

# REFLECTIVE BEDE'S

Spring 2019





## NEW BOARDING HOUSE

Planning permission has recently been received for a new boarding house to replace the existing boarding accommodation in Dorms House.

With 60 en-suite bedrooms, as well as a communal atrium, break-out zones, learning spaces for Day Boarders and flats for house staff and tutors, this will be a welcome addition to the School's award winning boarding facilities.

In keeping with the high environmental standards that have been a feature of Bede's other boarding houses, the new Dorms House has also been designed with high levels of energy efficiency.

The form of the building is derived from a contemporary take on the Sussex Barn vernacular found in the local area and will also include an area connecting the two wings of the house that is more modern in design.

The new boarding house will complement Bede's other boarding houses, two of which opened in 2012 and were recognised by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors for their Outstanding Design and Innovation.

The new Dorms House has been designed by Brighton-based architects, LCE. Commenting on the project, Headmaster Mr Goodyer said, "I am delighted that we will soon be able to begin construction of the new Dorms House. Bede's has a proud history of designing and building boarding houses of the highest architectural standards, and I have no doubt that this development will live up to those high standards and provide a wonderful home for Bede's pupils for generations to come."

The relocation of Dorms House will also bring a cascade of benefits for the School, releasing the building currently housing Dorms for other purposes such as a home for a day house. Another development planned in the opening of a new Sixth Form area, plans for which will be announced in the summer newsletter.



# MOVING HOUSES



**The new academic year will see two new Housemistresses; Mrs Katy O'Hara will become Housemistress of Crossways House, and Mrs Liz Devereux, will become Housemistress of Bloomsbury House.**

Mrs O'Hara, who started as a tutor in Crossways House, and is currently Deputy Housemistress in Stud House said, "I am delighted to be 'coming home' to Crossways. It is a fantastic house and it will be a real pleasure to work with the girls and house staff."

Mrs Devereux, who is also the Examinations Officer for Bede's as well as a current Bloomsbury tutor said, "I am honoured and thrilled to be heading up such a wonderful house, and really looking forward to continuing the strength of community feeling that is very rich in Bloomsbury pupils." Headmaster Mr Goodyer said, "I am sure that you will join me in congratulating Mrs Devereux and Mrs O'Hara on their new appointments. I am confident that under the new stewardship both houses will continue to go from strength to strength."

Mrs Mary Leggett, after ten years of distinguished service as Housemistress of Bloomsbury House, will, from the start of the academic year, take up a new position within Bede's as Head of Partnerships and Social Responsibility. Headmaster Mr Goodyer said, "This is a wonderful development for the

School and integrates fully the aspects of service and community volunteering into our educational provision."

Mrs Leggett, who will continue to run the community service and speaker programme for Bede's Diploma, said "I am really excited to be leading the schools charitable work and local community involvement."



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# BEDE'S PUPILS ARE OVER THE MOON TO BE HEADING TO NASA

**On 15 March, a team of 12 Bede's pupils departed for Imperial College for the UK Space Design Challenge Finals.**

Team member Finn Ratcliffe reports, 'The UKSDC is a national competition, hosted over two days and involving five fictitious companies made up of numerous schools totalling around 40 people.

Like most companies there is a leadership structure involving roles such as president, as well as people leading on marketing, finance and engineering. The teams have four engineering sections; 'Human' which designs all the human requirements and dynamics, 'Operations' which focusses on logistics, cargo storage and transport, 'Automation' which designs all robotic and communication features, and finally 'Structural' which focusses on the design of the settlement.

Our challenge was to create 'Columbiat', a large residential and business settlement for 90,000 people in the year 2054 in near earth - lunar orbit.

Jan Apolin was elected as the President of our company with Tim Scott-Rutt as a Vice President of Marketing and from there we all headed off to different departments for technical briefings. Following this, we all reconvened in the headquarters and the competition started in earnest. We had to work quickly in order to create a design. We were eventually asked to leave the campus at 10pm, but returned to the hotel where we continued working on our presentation until 6am!



We reconvened in the headquarters for one last run through before heading into the auditorium to watch all the presentations. Our final presentation went fantastically, the judges appreciated our added humour in the form of an eject-a-loo and our PowerPoint looked very professional. The judges seemed impressed by our ideas and execution of some very modern technologies. After our presentation, we broke for lunch and spent an anxious hour waiting for the judging to finish, but finally our team 'Grumbo' was announced as the winner. The team were ecstatic; we had worked so hard on the presentation and worked so well as a team. Now all that was left was to head back on the bus, during which everyone got

some much-needed sleep. It was a thoroughly enjoyable weekend.' After the competition, Jan, Finn and Tim, were selected from a group of nearly 250, to join the International Competition at NASA later this summer. The boys will be part of the UK team in the final of the Space Design Competition, taking place at NASA's Kennedy Space Center at the end of July, spending a week competing with teams from across the world. Jan said 'It is an incredible opportunity - to go to NASA and to work as part of a fantastic team in the competition is a real privilege. We are all really excited.' Mr Bill Richards said, "One of the reasons that Bede's is exceptionally keen to be involved in this competition is that it helps our pupils develop skills that cannot easily be learned in the classroom. The experience of working collaboratively under tight deadlines can only help prepare them for modern life. The 12 pupils who were at the final will inspire younger pupils when Bede's holds the annual Galactic Challenge, which is a similar competition to the Space Design Competition, for those aged 10-13 from local primary schools in January 2020. I am incredibly thrilled that these three exceptional pupils have the chance to experience this life-changing opportunity and I am really looking forward to hearing all about it."



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## PUPILS BREAK SCHOOL RECORD FOR HIGHEST EVER LAMDA EXAM GRADES



### 22 Bede's pupils from across the year groups shone in the Senior School's latest round of LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) examinations.

All participating pupils achieved a Distinction at Grades 5-8, with the exception of one very high Merit (at just two marks off a Distinction). Special mention must go to Tom McGovern, Upper Sixth, who scored 95/100, which is Bede's highest ever LAMDA grade. LAMDA examinations require pupils to perform excerpts from two or more scenes from various historical periods; from Ancient Greece, to Elizabethan and Jacobean, to the modern day. The pupils then take part in a Q&A session with the examiner and explore Performing Arts theory.

As well as Acting, LAMDA offers modules in Speaking Verse and Prose, Public Speaking and Musical Theatre. A LAMDA qualification at Grade 8 is the equivalent to one GCSE in UCAS points.

Miss Conlon, LAMDA Teacher and Wardrobe Manager at Bede's said, "We are thrilled with the pupils' achievements, which are testament to their hard work and dedication to the course. Considering we are only in our second year of offering LAMDA examinations at Bede's, we are seeing a very high standard of performance across the board.

"The LAMDA course offers all pupils the chance to gain a recognised qualification, whether they hope to pursue the Performing Arts professionally or choose to sign up as a fun challenge. It is also wonderful to see pupils grow in confidence, as they are given the opportunity to build friendships and work with other pupils creatively to express themselves and achieve their goals.

"We do have spaces available for the next academic year, and I encourage all interested pupils to contact me with any questions about studying for a LAMDA grade."

## A WORLD OF STEM

**It has been a term packed full of exciting activities with innovative and interesting opportunities around every corner.**

There have been countless co-curricular activities in the STEM departments this term. UKMT Individual Competitions, Year 7 Engineering Day, MathsFest, University of Southampton Chemistry lectures, University of Sussex Physics lectures, Biology Wakehurst trip, UKMT Team Challenge, Bede's Science Magazine, UK Space Design Competition, Sunday sessions, rocket building, Primary School Science Fair, Maths Fest, Kangaroo Competitions...and that's not all! When considering highlights from this term, it would be easy to bask in the glory of such prestigious events like winning the UK Space Design Competition, or our second placed UKMT team. However there's plenty of smaller, interesting activities that shouldn't be forgotten.

Personal highlights for me included the physics lecture at the University of Sussex. I found myself, along with the Sixth Form pupils, completely captivated by Dr Jess Wade, who was making it her personal mission to add more female scientists to Wikipedia by adding in one new entry a day. Or the time where I sat in the Recital Room calculating the distance to the Sun by using the transit of Venus in a talk from the National Space Academy. A genuinely brilliant lecture where Nicole Cozens used a video of the transit of Venus, along with some impressive equations to help the pupils calculate astronomical distance using parallax.

Or even the Year 7 Engineering Day where we created and then destroyed breath-taking spaghetti bridges that our Prep School Year

7s had built in their day of engineering workshops.

There is also much to look forward to in the Summer Term. A visit for our chemists to the Royal Institute, sending a weather balloon into space and a trip for the First Years to Amsterdam are just some of the activities we have planned.

To quote Lewis Carroll 'It takes all the running you can do to stay in the same place'. Here at Bede's our STEM departments are always a hive of activity and we are constantly aspiring to develop them. Recently in our inaugural 'Bede's Best Classrooms' competition Mr McLaren's physics classroom received the highest praise. John Tuson said, "Each table has its own individual light creating a wonderful atmosphere and he has introduced a sound system. The wall displays are both personal and relevant to the subject area - but they are offered with a sense of panache. We may lack the multi-million pound classroom facilities for which we would aspire in the future, but this does not stop our teachers from creating interesting and engaging spaces in which to work."

To all readers, I end with a cautionary tale of making sure you get your calculations right. We award small prizes to anyone winning STEM competitions in the school - usually a chocolate orange and a certificate. Recently I had to re-order chocolate oranges, but there was a mistake. Instead of ordering 12 chocolate oranges I managed to order 12 boxes of them. As my room became overflowing with chocolate oranges, I offer this salutary tale that getting your numbers right is always important.

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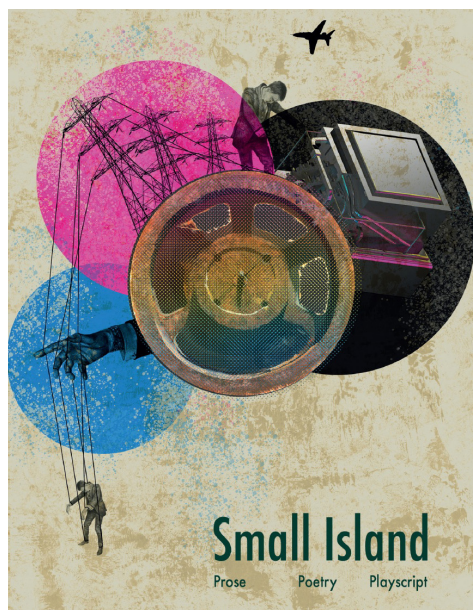


# BEDE'S CELEBRATES YOUNG WRITERS

If there's a national rule insisting that the creative and cultural life of a school enters some kind of torpor with the onset of exams, Bede's English pupils are wilfully ignoring it.

With two school writing competitions this term, a visiting writer, two podcasts, World Book Day and the publication of our annual writing journal - *Small Island* - it has been a great time to celebrate the written word outside the classroom.

Earlier this term, we were delighted to launch the latest edition of our creative journal at an evening with screen-writer and novelist William Nicholson. Featuring stunning images from Bede's art pupils, and a striking cover from former Dicker Boy James Grimmond, this year's *Small Island* is, without doubt, a beautiful object. It's also a brilliant showcase for the latest prose work from a new crop of Bede's writing talent, including: Max Mason, Amber Giles, Eliane Boyer, Ellie Bostock-Smith, George Linehan, Thea Adams, Isadora Fenton, Elisa Conlan and Grace Stannard. There is also superb photography, courtesy of Theo Silk and Millie Doxey.



Last week, we were thrilled to announce the winners of the Bede's Fiction Writers' Competition, now a firmly established fixture in the school calendar. The lure of a £150 first prize in the categories certainly makes pupils stand up and take notice, but many confessed they entered to try something creative. As in previous years, a team of judges from outside the English department



- this year representing Maths and Art - met to wrangle over the relative merits of ghost stories, dystopias, travel narratives, historical fiction and lyric poetry. In all year groups, responses couldn't have been broader, or more inventive in their interpretations of this year's theme: 'risk'. The lower school age category (First Year and Lower Fifth) threw up some superbly crafted and mature writing, with George Linehan, Thea Adams, Eric Oxenden-Rodriguez and Joe Marks catching the judges' eyes with their pin-sharp evocations of place, vivid imagery and memorable turns of phrase. On the shortlist for the prize, Sophia Malik, impressed with her account of a house fire, whilst Ellie Abel's tender and quirky tale of young love had lines which always rang true to life. In the end, the top two writers were inseparable, so the judges awarded a joint first prize; Flossie Wilson's wonderfully vivid 'Tilted' shared the honours with Tabitha Newton's terse and unforgettable poem 'Risk as a Woman'.

In the senior category, a strong cohort of writers included former winners and shortlist stalwarts; Amber Giles, Ellie Bostock-Smith, Eliane Boyer and Max Mason all deserve huge credit for their ambition, their flair with language and command of tone. Just edging out those very capable writers to the first prize was Bloomsbury's Firdest Karaka, with her dream-like and poetic monologue inspired by the Icarus myth. In the Summer Term, amidst the hurley burley of formal tests, pupils will again have the opportunity to find dedicated time to write in our weekly activity, and they'll also encounter

a reading public beyond the school; copies of *Small Island* will be available at the Charleston Literary Festival in late May. As always, Bede's pupils will be in attendance. How could we not be? This idyllic corner of Selveston, with its Bloomsbury connections and literary heritage, plays host to arguably one of the most charming literary festivals in England. This year, Lower Sixth English pupils will get the opportunity to hear live debate between UCL Professor of Literature John Mullan and award-winning American novelist Lionel Shriver on whether there is any such thing as an immoral book, a topic sure to ruffle a few feathers.

We've always loved our connection with Charleston, but this year, Bede's pupils are especially looking forward to our sponsored festival speaker: traveler, writer and sometime member of Monty Python, Michael Palin. Not only will Michael speak about his distinguished career in journalism, broadcasting and travel, but he'll also speak to an audience including Bede's Historians on the illustrious exploits of HMS Erebus, the theme of his most recent book. And what could be better for a young mind than some inspiration? We hope our writers take it to heart.

So, it's clear to see that the Summer Term isn't just about tests; it's a time of renewal, a blank page on which pupils can write a new story. As the Exams Officers say: 'you may turn over and begin'.

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# REFLECTING ON THE PAST

**The Spring Term has again been a busy one for the History department.**

In early February a group of Lower Sixth A Level historians attended the University of Sussex Holocaust Memorial Day, with this year's theme being 'Torn From Home'. The day opened up with a lecture by Professor Richard Overy of the University of Exeter outlining the role that WWII played in formulating the Holocaust, and was followed by a discussion between Anita Lasker-Wallfisch, a survivor of Auschwitz, and Niklas Frank, whose father was Dr Hans Frank, the Governor of Nazi-occupied Poland.



Imogen Smith commented, "The interview between Anita and Niklas was extremely eye-opening, especially as they were talking so openly and with such humour about their experiences. I was able to get a real sense as to how this horrific event has affected their lives ever since. Anita's story of how the cello saved her from being murdered was incredible; their discussion was incredibly inspiring and their commitment to educating people to ensure that something like the Holocaust never happens again is of such value."

The pupils found this an incredibly thought-provoking day that acted as a timely reminder of the need to fight prejudice and discrimination at every level.

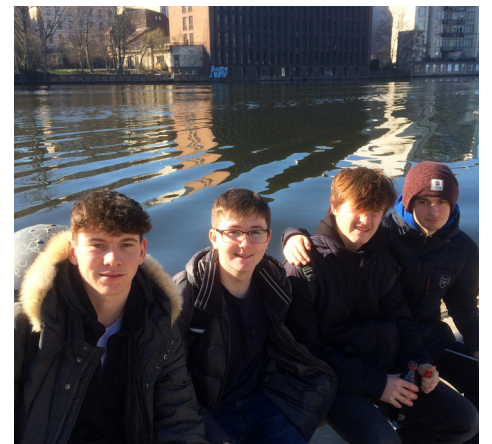
In February half term we took part in a joint History and German trip to Berlin. The trip complemented the IGCSE History course studied at Bede's and enabled a number of our pupils to improve their language skills, as well as giving them the opportunity to experience the rich culture of this vibrant European city.



Over five days, a group of 36 GCSE pupils immersed themselves in Nazi Germany and Cold War era history, visiting a range of iconic sites including the Reichstag, Brandenburg Gate and Museum Island. The sheer horror of the Nazi Police State was brought home by visits to the Wannsee Conference House and Sachsenhausen concentration camp, as well as a poignant stop at the Holocaust Memorial. Cold War highlights included Checkpoint Charlie and the associated museum, the East Side Gallery, Bernauer Strasse Wall Memorial and the feared Stasi prison at Hohenschönhausen. There was also time for the pupils to relax, with a visit to the famous KaDeWe department store, shopping time on Kurfürstendamm and an evening of ice skating.

Overall this was a fantastic trip; the pupils really enjoyed the wide range of sites visited, the chance to enjoy the café culture of the city and visits to restaurants serving traditional German dishes. There have been many positive comments from parents about the levels of enthusiasm and engagement involved.

We are very much looking forward to the Summer Term. Obviously public exams for Upper Fifth and Upper Sixth are the key focus as we approach the end of the school year; but we will also be running trips to Charleston Festival and the Churchill War Rooms in Whitehall for our A Level pupils.



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# CELEBRATING LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

**This term has been a busy and exciting one for the MFL department, with a variety of activities in and out of the classroom enabling pupils to delve into other languages and cultures.**

As part of their A Level French studies on cultural heritage (including French gastronomy), our Lower Sixth pupils enjoyed an authentic meal at the popular Bistro Gourmand in Rottingdean, otherwise known as 'Chez Franck', earlier this term. Our party enjoyed exclusive use of the restaurant, with a special menu which included such famous French dishes as 'Coq au Vin' and homemade 'Tarte Tatin'. Pupils also had the opportunity to interview the Chef - in French, of course!

Our French A Level pupils also had the opportunity to develop their debating skills once a week as part of our Co-Curricular Programme, touching on socio-political issues, such as the right to vote at 16 years old, the institution of marriage and immigration policy in France. Alex Peach comments, "I have thoroughly enjoyed myself during these debating sessions. It has been a privilege to be part of this society with incredibly competitive debates. It has enabled me to develop my French vocabulary which will be advantageous for French A Level. I believe that knowing how to debate well is a great skill in life."



In French class, First Year pupils enjoyed making posters to support the unit on Leisure. In one class, pupils were tasked with creating posters based on a survey about young people and their reading habits in French or on their favourite sports activities. Ms Bonheur says, "From a shortlist of eight posters, the class voted on the best design, and the winner was Freya Kemp from Charleston House."

"After this competition, more pupils started to come to our French lessons with a book in their bag, as they had decided to take up reading and to share it with the class. We may even be able to start a French book club soon!" In another class, pupils produced creative posters on their favourite sports activities. We had some wonderfully creative entries and it was difficult to judge the best, but we were particularly impressed with the poster on football and tennis from Deis House pupil Eric Oxenden-Rodriguez.



A number of our German pupils had the excellent opportunity this term to spend some time in Berlin with Mr Rohmer on the cross-curricular German-History study tour. They returned further enthused from their cultural immersion in this fascinating city. An exchange visit to Germany is planned for next year.

Crossways House recently hosted a Spanish Fiesta, organised by Ms Lopez, in which staff and pupils joined together to make a delicious Spanish Feast. Stasa Dubak, Nele Heide and Asia Fedon explain, "The house came together to prepare a special Fiesta, filled with laughter, love and good Spanish music. The variety of tapas included Serrano ham with succulent 'melón', 'piel de sapo', manchego cheese, hípster tapa - with avocado, of course - and 'patatas bravas' with homemade aioli, made by Leona and Renata from Hong Kong and Mexico, with love. Salads were made by Amanda, Nele and Kristy; the delicious sauce was made by Asia, Finja and Hope; and tapas by Millie, Stasa and Asia. The 'churros' cooked by Matron Sally Allcorn were the perfect pudding."

Our World Food Club also explores delicious international cuisine and this term held a popular Italian Pizza making activity. Boarders from Russia, China, Hong Kong,



Montenegro and Germany joined together to cook the meal in Crossways kitchen. All involved enjoyed making the food - and eating it, of course!

In celebration of Chinese New Year, the school community came together to create a special video. Ms Chen comments, "Many thanks to all pupils and staff involved for bravely showing off their Mandarin skills!" The video can be viewed on [bedes.org](http://bedes.org) or the Bede's Senior School Facebook page. Finally, on Tuesday 26 March, another successful collaboration between the MFL and Drama departments resulted in a fantastic performance of Jean-Paul Sartre's 'Huis Clos' at the Miles Studio Theatre. Directed by Lower Sixth pupil Max Mason as part of his Bede's Diploma EPQ, the play tells the tale of three people who are brought into the same enclosed space and seemingly locked inside by a mysterious valet. The group soon realises that they have been placed together on purpose - can they work together to save each other or will each become the torturer for the other two? The play was performed entirely in French, and starred Max as Garcin, Isabelle as Inès, Isabella Casanova as Estelle, and Evan Nayler as Garçon. Many congratulations to all involved for such a wonderful production!

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# STAR PERFORMERS

**It has been a wonderfully busy Spring Term for the Music department.**

We have had an outstanding Music Scholars' Recital, Thea Adams accepted to perform at Glyndebourne, Daisy Noton performing for the National Youth Orchestra, and Recital of Schubert's 'Winterreise'.

Thea Adams, a First Year pupil at Bede's Senior School, has been accepted to perform in Glyndebourne Festival's debut production of Hector Berlioz's 'La Damnation de Faust'. The opera, which tells the tale of a man who trades his soul for all the pleasures of the world, will run at Glyndebourne, Lewes, from 18 May until 10 July.

Thea, who sings soprano and mezzo soprano, will form part of the choir, which she was accepted into following an intensive two-day workshop and audition. She says, "I am thrilled to be performing at Glyndebourne Festival this year. I was inspired to perform at Glyndebourne when I saw their production of 'Cendrillon' last summer, and when I saw that applications were open for the Festival I was excited to apply.

"I have already met some amazing people at the auditions and rehearsals, and am thrilled to be a part of the Glyndebourne community." Thea is a Performing Arts Scholar at Bede's, and is currently studying for her Grade 7 Singing and Grade 6 Flute. She will embark on her GCSE studies next year, which will of course include Music.



Thea is looking forward to performing in a range of productions at Bede's, and will continue auditioning for music and drama roles in a variety of productions (from contemporary to opera).

Mr Robert Scamardella, Director of Music at Bede's, says, "To perform at a prestigious event such as Glyndebourne Festival is a tremendous achievement for any musician, let alone someone at such a young stage of their career. We are very proud of Thea, and look forward to seeing her perform at Glyndebourne and in many more productions

in the future."

In February, the music scholars at Bede's performed a captivating programme of repertoire that left us all enthralled by the sheer breadth and variety of talent at the Senior School. Aisling Cotter opened the concert with Schumann's soaring 'Widmung' (meaning 'dedication') written with Clara, Schumann's wife, very much in mind. Chopin's 'Nocturne in C Sharp Minor', written late in the romantic composer's life, is filled with a sense of darkness and foreboding. Evan Nayler performed with sensitivity and beautiful attention to detail: the filigree passages were crystal clear and spoke to everyone. Giving us a taste of Les Misérables later this year, Charlotte Webb and William Hopkins sang two amazing performances: 'On My Own' and 'Who Am I?' respectively. Bach's famous cello suites were written as studies for young cellists, and Grace Watkins gave a faultless performance of Bourées I & II from the G major suite. Sophia Titterton-Manos sang a wonderful rendition of Ellie Goulding's cover of the famous Elton John song 'Your Song'. Louis Davison showed us his creative skill at being able to sing and play the piano at the same time in Billie Eilish's song 'Ocean Eyes'. John Fahey's edgy guitar writing allowed us to hear Tom Harrison's talent as



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guitar player. John Fahey's compositions had a strong 60s-70s bluesy feel and Tom played 'Death of the Clayton Peacock' with tremendous skills and dexterity. Thea Adams gave a spine-tingling performance of Lucy Simon's 'How Could I Ever Know?' from The Secret Garden. Daisy Noton performed the amazingly virtuosic third movement from Jean Rivier's Flute Concerto, amazing us all with her sophisticated, sharp and faultless playing. To end the evening, we were treated to two trio performances: one with Jude Harrison, the other with Conor Woodbridge and both featuring Oliver Prosper and Matthew Grant. The first, 'B flat Jam Blues' and the second, Herbie Hancock's 'Watermelon Man', provided the audience with brilliantly edgy renditions of these great original works.

Following this, our Music department hosted a recital of Schubert's iconic 'Winterreise', with baritone Benedict Kearns accompanied by Robert Scamardella. 'Winterreise' is one of the great works of the Western musical canon, and now fills concert halls around the world. Benedict gave a spell-bounding performance of this amazing work, which charts a young man's descent into loneliness, depression, despair and desolation over the course of 24 songs. This is not a work which is heard often in schools, but one which the



Bede's community enjoyed hearing. Many music scholars and pupils attended, hearing this work for the first time. To conclude the term, Daisy Noton organised a fundraising concert in aid of NYO and NYO Inspire.

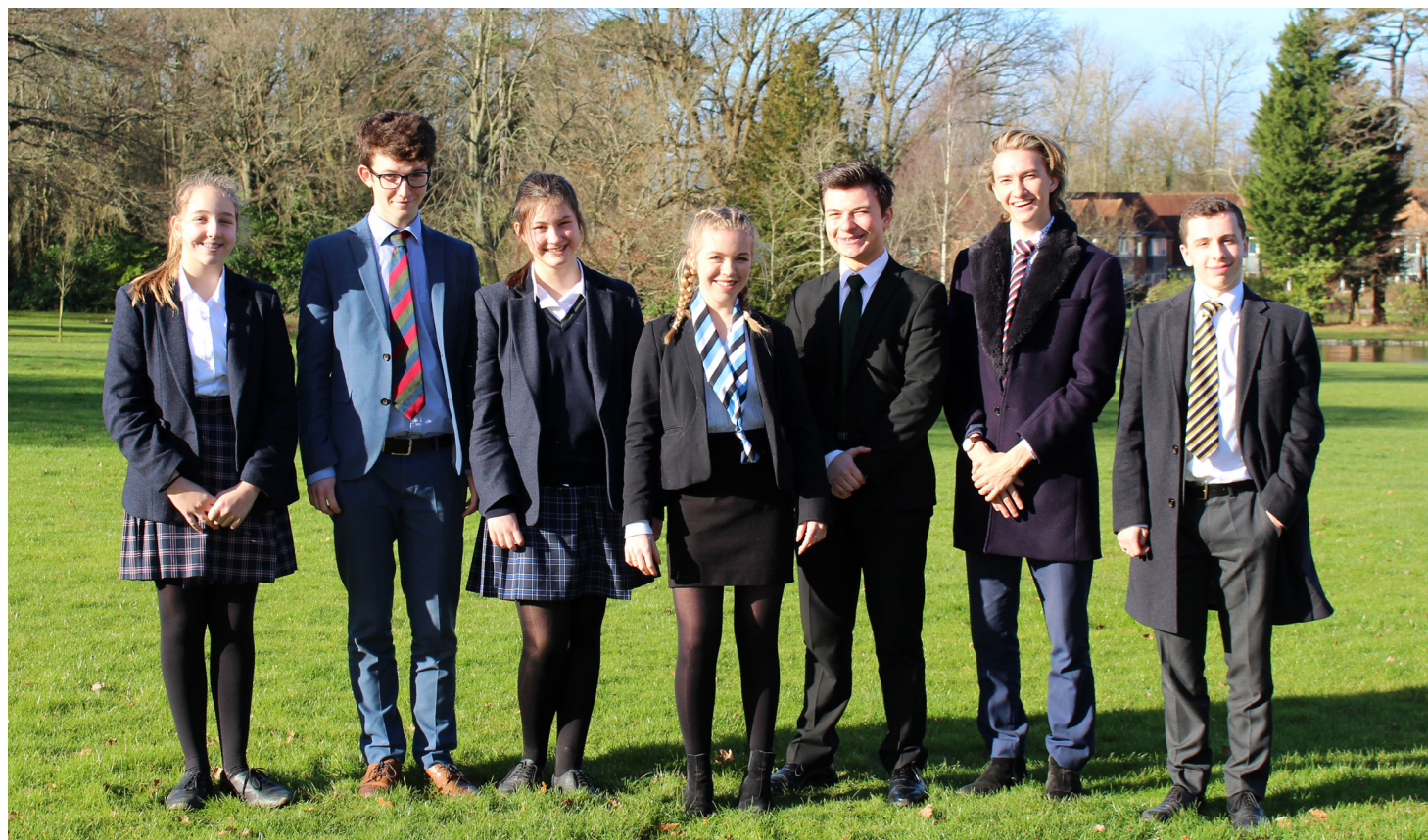
Daisy explained, "NYO Inspire is a charity that provides free orchestral opportunities for everyone, regardless of their background. Last year I had the opportunity to visit schools in London where I introduced orchestral music to some of the children for the first time."

Daisy was delighted with the fundraising evening, "There was a varied programme of pop, classical and jazz pieces and we raised

£247 in total! Thank you to all the performers and those who helped me organise the event."

In the summer Daisy will be joining the NYO on their tour to America, which will include playing at the Carnegie Hall.

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*Director of Music*



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# PUPILS LOOK TO THE FUTURE WITH

This term has seen our Careers Engagement Programme offer a plethora of amazing opportunities - from going behind the scenes at Dancing On Ice to taking part in an International Women's Day seminar. The term concluded with our annual Careers Fair with lots more to come in the summer!

Our pupils enjoyed two exciting events in recent weeks: a trip to the National Apprenticeship Show at Sandown Park on Wednesday 6 March, and an International Women's Day seminar on Friday 8 March.

The National Apprenticeship Show gave our pupils the opportunity to speak with some of the top UK employers - including Lloyds Bank, Virgin, Unilever, KPMG, Deloitte, Ernst and Young, and Marriott Hotels - offering advanced and degree-level apprenticeship roles. The pupils networked with potential future employers and attended seminars to learn about the skills, application process and career paths that apprenticeships can offer, as well as to practice their professional introductions and gather valuable information.



For International Women's Day we hosted a seminar with three prominent female speakers working in stereotypically 'masculine' fields. We were joined by Kellie Larkin, professional footballer (currently midfielder at Lewes FC) and Teacher of PE at Bede's Prep; Sarra Hawes, Company Director at Hawes Building Ltd; and Haminata Vintu Camara, Graduate Software Engineer at American Express. Each of the women gave inspiring talks covering their backgrounds, anecdotal stories and insights into the barriers that they have faced. The Q&A session lasted for 45 minutes, with the (female and male) pupils asking some incredibly thoughtful questions. This was a fantastic opportunity for the pupils to gain helpful tips and advice when thinking ahead to their own careers, as well as network with some prominent figures in industry. We plan to host an International Men's Day seminar in November, which will follow a similar format and highlight unconventional 'masculine' careers.



In February, a group of our Lower Sixth pupils interested in studying or working in Law were lucky enough to be invited to Brighton Magistrates Court to observe the court room for a day. Nahje Smith, Lower Sixth, says, "When we arrived, we were met by two Magistrates, Shirley and Alison, who were our guides for the afternoon.

"We first toured an empty Court Room to understand the logistics of how a court operates and we met Sam, a Legal Advisor, who talked to us about her experiences in the Magistrates Court and her career journey. She also helped us understand the different job roles and routes in the legal profession. We took part in a quick-fire quiz from our Magistrates, who also helped us to prepare for our afternoons' viewing of the proceedings in Court Room One.

"We observed three cases that afternoon from the Public Gallery, with Shirley and Alison running us through what the working Magistrates would be taking into account and why they were asking particular questions in court. They directed us to the relevant parts of the law to help us understand what sentences the Magistrates would be considering. This was an incredible opportunity, as it helped us come to our own decisions about how we thought the cases should be treated. The visit gave us an interesting and realistic insight into what working in the legal profession can be like."





# EXCITING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Our Media pupils have also enjoyed some exciting trips this term: one to the Royal Television Society careers fair at the London Business Design Centre in January, and the other to behind the scenes of Dancing On Ice at the beginning of this month.

Speaking about the Royal Television Society careers fair, Ellie Bostock-Smith, Upper Fifth, says, "This was an exciting opportunity, as we won't often be given the chance to speak one-on-one with representatives from massive, mainstream post-production and broadcasting companies; for example, BBC, Sky, ITV, Channel 4, UKTV, NBC Universal, IMG Studios and many more. We spoke to them about future employment, which we could explore after A levels or as graduates, and more immediate ways for us to gain access to studios and sets for us to experience the industry."



"We were confident and persistent in how we networked and made professional connections and contacts with everyone we could. After a few hours of discussing work experience and apprenticeship, internship and young talent programmes, we caught a train home. Laden with business cards, email addresses, and free pens, we were all feeling even more encouraged and inspired by the industry, and motivated to pursue what it could offer us."

Ella Waver, Upper Fifth, adds "I thought the trip was very inspirational. It helped me realise that I want to go into the media industry."

Angel Chen, Lower Sixth, was one of the lucky pupils who visited the production of Dancing On Ice. She says, "This trip gave us a chance to learn about what happens behind the scene of a live 'shiny floor' show. We were able to meet different professionals and understand how they contribute to the live show, including the lighting, technical, direction, social media, hair and makeup departments. This has widened our understanding about how we can get into the industry and how important everyone in the team is."

Jackson Martin, Lower Sixth, adds, "The trip allowed me to learn more than I expected, plus meeting Wes Nelson and being in Kem's studio was a real bonus! The people we met on the day gave us invaluable insights into the TV industry and helped me to discover what I would like to do in the future." Ben Lee, Lower Sixth, is currently looking into behind the scenes crew jobs as a direct result of the trip.



The final week of term saw the annual Careers Fair hosted at Bede's Senior School where we were joined by Bede's pupils and parents as well as pupils from four other local schools.

We welcomed over 70 exhibitors and experts, including employers such as the NHS, Accenture, Lloyds Bank, JP Morgan, Elite Hotels and Drusillas Park. Universities - including Kings College London, Bristol, Warwick, Kent and Sussex - alongside gap year providers and training organisations. Our Meet the Expert area included representatives from the insurance, medicine, veterinary, STEM and sport industries.

This event is always a fantastic opportunity for pupils to network and as well as gain an insight into postgraduate study.



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# GUEST SPEAKERS

**We have been fortunate enough to welcome an array of speakers to Bede's this term.**

Our speaker programme began in January when we welcomed James Shone from 'I Can & I Am'.

'I Can & I Am' is a charity with a passion to inspire confidence in every individual and enable them to get to know what they are and what they are able to do, rather than focussing on what they can't.

Listening to James speak about his charity was overwhelmingly inspirational. Talking about his battle with a brain tumour in 2012, which left him unable to walk and legally blind, he presented the struggles of facing this, whilst supporting a family of six, with impressive positivity.

Previously, James was a teacher and housemaster, applying to become a Headmaster of a Prep School. His diagnosis and treatment meant he was no longer able to pursue this dream. Yet the message throughout his talk was clear: never give up and never underestimate yourself. His most important message was the importance of believing in yourself and your abilities. James highlighted how academic intelligence is not the essential element of being an all-rounded, sociable and intelligent person.

His talk was terrifically engaging and emotional, allowing us all to question and think about our own lives, what we can be thankful for and how we should proceed into the future, taking every day as it comes.



In January, Bede's welcomed Kim McCabe, founder and director of Rites for Girls and author of 'From Daughter to Woman', to impart her knowledge on parenting through the teen years.

The teen years can be tough - for teens and for parents - but it is also a wonderfully interesting stage of life. These fickle and often frustrating young people can transform into the visionaries and creators of an inspiring future.

In a world where teenagers are evidently under pressure, parents can often feel powerless to deal with complex issues. Kim explained how parents can navigate through their child's teenage years and take back power. Kim went on to say it is important for parents to remind themselves their influence on their child is far reaching, even if they feel uncontrollable at times. Every child is deeply affected by their parents.

Kim suggested a parent-child date making a regular commitment once a month to spend time with your child. The point is to make the effort to be with them differently than in everyday life - just like a date. By doing so, you'll create the opportunity to get to know your child as they're growing and changing. Parents' power lies in embracing the wider culture that their children are growing up

in, while guiding them to live healthily within it. To do that we need to live how we want our children to live and make a regular commitment to spend time together, keeping relationships strong.

In February, Bede's was delighted to welcome two-time Oscar nominated screen writer and novelist William Nicholson for 'A Life in Writing', a fascinating insight into his distinguished career, his creative process, and what still inspires him today.

Taking time out from post-production work on Hope Gap, a Sussex-based film he has written and directed, Nicholson was everything a student could hope for: engaging, witty, full of enthusiasm and sage advice for those aspiring to write for a living.

Beginning with a powerful address on the importance of failure and persistence, Bill told us of his early struggles in gaining recognition for stage works and novels. Even pupils well used to hearing the old adage - that success is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration - were struck by the conviction of his belief: that failure is a necessary threshold for all truly worthwhile creative endeavours. A message pupils may have heard before, perhaps, but from such a charismatic speaker, it certainly resonated. As Bill confided his stories about the



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challenges of collaborative movie work, generously sharing anecdotes about some of his best-loved films, there was a collective sense that we were given a very rare insight into a world often hidden from public view. Discussing his script for the Oscar-winning 'Gladiator', Bill explained the processes of script revision, painstaking re-writes and even total re-thinks that happen behind the scenes in order for the finished pictures to look so good on the big screen.

When it came to the time for audience questions, it was clear that pupils and parents could have happily gone on late into the evening. Bill spoke of his award-winning script for the 2012 film of 'Les Misérables', the musical which will be performed by Bede's pupils this year, as well as his approach to bringing historical figures to the big screen, as in his critically acclaimed 'Elizabeth: The Golden Age' and 'Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom'.

When the evening finally ended, it seemed that Bill would remain trapped at Bede's longer than he had planned; a queue of inspired pupils formed at the front of the Recital Room and proceeded to pepper him with yet more questions. It is hard to



the other for parents, staff, local residents, alumni and other members of the Bede's Community.

Over 300 people attended the evening talk, making this one of the most well-attended public talks that Bede's has ever hosted. John McCarthy CBE is a British journalist, writer and broadcaster. In April 1986, as a young journalist on his first foreign

and inspiring way that made the audience understand how he came through five years of not knowing whether he would see another day.

Charlotte Webb, Lower Sixth pupil, says, "I felt incredibly lucky to be hearing first hand from John McCarthy, someone whose story has been accounted by so many through a TV screen. In a short time he was able to recall the traumas of the Lebanon hostage crisis of which he was a victim, all the while making us smile and laugh with his optimism and personable nature. All who listened were left in awe of John McCarthy's strength and of his story."

On Tuesday 19 March, we were delighted to welcome renowned International Businessman and Entrepreneur PY Gerbeau for a twilight careers seminar. Mr Gerbeau's inspiring session and Q&A focussed on his incredible successes in transforming businesses, his sound personal ethics and tips for future success.



remember a guest making quite such an impact. As for the pupils in the audience, perhaps one day they too will see their own words on screen or stage. Having heard from a remarkable writer, they now know exactly how to proceed.

On Wednesday 27 February, we were honoured to welcome John McCarthy CBE to Bede's Senior School for two talks: one for Sixth Form pupils as part of the Bede's Diploma, and

assignment for the United Press International Television News, John was snatched on the way to the airport just before he was about to fly back home. John was kidnapped by Islamic Jihad and became Britain's longest-held hostage, being held in captivity for more than five years until his release on 8 August 1991. He was appointed a CBE in 1992. John McCarthy told the dramatic story of his captivity in a dignified, self-deprecating



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# TRIPS AND VISITS

The Spring Term has seen many examples of the numerous rich learning opportunities offered at Bede's. This year, once again, a significant number of our pupils were involved in educational trips and visits.

## MUSIC AND ARTS



Eliane Boyer reports, 'In February the Upper Fifth Drama pupils visited the National Theatre to watch John Donnelly's version of 'Tartuffe' (The Imposter). The modern adaptation of Molières classic had the title role make his first appearance wearing spotted hipster trunks, in the sophisticated household of a depressed Orgon. This production, though hilariously silly on the surface, was in fact a brilliant and novel retelling of the original tale, which leaves you questioning who really were the imposters in this play, and who are the imposters in our modern society. The attention to detail, whether in acting or design, was astonishing - almost lavish but appropriately so. The final result was not unworthy of the National Theatre.'



Photo credit: Robert Workman

Following on from this, a group of musicians visited Glyndebourne to see 'Agreed', a new opera written by Howard Moody. First Year pupil Thea Adams reports. 'Upon arrival at the stunning opera house, we had the opportunity to have a look around, before we took our seats in the Upper Circle. We had an excellent view of the stage and orchestra pit and, when the performance started, we were immediately captivated by the unique and distinctive style of the opera. The opera was very contrasting to any other opera, not only because of the style, but also because of the staging, costume and design. Seeing the show was really eye-opening; there were people our age in the production and we were able to imagine ourselves in roles like that.' This term, 45 EAL pupils travelled to the Lyceum Theatre in London's West End to see Disney's Lion King. This famous production started on 13 November 1997 on Broadway and has now become one of the most famous musicals in the world.



Carola Fernandez Silva explains, "It has become the most profitable production due to its simple but astonishing plot, which grabs the viewers' attention by capturing their heart. The trip was a wonderful experience for us all, as not only did we enjoy the play, but improved our knowledge of English and culture. We got to explore the world outside Bede's and learn about life in an international city."

## EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT

In January our Lower Sixth chemists visited the University of Southampton to attend a Twilight Session. The pupils enjoyed a few hours of advanced chemistry courtesy of the Royal Society of Chemistry. During the session, pupils worked under the supervision of PhD students and conducted several experiments to extract a natural compound called Trimyristin from the spice, nutmeg.



Lower Sixth pupil Kristen Chan said, "The visit gave us the chance to gain insight into degree-level science at a Russell Group University, whilst using equipment that would otherwise not be available to me. Not only did the visit have huge relevance to the A Level syllabus, but we gained valuable skills from the course that will be of use to us in our future studies."

In February, a group of Bede's physicists along with Dr Lewis, Mr Hiscox and Miss Danielson, headed to Geneva to visit CERN.



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The long awaited trip gave our physicists the opportunity to visit the research centre which operates the largest particle physics laboratory in the world, including the Large Hadron Collider, the world's largest and most powerful particle accelerator.

The group was toured by passionate scientists and engineers, who explained each part of the particle accelerator and what makes it so successful in conducting scientific breakthroughs. It will no doubt have stirred Bede's physicists into considering a future career in this field.

Our Sixth Formers studying French A Level visited the British Film Institute in London Southbank to attend a lecture on French cinema.

Led by Dr Emily Salines, Senior Lecturer in Teaching and Learning from the University of Greenwich, this study day was an ideal introduction to prevalent themes in French cinema, and was structured in response to the new French A Level specifications.



Through exploring key scenes and applying textual analysis, our pupils were able to extend their vocabulary whilst improving their understanding of film language.

Upper Sixth pupil Alex Pearch said, "I found the lecture very educational and extremely challenging. The movie 'Entre les Murs' made me realise how different education can be from one country to another, but above all,

it inspired me to explore further into French multicultural society, which I am currently studying in French A Level."

Over half term, 36 pupils travelled to Berlin on a joint History and German trip, visiting the landmarks the capital has to offer.



Pupils toured the city, visited the Brandenburg Gate and walked along the line of the Berlin Wall to the moving Holocaust Memorial.

Particular highlights included visiting the German Parliament der Bundestag and the Sachsenhausen concentration camp.



They also accompanied Mr Rohmer on his second visit to the Statsi Prison at Hohenschönhausen (his first was as a guest of the East German state in 1989).

## SPORT



Carola Fernandez Silva reports. 'In February half term Bede's ski trip set off to Madonna Di Campiglio, Italy. Blessed with perfect skiing conditions, the group spent the week exploring the resort. There were runs for all abilities and it was amazing to see how much everyone progressed over the course of the week. During the evenings pupils took part in all sorts of activities including, exploring the nearby town for souvenirs, trying Italian pizza in a local restaurant, snowshoeing up the mountain for dinner and a disco.'



## DANCE

**The Legat pupils recently attended Move It in London, the biggest dance convention in the UK.**

Lower Fifth pupil Sasha Angell reports on the trip. 'The day saw members of Legat, Legat Associates and our dancers from Bede's Prep participate in three different dance masterclasses.



These included Wayne McGregor's contemporary dance class, Cirque Du Soleil and Musical Theatre. In the afternoon everyone took part in a repertoire class with Note2Self Dance where we learnt a fast-paced ninja themed dance routine, which was later performed on the main stage. The action packed day was an amazing opportunity for pupils to participate in different dance disciplines, a great addition to their dance training.'

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## INAUGURAL PHILOSOPHY FORUM DEBATES THE IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION

The Spring Term saw the Religion and Philosophy department hold its first Ideas Forum event for our GCSE and A Level RS pupils.

Bede's recently welcomed author and speaker Dr Krish Kandiah and renowned English Philosopher Professor Stephen Law to join our pupils in a stimulating debate.

Christian Dr Kandiah spoke about the importance of building religious literacy and gave his case for belief in God. Meanwhile Professor Law argued his case for Atheism presenting his 'Evil God' hypothesis. After both speakers had been given an opportunity to present their case, our pupils were able to take part in an interactive Q&A session.

It was a stimulating event where much was debated relating to the topics we study throughout our Philosophy course. These included the argument for God and the problem of evil and it was pleasing to see our pupils engage so well with the process. Upper Sixth pupil Kate Perry, who is hoping to study Philosophy at university next year said of the forum, "This event further opened my eyes to the fascinating nature of philosophy. It was a brilliant opportunity to interact with and challenge experts in their respective fields."

It was a successful evening and we look forward to hosting our next Philosophy Ideas Forum. Watch this space!

Savvas Costi

*Head of Religion and Philosophy*



## SERVICE AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE LAUNCHES BEDE'S TALKS



**We speak with Head of School Imogen Lock about the Service and Wellbeing Committee's new initiative, Bede's Talks ([bedestalks.com](http://bedestalks.com)) - a website dedicated to providing a platform for members of the Bede's community to discuss mental health.**

Pupils and staff are invited to submit blog articles, vlogs and reviews covering a wide range of issues affecting young people today - including (but not limited to) anxiety, sexuality, exam stress, eating disorders and relationship issues. The website can only be accessed by Bede's staff and pupils, and people can choose to post anonymously. There is also a help page with advice on tackling mental health issues and contact numbers for organisations around the world. "This is a safe space for people in the school community to support each other," Imogen says. "Trauma affects us all at some point in our lives, and one of the main barriers when people are struggling is a feeling that they are alone. By sharing our stories, we can show others that it is okay to feel the way they do, as their experiences aren't isolated. It also gives people confidence to be able to share their own experiences within a safe forum."

Feelings of anxiety and depression are sadly becoming more common in young people, in part owing to the rise of technology and social media. In a statement released in December 2018, Childline (which is supported by the NSPCC) reported a sharp

rise in the number of children and teenager calls to the charity owing to feelings of anxiety: from 11,700 sessions in 2015-16 to 21,300 in 2017-18.

"Bede's Talks has not been set up as an alternative to therapy, but for some people it may present the first step to getting help," Imogen explains. "We have a really strong community at Bede's, and it is important to get support from the people around you if you're struggling."

This project has been led by Imogen, with support from the Service and Wellbeing Committee: Evie Taylor, Grace Stannard, Owen Maitland-Shadwell, Velko Velez, Marie Boyer and Kaylan Coetser. Finn Ractliffe designed the website. "It was a team effort and couldn't have happened without everyone's input," Imogen says.

Bede's Talks is a project that Imogen is very keen to be taken on by Bede's pupils throughout the years and continue to be a resource long after she leaves the school this summer. "My vision for the website is that the content will continue to grow to the point that it becomes the ultimate place for anyone at the school struggling with stress or anxiety to go for answers. It is a way for us to share our experience in order to stop people from feeling alone and confused when they are struggling."

All pupils and staff are encouraged to submit content for the website; to do so, please register as a writer at [bedestalks.com](http://bedestalks.com).

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# HOUSE COMPETITIONS

**This year's House Competitions took place on a perfect Spring afternoon, with hundreds of pupils taking part in some exciting competitions.**

In the Maths department, Sixth Formers coached the junior pupils in maths quizzes, with Camberlot proving to be the best teachers and coming out on top. In the Drama Studio there were some very funny performances involving props and skits, with Deis taking first spot. In the junior debating competition, pupils had to put forward their case as to who should not be thrown out of a balloon, with Hugo Hammer in Stud proving to be the most persuasive. A more traditional debate took place for the seniors with Deis winning over the judges. In the Science Labs two very different competitions were taking place; an aura of calm and focused concentration could be found in the chess competition with Deis also winning the battle. Upstairs there were various designs of paper aeroplanes being tried out from the balconies as the houses competed to be the best engineers with Camberlot taking the title. Mr Hammond had designed a different kind of ceramics competition with pupils making ceramic bacon sandwiches and then having to balance pots on their heads. Dorte proved to be the best at this task. Bloomsbury were the winners of the junior quiz, whilst Camberlot triumphed in the senior quiz. Over in the Sports Hall, Camberlot won

both the junior and senior badminton with Crossways taking the girls' junior title and Charleston taking the senior title. The Tough Mudder was very tough - Mr Morris got too carried away with some of the tasks that had to be carried out - but Dicker emerged as the winners. In the pool Jack Iddison and Tom Barden proved to be too good for the rest with Dorms running away with the swimming trophy. Crossways won a very hard fought football competition. The Junior Girls Netball cup was awarded to Bloomsbury and the Senior Girls Netball was won by Charleston. Congratulations to Camberlot who won the senior boys hockey and Knights who won the junior boys hockey. The final House Competition of the term was Cross Country. Taking place on a gloriously sunny Tuesday afternoon, the whole school community came together for the 5km run, through the rather muddy fields surrounding Upper Dicker.

There were many stunning individual performances, particularly Tom Collins from Dorms winning the senior boys race in astonishing 17.14, with Rex Lane, also from Dorms, in second, Themba Wardle, Camberlot taking third. Millie Doxey, Crossways, won the senior girls with a time of 22.39, with Roberta Vine in second and Frederika Clemo, both from Bloomsbury, in third. In the juniors, the boy's winner was Jake Parr, Stud, with a time of 18.01, with Michael Blight, Camberlot, in second, and Jem

Matthews, Deis, in third. Maddy Baldwin-Charles, Dorte, won the girl's race in a time of 22.37, with Megan Wyatt in second, and Amelia Tait, both from Bloomsbury, in third. Mr McKeefry, Housemaster of Camberlot, won the staff race with a very respectable time of 19.33!

Overall, the house winning teams for Cross Country were Bloomsbury for the girls, followed by Crossways in second and Camberlot for the boys, with Dorms in second.



Ms Woollett said, "The afternoon was a fantastic display of teamwork and house spirit - it is wonderful to see the whole Bede's community coming together and supporting each other - we saw tremendous feats of speed, masses of camaraderie and bags of resilience! Thank you all!" On the final Wednesday of term, we had a superb house girls house cricket competition which showcased the wonderful talent we have at Bede's. This event concluded the term's competitions with the placings as follows:

In tenth place with 160 points - Dicker  
In ninth place with 167 points - Knights  
In eighth place with 168 points - Deis  
In seventh place with 179 points - Dorms  
In sixth place with 185.5 points - Dorte  
In fifth place with 201 points - Charleston  
In fourth place with 206 points - Stud  
In third place with 234 points - Camberlot  
The gap between second and first is now just 4 points; in second place currently with 247 points is Crossways and therefore Bloomsbury are currently in the lead with 251 points!

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# CHARITY AND COMMUNITY

**Pupils have enjoyed a very busy beginning to 2019 with a range of House Charity fundraising and community events.**

Pupils from Camberlot House opened a Community Café at the School, to which they invited residents of the village and surrounding area for coffee and homemade cake, as part of the pupils' ongoing mission to reach out and engage with their local community.

Camberlot Deputy Housemaster, Mr Sealey, says, "The morning was a great success and the pupils did themselves proud. Pupils and village residents enjoyed the opportunity to get to know each other better, hear stories from Dicker days gone by, and see the importance of community spirit when living in such close proximity. I am already looking forward to inviting them in again in the future."

In addition, when Joe Sarro, Lower Sixth, asked for donations to Cancer Research UK instead of birthday presents, his fellow Camberlot pupils joined forces to raise £761. Mr Sealey comments, "It was fantastic to see the entire house unite with Joe and raise as much money as possible and chipping in everything they could to support him. Joe was immensely touched by the generosity of his peers."

As part of their Charity Week, pupils from Deis House took part in a wide range of activities to raise over £900 for their House

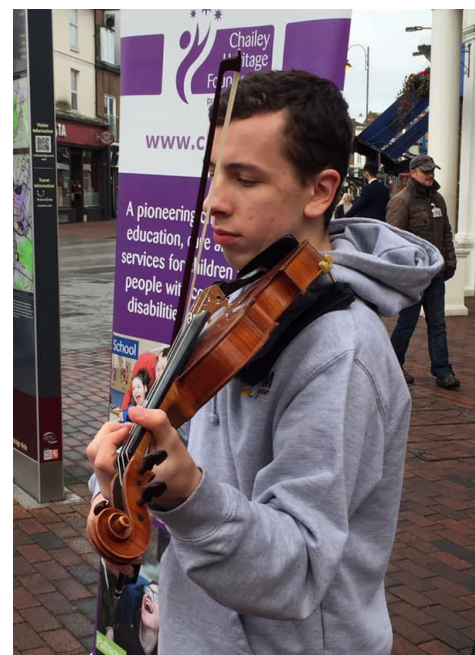


Charity, Chailey Heritage Foundation, which provides education and healthcare for children with disabilities. Events included a joint Quiz Night with Bloomsbury House, which saw fierce competition add £150 to the charity pot, a weekly tuck shop and car washing challenge.

The 'Deis Active' initiative saw pupils take on physical challenges to raise funds, from mountain biking and ice skating to squash and busking. Upper Sixth pupil Conor Woodbridge, who raised £305 by taking his violin to the streets of Tunbridge Wells, says, "I visited Chailey Heritage to play music to the children there a couple of years ago and

it really is a wonderful place. I am thrilled to have been able to raise funds for this very worthy cause, and would like to thank everyone who has donated."

Pupils from Dicker House also teamed up to raise funds for Cancer Research UK at their Charity Week Cyclathon, which saw pupils cycle 765km on spin bikes. Mr Abraham, Dicker Housemaster, explains, "We had three bikes running non-stop for the duration of breaks and lunches and late stays from Monday to Friday. All of the boys took part. We were intending to cover 500km (the equivalent of cycling from Upper Dicker to Lands End), but such was the effort that



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we surpassed our target early and set our sights on Edinburgh, which we reached on the Friday. In March, Dicker House held their annual 24 Hour Football Challenge in aid of Cancer Research UK. First on the pitch were the First Year pupils who played four hours of football. Our senior pupils then settled in for the next 20 hours. Of particular note were the Lower Fifth pupils who stepped up to support our Sixth Form. The last few hours are always the most gruelling, following the long night, but fuelled by bacon rolls the boys saw it through!

"I am delighted we have currently raised over £2000 for Cancer Research UK. Well done to all the boys for another fantastic term of fundraising."

Following a successful Charity Week and Santa Run last term, pupils in Dorter House continued to focus on community by inviting pupils from Meads End Boarding House at Bede's Prep for a sleepover, during which they enjoyed banana muffins and played games. The Dorter House Prefects also organised an event for the girls in the younger years, which featured games including tag rugby. To end the term, Dorter House held their Charity Curry and Bingo Night, raising £568 for Children with Cancer UK.

Stud House hosted its annual Race Night to raise funds for the ABC Fund, which supports local disadvantaged children. The evening included food stalls, a tombola and games. Sam Bickersteth, Lower Sixth, says, "The turnout was strong and the sense of community was even stronger. The event was a massive success, and we can't thank helpers involved enough for organising such a memorable occasion. All proceeds from the



event were donated directly to the ABC Fund, cementing the event as a highlight of the year for the house."

First Year Barney Packard from Stud House will also be fundraising during the May half term break for Pulmonary Fibrosis, an incurable scarring disease which affects the lungs, and sadly, for which there is no cure. Barney and his family will be walking the South Downs Way, 100 miles, from

Winchester to Eastbourne, over eight days, in memory of their grandpa who passed away from PF, and in support of Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis. Please look out for the collection boxes in house to make a donation to this very worthwhile cause.

Well done to all pupils and house teams for your sterling efforts! We can't wait to see your charitable and community efforts continue throughout 2019 and beyond.

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# SPORT TENNIS

## THE ROAD TO UNIVERSITY

**Bede's School Tennis programme is looking to develop pathways for players who see university in the UK and America as the next step in their tennis progression.**

Not everyone is ready to be a professional at 18 years of age, but with American universities providing scholarship opportunities to train like a full time player alongside earning a degree, and a growing competitive tennis circuit within UK Universities, Bede's is developing a programme that will help players achieve the knowledge and standards to take this journey. Our first steps will be hosting UTR (Universal Tennis Ranking) events at Bede's throughout the year to help players increase their UTR ranking (used by American University Coaches) as well as hosting an annual talk by Tennis Smart to keep all players up to date on the regulations and rules to apply to university.

Later this year, JoJo Bach from Bloomsbury House, will head off to Delaware University on a full tennis scholarship. JoJo who is studying Maths, Economics and Business A Levels at Bede's said, "I've known that the US university route was what I wanted since I was 12, so receiving the scholarship offer from Delaware was really exciting. I suffered a bad injury during the application process which was difficult but I got through it and am really pleased that I am have got an offer from a university that is strong for tennis and academics." JoJo added, "I'm in touch with Elise van Heuvelen who left Bede's a few years ago and is at Iowa University on a tennis scholarship so this has helped give me a sense of what life will be like next year."



# HOCKEY

## HARD WORK MAKES HOCKEY LOOK EASY



**It has been an incredibly busy term for hockey and in a number of ways, extremely successful.**

We have seen a large number of pupils engaged in the sport and successes on the pitch have followed as a result. Our girls programme started the term in preparation for our U15 National Cup quarter final vs Millfield. Bede's suffered a very narrow defeat with chances at both ends of the pitch and placed in the top eight schools in the country, bowing out to the overall champions. This cup run acted as a clear marker for how far our girls hockey programme has progressed over the past four years, with Bede's now a presence on the national stage. A very high number of our pupils have thrived in our Club Partnership with Eastbourne Ladies Hockey Club where Bede's players have enjoyed promotions across all top three teams at the club. This is an astonishing achievement for the high number of pupils involved, not only to access a full club season, but to continue to develop and improve in a challenging environment, playing against adult sides, whilst winning club leagues.

Our boys programme has proved to be extremely eventful in front of goal with a total of 77 goals being scored from our 42

school fixtures. There have been some true expressions of flair and creativity on the pitch within our boys sides and I have witnessed some moments of individual brilliance. Our U14 and U18 boys sides recently competed at the Sussex Finals Day amongst the top hockey schools in the county.

We are incredibly proud to have athletes who represent their club sides at regional 1st XI ladies and mens' standard.

We currently have 18 pupils representing their counties in the Championship Squads, with a handful of these representing their Regional Performance Centre sides. Many have future aspirations to progress beyond these into the Futures Cup and National Age Groups squads, following in the footsteps of some of our notable alumni. The commitment displayed from these individuals with the number of hours taken to represent sides at this level is nothing short of exceptional. The hours spent, not only on the hockey pitch, but travelling to venues, improving themselves athletically in the gym and doing active recovery in the pool is admirable in such young performance athletes.

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# SPORT FOOTBALL

## THE BEAUTIFUL GAME



**This football term has provided a lot of challenges for all those involved.**

The players have had to tackle very difficult opposition in the later rounds of cups competitions, and some tough friendlies playing the likes of Brighton's Academy and Elite sides. Our superb grounds team have also had to battle against the elements to produce pitches that are not only playable but conducive to Bede's style of play. On Saturday 19 January a mixed 1st XI and 2nd XI senior side took on the famous Corinthian-Casuals exhibition side. The Casuals played a key a role in football's development in its infancy and some see it as one of the founders of the modern game. The Casuals won 4-2 on this occasion, with the annual man of the match award for the player who shows the Casuals spirit and style of play going to Lower Sixth pupil, Sam Bickersteth. As the term progressed the U14s and U15s moved into the later rounds of the County Cup, before the U14s were finally knocked out in the quarter finals in extra time, whilst the U15As fell in the semi-finals losing 1-0 to William Parker in a very tightly fought contest. The senior 1st and 2nd XI have both made it through to the final of the County Cup for the second year running, with 4-0 and 1-0 wins over Cardinal Newman respectively. The finals will be held at Lancing County Ground in early May. This year's young senior 1st XI side have made some excellent progress across the term and this was highlighted recently with an

outstanding 6-2 win against Bradfield in the HUDL league with goals from Lane, Collins, Brockington, and Wright. Whilst at the same fixture the girls 1st XI had a fantastic 6-1 win which sets them up nicely for the upcoming Bede's tournaments later on this month. The U14Bs and U15Bs have worked hard this term in training and matches with the U15Bs 6-0 win at Sevenoaks capping off a fine season for them, whilst the highlight for the U14B this term being their 9-0 win over St John's Leatherhead.

The term finished with a staff versus leavers football match with the leavers triumphing 6-3.



I feel it has been another fantastic term for Bede's football, not because of the successes that some of the teams have had on the pitch, but because of development that I have seen in all players across all teams. The challenges they have risen too, and the commitment they have shown has been exemplary.

**David Caryer**  
*Director of Football*

## U15 GIRLS CROWNED COUNTY CHAMPIONS

**Bede's U15 Girls were recently crowned the 2019 Lady Taverners Sussex Champions.**

The Sussex County Finals were hosted by Bede's Senior School, with seven teams qualifying for the day.

The girls secured victories over Durrington High, Steyning Grammar, Downlands and Gildredge House. In the final against Gildredge House they restricted them to 37 off 8 overs and chased the total down in an emphatic two overs.

The Bede's team scored over 100 runs in every game leading up to the final. Their positive batting skills were backed up by their highly skilled fielding. The team's bowling skills were impressive with 60 being the highest score against them during the day. All players made great contributions during finals day with superb all-round fielding displays throughout. Congratulations to the Bede's squad; Izzie Atherton, Freya Kemp, Mary Taylor, Millie Taylor, Matilda Collins, Amelie Barker, Maddie Smith, Mimi Cisotti, Millie Trenaman and Amelia Entwisle.

Bede's girls now head to a Middlesex CC venue to play in the Regional Finals. They hope to follow in the footsteps of last year's U15s who reached the National Finals at Lord's.

**James Kirtley**  
*Cricket Coach*



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## BEDE'S FOOTBALLERS CELEBRATE ISFA SUCCESSES

**Several Bede's footballers have been accepted into the Independent Schools Football Association (ISFA), among other high-profile external teams, and have seen milestone successes on the pitch.**

As well as playing for the Bede's 1st XI, Tom Collins and Nahje Smith (both Lower Sixth) play for ISFA's U17 team. Tom, who also plays for Sussex U18s, says, "I love football - I have been playing since I started walking! It's fantastic to be able to play for these amazing teams and gain such valuable experience. We are also seeing a lot of younger players coming through the Bede's teams, and seeing them develop as players and become more confident on the pitch is really great. I am currently applying for football scholarships at universities in the US."

Nahje, who also plays for the Bermuda U17 National team, moved to the UK from Bermuda on a Bede's Football Scholarship. He says, "It's great to have the opportunity to play football in the UK and Bermuda - although the climates are very different! I travel back to Bermuda for training with the National team every school break - we are currently working towards the World Cup qualifiers in May."

Tom Howard, Upper Fifth, has played for ISFA since he was 14 years old and currently plays for the U16 team. He was also signed to Sussex this year after being recommended by Bede's Director of Sport, Mr David Caryer. Tom says, "I started playing for my local club at the age of 5, and have been playing football pretty much non-stop ever since. At school, I am part of the Bede's 1st XI and really enjoy training with my friends. The coaches are really great and push us to achieve the best we can, and the facilities are also brilliant." Toby Brown, First Year, plays for the Bede's U14As and is celebrating his first year in ISFA following a successful trial at the ISFA Regional Representative Festival in Shrewsbury last year. Toby says, "It's fantastic being able to train at this level, both in school and at ISFA. My highlights so far have been taking part in the ISFA training camps and being part of the winning team against Chelsea at a recent match. I'm looking forward to continuing with my training and playing in more matches."

Eloise Eyre, Upper Fifth pupil at Bede's Senior School, is celebrating an exciting international football debut. On Sunday 4 February, Eloise travelled to Edinburgh to



play for the England ISFA side in their match against Scotland, with England coming away with a 4-0 victory and Eloise being awarded her first international cap.

Eloise, who has been playing football since the age of 4, trains five times a week as part of the Brighton & Hove Albion squad, and was part of the Bede's ISFA U18 Girls Cup winning team in April last year.

Eloise says, "It was fantastic to play for the ISFA England team against Scotland last weekend; there was a great atmosphere, and we played really well as a team. To receive my first international cap is very exciting, and I look forward to playing more ISFA matches in the near future. I hope to pursue a career in professional football when I leave school." Mr Caryer adds, "Tom, Nahje, Eloise, Tom and Toby all work incredibly hard, and are fully deserving of all that they have accomplished in their young careers so far. I am sure that they will accomplish many more great things in the future."



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Parents may wish to note that we are currently offering a 40% discount on the last few remaining items of Canterbury kit and all our cricket clothing is £5 an item.

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