quite certain the pupils benefited from their experience. Six of the winning team, together with two from each of the losing teams will be going to NASA to represent the UK at the International Space Settlement Design Competition (ISSDC).

Bill Richards
Maths Teacher

ACADEMIC: SHAPE

It has been a busy term in the SHAPE Faculty, with lots of events taking place across the range of subjects, on top of preparing pupils for assessment and the summer exam series. Our first edition of the SHAPE magazine has been published; paper copies will be available in School. A very big thank you and well done to all of the pupils who played a part in getting this first edition published.

As Head of SHAPE Faculty I am of course very grateful to my colleagues for putting on such a range of events, and of course to the pupils for supporting these with their energy and enthusiasm. We hope everyone has an enjoyable and relaxing Easter holiday, and are looking forward to providing an engaging programme of events for the Summer Term.

James Whitaker
Head of SHAPE



manufacturing. Tony's open and honest account of how the challenges he faced growing up had gone on to shape his future career and drive him to success were truly inspiring and will hopefully have served to help create the next generation of entrepreneurs from within the Bede's Business Department.

Barry Jackson
Head of Business and Economics

ENRICHMENT

Our First Year & Lower Fifth Enrichment group has met three times since the New Year, looking at a range of topics including a browse through the online British Museum collection, a study of Climate Change through 'Heartbeat of the Earth' and an overview of Price Elasticity on Demand. These sessions give pupils the opportunity to widen their understanding in a range of SHAPE subjects and have been well attended. We are looking to offer Enrichment group pupils a visit to Michelham Priory in the Summer Term.



GEOGRAPHY

In Geography, Mr Wise presented a fascinating masterclass to our senior pupils on how glaciation and deglaciation have had impacts on our world in many and some surprising ways - even to the extent of influencing events such as the pandemic - a link we would not have thought likely. Pupils were introduced to the idea that geographical thinking can be powerful in that it is synoptic and allows us to understand how processes unfold over both space and time. The masterclass included a simulation of glacial processes much to everyone's consternation and delight. This left behind a large puddle on the classroom carpet - indeed a surprising consequence of glaciation, Mr Wise!



During the Easter holiday, a group of our most able pupils will be attending a Geography conference at the University of Surrey. The conference includes sessions on Humanitarian mapping with GIS, a Covid sense of place - how the pandemic has changed our everyday geographies, how young people can change the world of climate activism and a session on studying Geography at university.

Jonathon Slinger
Head of Geography

BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

The Business Economics department were fortunate to be joined by serial inventor Tony Morriss, who kindly stepped away from his role in the MPH as the Strength & Conditioning Director to deliver an inspiring talk about his entrepreneurial experiences. This engaging session covered a wide range of topics connected to the study of Business & Economics including the importance of intellectual property, marketing, product development, differentiation and

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HISTORY

On Friday 4 February, Upper Sixth Historians visited the Churchill War Rooms in Whitehall to support the teaching of the Upper Sixth Britain unit. It was a fantastic day; pupils had a tour of the war rooms themselves, from which Churchill directed Britain's military response during WWII, then visited the excellent Churchill Museum, which gives a compelling account of his life and career, including his years in the wilderness and subsequent wartime leadership.

The museum contains a huge range of information and sources covering every aspect of Churchill's life, much of which is relevant to pupil's A Level studies. We also had the time to have a stroll through Parliament Square to see the Churchill statue.

James Whitaker
Head of SHAPE

POLITICS

On Friday 11 March we were thrilled to host the European Youth Parliament South Region Forum. Bede's welcomed five visiting schools and it was a fantastic day for all involved. The programme consisted of six rigorous debates which centred on whether key UN motions should pass. Motions included the need to tackle vaccine hesitancy across Europe and whether regulations should be imposed on the fashion industry to address water waste. Each debate was of a very high level and the Bede's team did very well indeed; drawing upon their skills of public speaking and debate. Sadly, we did not progress to the national round, but the experience was very rewarding for us all.



Bede's was also fortunate in that local MP Nus Ghani visited us on the day. Her talk was interesting and highly topical. The pupils were really engaged with her parliamentary career and many observant questions were posed. It was a truly enjoyable day for all; with new friends made amid an atmosphere of high-level and topical political discussion.



Miss Chin and Mrs Webster were delighted to be able to take the A Level Upper Sixth Government & Politics Pupils to Parliament again – the heart of UK democracy – and had a fantastic time. Pupils were able to visit the chamber of the House of Commons and Lords, as well as the areas used by Queen Elizabeth II when she visits for the state opening of Parliament. The trip helped develop their ability to draw the links between the different areas of the A Level course: UK Democracy, Parliament, Pressure Groups and the Executive – which is wonderful for their learning. All of the pupils had a great time and were very positive about their experience. Seb Tute's view was that "The trip to Parliament has been the highlight of the course. It was amazing to see the House of Commons, although a lot smaller than I expected. I also really enjoyed the paintings, statues and mosaics throughout the building, detailing our country's history", and Izzy Atherton felt that "The trip to Parliament was brilliant. To walk the same halls as some of the greatest leaders in history was eye opening and to be in the House of Commons and Lords, where democracy takes place, every day was truly a fantastic experience that I shall not forget." We are looking forward to taking the current Lower Sixth Politics pupils in June.



Katy Chinn
Government and Politics Teacher

RELIGION & PHILOSOPHY

It's been another successful term with Philosophy Society hearing stimulating talks from Elfie Day on sexism in Christianity, Lottie Flack on different approaches to education, and most recently we had a guest speaker, Chris Steynor, a friend of Mr Costi's who came in for a informative question time.

The speakers so far have all been very eloquent and thoughtful, generating some good discussions amongst our pupils. I'm delighted to see that the society has now established itself with people regularly attending, particularly amongst our Sixth Form. We look forward to more sessions in the Summer Term; all are welcome to drop into O1 every Tuesday from 1:40.

Savvas Costi
Head of Religion & Philosophy

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INQUIRY LEARNING

This term has been a busy one for the Inquiry Learning Faculty! We are completing assignments across the board, sending these off to be verified by Pearson Standards Verifiers, exam performances are ongoing with Level 3 Sports pupils having to lead classes of their own to Dance performing their group choreographies. Mr Juniper has secured some new animals for the Bede's zoo which the Animal Management pupils are learning to take care of. Science have explored the depths of space in a patch of sky which looks like there is nothing there, and Business have set up their own mini-enterprise! Read below for more in depth journeys throughout the Spring Term.

Kathy Clark
Assistant BTEC Coordinator

Recognition Awards

These are awards that have gone to pupils who have stood out from the crowd, who have gone above and beyond in their pursuit of excellence. A huge congratulations to all.



Florence Rentz
For consistently strong performance in BTEC Animal Management Level 3



Evie McCabe
For consistently strong performance in BTEC Animal Management Level 3



Bradley Bover
For striving for Distinction in BTEC Applied Science Level 2



Holly Dawling
For consistent effort and excellence in BTEC Creative Media Level 3



Ayaka Amos
For striving to perform her best in BTEC Performing Arts (Dance) Level 3

Hannah Millen
Consistent hard work to improve her performance in BTEC Performing Arts (Dance) Level 2



Tatiana Martin
For striving to achieve her best in BTEC Applied Psychology

Holly Dawling
For striving to achieve her best in BTEC Creative Media



Megan Hadland
For consistent effort in BTEC Applied Psychology Level 3



Antonia Clark
For consistent effort in BTEC Performing Arts (Dance) Level 2

Other winners include:

Mazzy Trafford - BTEC Applied Lower Fifth Level 2
Oliver Lund - BTEC Information Technology Level 3
Angelica Janes - BTEC Information Technology Level 2

Milly Trenamen - superb sports coaching session for netball with Parkmead Years 3 and 4 BTEC Sport Level 3

BTEC Animal Management

At Bede's Zoo, our BTEC Animal Management pupils are lucky enough to now be looking after four Madagascan Giant-Striped Mongooses (*Galidictis grandidieri*).

It is our intention to try and establish an ex situ viable population founding a captive breeding programme for the species. This is one of the rarest small carnivores in the world, so we are very lucky to be a part of the programme. There are only around 10 *Galidictis grandidieri* held in captivity in the world. They are an endangered species and very little is known about their biology, so the BTEC pupils are involved in real research with some very important animals!



Grandidier's mongoose (*Galidictis grandidieri*), is also known as the giant-striped mongoose or Grandidier's vontsira. They are a small carnivorous mammal that lives only in a very small area of southwestern Madagascar, in areas of spiny forest vegetation. They are one of the most endangered mammals in the world.

Paul Juniper
Head of Animal Management

BTEC Dance

Another creative term in BTEC Performing Arts.



The Lower Fifth have been working in jazz and contemporary lessons for the dance skills development unit and creating their own choreographic pieces in small groups.



The Upper Fifth are aiming for their final performance titled The Golden Globes and have been working on a number from La La Land.

The Lower Sixth are creating a group piece to the stimulus Dancing Through The Century and it has been a wonderful opportunity for them to research the different eras of dance and see how it has evolved.



The Upper Fifth, Lower Sixth and Upper Sixth will be showcasing their pieces on 11 May in The Miles Studio and the evening will be filmed in front of a live audience.

Sherrie Pennington
Head of Bede's LEGAT Dance Academy

BTEC Music

This term the Upper Sixth BTEC group have been busy organising their BTEC gig which is due to take place in the miles studio at the start of next term. They have been organising rehearsals with various other music pupils such as the Lower Sixth BTEC group and other soloists. They are going to be performing a range of pop and rock songs from Michael Jackson to Pink Floyd with their performance contributing towards their BTEC qualification. Good luck to everybody involved!



James Aburn
Teacher of Music

BTEC Applied Science

Over this term the Applied Scientists have been up to much! The Upper Fifth have been studying hard in preparation for the exam which happened on the 9 February, and we are eagerly waiting for the results which should come out on the 7 April. Since then the pupils have been pursuing their interests in Chemistry with experiments getting larger and larger!

The Lower Fifth have been thoroughly occupied with space travel! We have had deep and meaningful conversations surrounding the possibility of life elsewhere and explored the scientific evidence around the Big Bang. This is one topic which appears to have occupied the minds of all!

Kathy Clark
Assistant BTEC Coordinator

BTEC Business - Love is in the Air

The Bede's Enterprise Challenge (BEC) has been spreading the love this term and putting vocational learning in action with their Valentine's Day event.

The BEC put their heads together and worked as a team to offer Bronze, Silver, Gold and even Platinum packages (that included a range of romantic goodies including chocolates, teddies, balloons, a card) all delivered to your special someone. This experience not only successfully raised money for the Alzheimer's Charity, it also gave the pupils a platform for them to test their entrepreneurial skills as they carried out market research, sourced their suppliers, managed their budget, and organised the logistics to make sure that all their customers were happy with the service they received.

Miss Hartery who runs the BEC said "I am so pleased with the outcome of this event and the way in which the pupils worked together to bring the theory that they have been learning in class to life and spread a little bit of love around the Bede's community."

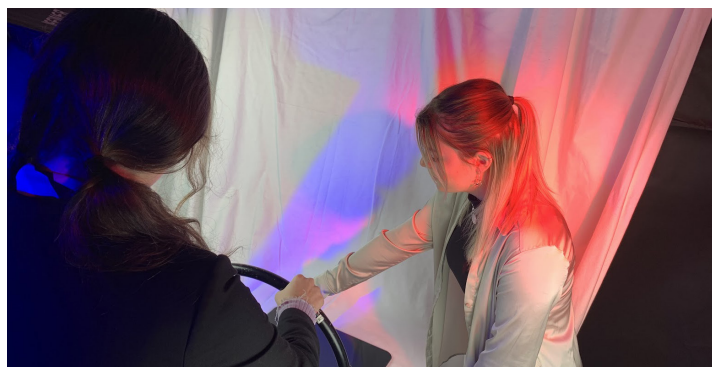
Barry Jackson
Head of Business and Economics

BTEC Creative Media

We have had a very exciting time in the media department recently with our BTEC pupils hard at work honing their creative and practical skills.

We have both Upper Sixth and Lower Sixth pupils working on creating a music video. With the Lower Sixth pupils in the planning stage, finding locations, cast members and formulating their ideas and the Upper Sixth in the production stage, filming and editing scenes. The pupils have learnt Premier Pro to be able to edit their projects as well

as the best filming techniques.



Our Upper Sixth pupils are also juggling creating their horror films with some fantastic ideas coming from the pupils which we can't wait to see come into fruition. This is an exciting time for the pupils because they get to see their hard work through the planning stages to the exhibition stages. Working in our studio with high tech equipment, the pupils also create the opportunity to work with other pupils across the school, from the drama department, Legat department and Art departments.



Rick Williams and Sabrina Logan
Head and Teacher of Media & Film Studies

LANGUAGES

With masterclasses, a Prep School MFL workshop, a Sixth Form gallery visit and the publication of our creative writing magazine, it's been a superb Spring Term in the Languages Faculty.



It was superb to begin the term with the publication of *Small Island*, a journal celebrating the prize-winning creative writing and artwork of Bede's pupils over the last twelve months, and across three writing competitions: the First Year Travel Writing Prize, the Bede's Fiction Competition and, new for this year, the Eco-Writing Prize. What made this edition so special was the fact that it gathered work from Prep and Senior School pupils, with every year group from Year 3 to Year 12 represented within its pages. As one would expect, it is an eclectic and highly-engaging read, comprising not only travel writing, fiction and poetry, but also polemic prose exploring environmental issues. The English departments of both the Prep and Senior School can't wait for the 'launch supper' in April, when we'll get to celebrate our writers and artists in person. Anyone wanting a copy of *Small Island* for themselves can get one by contacting Mr Oliver in the English Department.

Matt Oliver
Head of Languages

MFL Enrichment

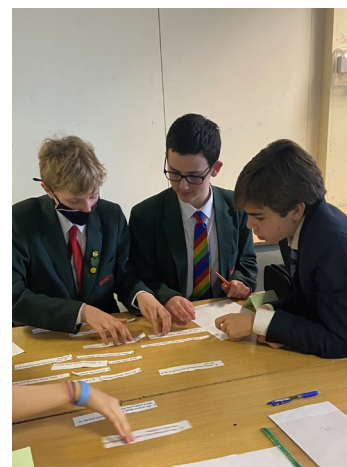
There can be few things more rewarding for teachers than seeing Sixth Form pupils sharing their love of a subject with younger



learners. For Mme. Ganivet, Mme. Bonheur, Sig.na Massa and Sra. Lopez, two such experiences provided a highlight of this half-term, with the student presentations of the MFL Individual Research Projects and a Sixth Form-led 'language cafe' at our Prep School really allowing our seasoned linguists the chance to shine. Upper Fifth audience members of the research project presentations were treated to a thought-provoking talk in French on the Calais refugee camps by joint Head of School, Georgina Perch, a challenging speech on the Dreyfus Affair and anti-Semitism by Alice Meyer, and even a rumination on whether the grand vins of Bordeaux may, in fact, be rather surfait. Whilst Anastacia Bardzimashvili gave a fascinating talk, one would hope that the younger audience will take a few more years to come to their own conclusions on this one.

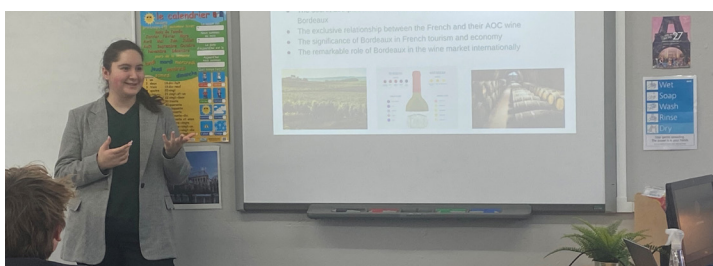
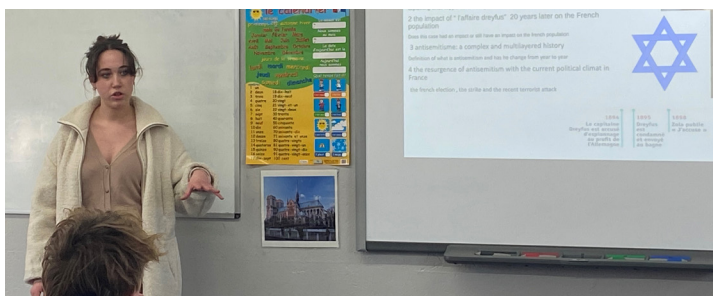
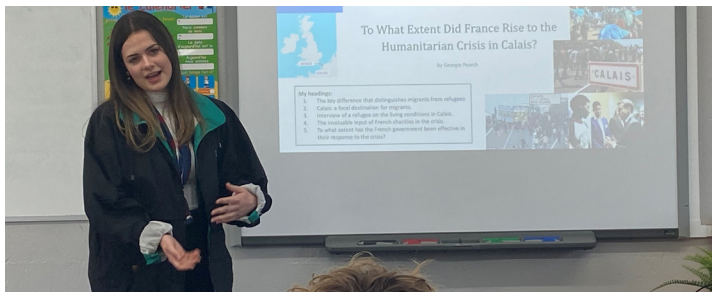
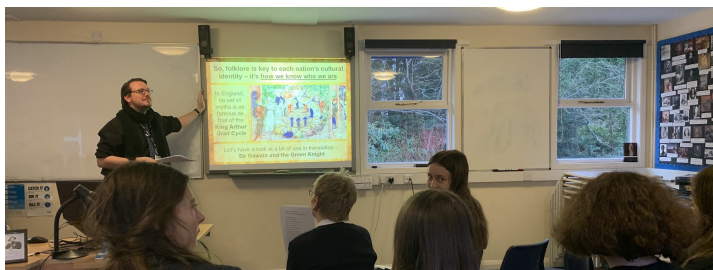
As part of the Bede's Prep School's Languages Week, Sixth-Form Spanish and French pupils devised fun role play activities, centred around a fictional cafe, for Year 8 pupils in order to work on speaking and listening skills. Older pupils needn't have feared a lack of engagement; their younger counterparts needed no coaxing whatsoever, and were only too happy to show off their command of a second language. A huge thank you to Fearghus Beauchamp, Eric Oxenden-Rodriguez, Julian Montal Montane, Guillaume Boyer, Regina Nunez Magallanes, Richard Jelinek, Franziska Becker, Catalina Cepero Barton and Daniel Gutierrez Rueda.

Veronique Ganivet
Head of Modern Foreign Languages



Faculty Masterclasses

As ever, it was superb to see such breadth in our masterclass programme this half-term. Sra. Lopez offered pupils a superb lecture on the history of the sonnet form in Spanish, whilst, in English, Sixth Form student Alice White led a demanding and moving Fifth Form masterclass on the fiction of Nobel Prizewinner Toni Morrison. It was wonderful to see the sensitivity and insight of Alice's own reading matched by that of the scholars attending the session. More recently, Mr Cheshire's fascinating masterclass on poetic forms, taking as its inspiration the concrete poetry of E E Cummings, had pupils re-thinking their very understanding of what constituted poetry and how they might approach the act of literary interpretation. For First Years, Mr Vaux's English Masterclass was again a big draw, with the inaugural session on the Romantic poets falling on perhaps the most fitting night of the year: Burns' Night - an evening dedicated to Scotland's most celebrated Romantic writer. A follow-up session, focusing on 'Fantasy, Folklore and Myth' was, as ever, wide-ranging, ambitious and choc-full of irresistible texts, from the



Mediaeval masterpiece Sir Gawain and the Green Knight to Beowulf and beyond.

This term, our English Lower Sixth pupils have also enjoyed some superb enrichment to accompany their study of Virginia Woolf's masterpiece Mrs Dalloway. Given that Bede's is a mere four miles from Charleston Farmhouse (summer retreat of Woolf and the Bloomsbury set) and given that the school has two day houses named in honour of Woolf and her modernist circle, it seemed vital to teach pupils about Sussex's rich literary and artistic heritage. And what better way to learn than by soaking up the atmosphere and artwork of Charleston Farmhouse and its new gallery space? It



was not only superb for pupils to see the house and gardens where Woolf penned her works, but also to broaden their understanding of the modernist aesthetic through an exhibition celebrating the work of Duncan Grant.

The department marked Virginia Woolf's birthday with a brilliant evening lecture for our Sixth Form on the motif of parties in the writer's work. We were all hugely grateful to Ellie Mitchell, modernist specialist and faculty member at the University of St Andrews, for providing such a witty, engaging and thought-provoking talk, and - of course - the addition of birthday cake was appreciated by all.



Matt Oliver
Head of Languages

SIXTH FORM

Donation Trucks delivered to Ukrainian Refugees

On 24 February, Russia invaded Ukraine. Many Ukrainians travelled for hundreds of miles to take refuge in one of the neighbouring countries, where they are provided with initial shelter and support. Their displacement means that they will most likely require support and basic items for some time going forward.

One of Bede's values is compassion; caring and looking after others. This approach does not stop at the Bede's community but also extends to the national community. Following the outbreak of war in Ukraine, Bede's Lower Sixth pupil, Giorgio Marzano, with the support of her family, sprung into action and organised trucks to deliver necessary goods to Przemyśl, in Poland, near the Ukrainian border.

Bede's collected donations for refugees including: warm clothing, thick coats, blankets, basic healthcare items, childcare items including nappies and wipes, towels, pillows and hygiene items such as body wash, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes and more vital items. Every donation helped humanitarian agencies and private initiatives at the scene in distributing urgent help to everyone arriving in Poland from Ukraine. Two trucks departed for Poland on Thursday 3 March and Thursday 10 March that were filled with donations.

Giorgio feels that it is imperative to take action, she comments. "I am from Poland. I simply feel that I must help as Ukrainians are my neighbours and if I was travelling from Ukraine, I would hope for all the support I could get. It is the 21st Century, and the world must come together to support in any way we can."

Additionally, Bede's created a donation page in order to raise funds for the UNHCR (United Nations Refugee Agency). We raised an astonishing £12,540 - over four times our initial target.



GET TO KNOW THE BEDE'S COMMUNITY

We have interviewed one teacher and one pupil to encourage us all to get to know each other... First up is Patrick Denney!

What year are you in and what are you studying at Bede's?

I'm currently in the Upper Sixth and studying BTEC Business, BTEC Media and Photography.

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

I would say a great achievement for me at Bede's would be finding a more confident version of myself and becoming Deputy Head of Deis.

What has been your greatest disappointment?

My greatest disappointment would probably be not applying myself hard enough in my Lower Sixth Year.

Which era in history would you most like to have lived through and why?

I would have wanted to live through the 1960s period because the culture and style were amazing.

Which places in the world are on your bucket list?

New York, Sydney, Rome and Corfu.

What's the most beautiful place you've ever seen?

Cala Morell in Menorca.



Who are your ideal dinner guests? (No more than 6 please and they can be dead or alive)

Tom Hanks
Tom Hardy
My Grandmother
Jeremy Clarkson
My best mate Will
Winston Churchill

Which songs would you pick on Desert Island Discs?

Des Rocs - Dead Ringer
Led Zeppelin - Immigrant Song
Ben Gerrans - Sideways
Dorothy - Rest in Peace

And which songs are your greatest guilty pleasures?
Tropical by SL

What was the last book that you read that was so good you didn't want to finish it?
Life under Fire by Jason Fox. It was great.

What's your favourite restaurant or pub?

The Fox pub near me and The Stand Up Inn.

Best advice you have ever been given?

"You have two lives one when you're born and another one when you realise you only have one."

Favourite TV show?

Peaky Blinders
Lord of the Rings

Favourite film or TV character?

Tyler from Fight Club
Thomas Shelby from Peaky Blinders
Fezco from Euphoria



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Next up is Ms Jackson...

Tell us a bit about where you're from, when did you enter the teaching world, what training did you have?

I am from Jamaica. I started teaching in 2015 having completed a Bachelor's degree in Education at a Teacher's University in Kingston, Jamaica.



What do you consider your greatest achievement?

Leaving university with an award from a Government official at the Ministry of Education in recognition for Outstanding performance as a Business Teacher on my course - the only one to get this award on my course. I bragged a little at my Valedictory service!

What has been your greatest disappointment?

Not taking the opportunity to trial for the U19 Netball National team - I could play for my country! I didn't think I was good enough and I regret not trying.

Who are your ideal dinner guests? (dead or alive)

Elon Musk, Michelle Obama, Rihanna, Jeff Bezos and Thor (the character not the person!)

Is there a book that has changed your life/way of thinking?

Rich Dad Poor Dad by Robert Kiyosaki - helped me a great deal with my personal finance and some good business and finance principles too for my lessons.

How do you relax?

I play netball competitively. I am currently in the Eastbourne league and I play in Division 1 for Roseland Club. I also enjoy travelling - I try to get to Jamaica or New York once a year to see my family and friends.



Best advice that you have ever been given?

"Be yourself and uphold good standards, don't ever be afraid to speak your truth" - my Mum

"Be patient and pray about the things you want but what is for you will always be for you, and if it doesn't come to you it wasn't meant to happen" - my Mum

What made you decide Bede's was the place for you?

On the day of my interview, I met the most amazing people. Everyone I met was kind and friendly. I was impressed to see the differences in backgrounds and culture. It felt like a place I would belong and be myself without judgement.

If you hadn't become a teacher, what would you have done instead?

Hmm, anything where I can talk a lot. I was keen on going into modelling for some time when I was younger but didn't pursue it. So maybe marketing.

What were you like at school?

I was very conscientious but talked a lot. I would always get in trouble for talking in lessons. I settled down in Sixth Form though and was a school prefect. I was involved in clubs and was very sporty. I did everything!

What were your favourite lessons at school as a child?

Principles of Accounts and Principles of Business

Was there any type of school dinner you couldn't stand as a child?

No - we had to buy our own food at school so I just got what I liked. But I didn't like it when the fried chicken ran out and only curry chicken was left. Nightmare!

What piece of advice would you give to today's teenagers?

Don't be too hard on yourself. Life's a journey not a destination - take risks, be brave and always ask for help when you need it. You're meant to make mistakes, learn from them. Celebrate the small things and spend less time on social media. Take nothing for granted.

If you could be Prime Minister for a day, what is the first thing you would do in an education context?

Make personal finance lessons mandatory!

SPORT: FOOTBALL

This term has been a huge success for Bede's football with high levels of participation across the five Senior teams and 14A, 14B, 15A and 15B Junior teams. Whilst there has also been outstanding performances in our Elite teams with the 15A progressing to the semi-final of the County Cup and final of the Elgin League and with 1st XI reaching the ESFA U18 Final out of 500 schools.

David Caryer
Director of Football

ESFA Semi-Final Win

The 1st XI ESFA won in extra time against Samuel Whitbread Academy. The team showed all of TeamBede's values to come from 2-0 down to win 3-2 in extra time. We now look forward to the final being played at West Bromwich Albion Stadium.



Football Masterclasses with James Norwood and Adam El-Abd

This term, we have been lucky enough to have some guest coaching sessions for our footballers. Both James Norwood and Adam El-Abd visited us and provided masterclass sessions – filled with tips from their many years of experience and success.



On 17 January, Bede's were delighted to welcome back James Norwood, Bede's alumnus. James started his career with Eastbourne Town and now plays for Ipswich Town. We caught up with him and asked him a few questions regarding his life at Bede's and how he would advise our budding footballers participating on the training session.



What has been your proudest career moment?
Definitely winning promotion two years in a row!

What is your fondest memory of being a student at Bede's?
I really enjoyed my time at Bede's but especially the transition into Sixth Form, the independence it gave me and of course the teachers!

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Do you still keep in touch with any of your coaches or peers from Bede's?

I've remained in touch with a number of my friends from my time at the School but also the coaches who organised for me to come to Bede's today to run a training session with some of the current pupils. I'm actually still in touch with the Headmaster from back in my time at Bede's and occasionally have breakfast and a catch up with one of my old teachers!

What piece of advice would you give to a budding footballer currently studying at Bede's?

I have three pieces of advice:

1. Keep your standards high
2. Keep driven
3. Make sure every training session counts

What are your aspirations for the next 5 years?

Staying in the game at the highest level I can and promotion!



Similarly, on 7 March, Bede's welcomed Adam El-Abd, former Brighton and Hove Albion player who kindly put on a masterclass for our budding footballers.



We got to know Adam a little more and asked how his masterclass went...

What has been your proudest career moment?

Definitely playing for my country (Egypt National Football Team).

What has impressed you about the Bede's footballers on your visit today?

The pupils' application was good. They listened and followed instructions well. They executed all coaching points. They were all enthusiastic.

What three pieces of advice would you give to a budding footballer currently studying at Bede's?

1. Be coachable.
2. Be enthusiastic.
3. Practice hard.

What is the main message that you would like the footballers to take away from your masterclass today?

Communication is key. It takes no talent to communicate with your team! It makes a huge difference to your teammates.



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Harry and Josiah Signed to Brighton and Hove Albion Football Club

Many congratulations to Upper Fifth pupil, Harry Mills who has been awarded a professional two-year scholarship at Brighton and Hove Albion Football Club Under 18s. Also following in Harry's footsteps, First Year pupil, Josiah Kallicharan has also been signed by Brighton's Under 14s Academy.

We interviewed both of the football stars to discuss how they earned their place, what some of their best moments have been so far, and how Bede's has helped them in their progress. Read the full interviews below...



Hi Harry! I understand you have been signed by BHAFCAcademy U18's side - congratulations! What steps did you have to go through to earn your place?

Thanks! To gain my scholarship, I had to always train well, play matches to the best of my ability and try to impress! I have been at Brighton since the age of seven, and myself and one other boy are the only remaining two players from the original intake. Every two years at the academy our contracts are either renewed or withdrawn, so I have had to maintain my level of performance in training and in matches to ensure that I was retained. You learn to live with the pressure - we have reports from the coaches after every training session and every match. It is very intense!

Have the Bede's coaches supported you on your football journey?

Yes - most definitely! The coaching at Bede's is of a very high standard, so alongside Brighton, I have been very fortunate. I feel that they have complimented each other. Mr Caryer, Mr Harding and Ollie have all helped improve my performance on the pitch and Tony has been amazing improving my strength and conditioning. I would also say that playing in the 1st XI has helped me playing alongside the likes of Tarun/Charlie/Haydon/etc.

What has been your proudest football moment?

I support Manchester United, and when I was 12, we played against them in a tournament in Belgium (Truce Cup) and I was Captain! I have also played and scored against Juventus and Paris Saint-Germain in various tournaments in Europe. But being awarded the scholarship is probably my proudest moment as I know how hard it is to be awarded one.

What are you most looking forward to about being part of the Brighton & Hove U18s team?

Being part of the team is my job now! I will be playing in the U18s Premier League and will be on the Premier League App! Playing in the FA Youth Cup will also be amazing especially when you consider all the famous names who have graced this competition in the past. I'm also looking forward to being full time at the club everyday.

What are your hopes for the next 5 years?

Being a professional footballer at the highest level I can. My next goal is to earn a professional contract, hopefully at Brighton. I hope to take all opportunities that come my way and enjoy the experience at the same time.

Hi Josiah! I understand you have been signed by BHAFCAcademy U14's side - congratulations! What steps did you have to go through to earn your place?

Thank you! It has taken a lot of hard work and dedication but I feel so proud to have made it onto the Brighton and Hove U14s. Reaching this point has involved a lot of training - inside and outside of school. I am especially proud of the progress I have made as I have only been playing football regularly for two years.

How have the Bede's coaches supported you on your football journey?

Bede's coaches have really helped me to develop my football skills. Mr Caryer, Mr Harding, Mr Blaney and Mr Gibbs have all been supportive and provided regular training sessions. I have played many matches with Bede's which have helped refine my strategy. When I was younger, I loved football but grew out



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of it and started playing basketball and cricket instead. But a couple of years ago, Bede's helped me find my love for football again! One match that stands out in particular is when I first joined Bede's and we played against Lancing. This was when I really found my passion for football.

What has been your proudest football moment?

Definitely making it to Brighton and Hove FC U14s team! I found out during the last half term, and I couldn't believe it! I know how tough it is to prove yourself, and I was so pleased that my hard work paid off.

What are you most looking forward to about being part of the Brighton & Hove U14s team?

I am most looking forward to developing my skills further. I want to keep working hard and scoring more goals! I love being a part of a team, and am part of All Stars Sussex outside of school. I have to thank my mum for pushing me to go to the training sessions a couple of years ago!

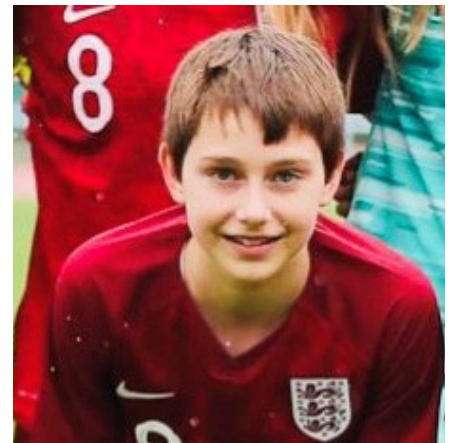
What are your hopes for the next 5 years?

I hope to keep progressing and getting through to the older age groups. I think that age is just a number - I'd like to continue my journey at Brighton and one day be a professional footballer.

Lola makes U16 England Squad Debut

First Year pupil, Lola Brown has been selected for U16 England Women's Football Squad. She made her England debut, where she played against Portugal and Germany. Since then, she has played an England semi-final match – they were 2-0 down at half time, but came roaring back in the second half. Lola scored two and England won 3-2 – earning them a place in the U16 final against Manchester City.

Director of Football, David Caryer, is incredibly impressed with Lola's progress, commenting, "I have never seen such a hard working individual as Lola, every session she attends she is on it from the go and she deserves every success she is getting. What an amazing achievement for an U14 to be playing for the U16 national team gaining these experiences that will last a lifetime. We at Bede's are very proud of what she is achieving and will continue to support her with her ambitions."



Hayden and Tarun receive ISFA Caps

Hayden Beaconsfield and Tarun Rohilla were both selected to represent Independent Schools Football Association (ISFA) national team. They were presented with their ISFA caps upon playing for the national team in March.



SPORT: HOCKEY

Hockey

As the hockey season comes to a climax, it has been a pleasure to witness our boys' and girls' squads go from strength to strength. It has been fantastic to see our sides performing yet again on both the regional and national stage, creating memories with each other that will last a lifetime. Of course, it is prudent to mention our individual successes, with a large number of pupils playing for their respective club 1XI's, counties, regional performance centres and even internationally. To our Leavers, we have a cohort of pupils who not only have contributed significantly to team successes and seen personal gain over their hockey journey at the school but leave behind a legacy for their younger peers to follow. It has been a delight to lead his programme over the course of the full two-term season and we look forward to the next cohort of pupils continuing the legacy that the current group leave behind.

Theo Dowse
Director of Hockey

National Hockey Premier League Success

Congratulations to Lower Sixth pupil Isabel Field, a member of East Grinstead's Women's Indoor Hockey Team, who were crowned Super 6 champions!

At the Copper Box Arena, East Grinstead breezed past Slough winning 5-0 in the semi-final. Then, they were victorious against Repton with a final score of 4-3.

This was after they qualified for the National Finals, alongside Kent Sheard (Pre-Sixth) also qualified for the National Finals within the East Grinstead Men's Indoor Hockey Team. The two hockey stars are amongst the youngest players to play Premier League indoor hockey.

The teams earned their places in the final at the Super 6 Championship on 15/16 January, where East Grinstead's women and men Premier Division teams competed. This event featured the top nine clubs in England, all competing for their place at Super 6 Finals Day - 'Hockey's Big Day'.

The East Grinstead women's team became the first team to officially take their place at the final. They are the only unbeaten team in either Premier Division after six matches beating Wimbledon and then Buckingham at Repton School – scoring nine goals in both games. On the second day of the competition, they continued their success with more victories, beating Sutton Coldfield 3-2 before prevailing 3-1 against Holcombe. Bede's Alumnus, Dilly Newton, has also qualified for the national semi-final with the Slough team. They will be playing East Grinstead, featuring Bede's pupil Isabel, in the semi-final.

The East Grinstead men's team got through to the final thanks to back-to-back wins, beating Reading 7-3 and Brooklands MU 11-5. They were the fourth qualifying team.

Miss Green, our new Head of Prep Hockey also played for Holcombe but unfortunately, did not qualify for the national semi-final.

Bede's Director of Hockey, Theo Dowse comments, "It is a fantastic achievement for two of our current pupils to be playing in the national premier indoor hockey league, as well as a further pupil gaining promotion to that league, with their respective club sides. The added excitement for current Bede's pupils to play versus current Bede's staff in the highest league in the country is a testament to the strength of our playing and coaching provision at the school. We are extremely excited for the opportunity to watch Kent and Isabel's future endeavours."



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Pupils through to Hockey National U18s for England and Wales

Bede's Senior School pupils Isabel Field (Lower Sixth) and Ryana MacDonald-Gay (Upper Sixth) have been selected for England Hockey U18 Girls squad. Lizzie Morgan (Lower Sixth) has been selected for Wales Hockey U18 Girls squad.

When asked how they earned their places, Lizzie explained, "We had to travel to lots of different places to do trials. I have travelled to Wales to gain my position on the Welsh team." The pupils have been training hard with their Bede's coaches in order to impress during trials. Ryana says, "The coaches have assisted me to develop skills that have helped me during trials and been successful during matches."

All three of the girls have been playing hockey for significant periods of time; Isabel for five years, Ryana for seven years and Lizzie for as long as she can remember. When asked how far they wish to go within their hockey career, the girls said that they are dedicated to getting to reaching as higher level as they can, as long as they still enjoy the sport as much as they do now.

The news of getting into the England squad follows more success for Isabel, as she recently won the National Hockey Premier League Indoor Finals with her team – East Grinstead. She said that this would be the most standout moment of her hockey career so far.

Our hockey stars look forward to further opportunity. Ryana has upcoming EDP trials (GB Elite Development Programme) which identifies talented players and provides them the best possible opportunity to achieve their hockey ambitions. The girls are all looking forward to what the future holds in their national squads.

Theo Dowse, Director of Hockey at Bede's, is delighted with the news. "Isabel, Ryana and Lizzie should all be very proud of their achievements in reaching National Squad level. They all have the potential to succeed at the Senior Internationals due to their skill and dedication to the sport. All of their coaches and peers wish them the very best in their future endeavours'."



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Netball: U19 1st VI SISNA

This term, we took the U19a Senior girls to a netball tournament at Hurst.

They did a really brilliant job and came third overall. The best result for many years, losing out only to Hurst and Brighton College.

Full match report:

I cannot express how proud I am of the team. They worked so hard, played some superb netball, had great fitness and came third overall losing out to just Hurst and Brighton College, winning most and drawing two games. They played solidly throughout.

I want to share players of the tournament with Kirstin, Darcey and Rachel, but honestly I thought they were all brilliant.

Overall tournament result 3rd /12 schools. Won 7, drew 2, lost 2.

Game 1: v Brighton College, lost 17-3. Hard first game of the tournament to face Brighton College. They had exceptionally strong players, but we played with our heads high and good focus.

Game 2: v Worth, won 12-5. Great shooting for Kirstin and Maddie, strong lead on centre court from Nancy.

Game 3: v Rodean, won 15-4. Good drives into space to support play from Darcey, great defence from Emily.

Game 4: v Mayfield, drew 7-7. Well-matched sides here. Great shooting from Kirstin and Maddie to secure goals, all goals put up were scored here. Darcey developed great speed of circle feeds here.

Game 5: v Seaford, drew 8-8. Another well-matched game, Nancy took dominance with feeds into the circle with knowledge of when to hold the ball and when to feed in fast. Bede's had the lead in the last few minutes but a turn-over and goal scored by Seaford meant we finished with a draw.

Game 6: v Hurst, lost 20-4. Hurst has exceptionally strong shooters who were tall and consistent. We scored the first goal of the game, continued to try tactics to avoid the pass reaching the shooters.

Game 7: v Ardingly, won 11-2. Dominate attack here, smooth passes, strong play, fantastic feeds into the circle from Nancy and Darcey.

Game 8: v Eastbourne College, won 12-11. What a great game! Highly competitive, great centre court play from Georgie, Darcey and Nancy. Strong shooting from Kirstin, but an unfortunate fall meant Isobel had to switch straight in to GA and despite not being a shooter, went on to score straight away! Fantastic! Great fight to win.

Game 9: v Lancing, won 10-4. With a key shooter out injured, Georgie stepped up to shoot as GA. She played brilliantly, supporting the centre court play with excellent drives. Darcey brought the ball down well and Rachel and Emily in defence worked so hard to take interceptions and rebounds to turnover possession.

Game 10: v Christs Hospital, won 4-0. Four goals scored in the first half, fantastic interceptions and marking from Isobel, great defence from Rachel and Emily.

Game 11: v Burgess Hill Girls, won 9-5. Last game of tournament. Fitness was our advantage here as well as competitive edge. Darcey drove the game as centre and was able to rally the girls to perform. Emily and Rachel were tireless in defence. Great shooting from the duo Kirstin and Maddie.



Captain: Nancy

Vice-captain: Emily

Squad: Nancy, Emily, Rachel, Maddie, Kirstin, Isobel, Darcey, Andie, Tati, Georgie.

Mary-Jane Newbery
Head of Physical Education

Jack Qualifies for U18 Tennis County Cup

First Year pupil Jack Ford, who is just 14 years old, has qualified for U18 Tennis County Cup. The County Cup gives players the opportunity to represent their county in team competition in national/regional stages. Players have to be selected by their county to take part.

The wonderful news has followed months of training for Jack to get his ranking up to qualify. At just 14 years old, this achievement is even more impressive. He has qualified four years early and will be playing alongside players who are significantly older than him.

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Jack has been training with Bede's coaches for many years, throughout his time at the Prep School and now, at the Senior School. In 2020, he won the Howard Robins award which celebrates junior players who represent the sport's core values.

Head of Tennis at Bede's, Francesca Scollo, is delighted with the news. She comments, "All of the coaches at Bede's are so incredibly proud of Jack. He is extremely determined and gives 100% in every training session. He works exceptionally hard, and it is fantastic to see that his hard work has paid off."

Aside from the County Cup competition at the beginning of March, Jack will now work to conquer the national scene and will aim to compete at international events.



Catch up with Alice Capsey

Alice Capsey has recently completed her tour with England Women's A Squad, accompanying the Women's Ashes Squad in Australia. She was one of twelve players who shadowed the senior group throughout the tour. We caught up with her to chat to her about her experience in Australia and her plans for the upcoming cricket season...

How was your time in Australia with the England Women's Ashes Squad?

It was really good. It's one of those experiences that I will never forget. It made me realise that by the end of the year I'd like to be knocking on the door of the England Squad. I learned a lot about different conditions. It was great to play a whole month of cricket in the winter sun!

What did you learn in your time with the Women's Ashes Squad?

We were in Australia playing matches so I did not want to change my technique too much. Obviously you are around great coaches and players so you pick up things just being around the group. I learnt all of their habits including how they prepare for training and how to cool down from the game. Also I picked up things I can take with me into the new season such as tips on how to get into the batting mindset.

What was it like working amongst professionals?

To be honest, this was one of the best groups that I have been around. I was around a lot of senior players. Because of Covid, we tried to keep the A side separate from the main squad, but I still got to learn so much from them. Probably one of the main players I learnt from was Georgia Elwiss - an experienced England player who we spent a lot of time with. I got to bat with her and picked up a few tips from her!

How do you manage the academic side alongside your cricket?

This is always challenging because both cricket and my school life take up a lot of time. I go to all cricket training but I try to pick the evening training sessions so that I can get my lessons done in the morning. When that is not possible, I try to catch up on academics at home or even in the car!

What are your plans for the summer?

It is an exciting and busy year for women's cricket this year. Starting off with a pre-season tour in April in Spain, then back for the county season, then into regional stuff - T20, 50-over, The Hundred. Hopefully then I'll be back in Australia for the Big Bash! I am looking forward to focusing on the English Summer at the moment.

What are your aspirations for the future?

I'm not putting a timescale on it as such. After last year and going to Australia, I had a taste of what it is like to play at that level. This year, I will be trying to put on good performances and knock on the door of the England Squad! I am excited to try and get myself into some England games.



ROUND THE HOUSES

In **Dorter** House, the new year started with some of the girls performing in The Addams Family. Trini, Maya and Anoushka on stage, Diana, Anna and Liyana in the pre-show programme. We are proud of you all. What an amazing show it was!

As Sixth Form pupils of Mandarin, Edie and Deborah helped Miss Yan make dumplings on the occasion of the Chinese New Year, (we're now in the year of the TIGER, as Katie told us).



This was a whole school event and the dumplings came out really delicious. There were all sorts of fillings: mushroom-vegetarian, pork, chicken and beef.

The House Competitions this time around had some new disciplines such as chess, engineering and tough mudder (an obstacle course).

There were quizzes (junior, senior and music), baking, darts, ceramics and drama, as well as Girls' Senior Football, Junior Netball and Senior Badminton. We were turning out in black for the first time, rocking our Dorter hoodies. Georgie and Francesca won the badminton. In football, we were the



underdogs but gave the star studded Xways squad a close game by truly playing as a team.

The Valentine's evening was organised by Edie and Alana. The idea was to make Valentine's cards for friends. There was a colouring activity



and a card making station using templates and stickers. Mia put on some Amy Winehouse tunes, so it was a really nice calm retro stay-in evening. On the other side of the block, however, in the drama studio the Seniors were having their singalong evening and danced and sang the night away.

On Pancake Day, Matron made delicious pancakes. When we stepped into the kitchen it was smoking and you could hardly breathe because Matron had four (!) pans on the go at the same time. There were selections of chocolate spread, chocolate sauce, ice cream and cream to put in your pancakes - delicious!

Dorms has been buzzing with activity and enthusiasm this term as it was this time of year when our future Upper Sixth pupils submit their applications to become house prefects. A lot of preparation went into those applications, the majority of which were highly professional. After the interview process was completed, we were proud to award the successful candidates their ties, which are worn with great pride. They will show initiative and lead the student body assisting us in our constant commitment to improve the academic and pastoral experience of the pupils in our care.



There was also plenty of opportunity to celebrate two great successes. Our own Sam Bull and the rest of the U18A Bede's Football Team qualified for the English Schools National Final earlier in March. The game was played on our

pitch and not only the majority of Dorms, but the majority of our school was there to support and cheer for the team. See you all at the final!

Another four Dorms pupils, Alex Holley, Karson Tsui, Ryan Young and Ignacio Escudero Sanchez - all members of the U15A Bede's Football team - are the Elgin League Winners! A coach was made available for the pupils who wanted to attend the game and the camaraderie displayed by all, footballers and spectators, was remarkable! This is what we are about!

Dorms also participated in the "Tree Planting at Bede's" programme. At our allocated time we all planted a tree with the help of our experienced gardeners and ground-staff. We haven't yet grasped the magnitude of this simple act, we have left behind something that will be part of the village our school is in and of the landscape forever!



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It has been a brilliant term for the boys of **Deis**. A particular thank you to everyone involved in the house competitions. We won both the junior football and hockey competition. At the time of writing we look forward to cross country and our Focus 10K charity event in support of Chailey Heritage Charity.



Princess Diana proclaims, "Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you." Each member of Deis made a pledge to be kind in the 'Deis House is Kind' initiative. We saw them imprinting their fingerprints and writing their name on the canvas to display in the house. This will serve as a reminder of their pledge to be kind.



Also, we have seen extreme courage and tenacity from members of Deis with their involvement in the 'Addams Family' play. It was great to see them having lead roles and showcasing their talent at school and at the Devonshire Theatre in Eastbourne.

In addition, we have welcomed a new group of Deis prefects and are excited about working with them throughout the year.



Crossways has had a wonderful, busy term. Our 'Night at the Oscars' themed formal dinner, House Competitions, tree planting, sports, Drama, Music, Assessments, Cross Country and an awful lot

of dancing! The highlight of the term was the 24 hour disco, where we raised £1285 for Women's Aid – but what was fabulous to see was



the fun and laughter that the disco created and the sheer level of teamwork needed in order to succeed with the task. Our Upper Sixth Prefects have stepped down at the end of the term – a huge thank you to: Andie, Donna, Izzy, Tasso, Ryana, Jasmin and Cara for the commitment that you have shown towards the Crossways Family.

The Spring Term is always a favourite in **Cambo** and this time it was even more special as normality started to resume and the boys were also able to make the most of the longer days and better weather!



For many, highlights have included the things that haven't been able to happen for the past two years, whether that be

House visiting, weekend trips or games of 'one bounce' in the House garden. However particular highlights were the pancake evening – which saw Sarah, whip up pancakes, waffles and toppings for over 80 boys. In addition the recent cross country is one of my personal favourites of the year, not because of the competitive aspect, but because every boy does their bit, walk, run or sprint and the sense of community and enjoyment this year was greater than I've ever seen before.

The main event of the term was our Evensong and Formal Dinner – such a great celebration of the year with a wonderful speech from a former Housemaster, Mr Rimmington and a truly impressive speech from Freddie, our Head of House. The evening finished with the entire House singing a truly unique rendition of 'Sweet Caroline' – rumour is that it could be heard at the other side of the School site. A fitting way for our Upper Sixth to sign off!



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The boys of **Stud** have maintained a decent placing in House Competitions with only the delight and joy of Cross Country to come. We are fifth overall, so a bit of an Aston Villa or Leicester season so far, but it would be nice to be pushing for the Champions League places. We had our formal dinner which had a Burns' Night theme with the boys all having the opportunity to try haggis, whilst

witnessing Mrs McGregor recite the 'address to the haggis'. The House Prefects even went the extra mile and wore kilts!

Talking of House prefects, it is this time of year that we say thank you to our outgoing cohort, expertly led by Rory Barraclough who was, in turn, supported by Abbas Al-Hayali and Louis Davison. The new prefects will be taking up their posts fully in the new term and I am sure they hope to do as good a job as the boys they have replaced. We still hope to be able to re-schedule our cheese and wine evening for the summer term, and I will let you know when this is. We will be saying goodbye to Matron Lorna at the end of this term who is leaving us to start a new career working for the NHS visiting schools doing baseline eyesight tests for reception pupils and Year 6. We wish her the best of luck and we will be sorry to see her leave us after four years in Stud. We at Stud wish all who are associated with the house a Happy Easter and we look forward to the Summer Term in anticipation of a happy and successful ten weeks.

It's been a long and challenging term, with lots of nerve-racking assessments and mock exams for many. Through it all though the **Blooms** girls continued to get involved in events outside the classroom...

We gave the Spring House Competitions a good effort, with cakes baked, Tough Mudders run, netball played. Blooms is slowly climbing the House



Comps ranks – currently fourth with 240 points, but only 19 points adrift of first place. Look for a late sprint finish in the summer term!

There have been charity events wherever you look across the School, and

Blooms is no exception – we have raised money for 'Toilet Twinning', a charity that helps developing countries improve their access to water, drainage and – yes, you guessed it – toilets. Well done Daisy Russell (Lower Sixth) for organising this. Elsewhere, it was Blooms Charity Week in aid of B.E.A.T, a charity that helps people overcome eating disorders. In amongst the usual cake sales and tuck shops, Ella Belk and Sadie Olliff (Lower Fifth) ran a marathon between them – 12.6 miles each – in just under 2h 45m, and raised over £1000 for this great cause.

Along with the rest of Bede's, our girls were excited to plant their legacy trees. What an amazing thing this will be for future Bedians.



Dicker has had a splendid term, but what a busy one! The boys conducted themselves brilliantly, evidenced by the fact that their total Dicker Nominations for good acts, hard work and gratitude totalled 1,200 in the ten weeks of term! Amazing stuff.

There were a few highlights in the term: our postponed Formal Dinner and Evensong was held just before half term and proved to be a lovely event. It was great to get the whole house together in a social situation, and also great to allow the Year 9's and Year 10's to experience their first Formal. Tarun Rohilla made a passionate speech about his life aspirations and his love of football; it was also good to welcome back Mr Corbishley who talked to us about his various travelling experiences. Josh Stockwell and Arthur Lambert fought a Dicker on the motion of 'Programmed obsolescence in technology is a good thing.' Arthur and Josh both spoke well, though Arthur defeated the motion convincingly. It was also lovely to hear from our Head of School, Tom Waring, about his thoughts on succeeding at Bede's and what he would pass on to those in the house. These thoughts he conveyed via an interview conducted by Luke Elphick, who did a great job.

The stand out event this term was our Dicker 24 hour football challenge. What a success! The house raised over £3,500 for MIND,

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the men's mental health charity based in Brighton and Hove. The participation in the event was incredible, with 77 of the 79 boys in the house contributing. This included the magical figure of 45 staying overnight! That is almost twice as many as we have ever had. Hats off to the First Year and Lower Fifth boys who threw themselves in and stayed for the night. The house did themselves proud and achieved their goal at 1.30pm on Saturday 12 March, having started outside in pouring rain during Friday lunch break. Great stuff!



As always, I am humbled and proud to see the effort and determination of the house in this event. A special shout out to our irrepressible Upper Sixth formers who drove the event with such energy; they role-modelled the attitude required to succeed in an event of this sort. This legacy will be passed on, and I am sure others in the house will imitate this when it is their turn to lead the event in the future. Our thanks to Holroyd Howe for their wonderful food that kept us going in both the Formal and the 24 hour event.



On an academic level, well done to everyone in Dicker who completed assessments just after half term. Particular well done to the Upper Fifth and Upper Sixth who completed formal mocks. Good luck to you in your revision over the holidays. Go for it!

So well done Dicker for all your efforts and your diligence this term. Enjoy the well-deserved holidays.

Charleston had a great start to the Spring Term, winning the Coleman Cup for the highest effort grades in the whole school. An incredible achievement, down to every single one of our girls who have worked so hard in their academics and activities last term.

In January, many Charleston pupils were busy in the beautiful school production, *The Addams Family*. Well done to Massi Couper, Nell McLachlan, and Heidi Rayson who starred in the pre-show performance.



Well done to Lucy Hammond, Megan Lilley, Poppy Negus and Devanie Travers in the Chorus. Devanie also starred as young Wednesday.

Tabby Newton & Veronica Travers were amazing in their roles as Wednesday, as was Anna Scott playing Pugsley. Well done to Grace Watkins who played in the Orchestra and Fleur Dewing for the makeup and costume.



In February we had more House Competitions. It was an incredibly difficult round this time as we had half of our girls involved in various other matches and Drama workshops. Some heroic performances from Saffi Poon in First Year and Bryony Frisby in Upper Fifth who won the Maths

challenge, Angel Janes in Upper Fifth who joined the Sixth Form Maths competition after another match, achieving second place on her own, and Nell McLachlan in First Year won joint first place in Ceramics with her brilliant balancing pigs.

In March, Charleston worked together for our Charity week. The new prefect team have decided to raise money for a local charity: The Beachy Head Chaplaincy Team. We are very proud to have raised money and thank you to all our families who helped us with the bake sale.



This term the 42 Club speakers have returned in person and we had a special session organised by the School Academic Council. We are so proud of our Annie Cairns and Sophia Malik who were two of the five speakers for this session. Annie talked about Scientology, while Sophia asked the age old question about Free will vs Determinism. They were brilliant and we were amazed at their outstanding presenting skills.

Congratulations to our Lower Sixth who have had an incredible busy term applying for House Prefect and School Prefect roles. We are delighted to announce the new house prefects: Isobel Abatan, Megan Hadland, Elizabeth Morgan, Maddie Smith, Ellie Abel, Lorrie Anderson, Rebecca Saad, Veronica Travers and Grace Watkins.



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We are also especially delighted to have Lorrie Anderson, Veronica Travers, Lizzie Morgan and Ellie Abel selected as School Prefects. Finally, congratulations to our new Head of House Ellie Abel, I know she is excited to get stuck into her new role and you will be hearing from her in due course. The Deputy Heads of House will be Megan Hadland and Grace Watkins. Well done to them all!

It has been a busy term in **Knights**! Knights fully embraced cross country by getting round the course. The event is as much about participation and fun as it is placings. Mr Waterhouse also set the pupils a challenge of a tuck reward for beating his time (we need to stock up on house tuck now!)



We are immensely proud of Benedict N who set an incredible new school record on the course with a time of a lightning speed - 15 minutes and 1 second! At the time of writing, Knights are top of the leaderboard in the annual house competitions, with it all to play for in the Summer Term.



A magical evensong and formal dinner was held on 7 March with the theme of the Power of Words. The evensong spoke of a message of faith and that faith is not about doing nothing, but taking actions that will lead to positive outcomes. The readings were expertly delivered by Mathias P, Josh S, Paddy W, and Caspar W. Kashiffe R eloquently read the poem "Life" and prayers were read by Otto A, Will B, Will G and Flynn S in an exemplary manner.

The whole evening was supported by our in-house musicians Sam F, Benedict N, Basie S and Josh S. The message of the after dinner speech from our guest speaker Mr Sealey focused on

intersectionality, propaganda and integrity. The highlight of the evening was Ben O'B's Head of House speech and he was ably assisted by Toby R and Hash R.

We are delighted to announce our House Prefect team who will commence duties after the Easter break for the coming year. Congratulations to Ethan C, Casper W, Josh S, Mathias P, Paddy W, Rob C-S, Sam C, Toby C.



