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I hope you enjoy reading our annual magazine. There are so many memories and it is very difficult to condense them all into this booklet. At the end of my fourth year as Headmaster, I find myself reflecting on the many positives that have happened in the last twelve months.

The over-riding memory of the Autumn Term for me last year was the day I became a pupil for a day in order to raise funds for the disaster appeal in the Philippines. It was an outstanding success and I was warmly received as a pupil by our existing pupil body but most importantly we raised over £3,000 for the appeal.

The annual Bethany's Got Talent competition once again proved a huge success with the worthy winner being James Clarke.

As usual, our Carol Service was once again warmly received with many parents saying that it was the best one ever. The term was suitably finished with a visiting acting troupe performing A Christmas Carol to great effect.

The Spring Term started with our Year 11 pupils having a formal trial examinations week, which was hugely beneficial for them. It was at this time that we found out that our amazing guitarist, William Scott, had been accepted to study at The Royal College of Music.

We also welcomed our two new gap assistants, Grace Crisp from Australia and Matthew Scholtz from South Africa.

Our annual School production was called Seussical, based on the works of Doctor Seuss. Once again it was performed to great acclaim.

In January I read out a letter from a former employee who had been to the Philippines and seen some restoration work that was being explicitly accredited to the funds raised by Bethany School in November. What a small world we now inhabit.

In February, we welcomed four Taiwanese pupils on the annual exchange programme. Once again we marveled at just how much work they get through in Taipei with many of them going to a cramming school after their school day has finished.

March saw a record number of guests, nearly a hundred in total, attend a Confirmation ceremony of nine pupils. This was presided over by the Bishop of Dover the Rt. Reverend Michael Wilmoth and all present marveled at the intimacy of the ceremony.

The pick of the Spring Term for me was Bethany's participation at the National STEM (Science Technology Education Maths) finals where our four Year 11 pupils at the NEC Birmingham represented the School outstandingly well.

Summer Term saw the annual boarders' barbecue at The Firs. In the hours preceding this event there was a huge thunderstorm and we lost electricity everywhere! But in true British bulldog style the show went on and a most enjoyable barbecue took place.

The annual Sixth Form Leavers Ball was once again very popular, with Mr Davies' band supplying superb music all night. It was particularly heartwarming to see so many of our parents out-dance their children!

In May we learned that Piers Muir, our outstanding Year 13 artist had the portrait of his grandfather accepted by the highly prestigious Royal



Academy Summer School online exhibition. It was one of only 36 paintings to make the final exhibition from a countrywide entry of 1,080 pieces.

The annual staff/leavers' football match was once again hotly contested. The match ended in a pulsating 3-3 draw which meant that it went to penalties. The pupils won, thereby securing a third victory in consecutive years.

Academically, Bethany was on the front foot with practically all of our A level pupils going on to their preferred university courses. Given our broad ability profile, there was again a very impressive proportion of pupils achieving high grades.

Similarly, our GCSE pupils learned a lot from the trial examinations in January and most are doing the A level subjects of their choice.

This, of course, is only made possible by the caring, supportive and challenging support provided by our wonderful body of teaching staff. Our children achieve the academic results they do precisely because pupils, parents and the School are working in harmony to ensure that every child's potential is realised whilst keeping the child and his/her personality at the very centre of all that we do.

We have continued our programme of refurbishment and now The Mount is a state of the art boarding house with a very high standard of accommodation.

I was delighted that we have finally got permission to build a 25 metre by six lanes indoor swimming pool. Shortly after I became Headmaster in 2010 I did a survey and asked parents what our next major project should be and the construction of an indoor swimming pool was the preferred option by some margin.

The address I gave on Speech Day was very favourably received and I would like to thank so many of you for the positive emails that you sent me in support of my stance that the most important aspect in any educational process is the child. Childhood is golden and we should never forget this.

The Board of Governors undertake their roles at Bethany with the utmost diligence and they are also volunteers. The ethos that permeates our School at all levels is also evident at the boardroom. The Governors deserve great gratitude and appreciation for all that they so willingly do and so on behalf of all of us I would like to thank them sincerely for this.

Finally, I would like to emphasise my gratitude to all of you for your continued support at Bethany School in general and for me in particular. It is a great source of comfort and provides with me with the necessary



resilience to lead our wonderful community. There is much to read in this magazine which I hope you will enjoy. I would like to finish by thanking our Marketing Manager, Mrs Ginnie Corbett, for coordinating this publication so effectively.

Francie Healy
Headmaster

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TODMANS



Todmans is a small, cosy House, which is caring and respectful with amazing tutors. It's a great House for those joining Bethany and is, frankly, 'totally amazeballs'!

Number of pupils:

44

House Vice Captains:

Thomas Connell

George Osmond

The first major event of the year was Charities Day and, as is now traditional, the Todmans boys found themselves at Bedgebury for a walk of Himalayan proportions. The two groups (Miss Mills' and Miss Berry's tutor groups in the first and Mr Cooper's and Mrs Shier's in the second) set off in opposite directions to explore all the goodies that Bedgebury has to offer.

Each group was equipped with a flipcam and was asked to film themselves 'doing something entertaining'. 274 clips were returned, most of which consisted of people's feet, owing to the fact that they'd forgotten they hadn't turned the camera off. Nevertheless, some entertainments were recorded – Miss Mills' and Miss Berry's groups twerking needs to be seen to be believed – and the pupils enjoyed watching the finished video on the following Monday.



a slightly miserable few days for Jeremy Daubeny, who managed to finish runner-up in both competitions!).

Our Christmas party was organised by one of the Young Enterprise companies and a more magnificent collection of

reward the top achievers in attainment too, with prizes given to the best pupils in Year 7 and 8, as well as a prize for the best tutor group. Over the course of the year, Thomas Golding, Leon Lambert and Louis Griffiths all came top or joint-top of the pile on one occasion, but by far the most successful pupils were Marcus Hobson in Year 7 (with six wins) and Harry Lee in Year 8 (with five). Mr Cooper's tutor group proved the highest attainers, with five out of six wins.



Each group finished in good time and we made it back to the Todmans Common Room in time to watch 'Despicable Me'. All in all, a very good day – and the magnificent sum of £990 raised for charity. This brings our total fundraising over the last five years to a fantastic £3,915 – I don't think there's any other House that can rival that! This year's money was divided equally between our three chosen charities; Cancer Research UK, the Dogs Trust and Water Aid.

During the Autumn Term we held our inaugural FIFA competition on the X-Box and after a couple of weeks of fierce competition, Jose-Okori Dougan Etoha was crowned the 2013 champion. During the Spring Term we held our 2014 competition and Harry Lee managed to wrest the trophy from Jose-Okori. 2014 also saw the first running of the Todmans pool competition and Jack Bartram was victorious (completing

Christmas onesies has never been seen. Christmas also saw an impromptu 'who looks silliest in Ben's Christmas hat' competition, which was 'won' by Conor Scholes.

A further innovation this year was the Academic Attainment awards. Each grades and reports session, the Headmaster commends in Assembly those whose effort average is 1.25 or better. In Todmans, we decided to



The year was rounded off in traditional style, with Speech Day. The nearly-world-famous Todmans tombola was once again a huge success, with pupils queuing up to try to win back the prizes their own parents had donated. As a result, the splendid sum of £200 was raised, which will go towards new facilities in the Common Room.



At the end of the year, we bade a minor farewell to Miss Mills and Mr Cooper, who will be moving to The Mount, and a more major one to Mrs Shier, who is leaving Bethany to sample pastures new. I wish her well and thank her for everything she's done over the last couple of years in Todmans.

Mr Davies





KENDON



Another highly successful year for the boys in Kendon House which has said goodbye the Mr Sturrock and his family after three years. Kendon looks forward to the arrival of Mr Vickerman and his family next year, not least to ensure Kendon regain the Hollman Cup!

Number of pupils:

58

Head of House:

Jerry Lai

Monitors:

Matthew Cheung

Victor Yau



Kendon Christmas Party

The last year has seen the Kendon staff team improving many of the House's facilities, and ensuring pupils develop the boarding ethos with the excellent support of all involved. While there was stability in the staff there was a significant change in the boarding population and it was good that the day pupils balanced out the new boarders from around the globe. At its busiest, Kendon was home to 33 boarders.

Those of you who follow Kendon House closely will know that Mr Sturrock and his family will be moving out of the boarding house. He will continue to be resident on-site in Chapel House, from where he will be able to have a full and active part to play in all the boarding houses, in his role as Head of Boarding. Mr Sturrock has brought many changes to Kendon House in his three years in charge and we look forward to the arrival of Mr Vickerman and his young family.

The international feel of the House has been maintained with the wide mix of nationalities, which has continued from last year, but it has also been at the heart of the ethos that Kendon should provide a typical British boarding

experience. The House looks forward to picking up more weekly boarders as The Mount opens its doors to full boarders once again.

After many years of the boarders on the top corridor needing to go downstairs for their ablutions, the creation of a washroom in Room 22 has been gratefully received by the boys. Thanks should also go to the Kendon pupils who provided the most recent pictures for the walls, most notably some of the exciting AS level artwork of Victor Yau, Year 12. These have provided a colourful array of interesting pictures for everyone to enjoy.

The pupils have been involved in a wide variety of School activities, with Kendon being represented in all the major aspects of the School. In sport, Year 10 are the leading lights on the sports field. In House we enjoyed Christmas dinner out this year, with Cosmo providing the space for both boarders and day boys alike to share a relaxed moment in the busy pre-Christmas build up.

Matthew Cheung and I both enjoyed success in the Young Enterprise competition and I look forward to becoming a Prefect in September when

he moves with the other Year 12 boarders.

Once again, one of the major roles for the Kendon Housemaster was to ensure that the House won the traditional Kendon v Pengelly football match. It was with some disappointment then that although Kendon performed well on the field of play, stoic defence, particularly from the goalkeeper who was kept busy throughout the second half, brought little reward with the Hollman cup going to Pengelly for the first time in many years. Mr Vickerman will be very keen to wrestle the cup back next season.

There is so much that has been achieved this year and this brief report does not do it justice, but none of it could happen without the staff team. The boys of Kendon House would like to thank Mr Sturrock, the tutors, Mr Thornton and particularly Miss Lane for their time, patience and encouragement throughout the year.

Finally, I would like to wish all those remaining in Kendon or who join the House, every success. I will miss Kendon greatly next year.

Jerry Lai, Year 12





THE MOUNT



This has truly been a fantastic year to be a Housemaster. There has been a great atmosphere in the House and this can only happen because the boys and staff “buy into” our house ethos wholeheartedly. Many thanks to Luke and his team of monitors who worked tirelessly to support the staff, the three of you will be greatly missed.

Number of pupils:

46

Head of House:

Luke Shaw

Deputy Head of House:

Ryan Askew

Monitors:

Luke Shaw

Ryan Askew

Luke Hosking

JJ Donegan



What a busy year, my last in The Mount and one of my most enjoyable.

Mr Mourey took over as Assistant Housemaster (for the second time) at the beginning of the year. He has helped to maintain such a great atmosphere in the House and we loved having him back.

We welcomed Miss Foster as one of the Year 9 tutors. I am the listener for her tutor group and she has been a fantastic tutor for them, especially when she cooked them bacon sandwiches as a reward for their outstanding grades!

After coming back from maternity leave, Mrs Romero had a transfer from Old Poplars to The Mount. It must have been quite a change but I think she liked it!



She was lucky enough to also have a Year 9 tutor group and it was easy to see the tutees maturing with her as the tutor.

It was nice to see that we still have many Mounties that are talented actors and musicians, who have contributed hugely to the success of drama productions such as 'Seussical' as well as music concerts. Not only do we have actors but the Mounties have done their fair share on the sports field.

As part of Young Enterprise I was involved in organising the joint The Mount and Old Poplars Christmas party. We came up with the theme 'Hawaii' which thankfully was a success. The food, activities and tutor group sketches were great and nearly all the day pupils and boarders attended!

Throughout the year the boarders have been going on occasional outings in the evenings, including the Marden Curry House and the cinema to see 'The Hunger Games: Catching Fire'. We have also had plenty of extra activities, the most memorable being some of the card games, our World Cup sweep stake, a rowing competition, yoga lessons, hot dog feasts and movie nights. The boarders' Easter dinner was also very entertaining where we had a formal dinner with the whole School boarding

community; we then were captivated by a professional 'illusionist' who everyone loved.

The Mount has undergone a massive refurbishment this year. The bedrooms, corridors, common room and kitchen have all been remodelled and redecorated. The kitchen and common room especially have had a dramatic but amazing change which has helped when Mrs Khan comes in to cook with us! Lastly, the games room has now been divided in to two, which means that we now have our own gym. All of these changes, along with our staff, have gone towards generating a truly wonderful atmosphere and everyone is enjoying having a new House! Many thanks to the School for making this happen.

In June the first ever six-a-side tournament between Pengelly, The Mount and Kendon took place. It involved boarders from Years 9 and 10. With outstanding performances from Nicholas Jimena-Tilling in attack, and the solid Oliver Tutt in defence, The Mount won the tournament! I will definitely come down next year to hopefully watch a second win for The Mount.

Luke Shaw, Year 12





OLD POPLARS



'You can never have too many friends' – that is the principle of the Old Poplars message; old and young, nervous and confident, sporty, creative and academic, all work to help each other, face life's challenges together, with laughter, love and empathy. Our common goal is to gain the best out of life and each other and the bond we share as Old Poplars 'girls' is both rewarding and long lasting.

Number of pupils:

73

House Committee:

Chloe Yung

Prefect Head:

Thea Marshall



There was a lot of excitement at the beginning of this year as Old Poplars was greatly improved by the redecoration of the Common Room and bedroom areas. Also the new kitchen is lovely and has given us the opportunity to show off our cooking skills. The new furniture has given Old Poplars a more stunning and modern look. We enjoyed playing games on our Wii and had a lot of fun.



At the same time we welcomed some new girls from Germany, Spain and Russia. They settled in very quickly and we all gelled very well together; our House soon became a big family again.

It was a busy year, full of excitement and fun. We started with a charity walk in September 2013 and raised about £900, which went to the charity Water Aid.

Later on we celebrated our Old Poplars Christmas party, which was a great night with a different format. We had a very cosy night in House and we decided to order Chinese take-away, which is our all-time favourite. We also watched a comedy Christmas movie and then opened our Christmas 'Secret Santa' – opening a gift from a secret person was always very exciting. At the end of the party all the girls had secretly prepared a video as a Christmas gift for our lovely house staff, and, as was expected, they were touched and surprised.

After this came the Easter dinner, which brought the boarders together as a big community with all the boarding staff too. As it was a fancy dress theme all the girls dressed up beautifully for the night. After the dinner we went to watch the most amazing magic/comedy show in the Function Suite, where we had an excellent time.



We then had our end of year dinner at Cosmo and this gave us a chance to bid a fond farewell to the leavers of Old Poplars this year before they went their separate ways, or to join Bethany's Sixth Form house, The Orchard. Although there were some tears and laughter it was an absolutely enjoyable night.



I have only been in Old Poplars for two years, and as an overseas pupil 'Old Pops', as it is affectionately known, is just like a second home for me. The staff and people here are amazing and they gave me a lot of support to help me get through my tough times and home sickness.

I have made a lot of friends from all over the world just in these two years and have some very special memories, which I'm sure will be with me for my lifetime.

Chloe Yung, Year 13



PENGELLY



Pengelly continues to be a very active and vibrant House. It is right in the centre of the school and we are therefore often entertaining pupils from other Houses who make the most of Pengelly's warm and friendly environment.

It is a pleasure to be the Housemaster in such a friendly house and my family and I have really enjoyed our first two years.

Number of pupils:

52

Head of House:

Lionel Leong

Anthony Lai



Pengelly has always been a warm, friendly and enthusiastic Boarding House to live in. Since the House has been run by Mr Hughes as Housemaster, affectionately known to the boys as Papa Chump, Pengelly has become second home for everyone in the House.

Our Friday take-away night has always been one of the most fun weekly events, and there is always a battle between ordering Chinese or Kebab. Once every month, Mr Hughes opens his garden to welcome us to his Barbecue Party, the rule being that leftovers are not allowed. We also have regular visits to the local curry house, the Taj of Kent, in Marden. Thirty of us always fill up half of the restaurant, enjoying Chicken Tikka curry.

We had some wonderful times with Mr Stubberfield and Mr Grant. We have all enjoyed the brightness and positivity of Mr Stubberfield, especially when he sings to us during the morning wake up call. We will never forget Mr Grant's football watching record during the

last term, watching the World Cup and screaming loud in the Common Room, the movie night we had and the football tour we went on with him. Also the football match that took place between the teams led by Mr Grant and Mr Norgrove was fun. Mr Grant's team won. Unfortunately, Mr Grant is leaving us to continue his teaching path overseas. He has been here since mid-year of 2012 and in this time he has played an excellent role in Pengelly.

Mr Hughes is very much the father figure of the House, taking care of each of the boarders. He and his family have created a safe, happy and accepting environment, making Pengelly the House into Pengelly the home. This year we went to watch the rugby match between Harlequins and Saracens. Mr Hughes is such a fantastic character and well respected. He is also genuine and wants the best for all of us.

A real triumph this year in Pengelly is that we finally won the famous Kendon vs Pengelly football match, with the

final score being 2-1. It has been seven years since Pengelly beat Kendon in the match. It felt good to finally win, making the House feel very happy and united. Thanks to our amazing and talented team under the coaching of Mr Grant.

This year we had a number of new pupils from Europe. Each term we have had a new boy come to stay for one term. We had two amazing Spanish boys; Guillermo Rodriguez Barajas and Raul Rullan Matias who both fitted into Pengelly really well. In the last term, we were also very lucky to have a German boy, Yannick Müller and a French boy, Oscar Salmon-Legagneur. The four of them had a wonderful time in Pengelly.

For all of us who will not be returning to Pengelly next year, we will take with us very fond memories and wish the next boys a truly amazing time. Once Pengelly gets into your heart, it will never leave you. Pengelly rules! Pengelly forever!

Lionel Leong and Anthony Lai,
Year 12



THE ORCHARD



Another year flew past in The Orchard House, and pupils spread their wings, jumped from the nest and headed off to pastures new including universities, the world of work or on a gap year in far flung corners of the globe. We hope they have departed with many fond memories from their final year at Bethany and in the House; the staff certainly enjoyed their company and many events will last in the memory for some time.

Number of pupils:

100

House Committee:

Henry Bonaert

Nat Marshall

Thea Marshall



Leavers' Ball

Along with new recruits to The Orchard, pupils made new Assistant Housemistress, Mrs Gee and her family feel at home with their warm welcome and cheerful spirits. Pupils moved from other Houses to the large, purpose-built, mixed Sixth Form House and enjoyed the en-suite facilities and shared study rooms. This year, 35 pupils made The Orchard their home and we had a further 65 day pupils. We are able to look back on a year that has created lasting friendships, fostered independence, challenged pupils to meet their academic potential and, as one pupil succinctly says, "has given me the ability to create a second family". It was certainly a busy and fun-filled year. Thea Marshall, Nat Marshall and Henry Bonaert stood as our House Committee and we thank them for their enthusiasm and commitment to the House.

We raised a huge amount of money for the Charity Day in September as tutor groups set off in different directions, crossing the Kent countryside in the hope of finding their chosen pub in time for lunch. Mr Hart Dyke was pleased to see everyone return, including Mr Payne's tutor group who took a detour to spot Jemima Harris' horse. A three-day cake sale in October saw charity-minded pupils bake and raise a huge sum of money for the Philippine's Flood Disaster. Indeed, The Orchard represents our global community and an important part of its success is

welcoming overseas pupils. Culture Day was hugely successful and pupils wore their National dress with pride. Whistle stop tours of Taiwan and Romania were highlights as Sixth Form pupils travelled abroad sharing tales of hard work, good rugby and fabulous food on their return. We enjoyed several birthdays as pupils turned 18.

The night of Eurovision saw us cheering along to the fireworks, glitz and glamour that we would subsequently recreate for the May Ball which was 'Epic' (in Georgie Marland's opinion). A 'Christmas Cake Club' was well attended, although one girl couldn't wait to 'rum' and ice her cake before taking a slice from it. We enjoyed shared cooking nights, with secret recipes for spaghetti bolognese, pizza and chilli being passed on to ensure life as a university student will be well catered for.

Eating was definitely a theme and as well as eating in, we visited several hostels around Kent. We had a great evening at Cosmo in Tunbridge Wells



and promised not to tell Mr Davies' wife that the diet had been broken! Before the October break, we went to La Zia Maria in Goudhurst and tasted the most delicious Italian. Boarders were joined at Christmas at the Croma in Tunbridge Wells and really enjoyed a three course meal before a trip to the cinema.



Popcorn and film nights proved popular too and we will remember singing along to 'Frozen' and the duvet night, along with hiding behind the sofas at Fred Roberts' choice of film.

Wheelchair racing became the new way to train as we prepared for the Winter Olympics and Sports Day. Laura Graham impressed us with her pool skills and the on-site gym was used by many during the run-up to the May Ball as pupils aspired to peak fitness to show off their model physiques. We shopped til we dropped most weekends and the boarders' trips to Maidstone and the Christmas trip to 'Thriller' were highlights in the year.

Mrs Gee



UPPER SIXTH LEAVERS



EMMA ACHESON-GRAY

A levels: Maths (AS), English Literature, French, Government and Politics

Awards: Politics Prize

Next: University of Leeds – International Relations



SOPHIE ALLDIS

A levels: Maths, Design Technology, Photography

Awards: Netball Team, Hockey Team, D of E – Bronze

Next: Working



NICOLAS BAXTER

A levels: Media Studies, Applied Business

Next: Bournemouth University – Digital Media Design



HARRY BETHEL-MOTAGALLI

A levels: Chemistry, Maths, Physics

Awards: Senior Maths Challenge, D of E – Gold

Next: Aberdeen University – Chemical Engineering



DANIEL BLEWETT

A levels: Business Studies, BTEC Sport, Geography

Awards: Head of School, Captain 1st XI Football Team, All Round Sports Commitment Cup, 1st XV Rugby, 1st XI Football, 1st XI Cricket, D of E – Bronze

Next: Bournemouth University – Sports Management



HENRY BONAERT

A levels: Applied Business, Media Studies, French

Awards: Prefect, Club Captain 1st XV, House Committee, Henry Howard Public Speaking Prize, D of E – Gold

Next: Bocconi International – Business Management



NATASHA BRATTLE

A levels: Art and Design, Textiles, Media Studies, Drama and Theatre Studies

Awards: Sports House Deputy, Netball Team, Hockey Team, Rounders Team, D of E – Gold

Next: Falmouth University – Fashion Design



THERESA BRATTLE

A levels: Media Studies, Photography, BTEC Sport

Awards: Prefect, Head of Pastoral Care, Captain 1st Netball Team, Deputy of Sports House, Netball Team, Rounders Team, D of E – Gold

Next: Hertfordshire University – Photography



ANNA BURNHAM

A levels: History (AS), DT (AS), Photography, Art and Design, Business Studies

Awards: Social and Academic Progress Award, Netball Team, Hockey Team, D of E – Gold

Next: Working



KARLIE CHENG

A levels: Art and Design, Photography, Maths, Physics

Awards: Art Scholarship

Next: Oxford Brookes University – Architecture



BILLY DAUS

A levels: Business Studies, History, Government and Politics

Next: University of Essex – International Relations



TEE JAY DERVISH-HUSSEIN

A levels: Media Studies, Art and Design

Awards: Half Colours (Rugby), Basketball Team, Football Team, Rugby Team, D of E – Bronze

Next: City of Westminster College



OLIVIA DOUGLAS

A levels: Philosophy and Ethics, Applied Business, BTEC Sport
Awards: Captain of Hockey Team, Captain of Tennis Team, Sports Scholar, 1st Hockey Team, 1st Netball Team, 1st Rounders Team, 1st Tennis Team, Member of Barbados Netball Squad
Next: Oxford Brookes – Business School and Management



JEMIMA ELLIS

A levels: Media Studies, Food Technology, Photography, Drama and Theatre Studies, Maths (AS)
Awards: D of E – Gold
Next: University of Arts, London – Advertising



IZZY FATAH

A levels: History (AS), Photography, Business Studies, Philosophy and Ethics
Awards: D of E – Gold
Next: Nottingham Trent – Fashion Management



HENRY FELTON-SMITH

A levels: Drama and Theatre Studies, BTEC Sport, Media Studies, Photography
Awards: 2nd XI Football Team, D of E – Gold
Next: Oxford Brookes – Film Studies



HARRY GAWLER

A levels: Design Technology, Geography, French
Awards: Prefect, French Prize, Design and Technology Prize, 1st Tennis Team, 1st Squash Team, D of E – Gold
Next: Working



TEDDY GIBSON

A levels: History, English, Media Studies
Next: University of Northampton – Professional Investigative Practice



JINSUNG HA

A levels: Maths, Further Maths, Chemistry, Physics
Awards: Maths Award, Senior Maths Challenge (Silver)
Next: Imperial College – Computer Science



JEMIMA HARRIS

A levels: Biology, Geography, BTEC Sport
Awards: Head of School, Choral Prize, Hockey Prize for biggest contribution, Rounders Prize for biggest contribution, Rounders Colours, Hockey Colours, Netball Colours. Captain of 2nd Netball Team. Joint Hockey Captain, Tennis and Equestrian Team, D of E – Bronze
Next: Teacher Training



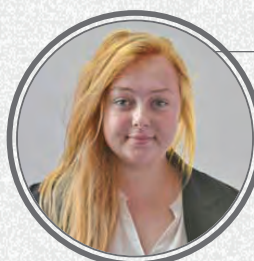
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A levels: Geography, Chemistry, Philosophy and Ethics
Awards: Prefect, Half Colours – Netball, Best GCSE Prize, Young Enterprise Achiever of the Year Award, 1st Netball Team, D of E – Gold
Next: Liverpool University – Law



BUD HEDGES

A levels: English, History, Government and Politics
Awards: Prefect, 2nd Football Team, 1st XI Cricket Team
Next: Loughborough University – Politics and International Relations



GEORGIA HODGSON

A levels: Philosophy and Ethics, Spanish, Business Studies
Next: Bangor University – Spanish with Italian



JOE HOSKIN

A levels: Biology, Business Studies, Geography
Awards: 3rd XI Football Team
Next: Southampton University – Biology



AMELIA HOWELL

A levels: BTEC Sport, Applied Business
Awards: Prefect, 1st Hockey Team, 1st Rounders Team, 1st Netball Team, D of E – Gold
Next: Loughborough University – Information Management and Business





JAMES HUNTER

A levels: Physics, Maths,
Design Technology
Next: Brunel University
- Aviation Engineering



ALLEN IMEGWU

A levels: Maths, Chemistry, Physics,
Further Maths
Awards: Senior Maths
Challenge Prize
Next: Oxford Brookes –
Mechanical Engineering



LUKE KAVANAGH

A levels: Applied Business,
BTEC Sport
Awards: Half Colours – Football,
Most Improved Senior Footballer,
Captain 1st XV Rugby, D of E – Gold
Next: Newcastle University -
Business Management



ALVIN LAM

A levels: Maths, Further Maths,
Chemistry
Awards: Basketball Team
Next: UCL – Statistics



CLAUDIA LAM

A levels: Textiles, Business Studies,
Music
Awards: Music Scholarship,
Woodwind Prize
Next: Central St Martin's –
Art Foundation



COURTENEY LAWRENCE

A levels: BTEC Sport,
Applied Business
Awards: Netball Team,
Equestrian Team
Next: Hartpury College –
Equine Sports Science



ALEX LIPSCOMBE

A levels: History, English, Geography
Awards: Prefect
Next: Nottingham Trent – English



JAMES LOXLEY

A levels: History, Spanish, Politics,
Philosophy and Ethics
Awards: Prefect, D of E – Gold
Next: Manchester University –
European Studies



ZOFIA MARKIEWICZ

A levels: Art and Design, Textiles,
Food Technology
Awards: Prefect, Kilby Prize for
Art, Senior Food Technology Prize,
Senior Art Prize, Equestrian Team
Next: Food Science



GEORGIE MARLAND

A levels: Business Studies,
Philosophy and Ethics, History
Awards: Prefect, Compassion Prize,
Rounders Team, D of E – Bronze
Next: Harper Adams –
Agricultural Business



NAT MARSHALL

A levels: Business Studies, Religious
Studies, Geography, Government
and Politics (AS)
Awards: Prefect, 1st Football Team,
1st Cricket Team, D of E – Silver
Next: Lancaster University –
Management Studies



THEA MARSHALL

A levels: Media Studies, Drama
and Theatre Studies, Photography,
Philosophy and Ethics
Awards: Prefect, Captain
2nd Rounders Team
Next: Sheffield Hallam -
Criminology and Psychology



WILLIAM MARSHALL

A levels: Applied Business,
Geography
Awards: Prefect, 2nd Rugby Team,
Tennis Team
Next: Bath Spa – Business
and Management

**HEATHER MORADEYO**

A levels: Religious Studies, Media Studies, Photography

Awards: Public Speaking Competition

Next: Brighton University – Applied Psychology and Sociology

**PIERS MUIRY**

A levels: Photography, Art and Design

Awards: D of E – Gold

Next: Ravensbourne – Digital Film Production (after gap year)

**IMADE OSARUMWENSE**

A levels: Drama and Theatre Studies, Media Studies, Religious Studies

Awards: Rounders Team, Secretary to the Pengelly Society

Next: Nottingham Trent – Law with Psychology

**HENRIK PRENZLIN**

A levels: Business Studies, Photography

Awards: Clarinet – Grade 6, Basketball, Team Captain, Rugby Team, Football Team, D of E – Gold

Next: UEA – Psychology

**FREDDIE RAISHBROOK**

A levels: Business Studies, Photography, Drama and Theatre Studies, Physics

Next: Falmouth University – Business Entrepreneurship

**DAANISH RIAZ**

A levels: English, History, Government and Politics

Next: Sussex University – Politics and International Relations

**FRED ROBERTS**

A levels: Geography, Design Technology, Art and Design, Business Studies

Awards: Prefect, Vice-Captain 1st Football Team, 1st Rugby Team, 1st Football Team, 1st Cricket Team, D of E – Gold

Next: Gap Year / Sevenoaks Prep Teaching Assistant

**WILLIAM SCOTT**

A levels: Geography, History, Biology, Music

Awards: Prefect, 1st Rugby Team, Squash Team

Next: Royal College of Music – Guitar

**EMILY SMITH**

A levels: English Literature, Media Studies, Philosophy and Ethics

Awards: Prefect, GCSE Geography Award

Next: Nottingham Trent – Fashion Communication and Promotion

**AMELIA STOTT**

A levels: Art and Design, Drama and Theatre Studies, Media Studies (AS), Textiles (AS)

Awards: LAMDA Grade 6 – merit

Next: Acting Foundation Course

**BETHANY WARD**

A levels: Media Studies, History, English, Photography (AS)

Awards: Hunter Essay Prize, Chaplaincy Official

Next: Portsmouth University – English

**SAM WATTS**

A levels: Religious Studies, Geography, Applied Business

Awards: Prefect, Reading Challenge, D of E – Bronze

Next: UEA – Geography

**ROSIE WOOD**

A levels: Chemistry, Biology, Maths

Awards: Prefect, Netball Team, Hockey Team, Rounders Team, D of E – Gold

Next: Surrey University – Biomedical Science

**STEVEN YAM**

A levels: Maths, Further Maths, Chemistry

Awards: Senior Basketball Team

Next: Queen Mary's – Computer Sciences



INTER HOUSE COMPETITIONS

Year 10 Bridge Building Workshop

Following the academic pressure generated by the exam week, pupils were able to apply their mathematical knowledge in a hands-on bridge building workshop. All Year 10 pupils were invited to attend the workshop run by Architecture Workshops. The aim was to construct a beam or suspension bridge from thin wooden rods. Each pupil constructed a simple tetrahedron, and then worked with a team to construct a triangular prism truss. This was the basis for a bridge: with a few added rods and plenty of elastic bands every team built a bridge taller than themselves.

Marks were given for teamwork, design, wind strength, the drop test and finally for excellent behaviour.

Ranking the KRS Houses was very difficult, especially as Roberts and Speakers teams were so close. However the final result was 1st Roberts, 2nd Speakers and 3rd Kiplings.

Tug Of War

Teamwork was the order of the day on Friday 21st September when staff and pupils met in the Sports Hall for the annual Tug of War Challenge. Whether old or young, the Tug of War required pupils and staff to work together. The pupil leaders had spent days signing up volunteers, arranging and re-arranging teams until the balance of fit, strong, weaker and energetic was as desired. The staff team was very enthusiastic: hours and hours of training

paid off as they put the much discussed strategies into action. Pupils proved that advice, if shouted loudly enough, will eventually get through, as they encouraged their teams at the rope. Mr Payne worked hard to keep order but sometimes had to settle for people at least falling over at the same time.

Kiplings was once again victorious, with Speakers and Roberts sharing second place. If the level of noise is an indicator of success, then Tug of War is one of our best events on the calendar!

Bethany's Got Talent

The annual Bethany's Got Talent final was completely sold out this year.

In the run up we had a wide variety and quality of acts attend the auditions held in front of very vocal audiences in the Assembly Hall. Each act is allowed a brief taste of fame on the stage and the audience is encouraged to support them however successful the audition. Luckily we do not have the type of audiences who attend the TV copies of our show and no-one is booed off the stage or reduced to tears by the judges.

Three acts are selected by the Senior House Officials to represent each House in the final, which is held in front of parents, pupils and invited judges. This year we were delighted that Peter Urie, Jo Ford and Sharon Dermody were able to make the very challenging choice between the varied acts on stage. These included singing, two magicians, guitar playing and a trumpet solo.

Each act would have been a worthy winner, but the final decision was:



1st James Clarke performing a solo from the musical Matilda – Speakers

2nd William Scott and Thea Marshall, guitar and singer – Kiplings

3rd Antonia, Theresa and Natasha Brattle accompanied by Jemima Harris, a singing quartet – Speakers

The evening would not be complete without the staff showing off: Mr Kilbride on trombone, Dr Marks and his daughter Sophie singing, and a wonderful flower duet by Miss Johnson and Mrs Turvey. Mr Stubberfield supported both the staff and many of the pupils' acts with his dramatic piano playing.

Christmas House Shout

The last day of term is not always the best day for the Final of any competition: however it proved the best choice for the KRS Shout!

Sixth Form leaders choose a song and then arrange rehearsals during which all pupils have to learn the words, co-ordinate hand movements and clap while also singing in tune. Only one musical instrument is allowed to accompany their final song. The senior pupils soon learned that encouraging attendance during break and lunchtimes is challenging, while teaching the words is also hard, let alone ensuring everyone is singing the right notes.

However the Final was enthusiastically embraced by all and the audience were treated to unusual renditions of three popular tunes. Roberts began with their version of 'Amarillo': although all the pupils knew the chorus not everyone had memorised the other words. They started out well but faded despite the merry



encouragement of Izzy Fatah and Olivia Douglas.

Kiplings included hand clapping with their 'Jingle Bells'. All pupils seemed to enjoy themselves and many more had learnt the words. Overall it was a strong performance which the audience enjoyed. Anna Burnham, Thea Marshall, Fred Roberts and William Scott had worked hard on co-ordinating both the sound and the movements.

However, Speakers stole the show by including both pupil movements, dance steps and hand clapping. 'Bob the Builder' might have been an easy choice as everyone knew the tune and the words: but the addition of organised choreography lifted their performance into the winning slot. Alice Healy and Theresa and Natasha Brattle were delighted to share out the prize tubs of Quality Street before treating the whole school to "one more time". Many thanks to the judges; Mr Healy, Mrs Turvey and Mr Sturrock.



Public Speaking Competition

Another success! The compères were natural and amusing, the speakers were inspiring and the team captains were supportive. All in all it was an amazing evening with Roberts once again taking the trophy.

SPEAKERS

Speakers lived up to their name with polished speakers delivering speeches about 'Birds', 'Weapons through the Ages', 'Miley Cyrus' and 'Everything Happens for a Reason... or does it?' The team was made up of Lia McHugh, Cameron Manchester, George Douglas and Amy Tucker and was captained by the inimitable Alice Healy. We thank Alice for the best joke of the evening. We would reproduce it here but it

wouldn't twerk. Sorry! The team worked hard to combat their nerves, and to speak to a huge room without a microphone, which is quite a feat for a pupil in Year 7.



Congratulations to newcomer Lia, who after 24 school days delighted us all to win the Year 7 category and to Amy, who is a confident veteran and showed us all how to do it by winning the Sixth Form category. George and Cameron also performed admirably and hopefully learned something through the process, and will come back next year with even more refined skills. Many thanks from the House to Sam Hewes and, in no particular order, Natasha and Theresa Brattle for giving up lunch times to organise, listen, rehearse and encourage. As for Alice... she will shine even more brightly when we hold the KRS pun competition.

ROBERTS

As the day approached, the Roberts' Public Speaking Team were well underway with their intensive training! The competitors put in many hours of preparation and could be found rehearsing, as a team, throughout lunchtimes. Once again the dedication of the pupils paid off as Roberts walked away with the trophy. Roberts have won the public speaking competition every year since 2009 and were so very pleased to have done so once again! Individual winners were Georgia Lello and Alexander Wareham, and along with the fantastic efforts of Darius Mirsadeghi and Marcus Hobson this led us to victory. It was a close call this year and we narrowly snatched the overall win from Speakers' claws due to Heather Moradeyo's warm and natural approach to her role as Team Captain.

KIPLINGS

Kiplings pupils showed great enthusiasm in volunteering for this competition.

Thea Marshall was excellent in her role as Team Captain and ensured that each of our pupils was calm before they stood up. Jose-Okori Dougan Etoha's talk about David Beckham amused and informed the audience, while Maria-Bisila, his sister, introduced us to the life of Selena Gomez. Max Kelly was, as ever, detailed in his visions for the future of electric cars while being very aware of the feasibility of such cars fulfilling the demands of an ever mobile society. Finally our wonderful Head of Kiplings explained the political crisis in Syria in a moving and empathetic way so the audience were able to see both sides of this complex situation. We may not have won but we tried our best!

Gravity Kart Competition

The biennial Gravity Kart Competition ran again this year with karts produced by various individuals and groups of pupils representing either Speakers, Kiplings or Roberts. The weather was great with the sun beating down on all competitors.

Around a dozen karts were produced and with a helping hand from the Headmaster, who took charge of 'Launch Control' the pupils sped down the purpose built ramp hoping to achieve F1 performance. There were points awarded for the longest run, the best looking kart, and for karts taking part.

It was great to see the Design Technology workshop so busy in the lead up to the big day and thanks must go to all those who took part and to the staff that helped.

The winners for distance were Roberts, with Leo Rossouw's kart travelling 29.88m. Speakers were 2nd, with Harry Graham making it 29.34m and 3rd were Kiplings, with Henry Beams just beaten at 29.23m.

The following points for participation were awarded: Kiplings – four karts and 20 points; Roberts – two karts and ten points; Speakers – four karts and 20 points. The best looking Kart design was won by 'Black Thunder', giving Speakers another 30 points. Overall the points awarded were Kiplings – 30 points; Roberts – 40 points and Speakers – 70 points.



THIS YEAR'S JESSEL SHIELD WINNERS WERE SPEAKERS



Hunter

WHO DO YOU ADMIRE MOST AND WHY?

Some people choose to admire world class athletes like Jennifer Ennis, or men who changed the world, like Nelson Mandela. While these people inspire me to be a better individual, I'm afraid I cannot state that they are my role model, or people whom I admire. A man who fights for his people is a hero, but not someone who I admire. A woman who competes in the Olympics is inspirational, but once again not my role model.

Like most young people nowadays, I admire a musician, but a musician unlike any other. He is a man who has crossed two completely different genres of music to create something totally and completely unique. His name is Ronnie Radke. He was born on the 15th December, 1983, in Nevada, America. His family was impoverished and made worse, especially after his mother left when he was very young. He was raised by his father, Russell Radke, his grandmother, and his older brother, Anthony. He grew up stealing and lying, because that was how he thought he should behave; he did not know any better.

Ronnie Radke then went on found the heavy metal band, 'Escape the Fate',

and was their lead vocalist. He left the band in the dust in 2005, forcing them to find a new vocalist at very short notice. He then went to form another heavy metal band, 'Falling in Reverse', in 2006. It was at this time, when he was arrested and charged with battery, and was sent to prison in 2008. He was then released from prison in 2010. His time in prison had forced him to reflect on everything he was: a thief, a public menace, a drug addict, and an alcoholic. Very few men would ever fall as far as Ronnie did, especially when his family left him to fend for himself, after his release.

It was at that point that Radke decided to improve his life. He went to rehab, as well as AA, and to this day, he has been sober and drug-free. Later that year, he and his band went on to release their first album, 'The Drug in Me is You', which I heard for the first time on the 'Kerrang!' Music channel the following year. Falling in Reverse had earned themselves a very ferocious reputation with this album, and continued to inspire havoc at their live concerts throughout America.

So what makes Ronnie Radke so inspirational to me? Well, mid-2013,

Ronnie lost his closest family member, his brother Anthony, in a car crash. Some men would almost certainly have decided to react negatively, but Ronnie Radke didn't give up. His perseverance helped him through that dark time, and now he has become engaged, and in July 2013 his daughter was born. Radke went from having nothing, to having everything anyone could ever need: a family, fame and fortune, and one incredible personality. He may have suffered losses, but he is stronger for it; a lesson anyone could learn from.

But what else makes him inspirational? To be honest, Ronnie Radke isn't a conventional inspiration. With almost his entire body covered in tattoos, including a shark on his temple and the word 'Unbreakable' written in calligraphy across his forehead, he doesn't exactly appear inspirational. He did however do something no one else had ever seen before. He took hardcore, heavy metal and merged it with 'techno', creating Falling in Reverse's second studio album, 'Fashionably Late', which was claimed to be by many, laughable and pointless. Many people started sending Ronnie and the

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band members threatening messages on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and other such media platforms. These messages didn't particularly affect Radke until they became more personal, insulting his family, his mother, and his newly born daughter as well. While Radke couldn't actually stop this senseless onslaught on his family, he couldn't help but see the amusement behind it. He theorised that people who insult an unborn child, or a new born baby are not people worth dealing with. Such an outlook finding a silver lining is something we could all learn from.

'Fashionably Late' was a gambit. But Radke and the band didn't write it for the money. They did it because they could, and I personally believe that it was really brave that they did. Doing something like that took a lot of guts, and Radke took a real risk releasing the album, and while some say

'Fashionably Late' is abysmal, and a waste of money and time, I find it inspirational because no one has ever heard such a bizarre match-up of genres.

The most inspirational part of this story is part of me. I hold colossal grudges for the most insignificant of things, so if my mother ever did to me what Ronnie's mother did to him, God knows what I would do. She hadn't been supportive of him for his entire life, until the 3rd of November, 2013, where she appeared at one of his shows. Reunited with his mother, after the show Ronnie uploaded a picture of the two of them on to Instagram, with the following quote: "Tonight my mother shows up to my show – haven't seen or known her my whole life. Tonight I forgave her. Sometimes things need to happen to understand a greater purpose and gain a better perspective on not only others but

ourselves. Forgive, but never forget". This is something I really take to heart, because I know I hold grudges for the most insignificant things, and this incident really teaches me that sometimes things really do need to happen, for us to understand and see the bigger picture. For me, that's a really inspirational lesson to learn.

So, why is Ronnie Radke so inspirational to me? He's stood against all odds, remained standing tall when anyone else would fall flat, he's lost more than what I originally thought humanly possible and still strives to do the right thing; his personal history teaches me that more than anything else. He's overcome poverty, abuse online, addictions, drugs or otherwise, and showed compassion to the one person in his life who certainly did not deserve it. We could all learn from a man like Ronnie Radke.

Luke Hoskings, Year 13



CONFLICT

My head was throbbing and I could feel the blood pumping through my veins as I pulled his body through the deep, thick mud. His hands were ice cold and his eyes were flickering in shock. I could hear the screams and the explosions going on behind me, but I didn't care anymore. I dragged his body down the steps and laid him out on the cold, damp planks of the trench.

English

"Tom, stay with me
Tom" I shook his muddy
body. "Wake up." My eyes filled with
tears as he lay there motionless.

"I'm so sorry mum" I whispered,
tears now streaming down my face.
"I'm so sorry."

"You can go in now." My father stood
in the doorway of his and my mother's
room. I could see a deep crease
gathering on the centre of his head that
always happened when he got stressed
or anxious. I walked in and saw my
mother, pale as a ghost lying on the left
side of the wooden, four poster bed,
pillows surrounding her like a halo.

"Anna, come over", her voice was soft
and crackly as she spoke and stretched
her arms out to greet me. I sat
awkwardly on the edge of the bed,
not knowing what to do. I had never
seen someone that ill before,
her forehead was covered in sweat
and her eyes were flickering.

"Anna listen to me," she tried to sit up
but fell back down onto the creamy
white pillows. She took a deep breath.

"You have to promise me you will always
look after your brother, always no matter
what..." she took another deep breath.

"You're his big sister and he's so
little.... You have to take care of him,
promise me Anna."

"I will, I promise." Her hand stretched
out and touched my cheek; it felt soft
against my skin.

"I... I" She started to stammer and
her hand fell from my cheek. My father
rushed in, tears in his eyes.

"Anna go downstairs" he shouted
at me.

I didn't know what was happening.

"But I..."

"GO!" he cried at me, tears falling
down his face.

Ever since then I have taken care of my
little brother, patching up his knees
when he fell over, reading him stories,
combing his hair, all the things my
mother would have done for him. I was
only eight the day she died and Tom
was only five. I looked after him every
day until the day he was enlisted in the
army, thirteen years later. He was so
ecstatic to be fighting for his country.
He came back from the office, a smile
from ear to ear.

'Anna! I have great news!' Tom cried as
he burst through the front door of our
creaky old cottage.

"I have enlisted in the army! I am
going to be fighting for Britain!"

"I... um... Tom, wow I don't know
what to say," I stammered. "Fighting
for Britain."

The promise I made to mother played
over and over in my head, 'You have to
take care of him, promise me Anna.'
I couldn't break that promise. I looked
at Tom, I knew he wanted me to be
proud of him, I could see it in his dark
brown eyes but I just didn't know what

to say. How could I
keep the promise to
my mother now? Tom
would never cope in
a war; he could never
hurt a fly, let alone a
human.

Tom's face fell.
"I thought you would
be proud of me, I did
it for you Anna."

I ran over to him and
hugged his skinny
body. "Oh Tom I will
always be proud of
you." I whispered and
at that point I knew
exactly what to do to
save my brother.

'You are doing it for
Mother, Anna. You
can do this,' I told
myself as I cut off the
first lock of hair. It
floated like a feather
to the ground.

I looked in the mirror at myself, 'Well I
can't stop now' I thought. I continued
to cut off long locks until all I had left
was a scruffy short back and sides.
I gazed at my hair in the mirror and an
empty feeling gathered inside of me as
I ran my fingers through it. My mother
had beautiful long golden brown hair,
just like mine and it had taken me years
to grow it as long as hers. It was one
of the ways I liked to remember her
by and I had just cut it all off. I sighed
and quickly pulled on one of Tom's old
shirts, a pair of trousers and some old
worn boots. 'There,' I said to myself, 'I
don't really look that manly,
but I sure don't look like a girl.'

I came out of our house and walked
down to the military office. It was a
dull grey, concrete building standing
tall in the centre of the town.
I nervously went inside and walked
up to a small wooden desk.

"Name?" A stern, grey-haired man
looked up at me from his large black
note-book and pen.

Department

"Ann... I mean..." I cleared my throat and tried to make my voice deeper. "Andrew. Andrew Thompson."

He raised an eyebrow and scribbled something in his book. I was given my uniform and a health check, and then I was sent on large army boat and shipped to France for training. It all happened very quickly and I wasn't prepared at all. The journey to France went very fast and I found it very exciting as I have never been on a boat before. When I arrived I looked for Tom and found him laughing with some other men from our village. I walked over to them and introduced myself.

"Hello," I stuck out my hand to Tom; he gave me a strange look but shook my hand.

"Hi" He looked at my face closely, "Have we met?"

"No, I've just arrived, I'm Andrew."

"Tom," he smiled. "Nice to meet you."

He introduced me to the other men and we started chatting. It felt weird talking to him as a different person.

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and we charged over the top.

The guns fires started eminently and all the men charged past, screaming and shouting. I tried to keep with Tom but he disappeared into a group of men. My heart was racing and my head pounding, bombs were exploding at every corner of the battle field and the grass was filled with mud and bodies.

"Tom!" I screamed, but there was too much noise going on, there was no way he would be able to hear me. I didn't know what to do. I dodged between the marching men and then I saw him, lying in the thick brown mud. I sprinted over to help him, dodging the blasts that were falling all around me. I grabbed his cold muddy hands and dragged him through all the mud, around the bodies of the men that hadn't made it, and then back into our trench. I burst into tears at the thought that I had lost my brother and that I had

Tom's face

loomed over me and

I looked down to see my arm wrapped up in a white bandage.

"You're.... You're alive!" I tried to sit up but I was too weak.

"Hey, just relax and get better."

He looked down at his leg, "and look I was shot too!" he lifted up two wooden crutches to show me. "It's in my ankle," He smiled and somehow looked as if it was an achievement to be shot.

"The doctor found out that you are a girl and told the major. Although he was angry that he had a girl in his army I think he was impressed with you because, well, you saved me."

Award

We carried on training together and I protected him the whole time until we went out to fight for real. It was a cloudy day and we were all lined up along the wall of the trench, ready to get the command to go over the top.

I could see Tom shaking so I whispered in his ear, "It will all be okay, don't worry, I am here."

He turned and looked at me closely, "You sound just like my sister."

I smiled but there wasn't enough time to reply as the whistle was sounded

broken the promise to my mum.

I looked down and found that there was blood seeping through my clothes from my shoulder, I touched it and winced at the pain. I lied next to him on the cold, hard trench and held his hand.

"Anna," a soft voice greeted me as I opened my eyes to blinding light in a large white room, filled with beds.

"Anna I know it's you, you were shot in the shoulder we're in a hospital."

After a few days in the hospital we were considered to be strong enough for the journey and were both sent home.

Our father was surprised to see us as I hadn't told him anything, I had just disappeared. Tom now walks with a limp and the army doctors decided he wasn't fit to go back to fight, which I am grateful for as I have now kept my promise to my mother. I still think about her every day.

Ella Porteous, Year 9



Results of the UKMT Maths Challenge Competitions 2013-2014

Senior Team Challenge November '13

On 27th November, Mrs Thorpe took a team of four Sixth Form mathematicians to the regional heat of the Senior Team Mathematics Challenge in Bromley. A total of 36 teams entered the competition, from a wide range of schools, including some very competitive schools from the South East. There were three rounds; a group round, a cross-number round and a relay. Our team worked very hard trying to solve some challenging problems. Unfortunately we didn't win, but the team made a valiant effort and should be congratulated for their skill and teamwork.

Bronze: Harry Bethel-Motagalli, Steven Yam, Karlie Cheng, Daniel Katwala, Eugene Oh

Silver: Jinsung Ha, Alvin Lam

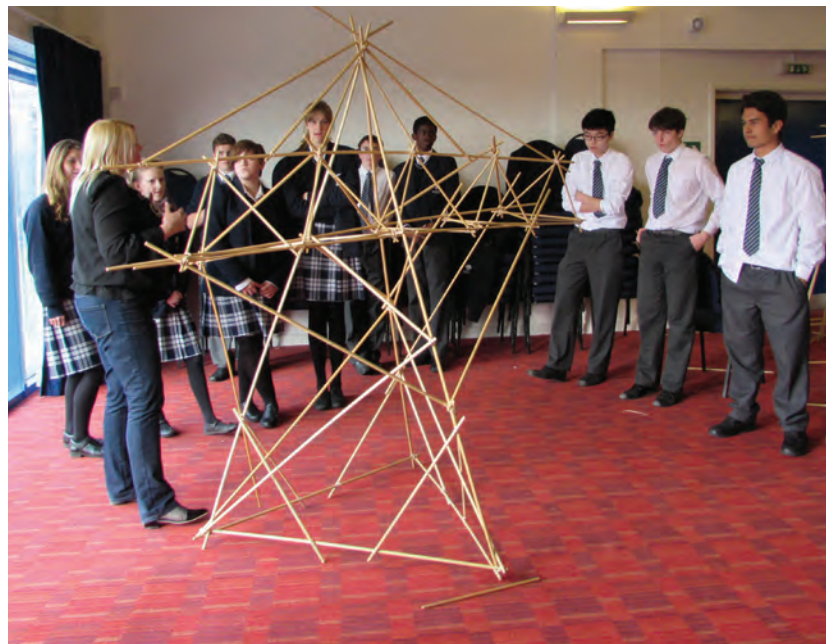
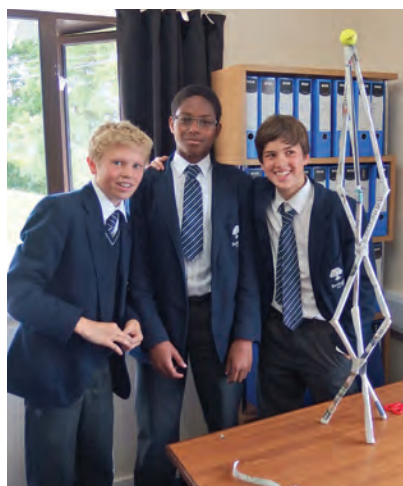
Best in Year 12: Daniel Katwala

Best in Year 13: Jinsung Ha

Best in School: Jinsung Ha

Year 7 Christmas Competition

If you can draw a five pointed star by using just five straight lines, you have drawn a Pentagram. This was the first task Year 7 had to do in their Christmas Mathematics Competition. Other tasks included estimating the length of one



minute, and estimating the volume of one of Father Christmas' wellington boots. The Maths department would like to congratulate the Year 7 pupils for taking part so enthusiastically. The runners up were Oliver Hamill in third place and Ben Clements in second place. First place was awarded to Thomas Golding, who performed well in all the tasks.

Intermediate Mathematics Challenge February '14

Bronze: Sam Butler, Nicky Chen, Charlie Clarke, George Dinnis, Max Kelly, Connor Knapp, Leon Li, Cameron Manchester, Aidan McHugh, Nat Pearson, Lizzie Stuart.

Silver: William Hadley, Jacob Hill, Jay Lee, Georgy Surkov.

Gold: Jason Lee

Best in Year 9: Cameron Manchester and Aidan McHugh

Best in Year 10: Jason Lee

Best in Year 11: Jacob Hill

Best in School: Jason Lee

Team Challenge March '14

On 25th March, we took a team comprising two Year 8 and two Year 9 pupils to Tonbridge Girls' Grammar School for a fantastic day of problem solving, team work and mental maths skills. Some rounds

depended on individual ability, whilst others needed team work and fitness, as the answers were sent from one end of the hall to the other!

Our Bethany team were a pleasure to take and they did well across the board, particularly in the final relay round, where they scored 48/60. Congratulations to Harry Lee, Reuben Hill, Aidan McHugh and Lewis Baker.

Year 8 Easter Competition

Year 8 took part in an Easter Maths Competition. Their task was to design and make a box for an Easter egg out of one piece of A4 card. Everyone made a good attempt and there were some very unusual boxes. The Maths department would like to congratulate everyone who took part. Prizes were awarded to Abi Bristow (3rd), Joe Ferguson (2nd) and Lorenza Dougan (1st).

Junior Mathematics Challenge April '14

Bronze: Cara Bussey

Gold: Harry Lee

Best in Year 7: Marcus Hobson

Best in Year 8: Harry Lee

Best in School: Harry Lee

Bethany School also participated in the UKMT and FMSP Team Challenges 2013-2014.

It has been another busy year for the Science department, with successful and enjoyable trips to Tilbury Power Station, Howlett's Zoo and the Salter's Festival of Chemistry amongst others. The Tilbury trip was particularly poignant as, since our visit, the power station has now closed down and Bethany was, in fact, the last ever school to make the trip there. There was a genuine feeling of sadness as we were toured around the station seeing (what remained of) the site staff preparing for decommission. The Year 10 pupils' awe for the sheer scale and vastness of the combustion chambers and turbines was undiminished, though!

Salters' Festival of Chemistry Trip

Douglas Franks and Archie Reynolds in Year 7, and Georgina Hill and Harry Lee in Year 8, all did themselves proud when they competed in the Festival at University College London in April. Their brief was to solve a crime using the various pieces of evidence and analytical techniques which were made available to them. They then had to produce a report detailing the work they had undertaken in order to identify the culprit. They did incredibly well to successfully solve the crime and



were unfortunate not to be awarded one of the top prizes as their report, whilst very professional and detailed, was just topped by a couple of other schools' submissions. All four of the pupils did themselves and Bethany proud with their hard work and fantastic attitude.

STEM Science Competition Big Bang Fair

Possibly the single biggest achievement in Science this year, though, was that of Casper Round, Max Kelly, Jack Wildish and Samuel Bates, all in Year 11. They entered the National Science Technology Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) competition in October 2013 with their Multicopter Search and Rescue System. The competition is a highly prestigious and hard-fought one, with many thousands of entries every year.

Only a few dozen make it to the National Finals, where many national and multi-national companies showcase their latest technologies whilst scouting for the best new talent and ideas amongst the STEM competitors.

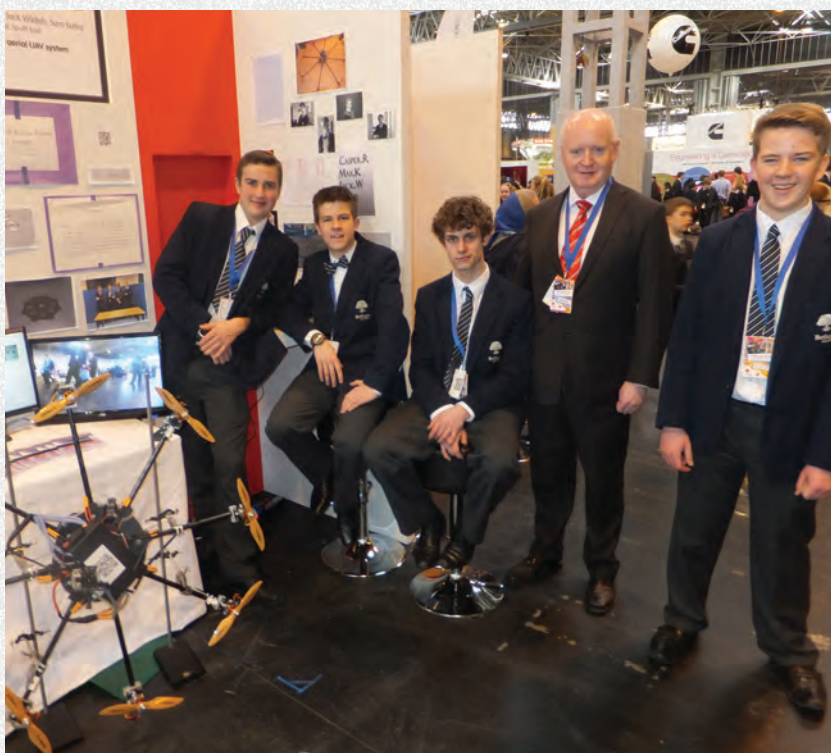
In late November we received the fantastic news that the boys had been selected to take part in the National Finals, to be held at the NEC in Birmingham in late February as part of the STEM Big Bang Fair. Whilst this was absolutely tremendous it meant that the hard work had to really begin as Casper's initial concept and prototypes had to be developed further, a full presentation had to be written and produced, not to mention all the planning that had to go into producing materials for the stand where they would be doing their presentation over a three-day period.

Suffice to say that the boys did a magnificent job and, despite the trials and tribulations, the malfunctions and hardships, and the stresses and arguments along the way, their enthusiasm, teamwork, skill, positivity, hard work and enthusiasm shone through and their final product and presentation were impressive to say the least! Unfortunately they didn't win the overall competition but, despite falling at the final hurdle, the feedback given by the judges was extremely complimentary and provided them, and future competitors from Bethany, real encouragement and sound advice for further endeavours.

Special thanks also goes to Mr Thomas for his magnificent support and advice throughout the whole project, and to Mr Norman who accompanied and supported Casper, Max, Jack and Samuel throughout their stay in Birmingham at the Finals.

And what became of the Multicopter?

Well, a good inventor never rests on his laurels, Casper has already salvaged many of the components he used on the system and is now using them on his next project for a smaller, lighter and more streamlined multi-rotor design . . . we very much look forward to hearing about his fame and fortune in years to come!



MUSIC REPORT

The Unanswered Questions

Charles Ives, maverick and master of American Composers, famously wrote his “Unanswered Question” to challenge the listener into thinking of music in new ways. It uses three layers of sound: The strings represent inherent being and thought. The solo trumpet represents a challenging question for all. Finally the flutes represent the response and eventual failure to come up with an appropriate response to the trumpet’s challenge.

Here are some unanswered questions from the Music School for this year:

- 1) When can Rossini, Garage Band and a minor scale cause pupils to compose their own pieces?
- 2) What is the sensible limit for a number of mash ups on one track?
- 3) What is the difference between a flamingo and a flamenco?
- 4) Which conservatoire will Bethany get a pupil into next?
- 5) Why did Mr Stubberfield think ‘Seussical’ was such a wonderful show?
- 6) How did the ‘Inner Sanctum’ get its name?
- 7) When should a pupil composition become a capella?
- 8) What will we do without Mr Keeping?
- 9) Does Mr Stockwell eat chicken drumsticks?
- 10) Where have all the trombones gone?

When can Rossini, Garage Band and a minor scale cause pupils to compose their own pieces?

Year 7 pupils have experienced a whole new level of musical submersion through the introduction of iPads. After much exploration and great fun trying the variety of apps available, Mr Stubberfield decided the best of the lot would be Garage Band, with uses both in music and wider subjects as well. Soon, he was combining it with a broader knowledge of Bethany Choral Society’s music for the Year, Rossini’s Petite Messe Solennelle.

Being inspired by recordings of the work led pupils to compose their own versions on the new platform. These creepy, exciting pieces layered minor scale sounds in a way Year 7 pupils have not been able to achieve before.

Rossini’s original version was heard live at the School during the Easter term, when Brenchley Choral Society joined with our own faithful home grown Choral Society in a complete performance of the work. We were indebted to past pupil and current Royal Academy of Music pianist Timothy Ellis for his rendition on the new School Yamaha Grand, accompanied on this occasion by Jon Rawles on the Harmonium. With another former pupil, Michael White, on Bass, and Emily Steventon, one of our singing teachers on Alto, Bethany more than held its own in terms of contribution. Not content with having this opportunity to hear the work, Year 7 pupils also performed twice in public during the year, once at the annual Market in Bedgebury and again at the Summer Concert, where their presence gave the evening an electric atmosphere.

What is a sensible limit for the number of mash ups in one track?

Despite all modern interpretations of this genre, my all-time favourite remains “Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious” to the tune of “Baby Love”, although I suspect modern artists, including those in Year 8, would disagree. Miss Johnson has moved from her role as amateur to classroom teacher, and the Year 8 classes have benefitted from her innovative approach to teaching texture. Their final task of the year, an a capella mash-up, enabled them to demonstrate what they had learnt about scales, timbre, the blues and how to make textures work. Their final pieces showed astonishing dexterity moving from one song to another, whilst covering a variety of styles. Again, one group were able to demonstrate their skills in the end of year concert, although we did allow them their own instrumental backing. Could this be the making of the next Pentatonix?

It’s worth mentioning our Year 8 Music Scholars, Louis Griffiths and Abi Bristow here. Louis’ quick progress through piano grades, supported by his violin and singing skills, have been useful in him preparing for Kent Music Academy’s composition workshops. He is now also developing his Jazz Piano techniques. Also with the Jazz mood is Abi, who has been our most regular trumpeter at Jazz Band for the year, exploring both the written and improvised repertoire on offer.

What is the difference between a flamingo and a flamenco?

Did you know there are more fake flamingos in the world than real ones? As for flamenco, I refer here to the musical variety, brought to the Year 9s in an exciting series of workshops by local flamenco expert Clive Harvey. After a general introduction to the guitar by Mr Stubberfield over a five-week period, Clive took over to develop the unique style of the flamenco. By the end of the four week session, pupils were able to record en masse their first ever flamenco piece, with the option of continuing individual lessons afterwards.

Which conservatoire will Bethany get a pupil into next?

We were delighted to hear that William Scott has been offered a place at the Royal College of Music for this September, majoring in guitar. William’s development over the past few years has been wonderful to listen to; any time he plays, immediately an audience will just be still and be enthralled. Recent highlights have been winning the North Kent Musician of the Year, performing a major recital with his teacher, Andrew Keeping and stunning audiences at Brenchley Choral Society’s annual concert. William’s own compositions demonstrate an intricate knowledge of his own instrument and the willingness to explore how other instruments make their unique voice. He is a name to watch and, as I said at the summer Concert – remember you heard him here first!

Also leaving the Music School faithful this year are Claudia Lam, forever the quiet yet determined flautist, Jemima Harris, whose singing, both as soloist and choir member will be greatly missed, and the “Keeper of the Coffee-Machine Music”, Alvin Lam. As for

future pupils, the bar has been set high, with compound quadruple time a minimum! Good luck to the next cohort through!

Why did Mr Stubberfield think Seussical was such a wonderful show?

When Mr Stubberfield first suggested performing 'Seussical', the general reaction from both staff and pupils was a polite, confused, smile, then to back away quickly with something else to do. Fortunately, Miss Boyle and Miss Johnson held the faith and you can read the full account on another page. Musically, this gave the School Orchestra an outing like no other show they had done, with all sections getting their turn to shine. Particular highlights were the brass section, ably led by Amelia Brett, some wonderful supporting reeds led by William Scott and Mr Ellingworth, and a stunning second percussion part by Aiden McHugh. Lizzie Stuart bravely took on the mantle of chief cello continuo part (a role vital in the whole of the baroque repertoire) whilst a quintet of violinists played from the secret balcony set high above the School stage. Harmony singing from both the Bird Girls and the Wickersham Brothers was very secure, thanks to the excellent supporting role of Miss Steventon. This was not the Orchestra's only shining moment of the year, however. Their rendition of "Make me a Channel" for the Remembrance service was particularly effective, adding to the seriousness of the occasion. Their summer performance of Slavonic Dance by Dvorak made a sizzling start to an evening of hot entertainment.

How did the 'Inner Sanctum' get its name?

For those of you that don't know, the Instrumental Store Cupboard has two areas, the outer and inner. If instruments are in for the day, they get stored in the Outer. If they are School-owned instruments, or for some reason they are in School for a longer period of time, they get stored in the Inner Sanctum. Why? No one can quite remember. It has, however, become standard practice in the Music School to refer to the store by saying its name using Orthodox Bass singing. The rich harmonic, chocolate sound made seems appropriate for the gravity of this store. As ever, a big thank you to our instrumental teachers who help us maintain this stock, including Mr Chapter, our 'cello teacher and Mr Tonbridge, one of our guitar teachers. Time here to mention the continuing dedication of Dorothy Beales and Lizzie Stuart as the rock on which the rest of String Ensemble build. Each week, rehearsal starts with a mention of the Inner Sanctum, as Miss Johnson goes to retrieve the double bass for action...

When should a pupil composition become a capella?

Many of our GCSE and A level pupils have used our updated Sibelius computers this year to enhance their understanding of sound types and textures. This upgrade has allowed quicker development of compositional ideas and a wider imagination of sounds to be formed. It does not, however, substitute for live performance. It is therefore exciting to see how different compositions have mutated once they are performed live. Particularly exciting this year has been Amelia Brett's theme and variations, blossoming with a swing rhythm and some daring harmonies. Another interesting development occurred at this stage for Jessica Daubeney, when her four-part piece suddenly became just for voices, simply because of a brief power cut. The resulting sound was inspired by a combination of The Kinks, The Who and The

Flying Pickets (never heard of them? Sounds like you need to get along to a GCSE music lesson or two...).

What will we do without Mr Keeping?

Mr Keeping has been more than just a guitar teacher whilst working with us at Bethany. As a source of experience for concerts, having the right contacts and knowing who to ask, he has been invaluable. As well as individual teaching, he has been a major contributor to Music Curriculum days, with instant arrangements of many classics. His ability to play the guitar is matched by his ability to produce interesting talks on his life. Those of us who heard his anecdotes when he spoke at the Pengelly Society will certainly recall the tales in years to come with a big chuckle. He will be spending more time performing and recording from next year, so can no longer fit us in his busy schedule. We wish him every success as he returns to a field he knows so well.

Does Mr Stockwell eat chicken drumsticks?

I don't know, I've never asked him. He can play a mean pair of sticks, though, and we are delighted to see a new crop of excellent drummers coming through. If you ever need advice on kit of any sort for drums, Mr Stockwell is your man. Jazz band has once again benefitted from his advice this year, as several of his pupils have taken the helm whilst other improvise above. New and quickly developing improvisatory skills include Jerry Lai, Tim Kulin, Klyde Moradayo and Kaitie Ford. We look forward to them taking extended solo sections next term.

Other instrumental teachers to mention include Mr Fagg, whose love of piano teaching shines through every lesson, and Mr Wolfe, who somehow fits in our violin pupils despite a busy conducting programme around the world. Miss Jeffery manages a similar achievement with flute lessons in between worldwide performances. Miss Slowgrove deserves particular thanks for attending more concerts than any other instrumental teacher, both in a supporting and accompanying role. With experience both in the classroom and with singing performance, she has been ideally placed to encourage those who like to learn with a slightly different approach.

Where have all the Trombones gone?

At the end of the year, we heard an arrangement of 'Frozen' adapted by Winston Mo and prepared for performance by our trumpet teacher, Mr Fish. The flugelhorn part was played by Emily Bristow, who not only showed Alison Balsom how to play the trumpet earlier this year at a masterclass, but was also a finalist in the North Kent Musician of the Year competition. We wish her even greater success as she tackles her A2 year. Miss Johnson played the French Horn part. Her contribution throughout the Music School this year has been fabulous and we look forward with delight to her increased classroom teaching role in School next year.

Winston's trombone playing has been a familiar sound in the Music School for the last two years and this arrangement definitely gave him the limelight he deserved. The quartet was completed by Mr Kilbride, making his final contribution to a department he has supported so much over the past few years. He will be sorely missed – so measure those arms, pupils, are they long enough for you to take up that wonderful brass instrument?





'Seussical' School Production

Colourful, vibrant and feel-good entertainment best sums up Bethany's 2013 musical 'Seussical'. The show (even with its nonsensical storyline) was a huge hit, enjoying three evening performances and one matinee show to local primary pupils. There were excellent performances from the Year 13 trio of scholars Henry Felton-Smith (Cat in the Hat), Natasha Brattle (Gertrude) and Thea Marshall (Mrs Mayor.) These three pupils have been in every School production since joining Bethany and their experience certainly showed. Other 'shining scholars' included Antonia Brattle's garish portrayal of Mayzie, Jack Wood's apt and skilful portrayal of Mr Mayor and Louis Beneventi's loveable interpretation of Horton the Elephant. James Clarke made his 'Bethany debut' as JoJo which helped earn him a Drama scholarship. We look forward to seeing more performances from this budding performer. Once again Bethany employed technicians from the performing arts industry to ensure a visual feast and we look forward to working with them again next year. Dance teacher and choreographer Rachael Payne also worked with us again, putting together excellent routines to accompany the catchy tunes! A highlight of the show was the individuality of the various chorus groups. The Jungle Creatures; The Things; The Wickersham Brothers; The Who's and The Cadets each had clear and distinguishable characterisation and group identity which made them astonishing to watch. Both the cast and the musicians worked superbly as a team and, together, put on a marvellous show.

LAMDA Graded Examinations in Acting

LAMDA Examinations in Acting have continued to be a successful extra-curricular activity at Bethany School. This year Alison Fielding, a Guildhall trained actress and experienced LAMDA teacher, has been coaching pupils which has meant that pupils have benefitted enormously. They have received actor training in pairs; developing vocal and physical skills, characterisation and textual understanding. The benefit of this coaching is clear to see and long may it continue at Bethany.

Scholars Evening

Scholars Evening had a slightly different approach with each Dramatist performing in an ensemble piece rather than in a

duologue or monologue as in previous years. Daniel Davies, Sean Eveleigh, George Knight and Jack Wood performed an excerpt from John Godber's 'Bouncers'. An ambitious piece for the younger cast members; the work was humorous, highly energetic and physical in style. The cast successfully engaged the audience as they hopped from character to character and scene to scene. The next piece featured scholars from Years 7 to 12 and was an adaptation of 'Macbeth'. The cast communicated a sinister portrayal of the witches, Lady Macbeth's uncompromising hunger for power and the strength of Macduff's army (all in under 15 minutes). The final Drama performance was taken from 'The Accidental Death of an Anarchist' by Dario Fo. Louis Beneventi, Natasha Brattle, Henry Felton-Smith and Thea Marshall performed this satirical drama with the comic energy and fast pace needed leaving the audience wanting more. All the scholars put in the hours of work necessary and, alongside the Music scholars, produced a wonderful evening of entertainment!

Examination Performances

The season started with the Year 13 pupils dividing into two groups to prepare their unit three performances. This is a challenging unit as pupils need to work collaboratively to create original pieces of Drama whilst drawing from published works and the influence of at least one practitioner. Both groups chose ambitious themes to address, resulting in some thought-provoking performances.

The GCSE pupils put in many an hour of rehearsal, even coming in during the Easter Holidays, to put together a moving portrayal of Dennis Potter's 'Blue Remembered Hills'. Set in the summer of 1943, the play explores the themes of losing childhood innocence, the struggle for power, the effects of emotional abuse and 'learning what you live.' Audience members were overwhelmed by the strength of the performance and the excellent characterisation displayed.



The Drama examination season ended with pupils from Year 12 each performing a two minute monologue. This was followed by a jovial performance of 'The Importance of Being Earnest'. The cast successfully weaved around the amended script (and unconventional staging) to portray the complications of the two love stories and the initial disapproval of Lady Bracknell. The result was an entertaining end to a gruelling exam season.

Lower School Production

Within the midst of a jam-packed activities week, pupils from Years 7 to 9 put on two delightful performances of 'Oliver'. It was great to see new faces on the stage and with it, previously undiscovered talent emerge. The professional props and costumes hired, alongside some superb characterisation successfully transformed audience members back to Victorian London. Special credit goes to Daniel Davies and Sean Eveleigh who performed the roles of Fagin and Dodger respectively. Both Daniel and Sean have been involved in every Junior Production since joining Bethany and their experience gained was clear to see as they both gave brilliant performances.

Bringing the professionals to Bethany

Professional theatre companies and practitioners have continued to visit us at Bethany in order to strengthen pupil experiences and knowledge. Lecturer, performer and practitioner Rob Vestry visited us one evening in October to work with our A level pupils on devising skills. This focused and disciplined workshop enabled pupils to create original work and discover new approaches to devising. At Christmas, Tiny Giants performed 'A Christmas Carol' to the whole School as part of Mr Healy's end of term surprise. The trio successfully presented the vast array of characters within the story using refined characterisation skills resulting in an enjoyable end to the Autumn Term. Splendid Productions joined us again to perform their version of the Greek play 'Antigone'. The inclusion of balloons and puppets made this a lively and enjoyable adaptation of this tragedy, successfully bringing the play to life for our pupils. Finally, Alison Fielding delivered a wonderful voice workshop to the Year 11 pupils, further enabling them to access the higher mark criteria for unit three. We are very lucky to have such skilled and talented professionals work with us at Bethany, sharing their knowledge and experience to benefit our pupils. Relationships such as these will continue to grow so that Bethany pupils have as wide and varied Drama provision as possible.





ART & DESIGN



Nele Cramer – Year 10
Cass Sculpture Competition Winner



Victor Yau – Year 12



Gabriel Walker – Year 12



Halina Markiewicz – Year 10



Natasha Brattle – Year 13



Anna Burnham – Year 13



Karlie Cheng – Year 13

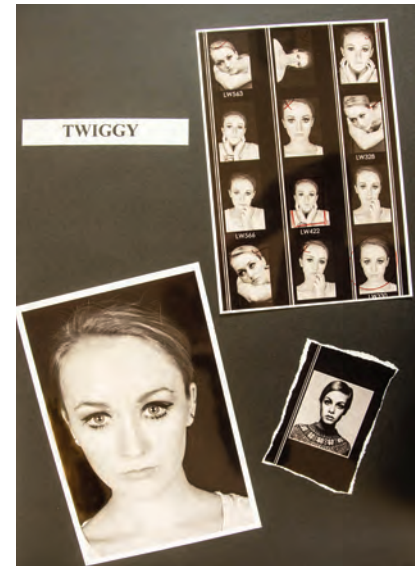




Rachel McDermott – Year 11



Piers Muiry – Year 13



Thea Marshall – Year 13



Emma Askew – Year 10



Evie Davis – Year 12



Tee Jay D.Hussein – Year 13



Rachel McDermott – Year 11



Sophie Alldis – Year 13



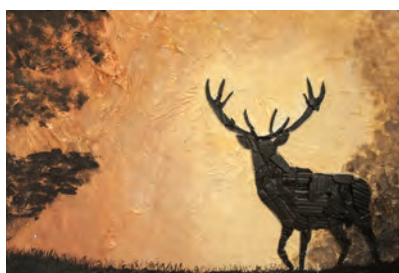
Izzy Fatah – Year 13



Natasha Brattle – Year 13



Tony Le – Year 13



Mia Mallion – Year 10



Maria-Bisila Dougan – Year 8



Anna Burnham – Year 13



Abi Bristow – Year 8



Venice Trip – 14th Feb 2014



Speech Day – 21st June 2014



Zofia Markiewicz – Year 13



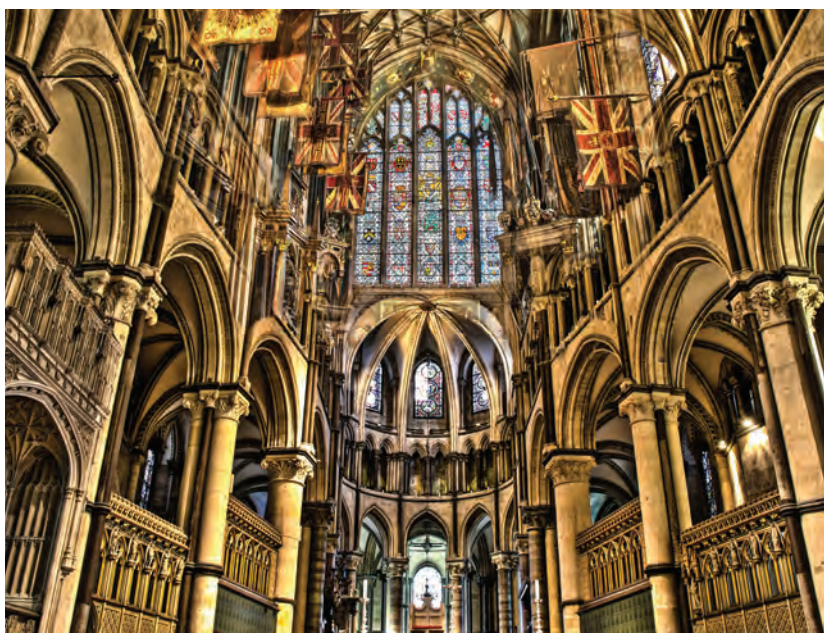
Jack Wells and Adam Wilkinson – Year 10



Fenn Piper – Year 7



William Craggs – Year 7



Anna Burnham – Year 13



Emma Askew – Year 10



Finlay Sylow – Year 7



Heather Moradeyo – Year 13



Maria-Bisila Dougan – Year 8

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY



Jay Lee – Year 11



Harry Graham – Year 11



Henry Olnier – Year 11



Jamie MacAskill – Year 11



Sophie Alldis – Year 13



Charlie Clarke – Year 11



Tim Kulin – Year 11



Jack Wildish – Year 11



Henry Manser – Year 11



Joshua Burford – Year 12





Sophie Marland – Year 11



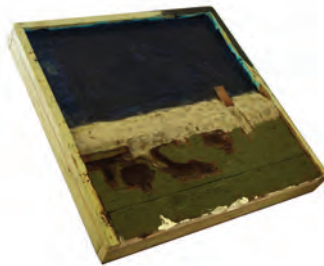
Ryan Griffiths – Year 12



Merrick Wong – Year 11



Nicky Chen – Year 11



Bill Hut – Year 11



Max Kelly (stand) – Year 11

Lloyd Roberts (bike) – Year 11



Vlad Konnov – Year 13



Nengi Wabote – Year 12



George Dinnis – Year 11



Harry Gawler – Year 13



Kipp Popert – Year 11



Samuel Bates – Year 11



James Hunter – Year 13



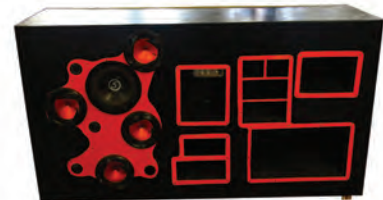
Ryan Askew – Year 12



Marco Chan – Year 13



Jamie Cook – Year 11



Harry Leston – Year 11



Joseph Holland – Year 12



Charlie Deane – Year 11



TEXTILES

There have been some exciting changes in the Textiles department this year. Pupils showed off their creative flare in creating some outstanding course work as well as examination pieces. The Seniors have led the way for the younger years with their great motivation and work ethic, and this has spurred them on to produce a high level of work which can be seen displayed around the Textiles room as well as the rest of the School.

The annual visit to the Knitting and Stitching show in October proved to be a good starting point for the Seniors' course work and inspired them throughout their sketchbooks.

During Textiles activities, Year 9 pupils helped produce two large-scale, colourful wall hangings to liven up the chapel. Year 7 and 8 pupils worked in groups to create wall hangings to freshen up the look in the Music School and the lower foyer. These pieces are colourful, exciting, and have enabled the Year 7 and 8s to experiment with a variety of textile techniques they have been working on throughout the year.

This year the Textiles department has been a vibrant, busy, and creative space, may this continue into the next school year.





Zofia Markiewicz – Year 13



Laura Graham – Year 12



Amelia Scott – Year 13



Nengi Wabote – Year 12



Karlie Cheng – Year 12



Claudia Lam – Year 13



Textiles – Year 9



FOOD TECHNOLOGY

A level Food Technology

This year the A level class's project has been to develop Gluten Free cakes for different target markets.

Zofia Markiewicz worked extremely hard and completed detailed research for her project and created three cakes: Chocolate Orange Opera cake as a luxury product, a Chocolate Fudge Football Cake for a child's birthday and a Coffee and Pecan Mini Loaf for the Elderly market.

GCSE Food Technology

YEAR 11

For the GCSE project, the Year 11 class had to produce a dish which celebrated foods from another country or culture. The pupils produced some fantastic food and we had a local chef come in to taste the final dishes. He was very impressed with the dishes our pupils made.

Jack Wildish – Lobster Ravioli – **Italy**

Misha Mitchem – Rum and Coconut Treacle Tart with Pina Colada Custard – **The Caribbean**

Kate Marshall – Honey and Sesame Duck Noodles – **Japan**

Chloe Yung – Seafood Dumplings – **China**

Alexandra Tate – French Style Chicken and Mustard Mash – **France**

YEAR 10

This year pupils have been concentrating on building up their cooking and designing skills in preparation for their major food development project in Year 11. They have developed chilled desserts, bread products, Easter Cakes and completed a Fruit Salad development task.

Bethany Bake-Off

This year was the first year of the 'Bethany Bake Off'. Many teachers produced cakes over a number of weeks and these were sold off to raise money for the FareShare Charity who aim to tackle food waste and provide food to those who need it. Here is an extract from the letter we received from FareShare:

'I am writing to say a huge thank you to you and to all the staff and pupils at Bethany School who were involved in the Bake Off for your recent donation of £225, and for choosing to support our work – we really appreciate it.

£225 is enough to help FareShare provide 900 meals – that is an amazing contribution!'

The Bethany Bake Off was also part of KRS and was won by Miss Wood for Roberts House. It was a great success and we hope to run it again next year.

Here are a few of the cakes our talented staff produced:



YOUNG ENTERPRISE

What a year! Once again we had three companies: Iris, Profectus and Cats & Dogs. They all made their mark and enjoyed a successful year, each company making a healthy profit. All three competed with great confidence in the Company Competition Area Heat. Iris won Best Report and Best Overall Company, whilst Profectus won Best Company Presentation. That event took place in April at Bethany School and the pupils were excellent hosts.

Iris went onto the County Final in May, at which the standard was incredibly high. To their delight they won the award for Best Presentation.



Congratulations also to Amy Tucker who won the Public Speaking Area Heat, but sadly was unable to take her place in the County Final due to illness.

Huge thanks to our three Business Advisors: Belinda Raitt, John Evans and Philip Mummery, all of whom attended the weekly meetings and gave their time and advice generously. Mr Lloyd was also a welcome addition to the scheme this year, helping Cats & Dogs attend a Christmas trade fair in Ashford.

The year finished with an Entrepreneurship Masterclass in Activities Week. Three guest speakers shared their experience of enterprise, including Guy Johnson, one of the three founders of the Carphone



Warehouse. All the Lower Sixth attended the talks and workshops, along with pupils from visiting schools. It was great success.

In all 44 pupils out of a possible 58 in Year 12 took part in the Scheme, which is really remarkable. Enterprise at Bethany goes from strength to strength and this year's achievers certainly have a bright future.

Anthony Khan,
Head of Student Enterprise

"I was Managing Director of the fantastic company Cats & Dogs for the first half of my experience and in the second part I stepped down and become Deputy Managing Director as well as Head of Sales. I also won the award for Young Enterprise achiever of the year. I gave the programme my all and through it I learnt even more about business and the world of work in the classroom under the guidance of a great

network. It has inspired me and equipped me to learn and succeed through enterprise. I thoroughly enjoyed my experience and would recommend it to all.

"By the way, we named ourselves Cats & Dogs because we were fighting like them over what to call ourselves, then someone said, 'why don't we call ourselves...!'"

Luke Shaw, Cats & Dogs

"I became Managing Director of Isis in January. My company was centred on the idea of environmentally friendly products, so we made Valentine's Day cards as well as recycled record clocks and bowls.

"We named ourselves Iris to go with our tagline 'Keeping an eye on the planet'."

Hannah Marsden, Iris

"Being Managing Director for a Young Enterprise team was much harder than I thought it would be because I struggled to involve everybody in all the tasks equally. I have gained from the experience and I am a lot more organised, confident and my communication and leadership skills have improved. We did a lot of smaller events like sweet sales within smaller groups, making a lot of money, but I particularly enjoyed organising the larger events as a team. Taking the role of MD after a term, I was able to develop the existing ideas and catalyse new input."

Daniel Yussuf, Cats & Dogs





APPRENTICESHIP CHALLENGE

Following along the lines of the popular television series, members of the Lower Sixth Form are invited to participate in the Bethany Apprentice Challenge. This challenge, which began in 2007, fosters team building and leadership skills as well as requiring pupils to use their initiative and to put something back into the community. Five challenges were set over a three week period at the end of the summer term. At the end of each challenge members from each team were 'fired.'

TASK 1

With £80 at their disposal the teams had to raise as much money as possible for charity. Over £1,255 was raised for Hospice in the Weald and other charities.

TASK 2

To market a product to two marketing experts.

TASK 3

To make and sell a 'celebration cake' and generate a healthy profit.



TASK 4

To create an inspirational assembly.

TASK 5

To be interviewed by experts in their field. Candidates were questioned about their involvement in the challenges and what they felt their strengths and weaknesses had been and why they thought they should win the title.

The winner, Jess Begg, was given £90, and the runners up, Darius Mirsadeghi and Luke Shaw, were given £20 and £5 respectively.

PENGELLY SOCIETY

During the 248th Pengelly Society Meeting, the Society welcomed Professor Marc de Leval, a highly respected heart surgeon. He had worked at the Cardiothoracic Surgery at the University of London and was Chair of the Cardio-Respiratory and Critical Care Division at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children. During his talk, the Professor gave examples of different heart defects children are born with, such as the transposition of the great arteries. The Professor talked too about his concern at the mortality rate after seemingly successful operations, and he studied the concept of errors looking at examples from the aviation and Formula 1 industries to see if that could help. He was able to apply what he had learnt to hospital teams and consequently lower the mortality rate by, for example, insisting on checklists. We learned that for things to be successful we need to consider the possibility of errors which can occur before, during and after a set objective.

The vote of thanks was given by Henry Bonaert.

For the 249th Pengelly Society meeting pupils were honoured to welcome Eamonn Butler, an animator who had previously worked at Walt Disney and Double Negative but now works at CineSite as Animation Director. He has worked on current films such as Iron Man 3, World War Z, 300: Rise of the Empire, Edge of Tomorrow starring Tom Cruise and the remake of Robo Cop.

During his discussion, Eamonn continued his topic from the previous year's talk as 'The World of Visual Effects II' where he discussed different animation techniques used in films, one being the process of creating extras through CGI. He also demonstrated the technique of layering images to alter the appearance of a city, therefore making it possible to film in areas like Glasgow but make the setting appear as Philadelphia. We learned the history of the green-screen, and that the vibrant green is used to avoid affecting the colour of skin. Eamonn taught us the importance of being creative and thinking outside the box.

The vote of thanks was given by Georgie Marland.

On 30th January 2014, we celebrated the 250th Pengelly Society Meeting. We were glad to have in our midst many old pupils and staff attending the celebration, including Ian Thomas (a school mate of our guest speaker), Mrs Dawne Bailey, Nick Randell, Henry Pound and Nigel Kimber.



We were given a three course meal which was made by the wonderful Pabulum, with music from Jemima Harris and William Scott. During our meal, Mrs Gale gave us a brief history of the Pengelly Society and the fascinating range of speakers who have spoken to us and graced these halls. At the closing of the dinner, our guest speaker was Brendan Parke who has been associated with Bethany School for 60 years until he left on 13th January 2004. During his time with Bethany, Brendan has served as pupil, Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman of The Bethanians' Society and was also Chairman of Governors of the School.



During his talk, Brendan gave us his experiences as a nine year old in World War II both in London and then after moving to Bethany School. He told us about various experiences he had, one being when a swimming competition was interrupted by Doodlebugs which flew above them frightening the parents, making them dive to the ground, while the pupils did not understand the fuss because doodlebugs always aimed for London. He also told us about the bombs which were confiscated and buried where the Drama building presently stands. His talk was insightful to the true nature of life during World War II and how Bethany School served as a safe haven for him during these troubled times.

The vote of thanks was given by the Headmaster, Francie Healy.

During the 251st Pengelly Society meeting, the Society welcomed Dr Anthony Fincham who is an author, Chairman of the Thomas Hardy Society and father of an ex-Bethanian. He spoke about the life of Thomas Hardy, a classical English author and poet. Thomas Hardy was one of the most successful authors of the Victorian era and many believed that his works were ahead of his time. In 1867 he wrote his first book The Poor Man and the Lady, never published due to its radical nature. He later wrote many more books such as Far From The Madding Crowd and Tess of the d'Urbervilles as well as many volumes of poetry. For his work he received the Order of Merit and this led to him being called the "Grand Old Man of English Letters".

Although a particularly heavy topic, it was a good final meeting of the year. Mrs Gale thanked Imade for her role as secretary of The Pengelly Society.

The vote of thanks was given by Bethany Ward.





SPORT



GIRLS' HOCKEY

1ST XI HOCKEY

The 1st XI had an excellent season with a great set of results including an impressive victory against King's Rochester. The team improved greatly in its attitude and this resulted in enhanced performances. They took on board all the new tactics that were implemented and worked hard to get the results on the pitch. Co-captain Jemima Harris was a threat in every game with Jess Begg pulling the strings at centre half. Keeper Amelia Howell impressed all season, keeping the team in the game on many occasions. Player of the season was Jess Begg and Antonia Brattle was the most improved player after a solid defensive season.

U15 HOCKEY

The U15s improved greatly this season in skill, tactical play and mentality. After a mixed set of results against a varied standard of opposing teams, the girls finished strongly with a win against Dover and a good mid-table performance against some strong teams in the Granville League. The team struggled to score goals this season but never stopped working to create chances. The team was excellently led by captain and player of the season Heather Armstrong, and Mia Mallion was the most improved player after a great season.

U13 HOCKEY

The U13 team have made great improvement this season. Losing just two of their games, they held their own against Gad's Hill and Combe Bank to end both of these games as draws. They finished the season strongly, beating Dover College 3-0. Captain Georgina Hill and Georgia Lello held the structure in midfield, giving their all in every game. Maria-Bisila Dougan managed to find the back of the net as the season progressed. Natalie Ward made a great impact in defence along with Lorenza Dougan in goal, keeping many goals out. Special mention goes to most improved player of the season, Georgia Lello.

ROUNDERS



1ST TEAM

Hounded by poor weather at the beginning of the season, the 1st team had two games cancelled and inter-house was drawn out over two weeks due to a thunderstorm. Nevertheless in amongst revision and exams the senior rounders squad managed to play a competitive game against Claremont, where they won 19½-11. The girls demonstrated their superb skill, knowledge and competitive edge with catches from Theresa Brattle, Natasha Brattle, Rosie Wood, Antonia Brattle and Jess Begg. Amelia Howell scored an outstanding seven rounders, with Jess Begg receiving best player.

U15 A

We started off promisingly by beating Dover College, 17-5. However, Ashford School were just too strong for us this year and we lost 11-15½. In the Granville league tournament we did not perform to our fullest potential but still achieved a respectable third place overall. However, team spirit kicked in for the next two matches, which we won 12-5½ against Claremont and 14-10 against Gad's Hill. This is a very keen and dedicated team that have made great progress throughout the term and I hope they will carry on next year.

U15B

Led by Dorothy Beales, the team was made up of mainly Year 9 pupils which demonstrates the depth of this particular U15 group. The girls have been very successful in all areas of the game. Isabel Petts took on the challenge of bowler; she held her nerve

and bowled well throughout the season. Kaitie Ford was very focused and consistent at backstop, throwing well to Hannah Ford on second post whose swift catching caught out many opposition players. Isabella Hobson also took several good catches and brought a wealth of competitive experience to the team. In the field, Isabel Altendorf and Emilia Wyllie got the ball back quickly into the posts with Anastasia Tarakinskaia and Polina Chernous making their debut in School teams. Millie Lucas also contributed to the team's success, stumping many of the opposition out on first post. The team finished the season undefeated with significant wins over Claremont (14½ - 8½) and Gad's Hill (22 ½ - 4 ½).

U13

This season the team was very successful. We only played a few matches due to the weather and a School trip but the matches we played we won, with a particularly convincing win of 21-5 against Dover College. The highlight of the season was winning the Granville league, where we played some excellent rounders. The final match was against Gad's Hill, where our fielding was exemplary and we won 6½ to 5½. This proved to be a very exciting match where the team kept their cool. This team improved both in fielding and the batting throughout the term.

NETBALL

1ST VII NETBALL

Squad: Antonia Brattle, Natasha Brattle, Theresa Brattle (Captain), Olivia Douglas, Alice Healy, Amelia Howell, Amy Tucker and Rosie Wood.

The girls played consistently well throughout the season and everyone played an important part in the team's success. Of the matches we played, Bethany won against Buckswood 24-15 and St. Lawrence by 18-13. We had further wins against Gad's Hill 18-7, Dover College 23-17 and 29-16 against King's Rochester. In the Granville league tournament the Bethany squad came third in their section, in which they won two games and lost two. Bethany played an unbeaten Ashford team in the last match of the season. It was a very close fought game, where the girls never gave up until the final whistle. The result was a loss 23-17, but nevertheless an excellent season.

Most improved: Amelia Howell

Player of the season: Rosie Wood

Contribution to senior netball: Natasha and Theresa Brattle

2ND VII NETBALL

Squad: Jess Begg, Emily Bristow, Anna Burnham, Evie Davis, Laura Graham, Jemima Harris (Captain), Mary Hunter, Hannah Marsden, Rachel McDermott, Phoebe Mills and Immy Oakes.

The 2nd VII team have been a joy to coach. As a completely new set up, the team has worked well together. They have played matches against some well-established teams and although results haven't

always gone in our favour, the team has played with a competitive spirit. The season has been plagued with illness and injuries to key players and I very much hope they are all back to full fitness next year. Laura Graham has been a welcome addition to the team and I hope will make further impact next season. Captain Jemima Harris made great improvement throughout the season, both in centre court and in her shooting accuracy. Other players who deserve a special mention include Jess Begg who receives the most improved player of the season for the 2nd VII and to Anna Burnham who has been a good squad player and helped out when necessary.

Most improved: Jess Begg

Player of the season: Jemima Harris

U15A VII NETBALL

Squad: Emma Askew, Rowan Beaumont, Thara Brunt, Isabella Hobson, Georgia Langley, Mia Mallion, Halina Markiewicz and Emily Raj.

The U15A are a very strong team in terms of their ability and when they are all on form it is beautiful to watch. As a team they are now playing more tactical netball and this is demonstrated on the court. The defensive wall of Georgia Langley, Thara Brunt and Rowan Beaumont were a force to be reckoned with, intercepting and rebounding the ball well. The centre court was orchestrated by Emma Askew who linked well with Emily Raj to feed the shooters Halina Markiewicz, Isabella Hobson and Mia Mallion. The team had a few fixtures cancelled by the opposition for various reasons; however highlights of the season were a 22-3 win against Dover College and a superb performance against King's Rochester to

win 20-17. Most improved player goes to Georgia Langley who has continued to develop as a player and embraced her new position as Goal Keeper. Emma Askew has continued to make a significant impact on the U15A team, leading them with enthusiasm and an outstanding knowledge of the game in every match and practise. As a result, she is awarded player of the season as well as the award for outstanding contribution to junior netball.

Most improved: Georgia Langley

Player of the season: Emma Askew

Contribution to senior netball: Emma Askew

U15B VII NETBALL

Squad: Isabel Petts, Mia Mallion, India Hoad, Maddy Todd, Lucy Laister, Heather Armstrong, Millie Lucas, Jessie Daubany and Emily Beeston.

This season the team gained a lot in both team spirit and skills. They put their all into every match and enjoyed the taking part every game. They started the season well with a 15-1 win over St Lawrence College, followed by another win, 10-6 against Dover College. Bethany took part in the Granville league tournament in which we

came fourth and played some good netball. Bethany completed its season with a very good win, 21-1 against King's Rochester. A very successful season for the team.

Most improved: Millie Lucas

Player of the season: Mia Mallion

U13 VII NETBALL

Squad: Rosa Davis, Ella Dockery (Captain), Lorenza Dougan, Maria-Bisila Dougan, Georgina Hill, Olivia Shelton, Hope Whiteley and Sadie Whiteley

The team had a successful season by winning all but one of its matches. The most notable performance was against Dover College where the team really gelled and played some good netball with fluid passes resulting in a win of 29-1. The match they lost was against Ashford, which they only lost by one goal. In the Granville league the girls performed well and were placed third overall. This squad has made great improvement and show potential for the future.

Most improved player: Maria-Bisila Dougan

Player of the season: Hope Whiteley

EQUESTRIAN

SHOW JUMPING SUCCESS

Ella Dockery competed as an individual in this National Schools Equestrian Association show. She entered the 50cm, 60cm and intro 70cm show jumping classes and all three rounds were clear with both Ella and Dylan doing a great job, though sadly not fast enough to be placed in the jump-off. Ella and Dylan may now be ready to go for the senior classes at the 70/80 level, so we will work at home towards that.

NEW TEAMS

We were excited to announce the creation of two new teams, registered to take part in the National Schools Equestrian Association competitions. The teams were made up of Ella Dockery (Year 8), Leo Rossouw (Year 9), Halina Markiewicz (Year 10), Alexandra Tate (Year 11) and George Dinnis (Year 11) in the junior team and Zofia Markiewicz (Year 13), Courtney Lawrence (Year 13) and Jemima Harris (Year 13) in the senior team.

During half term the teams took advantage of their first dedicated training session and made use of the facilities and excellent teaching at Bedgebury Park Equestrian Centre. The following week they made their competition debut and all the pupils, their ponies and horses did a really great job. They took part in two show jumping competitions at Duckhurst Farm Equestrian Centre near Marden and at Felbridge Equestrian Centre near East Grinstead.

It was a great start for the senior Equestrian Team. Zofia, Halina and Jemima all did well and their team came fifth on the 85cm

and sixth on the 95cm. Great for a first time competing together! They were placed in each event as a team, and although often disadvantaged in a best of four setting with only three competitors, the trio worked really well together.

The younger pupils were awarded third place at Grass Roots level – not bad for their second outing! Older pupils in Team Bethany were unfortunately unable to compete as a team due to other half term commitments, however they did well as individuals with a number of good clear rounds at an Intermediate level. They can now build on their experience and up their speed a little in the hopes of being placed next time out.

Everyone involved – humans and animals – did a brilliant job and show great promise for a successful and fun future!



RUGBY

1ST XV RUGBY

Bethany 1st XV has had a solid season this year. They have produced some outstanding performances, particularly against Ashford School and Kent College and deserve praise. The team were led superbly by captain Luke Kavanagh who has had an outstanding season and will leave a huge gap in the team. Luke was skilfully assisted by vice-captain Henry Bonaert, who will also be missed. Other notable performers who are leaving us this year are Fred Roberts, Henrik

Prenzlin, Daniel Blewett, Tee Jay Dervish-Hussein, James Loxley and Allen Imegwu. Bethany rugby is going from strength to strength with over 40 boys playing senior rugby and I am looking forward to improving on this success next season.

2ND XV RUGBY

The 2nd XV had a very competitive season and it was great to see so many players involved. Two comprehensive wins against Ashford and very narrow losses to Chatham House and King's Rochester stand-out this season. Jake Martin led the team superbly from fly half while Daniel Yussuf led the forward charge. Declan Robinson was the main driving force of the team from number eight, while newcomer Charlie Miller and established players, Tobias Vij, JJ Donegan, Joshua Burford and Ryan Griffiths also had excellent seasons. Well done to all.

U15 RUGBY

The U15A team started the season showing promise as the squad integrated a number of new players. This was confirmed with an impressive 26 – 0 win against Ashford in their first match. Against Sutton Valence an impressive first half was to be undone by a lack of fitness and the team fell to their only loss of the season 7 – 17. Spurred on by the loss the whole squad trained hard and would win all their remaining matches comfortably, averaging 32 points per match with only 36 points in total scored against them all season. In four of the matches the opposition were unable to score any points at all and the determination in defence was a highlight of the season. The team was ably led by David Williams who was supported by a number of outstanding performances.

U14 RUGBY

Bethany U14 has had a very frustrating season with three of their eight fixtures being cancelled by the opposition. In spite of this the season was successful with the team winning three of their five games. The team produced some notable performances against Gad's Hill and Ashford. William Osborne led the team well from fly half with support from William Cunningham and Jude Campbell.

U13 RUGBY

The team played competitive rugby in their first season and certainly improved as the season progressed. The highlight was a committed display against Buckswood School. Strong forward play from William Craggs and Oliver Plomer-Roberts enabled the back line of Brynley Tutt, Joe Ferguson and Jack Brown to charge forward with determined running, create panic in the opposition defensive line and score a couple of good tries. The match against Dulwich Prep towards the end of the season was also a highlight, with Fenn Piper coming of age with one of the tackles of the season and a team try that illustrated the fantastic progress the team had made. A competitive performance against Claremont was also impressive and we look forward to continued progress next season.



1ST XI FOOTBALL

The 1st team squad got its season underway with a good performance in a 1-1 draw against Sutton Valence, the highlight being a fantastic 30 yard drive from Daniel Blewett which nestled in the top corner. Thereafter, fixtures were being called off week after week due to the saturated pitches at all schools. On Thursday 6th February the squad finally got a match v Brighton College. The weather for this fixture was particularly bad with driving rain and wind. The game finished 4-0 to Brighton College but an excellent second half performance and no goals conceded was credit to the boys. Cranleigh provided the next opposition and another good performance was not reflected in the result as Bethany lost 1-0. Maidstone Grammar followed a week later but proved to be a very competent outfit and scored four goals in the first half to win the match 4-0. The 1st team then welcomed Mascalls School to Bethany and another good team performance was this time rewarded with a 2-1 win. Fred Roberts scored on his debut as a striker and Max Ringer also got his first of the season. Players of the season go to Daniel Blewett for his outstanding leadership on and off the pitch and Adam Kirkbright for his improvement this season.

2ND XI FOOTBALL

The 2nd XI began their season with a battling performance against Sutton Valence. The team then travelled to Brighton College on a very wet and windy day, and again put in a good performance considering the poor weather and the standard of the opposition. Unfortunately both matches were lost, but the team remained confident, enjoying their football and continued to train well. The match against Cranleigh was disappointing as the team certainly looked tired from the long journey and under-performed on the pitch, however the season ended on a very positive note when a hard-fought draw was secured against The King's School Canterbury. Well done to all and in particular, Allen Imegwu, Billy Daus and Henry Olner.

U15 FOOTBALL

The U15 squad had a frustrating season with the weather severely disrupting the fixture card. Despite this the squad trained well illustrating its footballing potential, particularly as an attacking force. The fixture list finally got underway in late February with matches against Worth, Mascalls, The King's School Canterbury, Gad's Hill and Bede's. The performances of the season came against Worth School where the team overwhelmed the opposition with some excellent passing and movement, scoring seven goals including a hat-trick from Henry Lucas, to win 7-1. Gad's Hill was another stand-out game and a 5-2 win. Steven Farrell scored two and Harry Brushett, Nicholas Jimena-Tilling and Sam Marshall all scored a goal each. Players of the season go to Harry Brushett and Jason Lee who ran the game from centre midfield with composure and determination.

U13 FOOTBALL

The U13 football squad had a good season. The fixture list was very competitive and the squad grew in confidence and ability match after match. They played some excellent attacking football, scoring a few wonder goals along the way. The stand-out match was against Battle Abbey when superb passing, movement and pressing without the ball resulted in a 7-1 win, including a hat-trick from Brynley Tutt. James Cross and Jose-Okoi Dougan Etoha were also excellent on the day. A 5-0 win against Mascalls before Christmas and a hard fought 3-1 win at Dulwich Prep were also excellent results built on committed defending from Joe Ferguson, midfield competitiveness from Brynley Tutt and against Dulwich, a wonder strike when Jack Bartram struck a volley from 25yds into the top corner. Two very hard-fought but narrow losses in home and away matches against Lingfield Notre Dame illustrated the potential of the team and were typical of the boys' efforts this season.



1ST XI

In a season blighted by cancellations due to poor weather conditions or opposition unavailability because of exams, the 1st XI only played two matches, with four cancelled. The Traditional Forty Club match did go ahead, and Bethany put in a fantastic performance with two excellent bowling sessions to limit the Forty Club team to less than 200 runs from 48 overs. With time and less overs available, a valiant effort from Bethany ended in a narrow defeat. A superb 76 from James Lauth and measured bowling from both James White and Daniel Blewett were highlights of the day. Bethany followed up the Forty Club with a match against King's Rochester in the T20 format. Rochester won the toss and posted a strong total of 189. Bethany batted with spirit but fell short scoring 110 from their 20 overs.

U15

The U15 cricket squad had a very competitive season, playing fixtures against Claremont School, Buckswood School, Ashford School and participating in the sixes tournament at King's Rochester School. The team were always very exciting to watch and played some great cricket at times, but unfortunately they narrowly missed recording a victory on all occasions. Captain Sam Marshall and vice-captain Matthew Page have been excellent in every fixture and together have shown great leadership on and off the pitch. Special mentions go to Henry Kirk, Charlie Carpenter and Sam Petch-Smith for their bowling and outstanding catches in the field. Many of these pupils will make great additions to the 1st XI cricket squad next summer.

U14

The U14 season got off to a positive start with an impressive win

away at King's Rochester. Ethan Pearson hit 53 as the team scored a total of 134. Leo Rossouw opened the bowling to good effect and was well supported by the field, ending with figures of 24 for three and restricting Rochester to 113 all out. The second game was against a very strong Cranbrook side who dominated in all areas of the game. Leo Rossouw made 22 with the bat in a spirited performance but Cranbrook won comfortably. Battle Abbey arrived at Bethany with unsettled weather on the horizon. With the rain clouds gathering the match was based on 16 overs and Bethany batted first, scoring 100 with Leo Rossouw again top scoring, with 24 runs. Despite five excellent catches in the field by the Bethany team, Battle surpassed the total in the final over to win. Bethany carried confidence into the Ashford match and Nicholas Jimena-Tilling who top scored this time with 21. A score of 109 proved to be enough as the Bethany bowlers were once again supported by six excellent catches in the field. Gad's Hill cancelled the final game of the season, which was a shame. However, a positive season and well done to all.

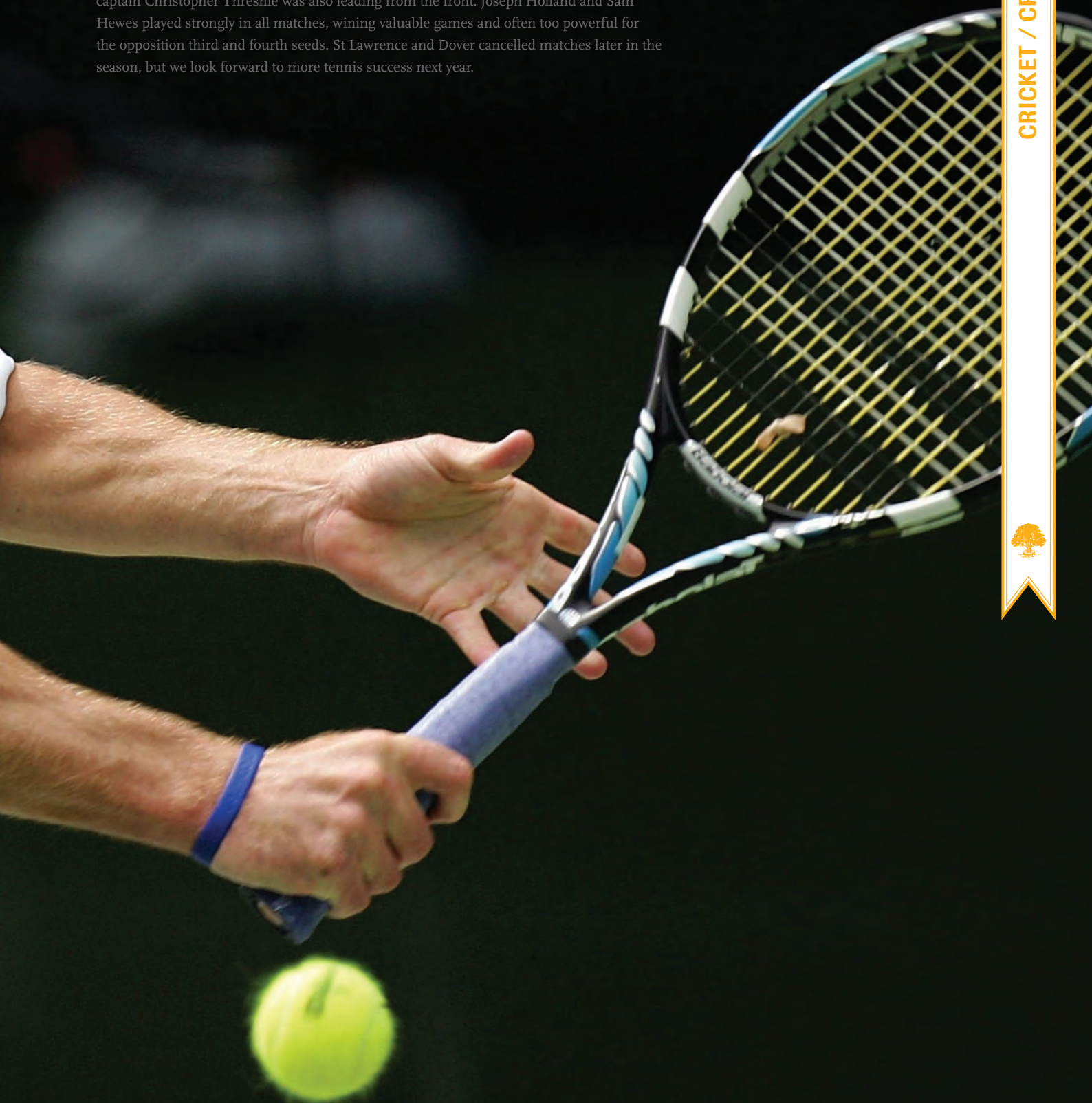
U13

The U13 cricket team have had a frustrating season, with only one victory and a number of games cancelled due to poor weather. The team worked hard this season, putting in some fine performances. They are very enthusiastic and keen to learn. Each member of the team has shown real improvement and hopefully this progression will be converted into more success next season. The team was led by captain Joe Ferguson, who was the highest run scorer this year. Joe has been ably supported by a number of players: special mentions must go to James Clarke who was solid behind the stumps as a wicket keeper as well as batting well, Alexander Pollock who bowled well taking a number of wickets and James Cross who remained positive throughout, encouraging the whole team, and offering some sound advice in the field.

TENNIS

SENIOR BOYS' TENNIS

The team started the season well, finishing runners up in the Granville league tournament. This was followed up by an impressive win against King's Rochester with a clean sweep of wins in all six matches. Max Ringer dominated and was in excellent form while team captain Christopher Threshie was also leading from the front. Joseph Holland and Sam Hewes played strongly in all matches, winning valuable games and often too powerful for the opposition third and fourth seeds. St Lawrence and Dover cancelled matches later in the season, but we look forward to more tennis success next year.



SCHOOL COLOURS

FULL RUGBY

Luke Kavanagh

HALF RUGBY

James Lauth
Jack Whitaker
Fred Roberts
Joshua Leaper
Daniel Blewett
Joseph Holland
Luke Shaw
Tee Jay Dervish-Hussein

FULL HOCKEY

Amelia Howell
Natasha Brattle
Olivia Douglas
Jemima Harris
Rosie Wood

HALF HOCKEY

Jess Begg
Antonia Brattle
Anna Burnham
Amy Tucker

FULL CRICKET

James Lauth

FULL ROUNDERS

Natasha Brattle
Theresa Brattle
Olivia Douglas
Jemima Harris
Amelia Howell
Thea Marshall
Rosie Wood

HALF ROUNDERS

Jess Begg
Antonia Brattle
Amy Tucker

YEAR 11 HONOURS CERTIFICATES

RUGBY

Nat Pearson
Jake Hardy
Adam Kirkbright
James White
Henry Olner

HOCKEY

Rachel McDermott
Kate Marshall
Rosie Ward

ROUNDERS

Mary Hunter
Rachel McDermott

SPORTS DAY FRIDAY 23rd MAY

The sun shone brightly, the atmosphere was buoyant and the stage was set for an athletic extravaganza.

The competition between Kiplings, Roberts and Speakers was as fierce as ever. With every finishing position worth points, athletes strained every muscle on the track and in the field to score points. Cheered on by the crowd and competing team mates there were a number of excellent performances and very close finishes.

The Senior boys' 100m race produced a fine win by William Scott while Nengi Wabote closed down the leader in the final 20m of the Senior girls 300m to win in spectacular fashion. Leo Rossouw was superbly dominant in the Inter Boys 1500m while in a very

competitive junior girls discus competition, Maria-Bisila Dougan produced a winning throw in the final round to edge out her competitors. The overall title of Athletics Sports Champions was still anyone's as the 4 x 100m relays took centre stage. The excitement and energy was first class from all runners and one House came to the fore with a number of wins across the age groups.

1ST PLACE – KIPLINGS – ATHLETICS SPORTS WINNERS

2ND PLACE – ROBERTS

3RD PLACE – SPEAKERS



SPORTS & HOUSE AWARDS

RUGBY

LAWRIE MANN TROPHY

(Greatest Contribution to 1st XV Rugby)

Luke Kavanagh

THE HALFHIDE CUP

(Most Improved 1st XV Player)

Adam Kirkbright

THE STUBBS TROPHY

(Greatest Contribution to Junior Rugby)

David Williams

GIRLS' HOCKEY

MOST IMPROVED

Antonia Brattle

PLAYER OF THE SEASON

Jess Begg

GREATEST CONTRIBUTION TO JUNIOR HOCKEY

Heather Armstrong

FOOTBALL

AMBROSE ROGERS FOOTBALL CUP

(Contribution to Football)

Daniel Blewett

GOAL OF THE SEASON

Daniel Blewett

THE HALFHIDE CUP

(Most Improved 1st XI Player)

Adam Kirkbright

NETBALL

PIPPA BLACKMAN TROPHY

Theresa Brattle and Natasha Brattle

SENIOR NETBALL MOST IMPROVED

Amelia Howell

CONTRIBUTION TO JUNIOR NETBALL

Emma Askew

CRICKET

NIGEL KIMBER CRICKET CUP

James Lauth

RAY RICHARD CUP

(All-Round Achievement in Junior Cricket)

James White

JACK WHITE SHIELD

(Best Bowling Average)

Daniel Blewett

ROUNDERS

GREATEST CONTRIBUTION TO SENIOR ROUNDERS AWARD

Amelia Howell

GREATEST CONTRIBUTION TO JUNIOR ROUNDERS AWARD

Mia Mallion

JOHNSON TROPHY

(Most Rounders Scored In A Season)

Thara Brunt

ATHLETICS SPORTS

GORDAN WING CUP

INTERMEDIATE BOYS VICTOR LUDORUM

Leo Rossouw

PETER GREENHILL CUP

JUNIOR BOYS VICTOR LUDORUM

Joe Ferguson

U18 GIRLS VICTRIX LUDORUM

Nengi Wabote

U14 GIRLS VICTRIX LUDORUM

Maria-Bisila Dougan

JUNIOR AWARDS

MARRIOTT JUNIOR BOY AWARD

(Performance and Commitment)

Joe Ferguson

MARRIOTT JUNIOR GIRL AWARD

(Performance and Commitment)

Georgina Hill

DAMIEN LEE JONES MEMORIAL CUP

(Overall Contribution to School Sport)

Rosie Wood



Activities Week

MONDAY

On Monday, Year 7 and 8 began their Activities Week by preparing for the events ahead. They began with some team building activities, taking part in topical debates but with a twist: the pupils were not debating using their own opinions, but that of a 'persona' they had been assigned, based on the colour of "thinking cap" being worn. There were a few physical activities thrown into the mix and in the afternoon the Year 7 group was tasked with making films about the upcoming activities, while Year 8 made presentations. The day ended with a refreshing splash in the School pool! Very much needed after such a busy day.

Year 9 were in action straight away, beginning the week with a trip to Hastings.



The day began in the Old Town, drawing the many fishing boats and visiting the Fisherman's Museum where they took part in a treasure hunt. A trip to the beach brought back their artistic side, as the pupils used different coloured pebbles to

create images of fish. Of course, no trip to Hastings is complete without a trip to the arcades and ice cream; the final treat before heading home.

Debate was clearly the theme for pupils staying at Bethany on Monday, as Year 10 got political in Modern International Parliament. If things got a little heated, that wasn't a problem; Tuesday would see them all cooling off (quite considerably!) in Bewl Water.

Year 12 began their week of preparation for Higher Education, with Monday dedicated to working on personal statements and mock interviews. This was a new experience for many of them, but they did well to conquer nerves.



TUESDAY

We often try to avoid conflict at School, but for Year 7, Tuesday's activity saw them trying to recreate the Battle of Hastings at Battle Abbey. Lia McHugh as William of Normandy led her armies to success with Jeremy Daubeny as Harold reached an untimely (and rather melodramatic) demise. Because all-out war wasn't enough to tire them out, this was followed by a trip to Bedgebury Forest where they took part in an assault course and witnessed the potential menace of a large congregation of ducks!

Things were no quieter for Year 8 who headed to London for the once in a lifetime opportunity to spend the night in HMS Belfast. They began their day getting to know the ship inside-out before heading to the Tate Gallery, St. Paul's Cathedral and the Bank of England Museum. At the museum, the lucky pupils got their



hands on £306,000... in the form of a gold bar. Much to their dismay, it was not to take home.

Year 9 pupils got to know themselves better when an assessment sorted them into groups based on their personalities. After being split, it was down to them to design their perfect parties! It was clear that the personality test had been accurate, as each group had vastly different parties in mind, and there were no squabbles!

Year 10 split into two groups, one heading to Scotney Castle and the other to Bewl Water for a day of activities. At Bewl, pupils took part in events such as "Canoe Rugby"

that required a huge range of skills, but all invariably resulted in the participants getting soaked. A slightly mellower, but by-no-means less competitive afternoon involved pupils partaking in an assortment of team activities, including one which involved rolling a ball along pipe for as long as possible. Some of our Year 10 broke the all-time record with a whopping 130m.

Year 12 made their way to Sussex University for a talk on student life and a tour of the university. They were also tutored further on writing "The Perfect Personal Statement", so the trip has certainly put them all in good stead for a promising future.



Activities Week

WEDNESDAY

While Year 7 were spending the day at Howlett's Zoo, Year 8 were waking up aboard HMS Belfast, having been rocked to sleep by the ebb and flow of the Thames. Awoken by the shouts and songs of teachers, a drowsy breakfast was followed by a talk on D-Day with some authentic artefacts on display. A gentle stroll along South Bank and some temptations in Borough Market calmed the busy two days, with some time to relax and have fun.

Year 9 were also heading to London on Wednesday, with a trip to Woolwich Firepower Museum and Greenwich Market. At the museum, the pupils were treated to an authentic experience, cramming into bomb shelters and trying on camouflage. There was plenty of excitement at the prospect of shopping at Greenwich market too, although the boys were more impressed by the local Chinese restaurant. A great, and very varied, day out!

Year 10 were alternating their trips to Bewl



Water and Scotney Castle, so again were divided. At Scotney, following a talk about the castle and its estate, pupils were set the task of finding 26 objects within the castle, each beginning with a different letter. After struggling somewhat with Q, X, Y and Z, they were introduced to Ross, a 6ft 8in Senior Ranger who gave a tour of the estate and discussed the ecology and management of such a huge site. A game of capture

the flag got everyone active, before a very relaxed Japanese Haiku writing session in the sun-soaked gardens.

Year 12 began the day with a Young Enterprise Masterclass and followed this with more university preparation. Some began the nerve-wracking task of beginning their UCAS applications, while others learnt about budgeting for independent life.



THURSDAY

Year 7 concluded their activities with a trip to Dover Castle and Samphire Hoe. The trip turned out to be quite extraordinary, as a scene was being filmed for the upcoming BBC drama *Wolf Hall*. The exciting – and unplanned – addition, certainly added to the atmosphere of the castle.

Years 8 and 10 were back at Bethany for Thursday after their hectic and activity-filled two days off site, taking part in various activities on site such as using the climbing wall and high ropes. After Year 8 had spent a night away, many were happy to be back in a known environment, and without a complaint got to writing up their thoughts on the week's experiences.

Year 9 headed to Chatham Dockyard for the day. Activities involved climbing through HMS Ocelot, a 1960s submarine that saw active service, boarding HMS Cavalier built in 1944, touring the Rope Museum and taking part in their own sailing challenge. The last activity in particular was very



popular, and many pupils showed their creative and competitive streaks with their boats.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

This year saw a record number of Year 10 pupils (58) starting the Bronze award in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme with 14 Year 11s continuing with their Silver Award and 34 pupils preparing for their Gold Award.

The Duke of Edinburgh system that participants use to record their progress through their chosen Award has seen a number of updates since we started to use it in 2009 and there are a few more changes planned for this summer, principally affecting the management side of the system. Whilst it is now easier to monitor the progress of our pupils, it is surprisingly hard to get them to fill in all the required information that is needed to complete each level of the award.

Each participant has their own unique web page onto which they can upload evidence for each section of the Award and they can then see at a glance how they are doing. Examples of some activities in which they are currently involved include: Archery, Bee keeping, Cadets, Clay Pigeon Shooting, Climbing, Cooking, Dance Appreciation, Dog Walking, Embroidery, Gardening and Recycling.

Expeditions for the Bronze Award participants included a practice on the North Downs in considerably kinder weather than the freezing conditions experienced last year and a qualifying expedition in the Surrey Hills. The Silver Award candidates spent four extremely hot and sunny days in Dorset for their practice, which clearly demonstrated to some of our pupils the importance of maintaining hydration

levels. The qualifying expedition in September was based in a different part of the Peak District than we have used in the past. The weather was more typical for this expedition, but they all successfully completed the expedition.

The Gold Award is of course meant to be a challenge and it certainly was, with two practice expeditions to Snowdonia and the Lake District that provided a steep learning curve on weather conditions in mountain regions and the impact it can have on people and their kit. The group undertaking their qualifying expedition at Easter survived the storm force weather of the first two days to go on to complete their four day, 50 mile trek across the Lake District, although they did look extremely pleased to see the minibus at the finish point.

As always, Bethany would not be able to offer the Duke of Edinburgh to our pupils without the tremendous support of a large number of the staff, who continue to willingly give up their precious weekends and holiday time.

I would like to give particular thanks to Sue Thorpe, for her support and hard work; she continues to make a significant contribution to the success of the Duke of Edinburgh scheme at Bethany in her role as Duke of Edinburgh Administrator.

Finally, I would like to thank the pupils for their fantastic effort and enthusiasm.

Mr Schooledge
Duke of Edinburgh Award Manager



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Venice Art Trip

A level Art, Textiles and Photography pupils spent the first part of their half term exploring the wonders of Venice.

Relaxed cruises on the Grand Canal by Vaporetto to the Rialto Bridge and St Mark's Square were followed by trips to the Peggy Guggenheim Collection, home of over 200 paintings and sculptures representing almost every style of modern art, and the Gallerie dell'Accademia, the largest collection of Venetian art in existence. A boat trip to the lagoon island of Murano saw an amazing demonstration by a master glass blower before the group moved on to the brightly coloured houses of Burano, the 'lace island'.

Our last day saw the whole group enjoy a lecture on the history of the Venetian mask followed by a two hour workshop in which we all designed and decorated our own. Thanks to all for helping to make this trip such an enjoyable one, but particularly Miss Rayner and Miss Brown (and Mrs Norgrove) for helping it to run so smoothly.



Taiwan Exchange

On 20th November 2013, five pupils accompanied by Mrs Harper travelled to Taiwan for an 11 day pupil exchange trip with Lishan Senior High School in Taipei. Alice Healy, Brendon Theunissen, Nat Marshall, Joseph Holland and Georgie Marland all hosted a pupil from Taiwan in February for 11 days, and so they then stayed with that pupil and their families during their visit to Taiwan.

During their trip the group participated in a wide variety of activities and immersed themselves in the Taiwanese culture. They started by attending lessons with their Taiwanese exchange partners, and this highlighted the strong differences between the Taiwanese and English educational systems. The fact they have almost 40 pupils in a class, use blackboards rather than whiteboards, clean their own school during breaks and have a test in every subject almost every time they have a lesson in it (even table-tennis!) proved to be real eye openers.

The pupils at Lishan also have a much longer school day than Bethany pupils as they start school at 7:30am, finish at 5pm, and then go to 'cram school' for further education until about

9pm or 10pm every day. In addition, they also attend 'cram school' at the weekends, leaving only a small amount of time for a social life.



The rest of the exchange saw the pupils climbing mountains, visiting temples, seeing the hot springs of Beitou, going to the zoo in Taipei, travelling on a gondola up a mountain, going to night markets and much more! Some particularly memorable experiences included trying stinky tofu and hearing the squeals of pain which occurred whilst they were experiencing a Taiwanese-style massage. It was a once in a lifetime experience, and is recommended to anyone who likes to experience new things.

Paris Trip

The Media Studies, Drama and French trip to Disneyland Paris departed on a typically showery Sunday morning on 2nd March. After pupils had fuelled up on bacon butties at Ashford International (at a discounted rate thanks to Jorge Hoad's excellent bartering skills) we boarded the Eurostar surrounded by lots of children in Disney outfits and Brendon in his Minnie Mouse ears. The excitement started to build!

After a smooth check-in at the Cheyenne Hotel, pupils raced towards the rides, trying to block out the fact the educational workshops on Monday awaited. The day came to a close with many of Mr Mourey's pupils attempting to order food in French only to be replied to in English.



At 6am alarm clocks went off throughout our rooms. The Drama pupils then headed to energetic workshops in Musical Theatre and Dance. The first workshop saw them learn a beautiful Disney song combined with choreography and our pupils really showed off their excellent musical abilities. The next workshop was certainly more energetic

and resulted in a teacher from another school actually bowing down to Antonia Brattle's feet, as her performance displayed such astonishing skill and stage presence. After an exhausting few hours where their abilities had been well and truly 'stretched', the Drama pupils enjoyed the afternoon in the park. Meanwhile the Media pupils took Miss Wood on the most scary rides they could find and bulk-bought Mickey Mouse earmuffs to keep out the considerable wind-chill.

The Media Conference took place in the afternoon and included a range of speakers from various organisations within the Media industry. Lucy Brett from the BBFC delivered an interesting presentation, explaining how audiences take an active role in the classification process and how much this had changed since the early 1930s. Perhaps the most engaging speaker, who held the pupils' attention without visual aids, was the journalist David Aaronovitch. He captivated the auditorium with his reference to the news that was breaking regarding Russia's intended intervention in Crimea, highlighting the instantaneous aspects of global news coverage.

All staff on the trip were reminded of what a fantastic group of pupils we get to work with; their behaviour was exemplary and they stood out from other schools in regard to their conduct, consideration, enthusiasm and manners.

Brussels Trip

On the morning of 13th February, 39 GCSE Business Studies pupils and five members of staff set out for Brussels on the first ever Bethany GCSE Business Studies overseas trip. The first stop en route was a tour of the huge 'Picanol' factory just outside Ypres. Pupils were taken aback by the heat and noise in the foundry, and enjoyed the tremendous hospitality laid on by the Tack family who hosted the visit. They learned that one in every three pairs of jeans worn are made by textile machines from the Picanol factories.



Valentine's Day started at the European Parliament buildings, where the group enjoyed a talk on the EU and how it affects British Business, before meeting the MEP Richard Ashworth who kindly gave up his time. A brief visit to the 'Parliamentarium' followed where pupils got a feel of sitting in the 'helisphere', on a virtual level at least. In the afternoon the group had a guided tour around the Grand Place and some free time for shopping, before enjoying an excellent Italian meal at a local restaurant. They then got a chance to showcase their talents at a local bowling alley, to round off a very busy day.

Saturday was no less action packed, including a trip to a local chocolate company, with free samples and lessons about the cocoa bean supply chain. After a brief visit to the impressive Cathedral, we then travelled to the Cantillon Brewery.

The evening meal was taken at the 'Comics Café' which exhibits many of the sketches of 'Herge', he of 'Asterix & Obelix' and 'Tin Tin' fame. Finally a cold walk through Brussels and one last look at Grand Place rounded off a super day.

The early part of Sunday was spent traveling to Bruges, where the group stopped for a guided tour in unseasonal sunshine, followed by lunch and some free time. 39 tired pupils arrived back on Sunday evening having benefitted from some excellent business visits.

Berlin Trip

On 14th February, everyone made it for the 5am departure time and an uneventful journey to Dover followed. The ferry crossing too was calm and peaceful. After a ten hour coach journey and a couple of brief stops, we arrived at the hostel at 10.45pm.

We began our time in Berlin with a short ride to the Brandenburg Gate for our 'Berlin Under the Swastika' guided tour. Our excellent guide, Cesar, took us round the key sights and places including the Brandenburg Gate itself, the Reichstag, the Soviet war memorial, the site of Hitler's bunker – we stood in the spot where his remains were burned – the Air Ministry and the feared SS and Gestapo Headquarters.



After lunch it was off to the Checkpoint Charlie museum, a fascinating insight into the split between East and West between 1961 and 1989. The day was rounded off by a visit to the Topography of Terrors, a museum on the site of the Gestapo HQ, which details the atrocities carried out by the Nazis during the war.

On Sunday we visited the concentration camp at Sachsenhausen. It is difficult to put into words how emotionally draining the camp is, and very difficult to follow with another visit, so we headed to the city centre for some downtime before dinner. After a draining day, everyone made it to their rooms early.

On Monday we left promptly at 9.15am for the Stasi prison at Hohenschonhausen, which was used by the Soviets from 1945-50 for interrogating ex-Nazis and enemies of Communism. A couple of free hours until our Reichstag visit meant time for some sight-seeing, starting in Alexanderplatz for some shopping. Our last visit of the trip was to the dome of the Reichstag, which gives magnificent views across Berlin. Hopefully, everyone recognised that they were in one of the most significant and iconic political locations in the world.

All in all, a great trip – the pupils were a credit to themselves and Bethany.

THE HIMALAYAS TRIP

On 1 August, 19 slightly weary pupils and four invigorated staff came home after four weeks in Nepal. We had set off on the last week of the summer term for what would prove to be a life changing experience.

Janajagaran Junior High School in Gachok is perched on a promontory of land with a river 100m below, with a forested cliff face populated by monkeys whose sole intention is to steal maize from the fields. The school has spectacular views of Machapuchare, the fish tail mountain, but receives no funding apart from a grant to the Principal from the World Pheasant Trust, and therefore only has nine voluntary teachers. Lessons, all of which are in English, run from 10.00am to 4.00pm six days per week. We had arrived in the monsoon season so pupils were on holiday, but it did not take long for them to hear about the English people who were camping in their playground and were about to radically change the look of their school. So as we exited our tents on the first morning, we were tentatively greeted by lots of small, friendly faces and a dog who we referred to as Wilbur.

“WE CLIMBED THROUGH TROPICAL SCENERY”

During our six days we painted. The nine classrooms had started with white grubby walls which were transformed into colourful spaces with some lovely art. When the internal walls were done, door and window frames and shutters were targeted before the external walls turned orange and a Bethany-like tree with green hand prints of pupils, staff guides and cooks finished the job.

On our last day, several of the local children came to see us off in their school uniform and we received garlands of flowers and the traditional white scarves. In an emotional farewell a few tears were shed as we set off for our trek. If travel is largely about the people you met along the way, the welcoming and friendly residents of Gachok will remain with us for a long time.

“HIGHEST PASS IN NEPAL”

Another Jeep and coach journey took us to Besi Sahar, to start our 11 day trek. Our porters raced into the distance carrying loads as big as themselves as we slung daysacks (and umbrellas) on our backs. We climbed through tropical scenery to above the tree line, and crossed swaying suspension bridges. We enjoyed a cooked lunch every day made at a guest house half way along our route, which was taken over by our cooks, Milan and Biru who walked ahead of us.



As we arrived at each 'hotel', our holdalls were neatly piled up and the porters, who started their day even earlier than we did and covered the ground in half the time, would be playing cards. They would stop to get our bags to our rooms which often meant negotiating stair cases with steps of random size and set at every angle known to man. Rooms were spartan, with a bed and sometimes a table, sometimes with an ensuite. The views were often spectacular especially as we gained height and we frequently heard the sound of a raging waterfall at the lower guest houses.

One of our goals was to cross the Thorung La, which is the highest pass in Nepal outside of the Everest region. Gladly, despite the discussion of acute mountain sickness, we all made it and enjoyed descending 1600m in the afternoon as we trekked down to Muktinath, an important religious centre for Hindus and Buddhists with some very ancient and impressive temples which we visited early the next morning.

“AT TIMES THE ROAD WAS ROCKY AND DISAPPEARING FAST”

We did our next two days' walks in a single long stage to Jomsom and saw shops for the first time in a long time! The journey down through the Kali Gandaki or black gorge, which separates Annapurna from Dualagiri was memorable. At times the road was rocky, and disappearing fast, but most of the time it was worse. Two bent steering rods later we had an evening at Tatopani and enjoyed a hot water spring as local goats devastated the owner's garden. This eased the nerves, but only until we set off again the next morning to finish the journey.

We headed to Chitwan National Park, on the Indian border where we rode elephants, saw rhinoceros, python, mongoose and several species of deer on dry land and canoed past long-nosed crocodiles on the river. Back in Kathmandu for one night



we went out for our final dinner. We were perhaps not excited about another dal bhat, but we were royally entertained with traditional music and dancing, rounding off an excellent and memorable four weeks.



STAFF MOVES

Sancha Collins

Sancha joined us in December 2007 as Librarian. She very quickly adapted to the demands of the role and involved herself in many other aspects of School life. The English Department valued her contributions to their Year 7 library induction programme greatly. Sancha had a tremendous pride in everything associated with the library and made sure that pupils who used it, used it for all the right reasons and respected the property within it. With the advent of eBooks, the borrowing statistics from the library understandably reduced and Sancha became more involved in other aspects of School life. This included acting as a reader and scribe in examinations, as well as helping out the Marketing department every morning. Sancha always attended to her various tasks with professionalism and diligence. Every aspect of School life she got involved with benefited immensely from her involvement. Sancha decided to leave Bethany so that she could concentrate fully on her relocation to Ireland with her family next year. I wish her well and no doubt whatever plans that need to be made will be made properly and with great attention to detail. Sancha will be missed by the many friends she has made at Bethany.



Clare Sender

Clare Sender joined Bethany in March 2012 and immediately set about looking at our marketing strategy with a fresh pair of eyes. A thorough review of our position in the marketplace was started and as a result a comprehensive rebranding took place. Clare led this from the front and was a hard task master. Her standards are incredibly high and what could always be relied upon with Clare was the finished product. She expected high standards from everybody but especially herself. Clare oversaw a period of great change at Bethany with respect to its marketing. It became slicker and more focused and all aspects of what we did were thoroughly reviewed. A secret shopper was brought in to observe our Open Mornings and fundamental changes ensued. A new conformity descended on literature

produced by the School and there is now a greater corporate feel to what we do. Clare was very much “customer focused” and always sought to improve standards across the board.



Clare's other passion is horses and all things equine. She played a leading role in establishing our equestrian activity and again, contributed to the generation of ideas in a full and wholesome manner.

Clare's focus, self-belief and self-discipline were always strong and she also made her presentations to staff in a most professional manner. Clare left Bethany to pursue a self-employed career and our marketing is now in a much stronger position. I wish her well and I know that her current role will give her a much better work/life balance, although she will be no less demanding of herself.

Zoe Sanger

Zoe arrived at Bethany School in 2011, replacing John Cullen as a teacher of English, teaching the subject at KS3, 4 and 5.



Zoe also taught lessons in the Media department, was a tutor in the girls' boarding house and ran the annual public speaking competition.

Zoe worked hard to make sure that pupils in her lessons progressed and was not afraid to make them aim high. She introduced new ideas which helped pupils in all classes to benefit and also created a memorable World Book Day which got all teachers involved.

Zoe's lessons were always creative and she formed good relationships with her pupils and those she tutored. She will be remembered for many things: the occasional accidents she had, her old red Mark 2 VW Golf convertible, the pride she took in her classroom and her pink pilates ball. She leaves us to take up a teaching job in Brazil and we wish her the very best of luck.

Debra Shier

Debra joined the Science department in 2007 specialising in Physics although she has also taught plenty of Biology and Chemistry to various Year Groups in her time here. She has also been a tutor in Old Poplars (where she was also Assistant Housemistress), Pengelly and Todmans. She has even, amongst many other things, taken several pupils through their scuba diving qualifications.



Debra is an incredibly effective teacher of Science, and her wonderful manner of explaining concepts in a clear and concise way, using recognisable everyday examples to further enhance explanations, enables all pupils, no matter their ability, to access all areas of the curriculum and to make progress.

All the pupils in her care, both in and out of the classroom, have always appreciated her friendly, approachable and consistently fair style of teaching and tutoring and you would be hard-pressed to find a teacher who is more well-respected or appreciated by their pupils than Debra.

Debra will also very much be missed by her colleagues, not least for her fantastic hard work, her phenomenal team ethic and her wickedly dry sense of humour, which was never more necessary than in her first year at Bethany teaching in a stuffy Portacabin following the "Great Bethany Science Department Fire" the previous summer!

Debra leaves Bethany to pursue new challenges and to spend more time with her husband, Patrick (whom she married in December 2010, picking just about the worst time to do it with the snow about a foot deep making life very difficult for the guests . . . the pictures were stunning though!) and her Cocker Spaniel, Thandi.

Everyone at Bethany wishes Debra the very best of luck and all best wishes for the future.

Mike Grant

Mike joined Bethany in the January of 2012 as Assistant Housemaster in Pengelly and a member of the PE department. He has a real passion for football and racket sports, playing football and squash to a high level. Mike has contributed to the PE and Games department with enthusiasm. He would regularly take School teams for Rugby and Cricket fixtures, though football is where he really excels. Mike has successfully taken charge of the 1st XI football, sharing his knowledge and experience. He has organised a football tour to Holland for the U15 team, finishing third out of ten teams from across Europe.

In Mike's role as assistant Housemaster in Pengelly he supported the running of the Boarding House. He is a very caring person who genuinely enjoyed his job and quickly became very popular with the boys. He is fun to be around and has a good sense of humour.



Mike is leaving to travel around the world and to experience teaching abroad. He is a very friendly and approachable man who has built up a real rapport with many of the pupils at Bethany and he will be missed. I would like to wish Mike all the best for the future and thank him for all of his help. I hope he has a long and successful career.



STAFF MOVES

Paul Kilbride

Paul Kilbride was my first appointment as Headmaster. I could not have wished for a better Deputy Head. Paul added energy and momentum to everything he did.



He is an incredibly good public speaker, in fact he could be described as an orator and all of us were usually spellbound by the end of his presentations. Such was his power of persuasion, we were all willing and eager to do whatever he had just asked us! Paul was particularly able to articulate education philosophy and best practice. The teaching staff have become more informed of the theory of education as a result of his time at Bethany. Paul, of course, is a historian by trade but also likes modern gadgets, particularly his iPad and the recently acquired high spec telephone!

Paul's ability to interact well with everybody is legendary. He makes everyone feel at ease in his company and he can always persuade them round to his way of thinking. Paul, of course, was raised in Germany and therefore had a weakness for everything German. He was absolutely delighted when Germany won the World Cup!

Paul has many strengths, including the fact that he would never ask anyone to do anything that he wasn't prepared to do himself and indeed had done many times. Whenever Paul was asked to do something he always did it to the very best standard possible. Paul is an inspirational teacher in every sense of the word and in whatever subject he teaches. At Bethany, Paul taught History, Politics, Religious Studies and Music to great effect. The mark of a great person is how fondly he is remembered from his previous schools. All of his previous schools still, and there are several of them, speak in awe of Paul. Wherever he has been he has left an indelible impression. He gave total commitment to everything he did and was always willing to lead from the front.

When Paul started at Bethany, he made no secret of his ambition to become a Headmaster. I told him that I would

do my best to make this happen and the normal lead time for this as a Deputy Head is five years. Paul however is a quick thinker and a great worker and succeeded in achieving headship after four years after Deputy. Paul now goes on to lead Old Swinford Hospital School in the Midlands. I have no doubt that he will be an inspirational Headmaster and that he will lead Old Swinford wonderfully well in the next stage of development. Our loss is their gain. On both a personal and professional level I will miss Paul greatly. I would like to wish him and Emma, as well as his children William, Joseph and Daniel every possible success, joy and happiness in the future.

Julie Williams

Julie joined Bethany as the Domestic Manager in April 2013. She had previously been in charge of the cleaning and facilities at Angley School (now High Weald Academy) and she brought a large amount of experience to Bethany. She very quickly settled into Bethany life and she fostered an excellent rapport with the cleaning and domestic staff.



She set very high standards for herself and required no less from her staff. It was no fault of Julie's that the post was written out of the establishment after only one year and she left Bethany in April 2014. We all wish her every success for the future.

Dave Relf

Dave had always worked on the land for various local farmers before joining Bethany in January 2001 when the farm work started to dry up. Dave joining Bethany was certainly our gain and farming's loss as he could turn his hand to anything and produce great results. The highlight of his time here was when he went on a chainsaw course and he became the School chainsaw operator. Dave's eyes would light up when a large storm was forecast as he could see a requirement to clear up fallen trees. He was always a very popular and extremely hard working member of the

maintenance team and he was never reluctant to share his vast experience with others. Dave's passion is fishing and he is a very successful competition fisherman. Retirement is not a word that can be used easily in connection with Dave after leaving Bethany in March 2014 as there is no way that he will slow down and I am sure that among other activities, many hours will be spent with his fishing gear.



My message to the fish is 'keep swimming'. We all wish Dave many happy years of 'retirement' and thank him most sincerely for all that he has done for Bethany over 13 years.

Esther Cornell

Esther arrived at Bethany in 2007 and brought with her a Welsh passion and determination that was to aid our girls in much sporting success over the years. She developed netball and rounders teams both on and off the field of play.



Esther had a personality that was a wonderful mix of determined coach and very supportive teacher, which the Bethany girls embraced. Along with un-beaten seasons for her various netball teams, she developed players to county level, took them on tours, including the Netball & Cricket

tour of Barbados and coached them in evening winter leagues. Esther had a fabulous commitment level in and outside School with the girls' development and participation always in her heart. She was a valued member of the department, always adaptable in lessons and struck up energetic and supportive relationships with the PE staff. Esther was also a very popular member of the whole School community, often bringing in eggs and other goodies for many colleagues from her array of side-lines she ran outside School. She will also be remembered fondly for her catering skills at numerous functions, including on tour in Barbados, and fancy dress outfits at the staff parties. Her warm character in the staff room and determination on the sports pitch will certainly be missed, and we all wish her well in the future.

Cinta Romero

Cinta joined the School in 2002 and was employed to teach Spanish part-time. In 2006 she replaced Morag McCall-Smith as Head of Department and has very successfully led Modern Languages ever since.



In 2012, Cinta took a year's maternity leave and now wishes to work part-time again so that she can spend more time with her son Matthew and husband Simon. It has been a real joy to have Cinta in the School over the past decade or so and it is a tremendous shame that she is leaving. She has always given of her best and has been highly professional in the classroom and outside.

Cinta's approach to her lessons has been exemplary and her professional attitude has meant she has been highly respected by the pupils she teaches and her colleagues. Her trips for Years 9 to 11, and the Sixth Form to Spain, have been greatly enjoyed and provided tremendous educational value. She has also taken her tutoring duties seriously and her professionalism and hard work have been greatly valued.

We wish Cinta every success for the future.



CHARITY WORK

The Rucksack Project

The festive period was upon us and the Year 11 girls decided they wanted to do something different as a group for the local community. After a bit of research, they discovered something called, 'The Rucksack Appeal'. The appeal involves recycling unwanted possessions, rather than donating money. So, with a little advertising, we collected sleeping bags, warm clothes and rucksacks and supplemented the donations with toothbrushes, toothpaste, wipes and cans of food. We even added our own personal touch and included festive goodies and homemade Christmas cards. Miss Sanger and Miss Wood arranged for the group to go to the Maidstone Day Centre which is a charity for homeless and vulnerable people that has been running for over twenty years. So on the last day of term, with Mrs Cornell and Miss Wood as our nominated drivers we ferried all eighteen complete rucksacks and an additional sixteen sleeping bags to this important charity.

When we arrived, we were immediately taken aback by the warm atmosphere that radiated from the shelter. Sue, who runs the charity, showed us the huge living area (complete with television and newspapers), the shower block and told us that the 'clients' can even get their hair cut! It was clear that it is really important that all people that attend the shelter feel 'normal'. There was also a food store, which we were told was available to anyone that requested it and we were horrified to discover that primary school children, entitled to free school meals, often require food during the school holidays. Something that we had completely overlooked. Overall, this was an eye-opening experience and I think that I can speak for all of us when I say that this really put things into perspective for us. I know I will definitely not take all the home comforts for granted, this Christmas.

A Great Achievement

On 13th October our very own Estate Foreman, Dan Sears, ran the 'Maidstone Half Marathon'. This was in aid of 'The Bobby Moore Cancer Foundation'. The weather was very challenging alone, but Dan managed to run over 13 miles in 2 hours and 5 minutes. He raised £400 for the foundation in the process of getting drenched by the rain that day. He started running in January this year and decided in August to put his new found exercise to good use.

The run started off from Grove Green, then onto Hollingbourne Hill, Pilgrims Way, Bearsted Green and finally back to Grove Green. Dan said, "I feel great about my achievement and it's great to raise money for this foundation having lost both of my parents to cancer. I am now planning my next marathon, The Royal Park's Marathon, next year."



Sport Relief

Friday 21st March 2014

Bethany staff and pupils were delighted to have raised over £1000 for Sport Relief this year.

All the pupils and staff enjoyed a fundraising day on Friday 21st March to raise money for Sport Relief,

now an annual event alongside Comic Relief. Fancy dress was required, and many joined in the sports theme to enter the competition. This was won by Sam Hewes who came as a giant rugby ball, by Lewis Baker who came as motorcyclist, and by Max Smith and Fenn Piper as dinosaur football mascots. The staff prize went to golfer Miss Brown, whose moustache was very realistic.



Money was raised in many ways: the catering staff sold cakes and cookies, Young Enterprise business sold sweets, girls from Year 10 and 11 had a cake sale, there was a competitive rowing competition, an egg and spoon race involving creme eggs. Of course the dramatic voting for Dunk-a-teacher was always popular: once again Mr Mourey enjoyed the icy cold wet sponges, with support from first time dunkee Mr Hughes.

However the largest amount of money raised by a single person came from Miss Katy Leach who raised over £300 by running a 10 km sponsored race.

Many thanks to all parents who also donated, to the pupils and to the staff for their valiant efforts. The amount raised is very impressive as this was also a normal teaching day in school and all events took place in break and lunch times.

Mrs Digby

Hospice In The Weald

In just five days Year 12 pupils raised over £1,000 by gardening, washing cars and selling cakes. The money was presented, in the form of a cheque, to the Hospice in the Weald. This was preceded by an informative and moving presentation to the Year Group, which heightened awareness as to the excellent work the Hospice does. Congratulations to all who took part.



Whole School Charity Walk

Years 7 and 8

After a top security briefing and a short wait for the mystery mini-bus drivers, the Todmans boys and the Years 7 and 8 Old Poplars girls found themselves at Bedgebury for a walk of Himalayan proportions. The three groups set off in opposite directions to explore all the goodies that Bedgebury has to offer. Each group was equipped with a flipcam and had been asked to film themselves 'doing something entertaining'. 274 clips were to be returned, most of which consisted of people's feet, owing to the fact that they'd forgotten they hadn't turned the camera off! Nevertheless, some funny episodes were recorded and the students enjoyed watching the finished video on the following Monday.

Each group finished in good time, probably helped by the fact that, unlike last year, nobody got lost and we made it back to the Todmans Common Room in time to watch 'Despicable Me'. All in all, a very good day – and lots of money raised for charity.



Year 9

45 intrepid Year 9 pupils from, accompanied by 6 energetic members of staff, set off to walk the 13 miles around Bewl Water. Every single pupil and staff member made it, despite the afternoon deluge that left all a little damp!

Year 10

80 of our Year 10 pupils walked to Cranbrook to raise money for a number of charities ranging from the Kent Air Ambulance to supporting children in Ethiopia. The route had been mapped by Mr Sturrock and the five tutor groups left School at 10.00am, cut across country to Colliers Green, had lunch in Angley Woods and then returned to Bethany via Goudhurst. The weather held fair for the most part, but a little rain towards the end of the day did nothing to dampen the spirits of the group, all of whom deserve praise for their behaviour and good humour throughout the day.

Year 11

We greeted the 64 Year 11 pupils on site. Their day began with team-building exercises, having great fun with logs, tyres and ropes to get them into the spirit of the day. Then we went to Mote Park, where all the pupils

enjoyed a structured walk with tutors around the whole area. After a lunch stop (and a few chips and the odd cup of tea!), the afternoon continued with an orienteering exercise. This was a keenly fought contest, with the girls coming out as winners!

I would like to thank the pupils for their exceptional behaviour throughout (this was commented on by several members of the public) and the staff for their support and enthusiasm.

Sixth Form

After years of varying the format, we might actually have cracked it! The current arrangement is to combine two tutor groups, stroll at a gentle pace for six miles, have lunch in a local pub and then walk six miles back to School. Add in a dose of reasonable weather and the challenge of raising over £20 a head for a charity of the pupils' choice and we have a recipe for success! Every tutor group has its memorable moments and this was no exception; the excitement of hearing Billy Daus sing, seeing Jemima's Harris or listening to Alex Lipscombe's incessant but humorous jokes about old age, made the time fly by, Mr Payne didn't get us lost, and that is worth its weight in gold!



CHARITY WORK

The Diary Of A Pupil

Raising funds for the Philippines by changing places and faces!

Headmaster Francie Healy appealed to the parent body of the School to ask for their help in raising desperately needed funds for the disaster relief effort in the Philippines.

"Since I announced my intention to hold a raffle to be Headmaster for a day, and my commitment to becoming a pupil the following day, the feedback I got was very positive indeed. Therefore on Monday I telephoned our uniform suppliers and spoke to Mr Richard Barsley. When I explained my intention, his first response was to voice his approval, and his second was to laugh.

"I was somewhat surprised to learn that he had, in stock, sizes that were larger than the ones I required, and that at least momentarily made me feel slim and svelte!

"When Charlie Ryder's name came out of the raffle, I must confess to being just a tad relieved. The thought of wearing a kilt did not sit easily with me as I have got legs that are rather like vampires – they should never be seen during the day! I was very pleased that I managed to acquire the uniform and keep it secret from my own children.

"On Friday morning, I came to work as normal at 7.30am and worked as Headmaster until lesson one, when I became a pupil. The teaching day started off with a double Physics lesson taught by Mr Thomas. As a Science graduate, I have always had a particular affinity for Science and enjoyed learning once again about kinetic energy, potential energy, force and power. This lesson had further excitement, in that, half way through, Mr Vickerman accidentally set off the fire alarm with one of his Chemistry experiments and we all had to file out as per the normal fire evacuation procedure. Upon our return, we resumed our lesson seamlessly and at the end I gave Mr Thomas an apple as a token of my appreciation.

"I was really looking forward to morning break and when it came I went to the tuck shop, queued like any other pupil and



bought myself a treat. During my walk from the Science building, what became clearly evident was that the atmosphere was one of inclusiveness, respect and just a little bit of devilment. Phrases like: "you cannot do anything to us today because you are just one of us" were spoken. A number of pupils came to chat to me in the dining room and when one of them was asked by one of his mates for 20p, I remembered I had £4.20 in my own pocket. Willing to act as a pupil in all respects, I took out the £4.20 and gave the pupil the 20p. I then said that if anyone else wanted some money they could have it and in the blink of an eye, my £4.00 was removed by four different people from the palm of my hand. I was then educated by an older pupil who informed me that I should never do that; in fact, I should always do the opposite, in that whenever anybody asks me for money I should refuse as otherwise I would just get plagued in the future. This sounded like sensible advice. Several pupils took pictures of me and I was then informed that my hair did not conform to School regulations. I protested that I am bald on top, as nature had dealt me a disadvantaged hand, but that did not seem to cut any ice

with some of my fellow pupils. Some Year 9s said that they would be a friend and look after me provided I paid them! They then suggested anything they did today could not be punished by me as I was one of them. I agreed but also informed them that I would have no problem whatsoever in telling on them. All of this was surrounded by much gaiety and laughter.

"After break I went to an RS lesson taught by Miss Nixon. I was one of the first to arrive and Miss Nixon gave me the freedom to sit where I wanted. One of the other pupils suggested, mischievously, that perhaps I should sit next to Thomas May who had not yet arrived. As there seemed to be general good humoured consensus that this was probably a good thing to do, I sat in his adjacent place. Thomas arrived a couple of minutes into the lesson and was somewhat taken aback to see his new partner but to his credit he sat down beside me. Both of us worked very hard throughout the lesson. During the lesson, the class discussed what can be done to achieve world peace. Following this informed discussion, the main points were taken down and we all had to write a summary of the salient points.

"I showed my effort to Miss Nixon, who complimented me on my work; however, I also had an apple, placed strategically on my desk, to give to the teacher at the end of the lesson so I hope that did not influence her decision in any way.

"As I walked through the campus I met my Year 10 son, Tom, who turned to his friend Sam and said: "Take a sibling picture", a passing pupil suggested that I take a 'selfie'.

"During lunch, I ate with the Year 11s and, just like a morning break, I spectacularly failed to find any party that was taking place on the Friday night because I naively thought that as a pupil I ought to get an invitation to such things. I am still unsure as to whether there were any parties, or whether the people I was speaking with thought better of inviting me to one of them. The lunch was very enjoyable, as was my conversation with the Year 11 pupils. During lunch, I was asked what my relationship with Mrs Healy was, I replied: "Mrs Healy is my mother". Unfortunately Mrs Healy was in earshot when I said that she rebuked me for talking disrespectfully about a teacher!

"Directly after lunch, I had Chemistry with Mr Vickerman, so once again I was within my comfort zone. We spoke about Rate Reaction theory and I was able to constructively contribute given my own scientific background. During the course of the lesson a photographer from a local newspaper came in, took my picture and Charlie went with him to my office, where they took some more photographs. As I left the Chemistry lab Mr Vickerman seemed pleased with his apple.

"Lesson 6 was my least favourite subject when I was at school – English.

"I must say at the outset that I have never

liked Shakespeare, I struggle to see why so much time should be spent on discussing his work and therefore I went to the lesson with some trepidation. All the other pupils were involved in the preparation of a controlled assessment and I was given a differentiated task by Miss Wood, which was to identify all of the comments made by the character Tybalt in the Shakespearean play Romeo and Juliet. I then wrote a summary of how his opening phrases reflected his character throughout the play. This reinforced my distant memories of why English was not one of my favourite subjects. I have no more warmer memories of Shakespeare now than I had as a child.

"I was very impressed with how energised the other pupils were in their controlled assessment preparation task. Miss Wood has clearly done a good job in motivating them. Towards the end of the lesson, Miss Wood read out aloud my contribution which was respectfully received by the pupils although it was somewhat dismissed for its content by Miss Wood in a humorous way! As I gave her the now customary apple, she asked why I had not given her cake and did I think she was fat! I decided (wisely I think) that silence was the better part of valour.

So what have I found out by being a pupil?

"First and foremost I found out that the School uniform is very comfortable to wear. It compares favourably indeed with the suits I wear, which are much more expensive.

"Secondly, the staff were wonderfully receptive both with Charlie being a Headmaster and me being a pupil. Indeed, I was informed that I was not allowed in the staff room on the Friday.

"Thirdly, the pupils were hugely appreciative as a body. They entered into the spirit of things wholeheartedly, and it gave everyone a feel good factor on a cold day.

"Lastly, but perhaps most importantly, it has raised a considerable amount of money for the disaster in the Philippines. At the time of writing the total now stands at £3,000. The fact that we can all work together to achieve a common goal and help those less fortunate than ourselves, I think sums up the Bethany community wonderfully well.

"The question I was asked most often was, which would I rather be, a Headmaster or a pupil? I enjoyed my day so much on

Friday that the answer would have to be a pupil. The teaching and the learning that I experienced was far superior to anything I had as a teenager. The warmth, care and professionalism that were shown by all teachers to each and every pupil, and by the pupils to me and each other in all of the classes I went to, were first class.

"Thanks to everyone for making this possible."

Francie Healy, Headmaster

Letter From Ray Richard Former Catering Manager At Bethany

Dear Mr Healy,

Hope you are keeping well. Just a quick line to say we have just returned from a month in the Philippines (you will remember that my wife Nora is from the Philippines), we have a new house and a 170 hectare farm in Mindanao in the Southern Philippines looked after by Nora's sister. We spent a week there, then we had a few days in Samar and Layte visiting some of her relatives and making sure they were all okay. We also went to look at some of the areas hit by the recent disaster.

We spoke to quite a few aid workers out there, they had a detailed list of organisations who had helped with the fund raising and I found out that Bethany School had raised a considerable amount towards aid for that area.

Nora and I are writing to give our heartfelt thanks to everyone concerned with the marvellous amount you raised. I would be grateful if you could let all the pupils and teachers know hopefully at whole school assembly.

Thanks so much again and I hope to see you at the next Parents/Old Bethanians Day.

Kindest regards

Ray and Nora Richard



SPEECH DAY

For once the weather was kind to us, and Speech Day 2014 dawned on a beautiful, warm summer's day. The stallholders set out their marquees and pitches with barely a breath of wind; wares varied from beautiful scarves to tea tents and cakes to tombolas and a human fruit machine.



The speeches began with a traditional fanfare and a stirring rendition of Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer. The welcome address was given by Andrew Pengelly, Chairman of the Governors, who talked about the strategic affairs of Bethany and said that all surplus funds are ploughed back into the School. He continued by saying that the economic climate has been difficult, but Bethany has ridden through it in fine fettle and things are improving; Bethany has proved very adept at cutting its cloth to suit purses.

Mr Pengelly went on to say that the capital investment made was to provide an education for life for pupils. The boarding house refurbishments were balanced between providing quality accommodation and cost and looking to the future, construction of the swimming pool would be underway as soon as planning permission was received. The foyer of the administration building would also be re-done to give a good first impression of the School, and the chapel roof would be repaired.

Mr Pengelly also thanked all the pupils and the leavers, telling them not to be afraid of making mistakes as long as they don't make the same one twice. He also thanked the Headmaster, Mr Healy, and the Senior Management Team and the Parents.

Mr Pengelly finished by saying that he would be stepping down as Chairman next year, and that the Board had acquired new members and, while strong before, was even more so now.

Headmaster Mr Healy's speech focused on the notion that Childhood is Golden. Mr Healy began by saying that he would like to talk about the importance of the child. The very essence of the best education must contain the child at its very centre. A lot of media and government attention recently has been on the importance of going back to a more traditional type of education, returning to rote learning, extolling the virtues of an oriental style education. And in all of this the word child gets forgotten.

Last year the Good Childhood report by the Children's Society reported that children in the UK experienced a rise in well-being between 1994 and 2008, but this appears to have stalled and may have begun to reverse in more recent years.

The pressure for children to 'grow up' too quickly is shocking. What sort of Country have we become where we encourage seven year-olds to have Tutors to get into highly selective schools? When we send young children home for the holidays with practice exam papers?

We all have a part to play in preserving childhood. It is a most precious time as it allows the child to develop naturally.

Our future generations do not need longer school days or fewer holidays.

Children need time to develop the skills that are so important for childhood and beyond; and they need time for, dare I say it, the F word – Fun.

In order to fully and properly understand and develop the individual, we need teachers who are teachers of children and not just teachers of subjects. The art of being a teacher, and it is an art form, is in danger of being lost in a narrowly focussed attempt to drive up academic standards. Pastoral care has to be at the centre of any community. Children do not need to feel that they're letting the community down by depressing a league table place. They do not need to feel that the community doesn't want them because they're not going to get the very top exam grades.

The exceptional teacher will hold the children safe, and in this safety 'free' them. The freedom to take risks, the willingness to make errors, the enthusiasm to share ideas, the courage to find a voice – these all have their roots in the way a teacher cares for the child.

In the best schools, like Bethany, challenges are being thrown down and met in the classroom; pupils and teachers are willing to experiment; there is laughter, and wide-eyed pure joy in learning, and people who genuinely care about each other; and every time I see this I know that I'm in the right School.

The Chief Guest for the day was Ms Jan Berry, former Chair of the Police Federation, who began by saying that





having heard about the staff and pupils' impressive collective achievements, she felt the future was in safe hands.

Ms Berry continued by saying that policing at its very simplest is about keeping good people safe and bad people not so safe. Ms Berry shared some experiences and guiding principles which took her from directing traffic on the A21 as a three year old, to travelling the world advising Home Secretaries and Prime Ministers on Policing.

Be true to yourself. The person in the mirror every day is the person you need to satisfy. Act with integrity at all times and treat others as you would want to be treated yourself.

Take responsibility. When you are wearing 5'6" of blue serge people look to you to take control, although you may not always get it right.

Have no regrets. You have to make your own luck and take the opportunities that present themselves. Background and circumstances may influence who you are, but you are responsible for who you become.

Never be afraid to make a mistake. Some of the greatest inventions started as mistakes – Coca Cola started life as a remedy for toothache; chocolate chips were expected to melt when cookies were being baked; and post it notes were intended to be irremovable until one of the scientists realised they made good bookmarks for his hymn book and could be easily removed without leaving a mark.

Value those around you. The American playwright Wilson Mizner advised of the need to be nice to people on the way up, because you'll need them on your way down.

Arrogance is not a positive attribute and here you are part of Team Bethany where the sum is greater than the parts.

And finally, never stop being a student and never stop learning.

Joint Head of School Daniel Blewett began by outlining his first experiences of Bethany. Daniel first came to Bethany at the age of 14, and says it was the best school year of his life; he made friends and best friends. Before Dan came to Bethany, he would never have imagined that he would visit the Berlin Wall, walk past the gates of Sachsenhausen concentration camp, spend six days in Iceland where he was able to walk on a 50,000 year old glacier, go sledging down the volcano that caused so much disruption amongst Europe, and enjoy a geothermal bath in the blue lagoon springs, despite the temperature being just above freezing. Daniel never thought he would have the opportunity to play cricket in Barbados last summer, where he swam with turtles above a ship wreck in the Caribbean Sea, whilst playing in some of the most abstract cricket pitches you will ever see.



Daniel didn't for a second expect that he would have the opportunity to run a successful business, compete in the Bethany apprentice challenge, captain and lead the 1st XI Football Team, have the privilege of joint running a prefect team which together manages to raise £500 for two charities and have the opportunity to address everyone at Speech Day with his story.

Daniel finished by saying that Bethany provides many fantastic opportunities for people, and it is a School where the more you put in, the more you get out.

Joint Head of School Jemima Harris said she was sad that her time at Bethany had come to an end. Jemima will take forward so many memories of her time and although she will miss the small, friendly and comforting environment the School has, she is also excited to enter today's competitive wider world.

When Jemima first joined Bethany she was nervous and reserved but the School has given her confidence, so that she has been able to thoroughly enjoy her time here to the maximum; from the struggle of carrying an overfull rucksack in the Duke of Edinburgh expedition to the excitement of competing in the Bethany School riding team and the honour of representing the School in the Brenchley choral society productions.

Jemima said that she has felt valued as a person in her own right at Bethany. The teachers have supported her tirelessly and seem to know how to blend light-hearted humour with respect and thus get the best out of her. Although Mr Stubberfield's favourite composer is Bach, it was Beethoven who said, "To play a wrong note is insignificant; to play without passion is inexcusable." Jemima believes this is true of all aspects of Bethany School life, particularly the Music department, whose enthusiasm is infectious and has encouraged her to reach a level she feels she wouldn't have attained if she were a smaller fish in a bigger pond.

Jemima concluded by saying that she has made some fantastic friends who have been loyal, supportive and caring. Bethany has prepared her very well indeed for the future.

BOARDING HOUSES COMPLETELY REFURBISHED

Old Poplars

There was a lot of noise and bustle in Old Poplars, the girls' house at Bethany School in Kent over the Easter and summer holidays last year as various workmen tackled the extensive refurbishment programme.

Electricians, builders, painters and carpenters were all on site with a very busy schedule. The improvements included a new staircase leading from the entrance hall and a new corridor upstairs leading to all the boarders' bedrooms to the right of the stairs. Sockets, lighting and new carpets were fitted adding to the sense of light and space. All the bedrooms received brand new furniture which has been supplied by the specialists ETB. They first started designing and supplying school furniture in 1969 and it is made to a very high standard. The furniture is made of ash hardwood with framed ash veneer panels, full length hinges, dove-tailed joints and proper bed bases rather than uncomfortable slats. Some of the rooms boast cabin beds and some are high sleepers which the girls love. All the rooms now have pin boards, bedside cabinets, desks, chairs and wardrobes.

Not content with upgrading the bedrooms the busy team also tackled the common room which had a full make over with new workstations and a cosy seating area. The flagship is the lovely new Howdens self-contained kitchen complete with trendy wall graphics which were painted by the School's talented art technician Ellie Stanley.

The girls are delighted with the huge improvements to Old Poplars which have helped to make it a real home from home for them. They particularly enjoy the extra space downstairs and loved being involved in the painting of the silhouette of London on the end common room wall, a fantastic mural, completed by the boarders and overseen by Ellie Stanley.



Mrs Wareham, Head of Old Poplars said, "I am delighted with the results as Old Poplars is now a comfortable, spacious house for the girls to relax in and feel safe; the excitement on the girls' faces as they returned to see their new home was wonderful to see".



The Mount

The Mount houses boys from Years 7 to 12, who like to refer to themselves as Mounties. It has been upgraded and everyone is delighted with the results: the previous separate common room and kitchen were given a complete makeover, and the boys have a modern, fresh, open-plan common room complete with a brand new kitchen.

Each of the boys' bedrooms has been given a fresh coat of paint, and all the beds and wardrobes have been replaced with fantastic new furniture.

The boys are also delighted with their own fitness room, where they can work out in relative privacy.

NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM

In September, Bethany's new school uniform was introduced and has been very well received. Navy and silver replaced the previous blue and gold, along with our updated brand logo, and we achieved a better standard of school uniform for a similar overall price.



BETHANY TEACHER PROUD TO REPRESENT HER COUNTRY

Miss King played for the England Indoor Netball Team in the Tri-Nations against South Africa and Australia. The team was very successful throughout the two weeks of netball but were eventually defeated by the Aussie's in the semi-finals. Miss King said "I am very proud to have received 10 caps for my country and am extremely grateful for all the support I have received from parents, staff and pupils".

FRIENDS OF BETHANY SCHOOL

"FOBS are celebrating yet another successful year, continuing to raise money and giving new and existing parents a chance to socialise together. FOBS works alongside Mr Healy in supporting the many events organised by the School such as the Cheese and Wine evening for new parents, Open Days and the many fabulous School productions, as well as organising its own events. With funds raised this year FOBS have sponsored the Sixth Form photography competition and have purchased not one but two 3d printers for the Design Technology department, as well as adding to the swimming pool fund.

"Once again the ever popular Fish and Chip evening was a huge success, and competitive as always. Peter Askew headed the winning team this year with a team of new Bethany parents.

"I would like to say a huge thank you to Graham White for not only setting the questions but also stepping into the role of quiz master. This was followed by a first for FOBS: the Race Night. Peter Askew ran the tote and Sally White and Lynn Askew took hold of the helm in my absence, and with its overwhelming success it is to be repeated again in October.

"The FOBS bar has once again been on hand to wet the whistle of the audience at



many of the superb productions put on by the Drama department and of course the very competitive Bethany's Got Talent or in some cases Bethany's not got talent!

"The sun shone and the Pimm's flowed, for the first time in my memory Speech Day was blessed with sunshine, with the smell of the hog and the cheers from the gladiator ring FOBS finished its fundraising on a high.

"THANK YOU! Where do I begin? Once again Brian Chapman and the maintenance team have come up trumps at every event, nothing is too much trouble even at short notice.

"Thank you to the many parents who support FOBS throughout the year and their praise for all our hard work.

"I would lastly like to give my heartfelt thanks to my team, who although have full time jobs of their own always find the time to support FOBS when asked to, Lynn Askew (Vice chair), Sally White (Hon. Secretary), Nikki James (Treasurer), Clare Brett, Nicola Tucker, Sam Golding, Steve and Jeanette Markiewicz, Vanessa Davies, Claire Miles and associate members Elaine and Will Yussuf. FOBS is the success it is due to you!"

Jacqui Griffiths
Chairman



THE BETHANIANS' SOCIETY

Twenty Club Dinner

21 March 2014

This year's Twenty Club Dinner returned to the East India Club in St James Square on a balmy spring evening.

Twenty-two Old Bethanians in Black Tie assembled in the splendid Clive Room for this ever-popular evening of fine dining and good company. With plenty of pre-dinner banter and discussion as old friends re-acquainted and others met for the first time.

When the gong was rung the OBs sat down to a wonderful dinner of smoked chicken mousse with a peppered melon and honeyed yoghurt, excellent roast rib of Aberdeen Angus with all the trimmings (naturally!), golden suet pudding and orange custard – all washed down with Rouge et Blanc Chateaux Reynier.

Across the wide table and candle light of the elegant room there was much laughter and discussion – questions about the School and its development as well as, inevitably, the odd nostalgic story or two, as well as business, families, holidays, travel and long-lost friends.

Good things always come to an end. Farewells were said in St James's Square as taxis were hailed, while for others the night was just beginning as they headed off in the direction of Jermyn Street!

The TBS is always looking to hear from old and new members about their news and any unusual dining venues that members may know of in London for the Twenty Club and who enjoy such evenings, then do please get in touch. Thanks to Paul Holmes and to Robert Pilbeam for their running of these evenings as this wonderful dining event comes into its twenty-eighth year.

Reunion Day

Reunion Day was again held to coincide with Speech Day on 21st June. After two very successful years as President, Roger Kimber handed over the Badge of Office to Nick Randell during the course of the Annual General Meeting, which took place in the afternoon. Nick Randell said, "It is

a huge privilege as well as a challenge to serve you as your President for the coming year. May I first of all say a big thank you to Roger for the way he has led our Society over the last two years. He really has moved the Society on and most of the initiatives we are currently engaged in are the result of his hard work and innovative thinking".

New Archive Room unveiled

The main feature of Reunion Day was undoubtedly the new archive room, which is located within the old South Wing and which was officially opened to the public for the first time on the day. After Nick Randell was sworn in as the new President of The Bethanians' Society, he unveiled the plaque outside the archive room and cut the ribbon for the first member of the public to enter. It was a lovely turn out and there were lots of lovely stories that were told of days gone by, which everyone was encouraged to commit to paper. Mr Randell has since started a folder on individual anecdotes from Old Bethanians that will hopefully grow more and be shared with all who visit the archive room and wish to read them.



Mr Randell also had a special display to remember all our heroes who fell in the war, in honour of this year's Centenary, which included heartfelt letters from parents of those who were killed. The Bethanians' Society shared the cost of the repair of the memorial clock with the School, which was also unveiled for the day. The clock was dedicated to Frederick Kenneth Stonham, who fell in action near Ypres.

The last visitors left at 6.00pm and some of the visits led on to private viewings at a later date and enquiries to follow up.

A very big thank you to Mrs Margaret Fillery, who has taken on this project and

who patiently manned the room throughout the day. Thank you also to Mr John Stammers and to Mrs Alison Enticknap, both of whom helped to put the display together and to make the room ready for viewing.



Website and Digitalisation

Our latest initiative is the proposed digitalisation of our archive material. Starting with the School Magazines and then moving on to some of the photos, the plan is to convert these items into a digital format in order to make them accessible on our website so that members both near and far can view the material on-line even if they are unable to visit the School.

We would like to invite members to sponsor the digitalisation of a School Magazine from a particular year (the year they left perhaps!). Some years were subscribed to but we still have some way to go so if you would like sign up to this please contact alumni@bethanyschool.org.uk.

Annual Dinner

This year's annual dinner featured a varied and interesting quiz, compiled and delivered by President Nick Randell. One of the rounds was about the history of Bethany School. Did you know that the first Bethanian was printed in 1881, and sold for the princely sum of fourpence? Many thanks to Karen and her team from Pabulum for the wonderful dinner, and for looking after us so well. Mrs Margaret Fillery, Mrs Andrea Discombe and Mrs Ginnie Corbett were also each presented with a beautiful flower arrangement to thank them for their help with The Bethanians' Society and its website.

PRIZES & AWARDS

THE J.J KENDON PRIZE FOR EFFORT

YEAR 7 Fenn Piper

YEAR 8 Georgina Hill

YEAR 9 Kaitie Ford and Hannah Ford

YEAR 10 Emma Askew

YEAR 11 Seav Meng Ing

SPECIAL MENTIONS

YEAR 7

Scout Cockayne-Francis, Thomas Golding, Anthony Knight, Lia McHugh

YEAR 8

Kian Blewett, Maria-Bisila Dougan, Harry Lee, Natalie Ward

YEAR 9

Isabel Altendorf, William Cunningham, Aiden McHugh, Lucinda White, Emilia Wylie

YEAR 10

Dorothy Beales, Eleanor Firth, India MacDonald, Lizzie Stuart

YEAR 11

Marco Chan, Max Kelly, Sophie Marland, Nat Pearson, Kipp Popert

THE KILBY PRIZE FOR JUNIOR ART

Kaitie Ford

THE DOUGLAS PRIZE FOR SENIOR ART

Zofia Markiewicz

THE TEXTILES PRIZE

Claudia Lam

THE MICHAEL WILLIAMS PHOTOGRAPHY CUP AND PRIZE

Piers Muiry

THE STOBART PRIZE FOR BUSINESS STUDIES

Joe Hoskin

THE HOOPER'S APPLIED BUSINESS STUDIES PRIZE

Amelia Howell

THE YOUNG ENTERPRISE ACHIEVER OF THE YEAR

Luke Shaw

THE NOTLEY PRIZE FOR CRAFT AND DESIGN

Kipp Popert

THE SAMUAL KENDON PRIZE FOR CRAFT AND DESIGN

James Hunter

THE BREACH PRIZE FOR INNOVATION

Harry Gawler

THE SENIOR FOOD TECHNOLOGY PRIZE

Zofia Markiewicz

THE CHEF SCHOOL WINNER

William Cunningham

THE ROCHE PRIZE FOR DRAMA

Natasha Brattle

THE JUNIOR DRAMA PRIZE

Daniel Davies

THE CHELMSFORD HALL CUP AND PRIZE

Fenn Piper

THE HELEN MEMORIAL CUP AND PRIZE

Samuel Robinson

THE MCLAREN ENGLISH PRIZE

Bethany Ward

THE JUNIOR ENGLISH PRIZE

Joshua Hill

THE HUNTER ESSAY PRIZE

Jack Maynard

THE ADLER C.A.R.E PRIZE

Ella Porteous

THE HENRY HOWARD PUBLIC SPEAKING PRIZE

Amy Tucker

THE SENIOR MEDIA PRIZE

Emily Smith

GCSE MEDIA PRIZE

Immy Oakes

THE EAL PRIZE

Winston Mo

THE MICHAEL DALZIEL GEOGRAPHY PRIZE (GCSE)

Isobel Sherlock

THE HUMPHREY MAXWELL MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE

SENIOR GEOGRAPHY

Sam Watts

THE ROGER KIMBER PRIZE FOR EFFORT

A LEVEL GEOGRAPHY

Jack Maynard

SENIOR HISTORY PRIZE

William Scott

THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE JUNIOR HISTORY PRIZE

Misha Mitchem

THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE

THE KELLY POLITICS PRIZE

Daanish Riaz

THE LORD STAMP MEMORIAL PRIZE

GCSE MATHEMATICS

Nicky Chen

THE MASON PRIZE FOR FRENCH

Emma Acheson-Gray

THE SPANISH PRIZE

Georgia Hodgson

THE FINCHAM CUP FOR STRINGS

Dorothy Beales

THE GARDNER CUP AND PRIZE FOR GUITAR

Oliver Craggs

THE HALL PRIZE FOR THE HIGHEST MUSIC GRADE

William Scott

THE LUSTED PRIZE FOR WOODWIND

Claudia Lam

THE CHRISTOPHER MONEY CHORISTERS CUP AND PRIZE

Georgina Hill

THE MUSIC PRIZE FOR PROGRESS

Klyde Moradeyo

THE JAMES MORRISSEY-CROUCH MUSIC AWARD

Winston Mo

THE PRIZE FOR BASS

Emily Bristow

THE THORNTON PRIZE

Amelia Brett

THE JAMES HALL MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR RS

Isobel Sherlock

RELIGIOUS STUDIES AT A LEVEL

Alice Healy

THE BIOLOGY PRIZE FOR GCSE

Kipp Popert

THE BIOLOGY PRIZE FOR A LEVEL

Joe Hoskin

THE CHEMISTRY PRIZE FOR GCSE

Felix Paffard

THE CHEMISTRY PRIZE FOR A LEVEL

Jinsung Ha

DUKE OF EDINBURGH GOLD:

Harry Bethel-Motagalli

Henry Bonaert

Natasha Brattle

Theresa Brattle

Anna Burnham

Billy Daus

Jemima Ellis

Izzy Fatah

Henry Felton-Smith

Harry Gawler

Alice Healy

Amelia Howell

James Loxley

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