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It seems to me that each year goes by quicker than the previous one! This magazine gives me a chance to reflect on another very successful year for Bethany.

The first Pengelly Society of the year had an awe inspiring presentation given by the pupils who went to Nepal. It was a life changing experience and everyone was hugely impressed by the eloquence and growth in maturity in all who went.

A highlight for me was my trip to South Korea and Hong Kong. Our overseas parent body is most grateful for the education and pastoral care their children receive whilst living at Bethany. Not to be outdone, Miss Boyle and four pupils jetted off to Taiwan on the annual exchange and had a wonderful time.

In November, Bethany's Got Talent had a 'battle of the bands' theme and the worthy winners were Kiplings. For the first time, we organised Year 6 Master Classes on Outdoor Education, This Unfair World, Dance, DT and Drama, and they were an outstanding success. Our Sixth Form held a World War I day, with outside speakers addressing the School and workshops for the junior Year Groups. Term ended with a Carol Service in Cranbrook Church, which was well attended and much appreciated by all those present.

Our Spring Term began with pupils having trial examinations, and shortly after this we welcomed seven pupils from Taiwan on the annual exchange. February for me was a horrible month as my elderly mother passed away suddenly. It was a shock, but a little easier to come to terms with due to her strong Christian faith for a peaceful passing and the support of the Bethany community. At the lowest points in our lives, we realise how fortunate we are to be surrounded by such good people.

The School production was Sweeney Todd and it was very well received. In late February, we welcomed Nobel Prize winner, Professor Sir Tim Hunt, to the Pengelly Society to speak about cell division and I was very impressed with the quality of questions our Sixth Formers asked of him afterwards.

Harry Graham, a Year 13 pupil who had a brain tumour removed at the age of seven, organised a Bandana Day, raising £1,000 for the Brain Tumour Society. I was incredibly impressed with the humour and passion Harry brought to this charitable effort.

The Music department joined forces with Brenchley Choral Society to perform Faure's Requiem to great effect in early March.

At the FOBS Fish 'n' Chips Quiz Evening in March I was supporting France in the Six Nations Rugby Tournament. Ireland would win the championship if England had only a small victory over France. England put up a terrific performance but the luck stayed with the Irish, which led to some good banter.

Our Geographers travelled to Iceland at the end of term. Their arrival was memorable, as the aircraft failed to land on its intended airstrip. Parents following the flight path using modern technology saw the plane appear to land and take off again - sometimes a little less knowledge is a good thing!

I was delighted the School celebrated St George's Day in April and raised several hundred pounds for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital. Our Leavers' Ball took place on Friday 15th May and it was an outstanding evening. I was impressed with the good humour and caring atmosphere throughout.

The keenly contested Kendon vs Pengelly football match was played with commitment and Kendon were the deserving winners.

The highlight of the Summer Term was Speech Day, Leavers' Day and TBS Reunion Day. The Leavers' Service was a lovely reflection



of our Year 13 pupils. My theme of 'Staying true to yourself as you journey through life' was warmly received and I remain humbled by the number of parents who expressed wholehearted support for my philosophy and that of Bethany School.

In early May I welcomed the boarders to my house for a summer barbeque, which for many is the calm before the storm of GCSE and A level examinations. The Staff Leavers' football match was a sight to behold, with the staff convincing 6-1 winners. Our very own "Lionel Messi", namely gap assistant Tom Raymond, scored five goals! The term finished with the usual array of activities and the junior production of Annie. As a former redhead myself I have a particular affinity with Annie!

Academically, Bethany once again did very well and our A level pupils achieved the grades to go to their preferred universities. We are justifiably proud of our broad ability range at Bethany, and it is wonderful to see pupils secure places at prestigious universities. It shows what can be achieved with encouragement, support and sustained hard work.

Our GCSE pupils also did very well and although they could have accessed their results remotely, the majority decided to collect their results in person to share their joy with their peers. This shows what a strong and vibrant community we have at Bethany.

Academic success, like most in life, is achieved through co-operation and mutual respect. I would like to pay particular thanks to all the staff at Bethany, both teaching and support, because it is only through our combined efforts, together with each child and parent, that we can obtain the success we enjoy every year.

The summer has seen various building projects take shape. The indoor swimming pool is due to be finished in February 2016. Kenneth Pengelly said in 1948 that Bethany needed an indoor swimming pool - who says persistence doesn't pay off! We are also building an extension to The Orchard and an enlarged fitness room.

Andrew Pengelly, son of Kenneth, retired as Chairman of Governors bringing an end to a 67 year association with the School: a Headmaster and two children who were both Chairman of Governors. Andrew is replaced by Roger Stubbs, a parent of three former Bethanians, whose daughter Susie was one of the first girls in the School. The Governors give their time without recompense, embodying the spirit and ethos of always doing the right thing wonderfully well. Words cannot adequately express my gratitude, and I am immensely grateful to them for their continuing challenge and support.

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank you all sincerely for your continued loyalty to Bethany and the sustained confidence you show in me in particular. Whenever I speak with other Headmasters I am always immensely reassured that I have the more supportive parent body. It remains a joy and privilege to lead this wonderful community.

I hope you enjoy reading the various articles in this magazine and I would like to conclude by thanking our Marketing Manager, Mrs Ginnie Corbett, for coordinating this publication which can be a mammoth task at times.



Mr Francie Healy
Headmaster

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TODMANS



This is sadly the last year of Todmans House, which has seen Year 7 and 8 boys come and go for many years. We have had many happy times in our small, cosy House, and look back fondly at all the fun that was had by boys and staff alike.

Number of boys:

45

House Captain:

Jack Bartram

Well, here it is – the last ever Bethanian report for the magnificent Todmans House!

We had a busy year, with our usual, superb fund-raising walk round Bedgebury on Charities Day: over £900 was raised in total, with Miss Johnson's tutor group the kings of fund-raising, managing £330. We had sessions designed to promote team-building and positive relationships, which seemed to have an excellent impact on our boys.

Our Christmas meal at the Marden Tandoori was a very loud and enthusiastic affair and I'm not sure who was more relieved when it was over, me or the waiters! However, they assured me that they'd be more than happy to have us back, so we can't have been that bad.

The second half of the Spring Term saw the annual FIFA competition on the X-Box, and Jose-Okori Dougan Etoha emerged as the champion after two weeks of frenzied competition. The annual pool competition was, unfortunately, cancelled owing to the sad demise of the table.

Jack Bartram was named as Todmans captain for the year and proved to be a very good choice, always setting an excellent example to the rest of the boys.

We continued to award prizes for the best average attainment grade score in each grades/report session. Our winners in Year 7 were Joesph Bateman, Finn Williamson and Alexander Hill and in Year 8, Louis Shelton, Jeremy Daubeney and Rowan Parker-Renwick. These boys pushed themselves very hard



to achieve their excellent results and they should all feel very proud of their achievements. It is clear that the boys wanted to achieve their best and some of the improvements in grade scores were amazing, so much so that we instituted a 'Most Improved' category on the Honours Board in the Summer Term, with the winners being William Craggs, Thomas Franks and Dylan Harley.

Mr Reilly's tutor group put on a "Todmans' Got Talent" competition as their assembly for the Spring Term. The clear winner – scientifically identified through the volume of cheering – was John Yoon, who performed the most remarkable drumming with two pencils. Thomas Golding put in a memorable effort, involving shovelling as many marshmallows into his mouth as he could. He didn't win, but was splendidly entertaining. Equally entertaining were some of the fancy dress costumes worn on Red Nose Day, with Tom Weller looking particularly terrifying.



The Todmans Tombola was its usual success on Speech Day, with long lines of junior boys queuing up to win back the very things their parents thought they'd finally got rid of. The money raised was donated to the senior Houses to contribute towards facilities for the juniors in 2015-16.

The boys were very lucky this year with the tutors that worked with them; Mrs Harper, Mr Reilly, Miss Berry and Miss Johnson were absolutely fantastic and deserve a huge vote of thanks, both from the boys and from me.

In closing, I'd like to return to the point I started with: it's an interesting thought that, after decades of there being a Todmans House at Bethany, we will be the last people that can say we were a part of it. I have hugely enjoyed leading the boys and I hope they have got as much out of Todmans as I have. I wish them well as they move into their new senior Houses for 2015-16. Hopefully I'll catch up with them at the other end of the School when they come into The Orchard!

Mr Simon Davies





KENDON



“I think I know just about everything there is to know about cheeseburgers.”

**Julian Scantlebury,
Kendon House, 2014–15.
(MANY occasions)**

Number of pupils:

45

Head of House:

Seav Meng Ing

Deputy Head of House:

Merrick Wong



At the beginning of this academic year we formally welcomed Mr Vickerman as the new Housemaster of Kendon. Within a short space of time he not only fitted in extremely well but is also someone that pupils are completely at ease to approach and talk to. He's not bad at chemistry either!

Mr Vickerman has been keen to spend time in the boarding House along with the Vickerman children – Charles (7) and Libby (2). This has ensured a fun, family feel to the House and many of the boys have been trying all year to get a 'high five' from Libby who doesn't give them indiscriminately!



Kendon has been an active House this year in many ways. Many Kendonians have participated in DofE with the greatly valued support of Mr Coupland, who has again given up many weekends to support activities. As a House, throughout the year we have seen the juniors as well as seniors participate in a variety of School rugby, football and cricket matches and the newly introduced KRS basketball competition. The sporting highlight of the year was of course the Kendon vs. Pengelly football match which saw Kendon win back the Hollman Cup in a stunning 4-0 victory with goals from Adam Kirkbright, Henry Lucas (2) and Will Smith. The whole House was there to support the team and all agreed that it was a deserved trouncing! Outside of the House a special mention must be made of Ethan Marshall's success at winning



the Kent U19 Trampoline Competition in which he competed against many others who were significantly older and more experienced. We look forward to hearing about his further progress next year.

Kendon also saw its fair share of academic and creative successes with Kendonians participating in the School Production of Sweeney Todd, supporting events through its musicians and delivering an energetic House Chapel. There were also high achievements in the Maths Challenge with both Leon Li and John Yoon winning the Gold Award in their respective age groups.

Food, as always, was a source of great enthusiasm in the House as many brought their creations from Food Tech back for critical appraisal. The kitchen became a vibrant and sociable place as many have enjoyed cooking this year, creating a host of international culinary delights. A few upgrades were made to the kitchen to support this, with the purchase of a broader selection of kitchen equipment and a second fridge freezer. Mr Vickerman has keenly supported this and has also produced a huge variety of creations for birthdays and Friday night treats.

We also participated in two very enjoyable whole House events. At Christmas we went bowling (which Mr Coupland won, but we still think he cheated!) which was great fun followed by dinner at Cosmo. More recently we had the annual Kendon BBQ which this year included some fantastic fun with bubble football being played.

The Kendon pupils were proud to participate in a number of charitable activities this year including Children in



Need, Red Nose Day and Brain Tumour Awareness Day. A large donation was also made from money raised on the Charity Walk and at Speech Day to this year's nominated charity – the Teenage Cancer Trust.

After another amazing year here in Kendon I will be sad leaving it behind next year, but I do so confident in the knowledge that the current Year 11s will be in good hands and more than capable of taking over as the present Lower Sixth moves on. The year has seen a variety of challenges overcome and achievements completed and a special thank you also has to be made to Mr Coupland, Mr Thomas and Miss Rayner for all their hard work and support throughout the year. Also to Karen Lane and Kevin Thornton for their continued hard work making the day-to-day operation of the House run so smoothly.

Finally I would like to thank Mr Vickerman and his family for extending their care and kindness to the House and I wish them the best of luck in Kendon for many years to come.

Seav Meng Ing, Head of House





THE MOUNT

“There are times you will remember, There are times you will regret, There are times you will be proud of, But your times in The Mount, you will never forget.”

Number of pupils:

48

Head of House:

Samuel Robinson

House Officials:

Kipp Popert

Akintunde Segun

Tobias Vij



When starting as Head of House in The Mount I knew I had large shoes to fill, since my predecessor went on to be Joint Head of School. After our first meeting with the rest of the monitors we came to the decision that we wanted to find some new fun ways of bringing the House together. So early on in the year we managed to persuade the House to take one class of yoga! When the giggling and laughter had subsided everyone seemed to really enjoy it, so much so that a series of classes was then booked. Felix McCoy proved to be the most supple and strong, using all his climbing experience.

Indeed the fitness theme continued throughout the year as we acquired a really nice cross trainer to add to our House gym, and Mr Mourey carrying out daily 'core' activity sessions with the seniors.

We also bought a new PS4 with our House funds, which proved very popular, especially on the dark winter evenings with our Year 10. As did Mrs Khan's cookery class where each boarder got to select their own meal and learn how to cook it. Of course the best bit was eating it!

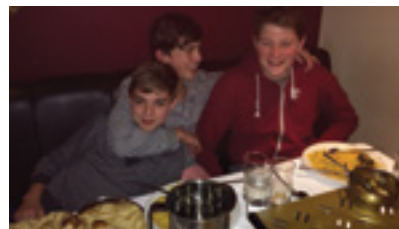
In December the whole House, boarders and day pupils, enjoyed a Christmas trip out to see 'Joseph' at Tunbridge Wells Assembly Hall Theatre, preceded by an 'all you can eat' buffet at Cosmo Chinese restaurant.

In the Spring Term the Sixth Form were taken to the 'Flying Horse' public house in Smarden where Akintunde enjoyed his first ever real British ale. Mr Khan repeated this with Year 11 early in the Summer Term as a chill-out evening before their many exams.

Other notable events in the Summer Term were another victory for our Year 10 and 11 boarders in the KRS football tournament (a Nicholas Jimena-Tilling hat-trick being the highlight) and the annual boarders' evening out in Hastings where Daniel Davies proved to be the crazy golf champion, though Kipp Popert did the decent thing and didn't compete!

Ms Foster went on maternity leave in the Spring Term, Congratulations Ms Foster on the birth of your daughter. Mrs Bryant joined us and settled in so quickly it seems she has always been part of The Mount. One member of staff we are especially sad to see leave is Mr Mourey. He always tried to make every evening fun, whether a movie night (French iTunes!!!), a vicious game of diplomacy or a rowing competition.

I would like to thank all the monitors and on a personal note I will be sad to leave The Mount, the House I have grown up in over the past six years. However, as is tradition I will return for one more event; The Mount Sixth Form BBQ where



monitors past and present get together in the Summer Term to reflect on their journeys. I am already looking forward to it.

Samuel Robinson, Head of House

Footnote from Housemaster:

The Mount underwent a routine internal boarding inspection in January and was praised for its high levels of pastoral care, excellent atmosphere and strong bond between boarders of all ages. Whilst sifting through past paperwork I came across a poem written by my first ever Head of House in 2002, Porson Chung. I think that this poem, and what Samuel has written, sum up our House very well:

"There are times you will remember,
There are times you will regret,
There are times you will be proud of,
But your times in The Mount, you will
never forget."





OLD POPLARS



“Life continues to move on at an alarming rate and yet another year has passed and the Old Poplars staff and girls continue to make an effort to ensure the time spent together is both enjoyable and memorable. As some pupils move on, we remember them fondly and look forward to meeting new members of the Old Poplars family next September.”

Number of pupils:

72

Head of House:

Ines Veyry

Deputy Heads of House:

Polina Chernous

India MacDonald



The beginning of the year was full of fresh starts and excitement for Old Poplars. As every year, we had the chance to welcome new girls from overseas and also welcome back the girls from the previous years. As expected, some were homesick but after a relatively short amount of time, with support from all the House staff, all the girls settled into their own routines and we all got to know each other and pretty soon became the 'Old Pops' family.

It was a busy year for us, starting with the charity walk in September, where various Year Groups were dotted around different locations in the Kent countryside to walk for charity. We managed to raise £1000, which we were proud to donate to Dandelion Time.

During the Autumn Term we decided, with some guidance from Mrs Wareham, to spruce up our beautiful common room which had been refurbished and rejuvenated the previous summer. Whilst we had spent the year enjoying our new surroundings, it needed a personal touch. Enter the skills of Miss Brown and Miss Stanley who, with the help of the younger girls, painted the prep wall with a stunning skyline silhouette of the city of London complete with gold shimmering features such as the London Eye.

In December, we celebrated our Christmas party, which was an exciting way to mark the end of the year. Girls

from Years 7 to 11, boarders and day pupils alike, spent the evening at School and enjoyed a festive feast in the Function Suite, followed by a hugely competitive games evening in the quest to win the much sought after Old Poplars Trophy (a slightly disturbing Oscar style trophy complete with tutu). Despite Miss Boyle's best efforts, it was Miss King and her tutees who snatched success!

The party was followed by a smaller, civilised celebration between the boarders and we were all very pleased with the gifts we offered to each other as part of our 'Secret Santa'. This was also a time of sadness as Miss Boyle, who had been an amazing Assistant Housemistress for the past three years was leaving us. We enjoyed the opportunity to say our goodbyes, loved seeing her at several boarding events and hope she will always remain part of our Old Poplars family. We also had the pleasure of welcoming Miss Brown, who from that day took care of us on Wednesdays and has been a dynamic presence each week.

The New Year saw a hectic start to the Spring Term and just as the days began to get a little longer, all the boarders were reunited to celebrate Easter. We all had the chance, after a traditional roast dinner, to try our skills at traditional Irish dancing. After some 'encouragement' to get going we all found it was great fun, a chance to mix as one boarding community and unexpectedly tiring!



The final event in the calendar was the boarders' dinner at the Peacock Inn, a traditional English pub near Cranbrook. The food was delicious, the staff made us feel very welcome and all the girls thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Back at the boarding House we said our goodbyes to the leavers from the younger Years and also the Year 11s. After sharing the best moments Year 11 had spent at School and emotional speeches from the staff, followed by tears and laughter, all the Old Poplars girls were treated to a singing show, a parody of Megan Trainor songs from Mrs Wareham, Miss Wood, Miss Brown and Mim (our gap pupil) that made us all giggle. The entertainment was musically accompanied by the talented Miss Johnson, who had also been our emergency cover and regular visitor to Old Poplars; we are sad to see her leave.

I joined Bethany on 1 June 2014 in Year 10 and was initially supposed to stay for only half a term. However I encountered amazing people with whom I created friendships for life and thus decided to stay on for Year 11. The Old Poplars staff supported me in my decision and helped me improve my English and get through the stressful end of Year 11.

I will miss every single person in the House and I truly intend to stay in touch with all at Old Poplars, who have been my family for a year.

Ines Veyry, Head of House





PENGELLY



**Food, Fun, Firsts and
Football (and Rugby!)
– this is the spirit of
Pengelly House 2014–15!**

Number of pupils:

50

Head of House:

George Dinnis



Food

Pengelly's love for food has led to multiple outings for various occasions, including the birthdays of several boarders. We visited the local Indian restaurant several times, much to Mr Hughes' delight. Mr Hughes and his wife were very kind in inviting the boarders into their home on some evenings and cooked us some delicious meals. It became a tradition in Pengelly to have a weekly Chinese take away order on Friday evenings, always superbly organised by our tireless Housemaster. The annual Cosmos trip for the Pengelly Christmas party was, as always, preceded with instructions on how to eat as much as possible without feeling ill!

Fun

The evening for boarders in Pengelly often includes visits from Lilly and Lucy, Mr Hughes' children. This always brings plenty of entertainment to the House, including 'hide and seek', 'catch the fluffy toy' and 'how many boarders can one little girl knock over'. There were many evenings filled with guitar renditions from David and Ryu, accompanied by Mr Hughes' singing rocking the House. When Pengelly was responsible for Boarders' Chapel, the singing was superb! – and Mr Hughes and Mr Allen doing an excellent summary of different love songs.

Other special events have included movie nights and on one occasion a Barn Dance. A great addition has been the new and fun Assistant Housemaster Mr Allen, who was previously a pupil at Bethany. With his very active lifestyle his bike often appears in the Pengelly corridors and we now know loads of tips about how to do a triathlon. Mr Stubberfield occasionally turns up with a keyboard and it has not been unknown for him to hold rehearsals in the office some evenings. Mrs Digby's excellently prepared assemblies continued to delight, with Mrs Shapland introducing a new angle with Year 9 tutees.

Firsts

The House had an evening outing to the School Production to support Louis Beneventi in his role as Pirelli (the mad barber). The role was made for him, with loads of high notes and some funny acting. It's a shame his part died so early on. Members of the House also went along to support Samuel Prescott, who won the KRS Public Speaking Competition. Ross Banham continued to win more sailing firsts and we look forward to hearing of his international successes in the future. Two members of the House travelled to the National Space Centre to take part in some filming for Wellcome Trust. They didn't get to go in a space ship but did find out some interesting things about extremophiles, guided by Mrs Stubberfield and her filming team.

Football and Rugby

With a round ball, we have enjoyed the year as reigning Pengelly-Kendon champions. There have been a string of Year 11 inter-tutor group football matches between Mr Stubberfield's and Mr Norgrove's groups. Overall victors were Mr Stubberfield's tutor group, although Mr Norgrove's group definitely had the better pictures. Three Pengelly boys attended this year's FA cup final, with the best team winning. For the 'correct' shape ball, the office has become the rugby headquarters for Mr Hughes' fixing and captains choosing team sheets. The House has adopted Harlequins as its rugby team and full boarders have attended several matches. Rugby games have taken prominence on the TV, especially when the boss is on duty!

Mr Norgrove will be leaving the School at the end of this year after many years of being a faithful tutor at Pengelly. It will be sad to see him leave and he will be greatly missed by the whole House. Earlier this year, Mr Norgrove retrieved some artwork from the lower corridor that had hung there for many years; he had learnt that the past pupil who had painted it was visiting the School to give a talk. Hopefully the return of his past successes did not put him off his stride in presentation! We wish Mr Norgrove a long and happy retirement; he is truly irreplaceable!



THE ORCHARD



It's been a busy time for The Orchard and as the weeks rush towards exams and a final 'Goodbye' to Mr Payne and his family, it's lovely to look back on a really stunning year. Everyone has got along so well and as one person says "I know I'll keep in touch and be close to friends I've made this year. We have studied together and shared a lot of fun".

Several overseas pupils joined us, along with Year 12 girls and Year 13 boys who moved from other Houses to the large purpose built, mixed Sixth Form House and enjoyed the en-suite facilities. This year, 38 pupils made The Orchard their home.

Boris Pevzner, Jerry Lai and Damilola Oyenekan stood as our House Committee and we thank them for their enthusiasm and commitment.

Number of pupils (Day and Boarding):

93

House Committee:

Boris Pevzner

Damilola Oyenekan

Jerry Lai



It was sunny weather for the Charity Walk Day in September as tutor groups navigated the countryside and started to bond with their new tutees. We ignored Mr Payne's sense of direction and got home in time for tea! £300 was raised for Hospice in the Weald and this was just the start of some dedicated and varied fund raising through the year. Most notably, pupils themselves took the reins and spent time organising events and inspiring others to take part. Kipp Popert was unable to take part in the sponsored walk so industriously collected sponsor money to see how many 'keepie-uppies' he could complete in Assembly. We all thought he would manage around 300 but he impressed us with over 1,000 when he was stopped.

We raised a large sum of money for brain tumour research in March when Harry Graham motivated all of the School to wear a red and white bandana as he raised awareness about the charity "Wear It Out".

Luke Shaw, Jess Begg and the rest of the prefect team organised a brilliant World War I day in November. War time food, a fascinating talk by a soldier from Kent in WWI and a giant and fun filled game of 'Capture the Flag' will be long remembered. There were some stunning outfits and the atmosphere in the School was respectful. Substantial donations were made to the Poppy Appeal and Help for Heroes.

Red Nose Day also saw some amazing outfits and enthusiasm from the Sixth Form, who led the School throughout the year with their passion for supporting good causes. Amelia Brett's sky diving challenge and the money she raised for Teenage Cancer Trust in April was filmed and we enjoyed watching her brave dive through the sky.

Judges of the Catling Award were so impressed with the quality of the entries that there were three winners this year. Needless to say they were all very happy. Amy Tucker will use the very generous sum to fund a month working in a hospital in a developing country, Luke Shaw will use it to fund his trip to South America and work in an orphanage and Alex Truelove will use it to work on a marine conservation project.

Our theme for the Chapel and the Boarders' Service was 'New Beginnings and Harvest'. Charlie and Nick were a brilliant double act and can I hear an 'Amen' for Temitope Oyetayo's input on the microphone!

We enjoyed our Christmas night out in November, since December was just too busy to fit in an outing. It was lovely to join day pupils at Croma in Tunbridge Wells before enjoying a film and sharing sweets.

Pupils enjoyed an Indian meal night in to welcome Mr Payne's new child,

Adam, into the world. Boris Pevzner was our maitre de and organised the event brilliantly.

We enjoyed cooking nights with secret recipes for spaghetti bolognese, pizza and chilli as well as sweet treats like meringues and cinnamon swirls which brightened up the nights of study. Several pupils impressed us with their culinary skills – Tom Bristow and Darius Mirsadeghi with their 'shared cooking surprises' made some amazing meals from their shared bags of 'stuff'. Joy Ojewumi and Damilola Oyenekan made some mouth-watering and spicy dishes (too hot for Ms Gee) and Victor wins the crown for the Best Tidy-up-Guy in town.

Popcorn and film nights proved popular too and we will remember Nengi Wabote's challenges to watch all the High School Musical films in a week, and her love of Nigerian Pop Idol. Often the music system would be turned up to maximum and we would be impressed by Luke Shaw's dancing (in his special Nepalese pantaloons) and Joy's singing. Laura Graham remained unbeatable on the pool table despite Jack Whitaker's best attempts to beat her. We shopped till we dropped most weekends and the boarders' trips to The Imperial War Museum, Haver Castle and London Zoo were great fun.



UPPER SIXTH LEAVERS



RYAN ASKEW

A levels: Applied Business, Media Studies

Awards: Prefect, 1st Rugby Team, Football 2nd Team, DofE (Gold)

Next: CCCU - Business with Marketing



AMELIA BRETT

A levels: Spanish, Media, Music

Awards: Prefect

Next: Gap year then Spanish at Bristol/Sussex



THOMAS BALDWIN

A levels: Religious Studies, History, Government and Politics

Awards: DofE (Bronze), Pengelly Monitor

Next: Gap year then Human Resources Management



EMILY BRISTOW

A levels: Media Studies, Music, Drama

Awards: The Brass Prize, The Hall Prize for Highest Music Grade, Prefect, Head of Speakers

Next: Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance



JESS BEGG

A levels: Sport BTEC, Biology, Media Studies, Geography

Awards: Player of the Season (Hockey), Full Colours (Hockey), Half Colours (Rounders), Winner of Apprentice Challenge, Head of School, House Official (Roberts), 1st Hockey Team Captain, DofE (Bronze, Silver and Gold)

Next: Gap year then university



TOM BRISTOW

A levels: Religious Studies, History, Politics

Next: Work

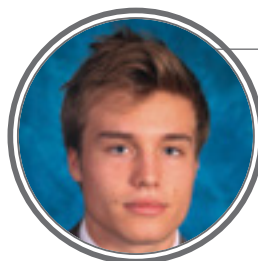


THOMAS BILLSON

A levels: Applied Business Studies, Media Studies

Awards: 2nd Football Team, DofE (Bronze, Silver and Gold)

Next: Royal Marine Commandos



JOSHUA BURFORD

A levels: Government and Politics, History, Religious Studies

Awards: Half Colours (Rugby), Prefect, Head of Kiplings, DofE (Bronze), 1st Rugby Team

Next: University - Philosophy

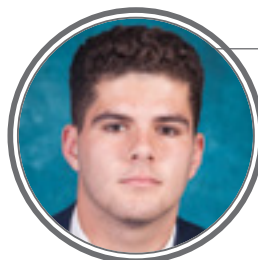


ANTONIA BRATTLE

A levels: Maths, Chemistry, Sport BTEC, Drama

Awards: Junior Sports Woman, Most Improved (Hockey), Half Colours (Netball, Rounders, Hockey), Full Colours (Netball, Rounders, Hockey), Prefect, 1st Netball Team Captain, Listener, DofE (Bronze, Silver and Gold)

Next: Gap year then university



JAMES CARPENTER

A levels: Applied Business, Geography

Awards: 1st Football Team, DofE (Bronze)

Next: Manchester Met - Sports Marketing



MATTHEW CHEUNG

A levels: Applied Business, Maths

Awards: Badminton Team

Next: Account and Finance

**EVIE DAVIES**

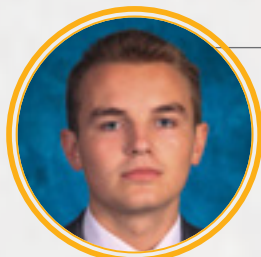
A levels: Art, Photography, Biology
Awards: Photography Competition Winner - Atmospheric Venice
Next: Canterbury - Fine Arts

**CONNIE DERVISH-HUSSEIN**

A levels: Drama, Textiles, Photography
Awards: Speech Day Award 2015, Deputy Head of Old Poplars, DofE (Bronze)
Next: Gap year then university

**BOBBIE DERVISH-HUSSEIN**

A levels: Photography, Textiles
Awards: DofE (Bronze)
Next: Canterbury UCA Art and Design Foundation Course

**JJ DONEGAN**

A levels: Government and Politics, History
Awards: Dyslexia Award, The Mount Monitor, Todmans Monitor, Prefect, Chapel Prefect, 1st Rugby Team, DofE (Gold)
Next: Gap year then Sandhurst Officer Training

**CASPER GILL**

A levels: Biology, History, Geography
Awards: DT Prize, Squash Team, Tennis Team
Next: Gap year then university

**HARRY GRAHAM**

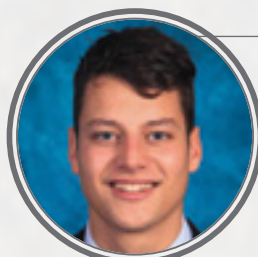
A levels: Applied Business, Media Studies
Awards: U15 Rugby, DofE (Gold)
Next: Canterbury Christ Church University - Business Studies

**LAURA GRAHAM**

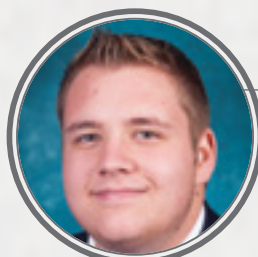
A levels: Maths, Further Maths, Chemistry, Physics
Awards: Senior Art Prize, Art Scholarship
Next: UCA Canterbury - Art

**RYAN GRIFFITHS**

A levels: Business Studies, Geography, Design Technology
Awards: Prefect, Kiplings House Official, Rugby Team, DofE (Bronze, Silver and Gold)
Next: Work experience

**SAM HEWES**

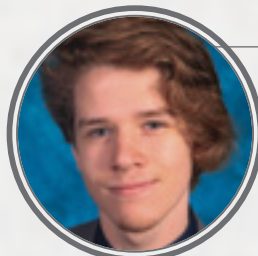
A levels: History, Government and Politics, Geography
Awards: Tennis Cup Junior, Tennis Shield Senior, Prize for Courage in the Face of Adversity, Tennis Team, Swimming Team, Squash Team, Rugby Team, Football Team
Next: Gap year at Solefield School, Sevenoaks

**JORGE HOAD**

A levels: Applied Business, Media Studies
Next: Canterbury Christ Church University - Business Studies

**JOSEPH HOLLAND**

A levels: Applied Business, Sport BTEC, Design Technology
Awards: Prefect, House Official, Chairman of Food Committee, 1st Rugby Team, 1st Football Team, 1st Tennis Team, DofE (Bronze, Silver, Gold)
Next: Gap year in Australia

**LUKE HOSKING**

A levels: English, History, Religious Studies, Media Studies
Awards: Battle of the Bands (2nd Place), Hunter Essay Competition (2nd Place), English Prize, The Mount Monitor
Next: UEA - English and Philosophy

**NICHOLAS HUMPHREY**

A levels: History, Religious Studies, Business Studies
Awards: Young Enterprise: Best Presentation, MD for Young Enterprise, Secretary for Pengelly Society, House Committee, DofE (Bronze)
Next: Cardiff - Ancient History

**ANTHONY LAI**

A levels: Maths, Further Maths, Chemistry, Physics
Awards: Maths Award, Prefect
Next: KCL - Science





JERRY LAI

A levels: Applied Business Studies, Government and Politics
Awards: DofE (Bronze), Apprentice Challenge, Head of Kendon House, Prefect, Tennis Team
Next: Canterbury Christ Church University - Business and Marketing



CHARLIE MILLER

A levels: Applied Business
Awards: Half Colours (Rugby), Colours (Cricket), DofE (Bronze)
Next: Gap year then Bath Spa University - Business Management



JAMES LAUTCH

A levels: Applied Business Studies, Sport BTEC
Awards: Player of the Year (Rugby), Full Colours (Cricket), Full Colours (Rugby), DofE (Bronze, Silver and Gold), Player of the Year (Cricket), Rugby Captain, Head of Roberts, Prefect, School Council, 1st Football Team, 1st Rugby Team, 1st Rugby 7s Team
Next: Derby - Business Management (Placement Year)



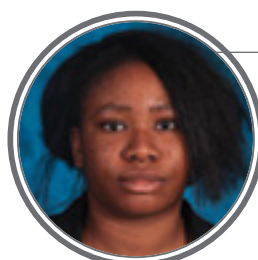
DARIUS MIRSADEGHI

A levels: English, History, Government and Politics
Awards: Prefect
Next: Gap year



JOSHUA LEAPER

A levels: Applied Business, Sport BTEC
Awards: Most Improved 1st XV Rugby Player, Full Colours (Rugby), Speakers House Official, 1st Rugby Team, 1st Football Team, DofE (Bronze and Silver)
Next: Gap year in Australia then Leeds University - Sports Development and Coaching



JOY OJEWUMI

A levels: Government and Politics, Religious Studies, Business Studies
Awards: Social and Academic Improvement Award, Mentor to Year 11 Girls
Next: University of Coventry - Human Resource Management



LIONEL LEONG

A levels: Chemistry, Maths, Applied Business
Awards: Head of Pengelly, Basketball Team
Next: UEA or Kent - Economics and Finance



CHARLIE OLIVER

A levels: Business Studies, Government and Politics, Religious Studies
Awards: Prefect, Deputy Head of Kiplings
Next: Oxford Brookes - Business Management and International Politics



HANNAH MARSDEN

A levels: Biology, Chemistry, English Literature, Geography
Awards: DT Prize, Social and Academic Progress, Half Colours (Netball), Prefect, Chapel Prefect, Head of Kiplings, 2nd Netball Team, 1st Hockey Team, DofE (Gold)
Next: University of Bath - Chemistry



TEMITOPE OMISORE

A levels: Physics, Maths, Chemistry
Awards: 1st and 2nd Football Teams
Next: Oxford Brookes - Mechanical Engineering



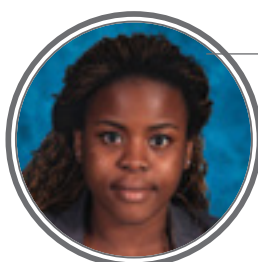
JACK MAYNARD

A levels: History, Geography, Media Studies, Business Studies
Awards: Hunter Essay Winner, Geography Effort Prize, Prefect, DofE (Silver)
Next: Cardiff - History



ELLÉ OSMOND

A levels: English, Religious Studies, Biology
Awards: Prefect
Next: University of Surrey - English Literature



DAMILOLA OYENEKE

A levels: Biology, Chemistry, Maths
Awards: Head of Speakers, Orchard House Committee, Academic Scholar
Next: University of Minnesota - Chemical Engineering with Emphasis in Biological Systems.

**BORIS PEVZNER**

A levels: Photography, Maths, Physics

Awards: Orchard House Committee, 1st Rugby Team

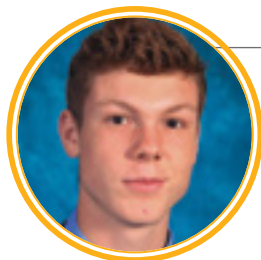
Next: Mechanical Engineering

**CHRISTOPHER URIE**

A levels: Government and Politics, Applied Business, English Literature

Awards: DofE (Gold), MD for Young Enterprise, 1st Football Team

Next: Swansea University - Business and Management

**LUKE SHAW**

A levels: Applied Business, Media, Geography

Awards: Full Colours (Rugby), Young Enterprise Achiever of the Year, DofE (Bronze, Silver, Gold), Joint Head of School, Head of House, Kiplings House Official, 1st Rugby Team, Rugby 7s

Next: Gap year at a Swiss Ski School then Southampton - Marketing

**NENGI WABOTE**

A levels: Maths, Physics, Textiles

Awards: Prefect, Netball Team

Next: Architecture

**BRENDTON THEUNISSEN**

A levels: Art, Drama, Chemistry

Awards: Prefect, Drama Scholar, DofE (Silver)

Next: University for the Creative Arts, Canterbury - Architecture

**GABRIEL WALKER**

A levels: Art and Design, Photography, Textiles

Awards: Most Improved, DofE (Bronze, Silver, Gold)

Next: Portsmouth - Computer Animation

**CHRISTOPHER THRESHIE**

A levels: Business Studies, Religious Studies, Geography

Awards: Tennis Cup, Community Cup, Prefect, Kiplings Official, Captain of Tennis Team, DofE (Gold)

Next: Queens Belfast - Theology and Religious Studies

**JACK WHITAKER**

A levels: Chemistry, Physics, Maths

Awards: A level Physics Prize, Full Colours (Rugby), Prefect, 1st Rugby Team

Chaplaincy Official

Next: Leeds - Mechanical Engineering

**ALEX TRUELOVE**

A levels: History, Applied Business

Awards: Prefect, Todmans Monitor, House Official, House Captain

Next: Gap year at Saint Ronan's School then joining the Army

**VICTOR YAU**

A levels: Art, Photography

Awards: Basketball Team

Next: St Martin's London (Foundation Art Year)

**AMY TUCKER**

A levels: Chemistry, Biology, Religious Studies

Awards: GCSE Biology Prize, Effort Award, Amy Donelan Necklace, 1st Netball Team Vice Captain, Pastoral Prefect and Chapel Prefect, Netball Team, Rounders Team, Hockey Team, DofE (Bronze and Silver)

Next: University of Surrey - Nursing

**DANIEL YUSSUF**

A levels: Biology, Maths, Sport BTEC



INTER HOUSE COMPETITIONS

Battle of the Bands

Once again this was a sell out event to showcase Bethany School's talented pupils. The annual talent show invites pupils and staff to enter as musical ensembles of any variety, and the entries were whittled down to the six groups who performed on the night.

Although some were nervous, this was well hidden by excellent playing and confident voices. Hosts Charlie Oliver and Christopher Threshie were on hand to support each act on stage and to invite feedback from the judging panel. Bethany's answer to Simon Cowell was Mr Andrew Keeping, who teaches guitar, with Mrs Jo Ford and Ms Sharon Dermody who both have pupils here. Each judge gave positive feedback to compliment the music, but also sensible advice on how to progress.

The staff band, led by Dr Marks, started the evening with a bang, setting a high standard which each group matched. Speakers' Chicas were musical and very funny, with Adam Kirkbright out-dancing the girls. Wrong Direction followed, with Claire's Angels living up to their name. James Clarke and the Fish were confident, safe in the knowledge that James Clarke was last year's winner. However Lizzie Stuart, Dorothy Beales and Jessie Daubeney stole the show with a confident rendition of Pompeii which had all of the audience reflecting the refrain back at them.

Following a brief interval Mr Winter showed that hours of practice on his saxophone had paid off. The whole of Year 7 raised the standards again to sing Lean on Me, again the audience joined in and the atmosphere was magical. Mr Stubberfield had written a clever arrangement to allow each of the Houses to sing in turn. The judges declared Speakers to be the winners for Year 7.

The final results were: Jessie Daubeney, Lizzie Stuart and Dorothy Beales first, with Charlie's Angels a close second (Luke Hosking, Jack Wood, Joel Wise, and William Wilkins).

Thank you to Russ Pay of Bloomsburys at Biddenden for donating the recording studio prize, and to Photo Me Gorgeous for donating the photography session.

Bethany Bake Off

This year's Bethany Bake Off was hotly fought, as always. Pupils and staff alike are always keen to take part, with different kinds of baking each week.

The winner was from Kiplings: Miss Rayner took the prize for her outstanding Chocolate Pretzel biscuits, raising the most money for charity.

In total, £185 went to FareShare, which will help provide meals and tackle food waste this Christmas.

Tug Of War

The Tug of War competition held on Friday 12th September was an excellent example of teams working together to support each other: the cheering was positive and encouraged even greater efforts from those on the ropes.

Michael Jordan, the famous basketball player once said "Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships" and this embodies the spirit of Inter House competitions.

Kiplings showed great determination out on the Tug of War battlefield, beating Speakers and Roberts by a clear margin.

Public Speaking

The KRS Public Speaking competition, judged by Mr Winter, Mrs Ford, Mrs Brattle and Ms Cheri Strudwick, was a lively and entertaining evening.

Year 7 Speakers candidate Bethany D'Rosario spoke eloquently and with impressive confidence on the subject of Shetland ponies, whilst Fenn Piper (Kiplings) delivered a moving, impressive and well executed account of 'Tourettes Syndrome' and his personal experience of living with it. Finally, Georgia Lello (Roberts) spoke with vigour and fervour on the 'Pressures on the Snapchat Generation'.

The Intermediate and Senior competitors had researched their topics well. Lizzy Stuart (Kiplings) talked about sugar and its effects, which was both informative and entertaining. The Senior winner was Darius Mirsadeghi (Roberts), who gave a highly entertaining and personal talk on the topic of 'Competitive vs Cooperative', his argument illustrated with many amusing anecdotes about his experiences of being a twin.

Kiplings

THE ROAD TO VICTORY!

A huge thanks to our Design Technology stars, for their massive contributions in the Kart racing: Sean Eveleigh, Henry Beams, Thomas Connell, George Osmond and Alexander Monk.

We had another strong tug-o-war team and won most events (Years 7 and 8, 10, 12 and 13). The staff must improve - not to let the side down! This is the third time in a row we have won.

Thank you to the Year 13 Kiplings leaders, and to Lizzie Stuart, Eleanor Firth, Mrs Thorpe, Miss Rayner and all parents who donated to the Shoe Box campaign. We made 48 boxes up and we hope to make even more next year!

The Public Speaking Competition and Battle of the Bands was led by the confident and helpful Christopher Threshie, who looked after the youngest in the team, Jack Truman. Charlie Oliver (who also compered the Battle of the Bands) and Lizzie Stuart spoke exceptionally well and our fabulous Fenn Piper came first in his age category, putting us in a tremendous second place this year!

Kiplings has always been a very musically talented House and won BGT with the inspiring trio: Jessie Daubeney, Lizzie Stuart and Dorothy Beales.

Miss Rayner's biscuits won the Food Technology Bake Off and Hannah Marsden did a tremendous job at getting Kiplings second place for our performance in the House Shout.

Christopher Threshie, should be commended for all his efforts in the Chapel Services this year.

Sports talent contributed to our win: especially Football (Intermediate and Junior), Netball (Senior) and Under 15s. For the second year running we took first place at Sports Day.

Well done to our seven participants in the Apprentice Challenge.

Roberts

It was a rollercoaster year for Roberts. We returned in September riding high on a wave of euphoria (and with aching arms) after lifting the prestigious Jessel Shield high on Speech Day. After our



welcome assembly where we introduced the new Heads of House the competitive season got off to a flying start with an excellent team building session. New leaders (Daniel Yussuf, James Lauth and Jack Wood) excelled in their new roles by encouraging younger pupils and showing the caring ethos of the House that has become affectionately nicknamed 'Hufflepuff'.

Before long we were screaming and cheering our way through our first competition, tug-o-war. Never our strong point, we soon came back fighting fit and limbering up to defend our title as the five year unbeaten champions of Public Speaking and defend we did; an outstanding team effort saw Roberts snatch the trophy once again and we have vowed to never let the title slip from our clutches!

As the year progressed it remained a close fight between the three Houses and after a shameful defeat at the House Shout competition we clawed back our dignity and pride in Competitive Chapel. William Wilkins once again led an awesome team to explore the story of 'The Good Shepherd' complete with a surreal sheep story! By now the Year 11s and other Year 12s were really starting to get into the House spirit and it fast became a fantastically competitive year. I am truly grateful to all the pupils who really put their heart and soul into the House competitions this year; you know who you are.

Sadly, it was to be Kiplings year to reign victorious and congratulations to them. The fight for 2015 begins. It is with even greater sadness that 2014-15 was to be my last year steering the Roberts ship; I

look forward to handing the reins over in September and will be a fierce and loyal member of the House off stage from now on.

Thanks Roberts, it's been a blast!

Speakers

Speakers opened the year with a great start, winning 70 points in the Gravity Kart competition. Under the stewardship of Antonia Brattle, Emily Bristow, Damilola Oyenenkan, Sam Hewes, Joseph Holland, Joshua Leaper and Alex Truelove, we came back from the summer determined to regain the Jessel Shield from Roberts, who had 'borrowed' it for 12 months.

Cameron Manchester's pumpkin was a vegetable to behold! Over 35 kg of cucurbit won us another 30 points and with a second in the pupil's tug of war and a win for the staff team, we looked forward to points accruing.

Alex Truelove captained our Public Speaking team in which Bethany D'Rosario won the Year 7/8 category and Louis Beneventi and Felix McCoy were as usual entertaining and animated... in that order. Our next opportunity to make noise was in the House Shout, in which a win was inevitable. The younger Speakers continued well with a win in Battle of the Bands, when James Clark, Natalie Whyte and Warwick Crewe-Brown gave a great rendition of Vance Joy's 'Rip Tide'. Bobbie Dervish-Hussien, Connie Dervish-Hussien, Emily Bristow, Antonia Brattle and Adam Kirkbright (in drag) recreated the 'Spice Girls on Speed' and Sam Hewes fronted our own version of Fleetwood Mac with some excellent



lead guitar and Ms Gee on vocals. It is encouraging that the audience did not leave the room as we performed 'Go Your Own Way' which seemed to give them that option. Judging by our subsequent performance in Chapel, perhaps 'Losing My Religion' would have been more appropriate.

Aaron Monk deservedly won the Red Nose Day fancy dress as Donkey Kong, with the Tardis taking the staff prize. Rumour has it that it may reappear in a fancy dress competition some time in the future... or past.

In sports, we won the Junior and Senior Rugby, with a second in Girls' Hockey and Rounders. The Senior boys also won the Soccer, whilst the Intermediates and Juniors demonstrated the need for just a little coaching. This may be extended to their Maths also, following a third place in this challenge. The next competition we had expected to win, but achieved only a draw in Bridge Building... but we'll get over it.

On Sports Day we achieved second place with Joseph Holland leading from the front, very ably backed up others too numerous to mention. Many thanks to all participants whether they came first second or third, as every place scored points.

Well done to the entire House, as at some point last academic year you contributed to our points. I hope you enjoyed the many competitions that are on offer and many thanks to Mrs Digby for her organisational and creative skills.

Congratulations to Kiplings. Enjoy the shield this year.



THIS YEAR'S JESSEL SHIELD WINNERS WERE KIPLINGS



Hunter

THE PRICE OF FREEDOM

Freedom is everything and nothing to every one of us whom is touched by it. It is a word on the breath of the wind. It is a hero that rides bare back on a sun kissed beach, arms out-stretched. It is an American patriot trying to become every little bit closer to the bold American Eagle which soars on the horizon. It is the last sane thought of a soldier as he charges into battle, guns blazing and a mind blitzed by explosions, where right and wrong are blurred into one single act. Yet it is also to have mustard on toast, to express why you think Harry Styles' new hair cut is pathetic, or why the infernal racket created by some outdated pop artist, off their head on drugs, is literally hell on a record. It is your right, it is my right, it is everyone's but no-one's right. Freedom is the most natural element left in our manufactured existence that is plagued by sky scrapers, a world alien to the trees that once shaded us and with forest floors now blackened with pavements.

Yet even so, man continues to try to tame the beast of freedom that has never been tamed. He tries to crush what is desirable because he is a slave to materialism.

Freedom, now has a price to it. But what is this price? How can the once invaluable right to everyone and everything, be priced? What could possibly come as a cost when it is something that cannot be valued in gold or bank notes? Or reduced to a symbol? This is a question that has given the philosophers, who have long since gone to their graves, sleepless nights.

Freedom's price is hard to measure, or value. In recent months, the 'Je Suis Charlie' publication has tackled the idea that freedom should be just that. Free. Here, however, the price of freedom to write what they chose was the loss of human life; the French newspaper exercised its right to speak as they will and others exercised their

right to kill. It is an issue that has always presented itself, like a coin with two faces, each mouthing two different ideas about freedom, but never really listening to the other side.

To use another metaphor, imagine a door that, for many, many years had lay firmly shut as people shied away from it, afraid to let its contents of true freedom, spill out into this world. And behind this door lies questions about life, freedom and many other things that are locked away because they would paint our world with the colour red - the red of fire and fury, of the blood of those who scream for its release.

If freedom has a price, surely it has limits, too? But if we say freedom is not priceless, then there must be a limit on what the price can be. The deaths of those associated with the newspaper organisation were tragic and disgusting, the upset and uproar caused brought on a phenomenal fight for the freedom of free speech.

ESSAY

PRIZE WINNER 2015

The words of freedom the remaining journalists spoke forever sing in some distorted and out-of-tune melody crying out for the right to write and breathe and think.

Yet, the spirit for freedom of speech has trampled upon the Muslim's right of belief. In expressing their views and opinions the journalists have disrespectfully treated the Muslim faith, placing the prophet Muhammad sprawled across the front cover like he was some article on page 3 of The Sun. The Muslim faith was insulted by this expression of 'free will' and the newspaper violated their beliefs. And so in retaliation, Muslim extremists violated their right to exist. The metaphorical door is now ripped off its hinges.

And yet, a door that no longer traps the room full of freedom, leaves us more confused than we started. It feels as if we are no closer to grasping and understanding the price of freedom. But perhaps this is the truth

about freedom; maybe there is no way to actually understand the price of freedom. For freedom is forever desirable, but never truly defined. In the dictionary, a collection of words try to define it, like any other noun, trying desperately to thread together an idea. "The power or right to think, act and say as one wants." Yet, is that truly freedom? Is freedom so vague and interpretable that it is acceptable to disrespect others in the abuse of freedom? Surely the freedom of people to go out and die for it, chanting screaming and bleeding, is not the same freedom that allows someone to put a knife to another's throats. Is killing freedom? And if killing is not freedom, then what is? How can one action be done by one person because they have the freedom to do it, but reduce the freedom of another?

It seems that, the price of freedom, is freedom. Confusing, I know. But to be free is to take a risk, a risk that could

lead to the destruction of your own freedom, or others. Freedom is nothing more than a concept used to bring hope. It is used to free the slaves, and let people speak their minds. And as a result, people will perish with the land they thought for, and people will fall to the dirt they came from in its name.

I believe Freedom is invaluable and priceless, like the oxygen in any person's lungs, like the jewels that crown a midnight sky and the amber of a sunrise.

Freedom is the death of belief, and the birth of hatred.

Freedom is, in short, everything.

And I can promise this. We will continue to fight and exist in its name.

Till the day freedom dies with us.

Isobel Sherlock, Year 12



Care Essay

‘NEVBY’

Written by Natalie Ward

There's a little brick house that resides at the end of Knox Street. Some people swear that the house was haunted. Not that they have any evidence, of course. It was a dull house and no one was ever seen leaving the house; many believed that evil spirits were the only occupants and so people would desperately avoid going anywhere near the house. I guess that's the reason why I had no friends. I was the girl who lived in the creepy brick house at the end of Knox Street. Although I knew this, every now and then I felt obliged to let the world know that it was indeed human beings that occupied the House.

I slipped on my boots and made my way to the door. My father sat in his room staring at the wall whilst slowly taking sips of whisky from a glass.

"I'm going out Dad!" I shouted after reaching the door. Yet I was ignored, just like I always am.

The cold winter wind hit my skin, sending chills down my spine, causing me to squeeze my jacket tighter around my body. The fluffy white snow crunched beneath my feet. As I walked, I found myself thinking about my father and how he always sat in his room, drinking some form of alcohol and muttering curse words to himself. I wondered what it would've been like if my mother was still around. Would he have been better if she survived 17 years earlier instead of me? All of these thoughts and questions were buzzing around in my mind.

I stopped outside the rusty metal

gates of the park, running my hands over the snow that had settled on top of it overnight. I dusted it off, watching it glisten as it floated down onto the snow that already littered the pavement. I finally pushed open the cold metal entrance gate and walked towards my bench, a very old wooden bench with chipping mustard yellow paint. Sure, it was ugly and it gave me a splinter every now and then, but it was worth it, because it was my safe place. I began to approach the bench, only to stop suddenly in my tracks, noticing that there was a boy sitting in my seat. There was snow on his dark brown hair and his eyes were so blue that they resembled the colour of sapphire. His smile was pure and genuine, despite the lit cigarette that hung carelessly in-between his lips. The scent of smoke contaminated the air around him, yet I did not turn away.

"That's my seat," I stated. "I've been coming here since I was six." I stand still, my eyes unwavering from his.

"What are you? Twelve? You can't own a park bench!" he replied. "Tell that to the park manager!" He scoffed at this, scooting over to the right corner of the bench and patting the spot next to him, "We can share it."

I rolled my eyes, tempted to wipe the smug expression right off his face. But I sat next to him anyway because it was the only place I felt safe at and the boy couldn't be that threatening.

"What's your name?" he questioned, placing the cigarette between his lips and breathing in.

"Nevby McKoy,".

"Nevby? That's a stupid name!"

"Well, what's your name?" I snapped back.

"Percy."

"That's a stupid name," I replied, smirking at him. He blew smoke in my face in response. "So why're you here? Don't you have friends?" Percy asked, dropping cigarette to ground and squishing it with the sole of his shoe.

"I'm home-schooled." Lie. I dropped out the moment I finished Year Nine.

"So?" He looked at me confused.

"So, no, I don't have any friends." Truth. I've never had a friend.

"I'll be your friend," he said teasingly.

"Shut up!" I hit him playfully and we both chuckled.

Percy lit another cigarette, balancing it between his lips, leaning back on the bench. He let out a puff of smoke before turning his head towards me. "So, why are you called Nevby?" he asked before placing the cancer stick back into his mouth.

"I don't know. My dad chose it. I was supposed to be called Norah, but my mum died whilst giving birth so he picked out a new one." I shrugged, fighting the urge to grab the cigarette straight out of his mouth. I really hate those things.

"That's weird!" There's silence for a while as I searched for something to say. You see, I couldn't just change



the subject completely; that'd make it seem like I was avoiding the topic, as if I was hiding something, but I didn't like the topic at all. I finally settled on continuing with the issue of my name.

"I have this theory," I eventually said, turning my body to Percy, and at the sound of my voice, he did the same. "The theory is that my name is supposed to be short for 'never born'."

"Why would you think that?"

"Because my Dad thinks it's my fault that my Mum died. He resents me for that. I guess in a certain way it was my fault, but not completely. He's ignored me my whole life and I don't think my mother would've liked that." I began fiddling with my hands as I muttered the next few words, "But that doesn't matter, I suppose."

"What was her name?" he questioned, obviously interested in the subject of my deceased mother and hateful father.

"Caitlyn Alexandra McKoy or with her maiden name Caitlyn Alexandra Picket. I've seen pictures of her. I can show you if you want." He nodded and I pulled my wallet out. The moment I opened the brown leather wallet, my mother's picture appeared. Her untamable, curly ginger hair cascaded down her back and her green eyes gleamed like emeralds. Her ivory skin was pure and clear with no imperfections in sight.

"She's very pretty," he said, examining the photograph.

"Yeah, I think so. I got my Dad's genes, but I wouldn't want to look like my mum," I responded. Rather than curly red hair and pretty green orbs, I had straight, short black locks that just reached the place where my neck and chin connected. I also had boring brown eyes. My skin was an olive colour and, unlike my mother, it was covered with blemishes and spots.

"Why not?" he asked.

"Because I would remind my Dad of her."

"So?"

"So he wouldn't want to be around me."

"So?" I didn't respond. He pinches the bridge of his nose in frustration, "Nevby, you really can't do that."

"Do what?" I replied and Percy sighs.

"Act like you have no control. You do. You can get out of that house. You have every right to do so. Your Dad, he has no control. No power. He's stuck in there and he can't turn things around or go back in time or make anything better. But you can. Stop acting like such a victim. Stop being so pretentious." That stung.

"Are you defending my Dad?" I asked. My hands began to shake from anger.

"Of course I'm not defending your dad. He's overreacting. Obviously, it's painful and life changing for your spouse to die, but it's been seventeen years and he's shutting you out. That's his own problem, though. Something

he needs to deal with and you need to deal with your problems."

I thought about everything he said. I knew he was right. I had a choice, an option. I had the ability to go. I began to nod and I didn't give a second thought about what I was doing. I snatched my bag off of the park bench and began to sprint back home. I didn't even glance at Percy as I left. I left him sitting on the park bench alone in the snow.

I never saw Percy again. I never saw my father again, either. They were both out of my life. Whether it was something I had wanted or not, I did not know. I soon began to realise though, that my decision was wrong. I realised that I had done to my father exactly what he had done to me. Every day, I went to the park leaving him to grieve in his little room. I never paid him any attention and then, one day, I was gone. I had even done the same to Percy. I left him alone without a thought and I think that was my biggest regret. Never getting to say thank you, or even goodbye, and leaving Percy alone, like I had done to my father and as my father had done to me...

Natalie Ward, Year 9



Senior Team Challenge

At Bethany, pupils are encouraged to take part in the Maths Challenge competitions. These are National competitions held every year, both for individuals and for teams. On 26th November, Mrs Thorpe took a team of four Sixth Form mathematicians to take part in the regional heat of the Senior Team Mathematics Challenge at Bromley.

In total, 33 teams entered the competition, from a wide range of schools, including some very academic 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.

When all the points were totalled, Bethany School had come a very respectable 13th place out of the 33 schools that took part.

Congratulations to the team for a really great effort. Certificates were awarded to Jay Lee, Lillian Lee, Ryan Zhang and Jerry He.

Senior Maths Challenge

On 6th November, 25 Sixth Form pupils took part in the very demanding individual Senior Maths Challenge. Pupils answer 25 puzzling multiple choice questions, which usually require logic as well as a good grounding in mathematics. Everyone who took part should be congratulated for their efforts. Only a few pupils at Bethany have ever won a Gold certificate, especially in the Senior competition, so huge congratulations must go to Lillian Lee.

Bronze: Nengi Wabote, Jay Lee

Silver: Ryan Zhang, Jerry He, Nicky Chen, Seav Meng Ing

Gold: Lillian Lee

Best in Year 12: Lillian Lee

Best in Year 13: Nengi Wabote

Best in School: Lillian Lee

Year 7 Christmas Competition

Can you draw a five-pointed star with just five straight lines? This was the first task that Year 7 had to do in their Christmas Mathematics Competition last week. Other tasks included estimating the length of one minute and the volume of one of Father Christmas' wellington boots.

Winners of the tasks:

'Just a Minute': Eddie Barnes Yallowley

'The Fallen Christmas Tree': Alexander Hill

'The Star': Ben Scott

'Santa's Welly': Dylan Harley



Congratulations to all Year 7 for taking part so enthusiastically.

Eggs-cellent Easter Egg Challenge

At the end of the Spring Term, the Mathematics department once again challenged Year 8 pupils to make an innovative box for a small Easter egg, based on geometric shapes.

The rules were that the pupils had to make a box which would hold an egg securely, and the egg had to be visible.

Everyone who took part made a good attempt; the results were imaginative and many were very unusual.

Prizes were awarded to Preye Wabote and William Riley who came joint second, and to Harrison Riddiford who took first prize.

The Mathematics department would like to congratulate everyone who took part.

Junior Maths Challenge

Earlier this term, 30 pupils from Year 7 and 8 entered the Junior Maths Challenge. The questions were particularly challenging this year and yet three pupils successfully achieved awards.

Everyone who took part added an extra point to their total for the House competition.

Finn Williamson was awarded a certificate for the 'Best Result in Year 7' and Thomas Maltby is recipient of a Silver Certificate.

John Yoon must be congratulated for achieving the standard required for a Gold Certificate. He is also awarded 'Best in Year 8' and 'Best in School'.

When the points for each House were added up, Roberts came first, followed by Speakers and then Kiplings. These points have already been added in to the House totals.

Congratulations to everyone who took part.

Intermediate Maths Challenge

On Thursday 5th February 2015, 66 pupils from Years 9, 10 and 11 entered the Intermediate Maths Challenge. The following pupils were awarded certificates



for their efforts:

Bronze: Ren Miyoshi, James Cox, Joseph Bennett, Charlotte Zou, Ryu Quirk, Lizzie Stuart, Adam Wilkinson, Sam Butler, Charlie Carpenter, Sam Marshall and Polina Chernous.

Silver: William Cunningham, Reuben Hill, Aidan McHugh, Emma Askew and Ines Veyry.

Best in Year 9: Ren Miyoshi

Best in Year 10: Aidan McHugh

Best in Year 11: Leon Li

Best in School: Leon Li

Congratulations to everyone who took part. In third place was Speakers, Roberts came second, and in first place Kiplings.

Special congratulations must go to Leon Li and Zak Ferguson for achieving high enough marks to be awarded Gold certificates. Both Zak and Leon were invited to take part in the next round of the challenge.

Year 9 Tower Building Challenge

Gustave Eiffel had steel, the Egyptians had stone, but when confronted with the task of building a tower, Year 9 were only offered newspaper and sellotape. It is, however, surprising what you can achieve with ingenuity coupled with a hefty serving of determination. A winning team of Max Harrison, Sebastian Greaves, Thomas Connell and Teddy Hutchinson; using just five sheets of newspaper and 50cm of sellotape, made a tower 168cm tall that supported a golf ball. They also get credit for pushing the boundaries and making an even taller 200cm tower but it did not hold the golf ball aloft.

In terms of design, the prize goes to Abi Bristow, Noa Falvert, Susan Warren and Mia Tianyi for the most aesthetically pleasing construction, which also reached 110 cm high. The Maths department was impressed with the way all pupils tackled the task and worked in teams to a strict time limit.

Mrs Jo Digby and Mrs Sue Thorpe
Joint Heads of Maths

The Science department's year began with the sad news of the passing of Norris, our talismanic axolotl, who was a beloved member of the department for many pupils and a firm favourite amongst visitors to the School, both young and old. His departure left a big hole and he has been very much missed...

Big Bang

But Science must go on and it has been another exciting year in the department. Following on from the success of last year's National STEM Competition finalists, this year we decided to take a full trip to the Big Bang Fair at the NEC in Birmingham and, despite the somewhat tedious journey, the event itself proved to be an exciting affair. The pupils experienced a vast array of demonstrations and exhibits, from colossal explosions to nano-scale robotics and everything in between, and every one of them came away inspired.

Space Biology



In May a group of A level biologists made the trip to the National Space Centre in Leicester, having been invited by the Wellcome Trust to take part in filming some videos on Space Biology. The pupils had a great time performing a range of different experiments focusing on the effects of conditions in space and on other planets on the development of living organisms. If you are interested to find out more please do visit bigpictureeducation.com/space to see the videos for yourself.



Nobel Prize Winner

In February's Pengelly Society event, the guest speaker, Professor Sir Tim Hunt, gave a fascinating and stimulating talk on his Nobel Prize winning work on the mechanisms of cell division and how our understanding of this could one day lead to a cure for cancer. Our A level scientists in particular learnt a great deal about this important area of research, and about the scientific process in general, and it certainly gave them a lot of food for thought as they consider their future careers.

Pumpkins!

As ever, there have been plenty of competitions running in the department throughout the year, the highlight being, without a shadow of a doubt, the pumpkin growing competition. Pupils (and staff!) were issued with a pumpkin seed and were asked to keep a photo journal of the growth of their pumpkins over a six month period. Once the time was up, the pumpkins were judged on several criteria, including size, shape, colour, texture, journal quality and, of course, weight. The standard of entry was phenomenally high but there was one clear winner... the fact that the winning entry had to be brought to School by THREE of the

maintenance team gives an idea of just how impressive it was. Cameron Manchester in Year 10 managed to grow a pumpkin with a circumference of 208cm and weighing in at an incredible 70kg (155lb)!!! Very well done indeed to Cameron.

The Year Ahead

We are already very excited about next year as, there'll be a whole host of new trips and activities taking place in Science. To name just a few, we will be taking the Year 7s and 8s to Wild Wood in Herne Bay to study adaptation in plants and animals, the Year 10 pupils will be going to Dungeness nuclear power station, and there'll be lots of new and exciting competitions for the pupils to get enthused about.

Happy Ending

Oh, and as for the hole left by Norris's departure? Well, we welcomed not one but SIX brand new axolotls into the department in the spring. Please do feel free to come and visit them next time you're here!

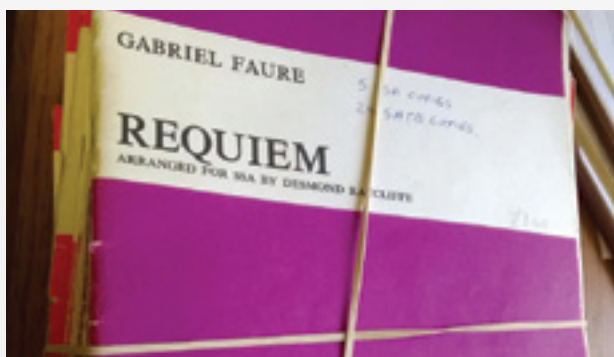
Mr James Vickerman
Head of Science



MUSIC REPORT

A Faure into the Music School...

Just about the time the Kendons were considering how to start a school in Curtisden Green, Gabriel Faure was receiving his final lessons from the great Camille Saint-Saens before venturing forth on his musical career in 1866. Who knows which of our musical pupils, in this and recent years, are about to embark on a similar amazing adventure? Our two Year 13 trumpeters, Amelia Brett and Emily Bristow, reminded us of this possibility right at the start of the year in the Autumn Informal Concert. Emily started the evening off with Neruda's trumpet concerto, and Amelia ended it with Eric Ball's *Woodland Song*. This gave inspiration to our other soloists that evening, demonstrating what can be achieved by determined, regular practising.



The School's history is never far from the Music School's work and our annual Remembrance Service is one of those occasions where it comes to prominence. This year the main choral work was Greg Gilpin's *Instrument of Peace*, with its repeated fifths echoed in Amelia's poignant rendition of the Last Post. A similar eerie mood setting was achieved at Scholars' Evening, where the music scholars performed Charles Ives' *The Unanswered Question*; those of you who read last year's *Bethanian* may recall Mr S was already lining this one up then. Unusually, though, our scholarly group had one major difference from Ives' original. Normally, a solo trumpet sets the questions and three flutes discuss the answer. In our version however we had a solo flute and three trumpets to discuss the answer! Rae Franklin joining our Scholar's scheme this year has been a welcome addition to our instrumental palette, ably taught by Lianna Jeffery. After such a heavy beginning, the end of the evening was balanced by a light-hearted version of *The Entertainer* with strong string leads from Lizzie Stuart and Dorothy Beales.



Our Year 7 curriculum has undergone a major overhaul this year, with an increased practical element reflecting the enthusiastic and active approach of the year group. Bethany's Got Talent saw opportunity for them to demonstrate their singing and band skills, each taking a verse before combining all together at the end. For Christmas, they reappeared again, further strengthening their singing credentials. Other highlights of Christmas were a performance of the first movement of Bach's Double Violin Concerto by Seav Meng Ing and Henry Sylow, ably supported by Lizzie Stuart on Continuo part. Joseph Wolfe, our violin teacher, has gone on to teach Seav and Henry the rest of the work, which is a marvellous achievement! Jessie Daubeney and Thomas Lee performed *White Blank Page* and Mr Chapter's cello ensemble arrangement of *O Little Town of Bethlehem* was simply divine. How could last Christmas pass off without a compilation from *Frozen*, excellently directed by Miss Johnson, and a rendition of the controversial *Feed the World*?

Georgia Lello and Natalie Whyte's rendition of *Sweater Weather* at the Spring Informal Concert has put them on a great run of quality songs, and David Melville-Jones' *Eight Days a Week* was a lovely contrast from some of our more serious items. Our guitar teacher, Grant Tunbridge, has been as enthusiastic as ever in preparing all his pupils for public performance. The moment of the night, though, was Mr Fish's Trumpet Quartet performance of *Bohemian Rhapsody*. In between national brass competitions and her lead role in this group, Emily Bristow found time to get a place at Trinity studying trumpet next year; all this whilst preparing a score for the first section of the film *Up!*, which she later recorded with her band





on location in Chatham. Year 7 were not left out here either, with workshops on upper and lower strings, plus a series of ensemble brass composition sessions. This led to our annual fanfare competition, the winners being revealed at Speech Day.

Our big two musical items of the year, however, were *Sweeney Todd* and the totally contrasting Faure *Requiem*. *Sweeney* required much preparation of the singers, excellently masterminded by Emily Steventon. Her detailed knowledge of technique coupled for enthusiasm for the music led our principals to be fully prepared for the challenges the score required. Meanwhile, back in the Music School, the Orchestra were getting to grips with the professional parts required in the pit. I'm particularly grateful to Allan Ellingworth, our Saxophone teacher, and Richmond Stockwell, our drum teacher, for their support in preparing the pupils. Putting this all together in the final performance required the excellent directing skills of Miss Johnson who overcame difficult sight lines with ease. Bethany and Brenchley Choral Societies combined once again for their annual concert of singing. This year the home leg was ably accompanied by Mr Jeffery Gray, organist of Goudhurst Church. The Brenchley leg saw the very welcome return of previous pupil Will Scott, who is currently studying at the Royal College of Music. Singing heroes of the year included Antonia Brattle who has been a faithful member of School Choir for the last seven years. Her enthusiasm for such a wide repertoire of musical styles is an example to all pupils, particularly to the Year 7 group who coped so well with the Latin and French texts.

The Summer Informal Concert gave an opportunity to air Year 10 compositions based on Indian music. All agreed the unique combination of Indian scale, Caribbean rhythms and western notation gave rise to interesting harmonies combined with a jazz fusion feel. Nothing could quite prepare an audience, however, for the unique version of the *Moonlight Sonata* performed at the Summer Concert; the idea of playing the piece as a tag performance came from a YouTube clip of the masters. Many thanks to Katie Slowgrove and Richard Fagg, our keyboard teachers, for joining in this mad adventure!



This summer we say goodbye to Miss Suzy Johnson. Suzy joined the Music School four years ago, initially to help organise instrumental timetables and lunchtime activities. Her natural ability as a classroom teacher soon shone through and it wasn't long before she was teaching regularly in a classroom environment. For the last two years she has been training on the School Direct Scheme and will shortly qualify with a PGCE. Her thorough and professional approach puts many more experienced teachers in the shade and she has made a far greater contribution to the life of the School than her course required. We wish her well for the future as she continues her teaching career in Tunbridge Wells. Pupil leavers this



year include four stalwarts of the Music School: Lizzie Stuart, whose expert continuo playing will be sorely missed, Amelia Brett, whose GCSE composition will remain as one of the most poignant written, Emily Bristow, as she embarks on further musical training, and Antonia Brattle, a source of much energy, enthusiasm and direction for many. We wish them well in echoing the progress made by Faure 150 years ago.

Mr Gareth Stubberfield
Head of Music





'Steps to stardom'

Jack Wood

On Saturday 13th December, Mr and Mrs Healy had the very great pleasure of attending a superb performance of Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at one of London's RADA theatres. Jack Wood from our Upper Sixth had been studying at the world-renowned centre of excellence for over a year and this performance was both the final assessment and also the culmination of his extraordinary commitment to a most arduous acting and singing course. Happily, Jack passed with flying colours and now holds a level 4 Associate Diploma in Performing Arts in addition to RADA Bronze and Silver Shakespeare Certificates.



What a year for Bethany Drama! Audiences were in equal parts enthralled and terrified when watching February's performance of Sweeney Todd, which showcased just how talented actors and actresses of all ages are here at Bethany.

The high standard was met again in the Junior Production with the heart-warming Annie Jr. The wonderful cast gave two excellent performances this year, demonstrating excellent commitment and drive throughout rehearsals which most certainly paid off!

The actors and actresses were confident, energetic, and extremely professional throughout both performances, resulting in great entertainment for all audience members.

LAMDA

Once again, LAMDA proved to be an extremely successful activity at Bethany. Thanks to the tuition of Guildhall trained actress Alison Fielding, Bethany pupils achieved an incredible 100% pass rate. Not just passes either; every single one of the pupils who took part was awarded either a merit or distinction. The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA) is one of the oldest drama schools in the United Kingdom and began offering speech examinations to the public in the 1880s. It is now the UK's largest drama awarding body and we look forward to continue to support it, with equally spectacular performances from those taking part next year.



James Clarke

Year 9 pupil James Clarke wants nothing more than to be an actor. Now he is one step closer, having recently signed with not one, but two agencies. Spotlight is a casting agency that has blockbusters such as Guardians of the Galaxy and The Imitation Game under its belt, while Happy Feet, based in Tunbridge Wells, is a modelling agency with a similarly impressive repertoire of clients.

James has never been shy about displaying his talents in School. Although only in Year 9, his credits here include major roles in two of our School Productions (Sweeney Todd and Seussical) and in 2014 he won the opportunity to record a song in a recording studio thanks to an outstanding solo performance in 'Bethany's Got Talent', Bethany's own spin on the ITV favourite.

We wish James every success in his acting endeavours and will continue to watch and support his career as opportunities arrive.



Theatre Trips

Stratford-upon-Avon

After the Easter break, Miss Boyle and Gap Assistant, Mim, took the Year 13 Drama and Theatre Studies pupils to Stratford-upon-Avon for an A level study trip. After seeing Frantic Assembly's acclaimed production of *Othello* in January, the focus of the trip was to explore the original performance conditions of this Shakespearian tragedy. The pupils benefited from a lecture and workshop at the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, seeing 'The Jew of Malta' by the RSC and visiting the house in which the great William Shakespeare was born.

Miss Saigon

Not content with just taking the pupils studying drama to the theatre, Bethany has introduced another generation to the spectacularly moving and hauntingly memorable world of *Miss Saigon* and they were not disappointed. The general feeling of the group of Sixth Formers who were wined and dined at Pizza Hut and then royally entertained in the Prince Edward Theatre was that it was the best show in London.

Not only were the lead vocalists absolutely superb but the acting and the dancing were second-to-none.

Coupling our showcase Productions with plenty of inspirational trips to the theatre, and visits from stellar actors and theatre troupes throughout the year, it's no wonder that this year saw Bethany pupils achieving success at School and beyond.

Miss Sarah Boyle

Head of Drama





ART & Design

Another excellent set of public examination results which saw no less than 17 pupils achieve 100% for various aspects of their assessment exhibitions was a great way to start the year. Shortly after, Year 13 pupil Piers Muiry secured the Silver medal at the John Downton Exhibition (a show which showcases the very best work being produced in schools in the South East). This year 38 schools submitted 332 pictures and as part of his prize, Piers Muiry's outstanding portrait of his grandfather was justifiably exhibited at the Turner Contemporary Gallery in Margate for a month making it the third piece of Bethany Art work in consecutive years to be selected for this particular exhibition. This work was also awarded the 'People's Prize' as the most popular single piece of Art work at the Downton.

The department continues to move forward. Miss Nicola Brown, now in her second year and appointed to the Art staff to deliver

Textiles, has seen this component of the arts continue to flourish and many of the large scale pieces of work her groups have produced can be seen adorning various areas of the School.

The Textiles groups visited the Knitting and Stitching Show at Alexandra Palace while the photographers went to the Natural History Museum and the National Portrait Gallery. They also enjoyed a workshop at the Wildlife Heritage Foundation capturing images of big cats. Year 11, 12 and 13 pupils visited the British Museum to resource a project based on 'Creative Cultures'.

Old Bethanian and professional photographer Mark Turnbull ran Portraiture workshops for the A level groups. 23 Year 12 and 13 pupils spent a hugely enjoyable four days in Rome over the February half term, with Thomas May winning the Photography competition that ran over the four days and was judged by

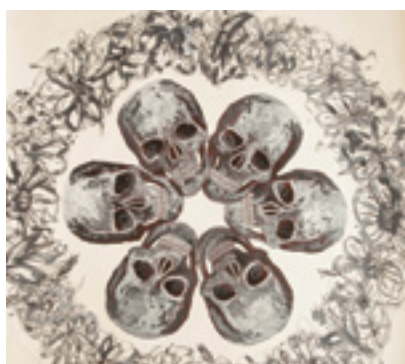
Mark Turnbull. Our Art Scholars showcased their all aspects of their work at the annual Scholars' Evening.

Creative Education Day saw a highly motivated and enthusiastic group of Year 5 pupils visit us from neighbouring primary schools. They spent the day producing very effective, large scale watercolours in the style of the artist Odilon Redon.

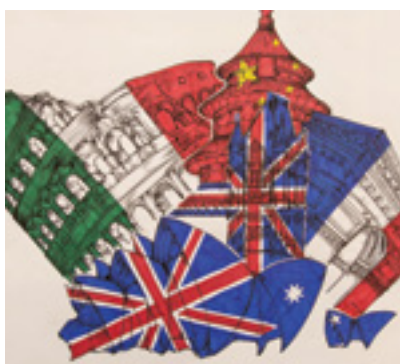
Miss Rachel Rayner continues to get the very best out of our ceramicists and the quality of this work across all Year Groups impresses all who see it. Our technician Ellie Stanley, who succeeded Lucy Willsher in April 2013, kept all areas of the department running smoothly with her calm, unassuming efficiency.

Mr Peter Norgrove

Head of Art



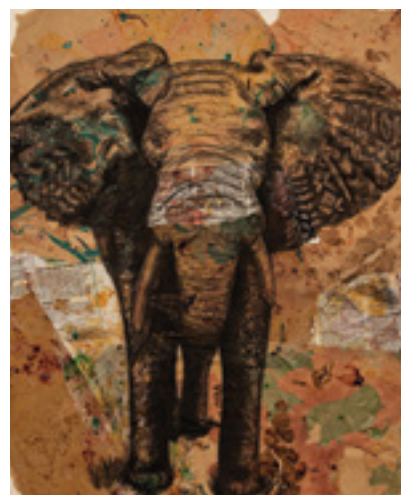
Brendton Theunissen – Year 13



Evie Davis – Year 13



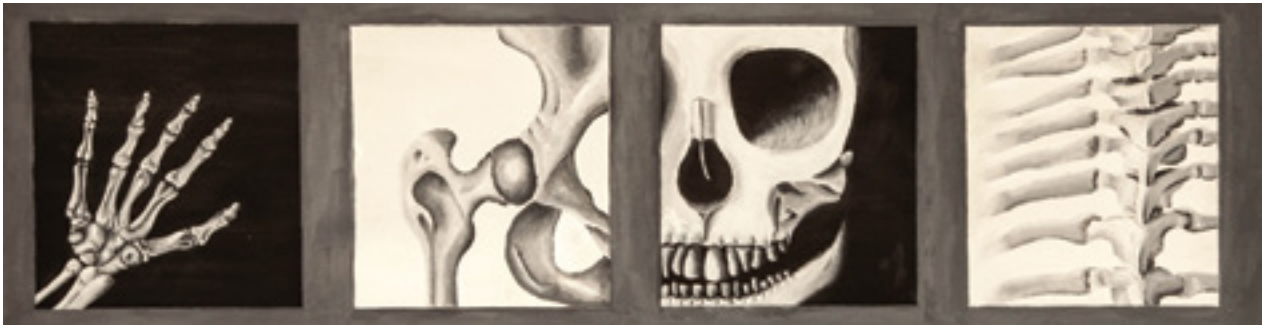
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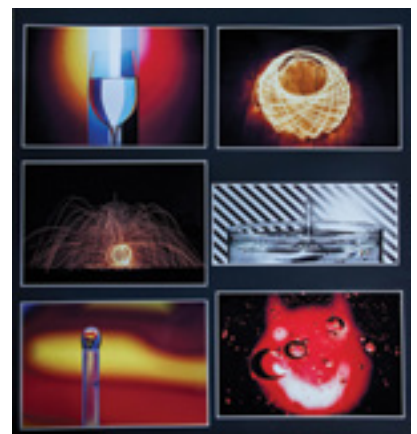
Halina Markiewicz – Year 11



Gabriel Walker – Year 13



Emma Askew – Year 11



Charlie Deane – Year 12



Harvey Bennett – Year 8



Hope Whiteley – Year 8



Leon Li – Year 11



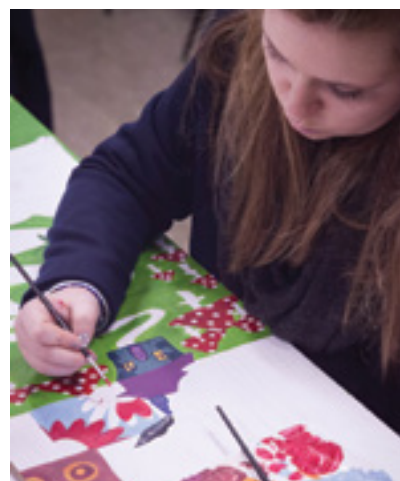
Heather Armstrong – Year 11



Immy Oakes – Year 12



Nengi Wabote – Year 13



Isobel Macqueen – Year 11



Laura Graham – Year 13



Oliver Lane – Year 11

Olivia Shelton – Year 8



Phoebe Mills – Year 12

Poppy Sadler – Year 12



Rome '15



The Rome Party



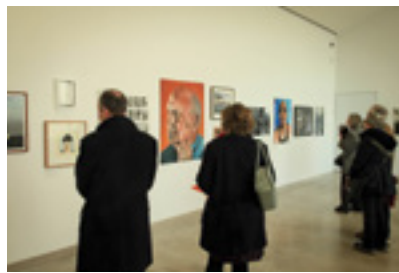
Rome Photo Competition Winner



National Portrait Gallery



The British Museum



Turner Contemporary



Year 8 Natural Forms



Year 10 Creative Cultures: Klyde Moradeyo, Kaitie Ford and Sean Evelegh



Alice Lo – Year 12



Adam Wilkinson – Year 11



Rowan Parker-Renwick – Year 8



Ben Clements – Year 8

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

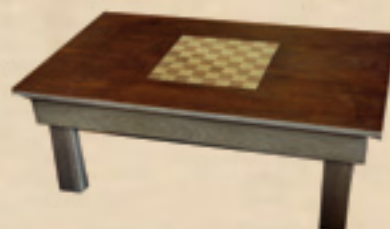
What another great year we've had in Design Technology.

The workshop has been very full all year with our hard working GCSE, Lower Sixth and Upper Sixth groups and the variety and quality of projects produced, including many electric guitars and guitar stands, has been amazing. Pupils have learned a great variety of new skills, and put them to good use as you can see in these fantastic photographs. The quality of this year's work really has been amazing.

Mr Marcus Norman
Head of Design Technology



Charlie Deane – Year 12



Thomas Lee – Year 11



Oliver Craggs – Year 11



Thomas Sostrom – Year 11



Charlie Clarke – Year 12



David Ojewumi – Year 11



Joel Wise – Year 11



Adam Thompson – Year 11



Oliver Lane – Year 10



Henry Beams – Year 11



Oliver Tutt Year 11



**Kipp Popert
Year 12**



**Emma Askew
Year 11**



**David Coupe
Year 11**



**Nick Stannard
Year 12**

TEXTILES

The Textiles department continued to blossom this year as we had a very talented group of pupils tackling the course and all it had to offer.

The Year 13s led the way in not only the sheer volume of work that they produced but the quality of that work. This was very inspirational for the younger years and gave them all something to aim towards for their own development.

The annual visit to the Knitting and Stitching Show in London, as well as an exciting trip to Rome for the Year 12 and 13s, really inspired the pupils to push their work further as they were able to gather a wide selection of

research in regards to visual stimuli to enrich their work.

The younger years held their own and were very creative in producing group wall hangings, masks, pillows, and t-shirts that are currently displayed in the department.

Textiles was a hive of activity and excitement this year and the pupils worked hard to produce amazingly vibrant and creative work.

Miss Nicola Brown
Art and Textiles Teacher



Year 7 Group Work



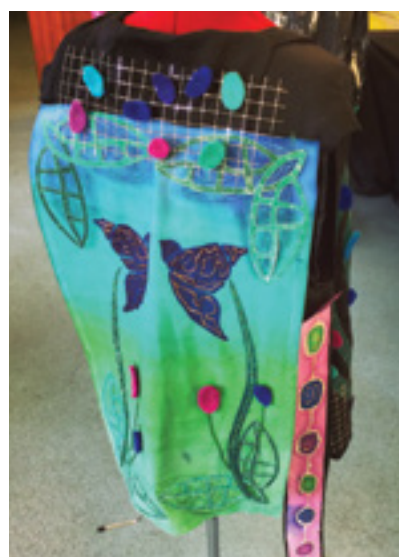
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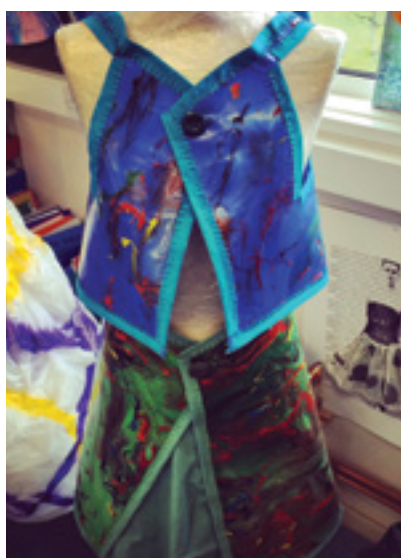
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Gabriel Walker – Year 13



Connie Dervish-Hussein – Year 13





Immy Oakes – Year 12



Nengi Wabote – Year 13



Bobbie Dervish-Hussein – Yr 13



Poppy Sadler – Year 12



Laura Graham – Year 13



Year 8 T-Shirt Designs



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FOOD TECHNOLOGY



Thara Brunt – Thai Chicken Satay with Chestnut Sauce and Naan bread



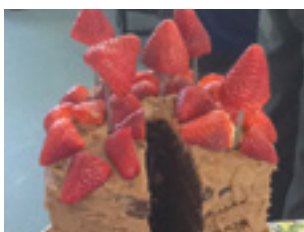
Dorothy Beales – Tomato and Feta Muffins



Emily Raj – Poached Pear Caramel Tarts



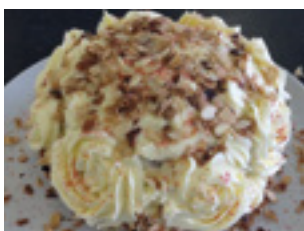
Sean Eveleigh – Sushi



Hamzah Atta – Devil's Food Cake



Yuk Yi Man – Thai Black Rice with Mango and Orange Sorbet



Maddy Todd – Lady GaGa Cake



Hannah Ford – Thai Green Chicken Curry

We celebrated a number of successes in the Food Technology department this year. The GCSE and AS pupils completed some outstanding pieces of practical work.

The AS task this year was to design and make a product suitable for a winter range in a supermarket. The three pupils in the class worked very hard to develop some innovative flavour combinations and to create some interesting dessert products within this brief. Sophie Lowther developed a delicious Winter Peach and Apple Pie; Oliver Morris created a cheesecake with a flapjack base, cherry compote and a cherry cheesecake filling; and Polina Fedosova designed a delicious Winter Berry Pavlova with a cheeky cream liqueur element to the cream.

We had a bumper number of GCSE pupils this year, tackling a wide range of design tasks. Some of the final products were of an exceptionally high quality and showed flair and imagination as well as culinary skills. Design tasks ranged from multicultural foods to Café Culture and ensured there were also lovely aromas emanating from the Food Tech room!

Year 10s worked hard to learn as many skills as possible to prepare for Year 11. Since January, they explored pastry, pasta, rice, bread, sauces, vegetarian foods and cakes. Their skills and confidence grew and I am expecting awesome things from them next year!

Key Stage 3 pupils also worked very well throughout the year. Year 7 continued to learn the basics of the kitchen; Year 8 completed a bread project and Year 9 looked at multicultural street foods.

The annual Bethany Bake Off competition was well supported and, again, showcased the cake-baking talents of the staff. The Bake Off was won by Miss Rayner, representing Kiplings, who made some amazing biscuits with Roberts in second place and Speakers third. £225 was raised for FareShare.

YOUNG ENTERPRISE



Luminance / Cusp. Samuel Robinson MD.

Our company started the scheme with high hopes, bags of energy and tons of ideas, some of them really good! Samuel Bates was our first MD and we quickly voted ourselves into various roles. Our advisors, Neil Williams and Belinda Raitt, attended our weekly meetings and shared their wisdom when we asked them, which probably wasn't often enough! Early on it looked as though we had three core products: custom built longboards overseen by company member Charlie Deane, a Bethany based computer game designed by our own Bill Hutt, and commemorative plates to mark the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of WW1. I became MD in January when we had a reshuffle. By November we realized that there was too much talking and not enough action, we were always on the cusp of something but never quite there. So we renamed ourselves: Cusp! Reinvigorated and with the Company Competition in March to plan for, we ordered our plates and focused on these as our core product. We were proud of our performance and we won two trophies: Best Trade Stand and Most

Innovative Product. We made a healthy profit but what I learned the most was the importance of record keeping, organisation and using a team fully, in order to keep a company moving forward.

Surge. Nat Pearson MD.

Looking back, we enjoyed a successful year and ended with a profit. Certainly our highlight was our success in the Company Competition. At the area heat, held at Bethany, we not only won the prize for Best Company Report, but we were also awarded Best Overall Company, which meant we moved onto the County Final. As expected the competition at this level moved up not one notch but three, and we didn't make it any further, but the experience was invaluable and all those who attended enjoyed every minute of it. I would like to thank John Evans, our advisor, for giving up so much of his time to attend our weekly meetings, offer advice in person and by e-mail, and support us by being there at every stage of the competition. John stands down this year after 18 years as a YE advisor and I'm sure future Bethany companies are going to miss him. For me personally the lessons I have learnt are twofold. Firstly

take on board advice, it might be good! And secondly unless the team pulls together the company will struggle to move forward. We achieved so much for the competition in such a short space of time, showing us just what we could do.

Anthony Khan, Link Teacher.

It has been a pleasure to watch so many pupils learn valuable lessons about running a business, and not always through success but often through reflecting on that they might have done, or how they could have done something differently. Over 30 pupils took part and whilst some didn't last the distance, between them they ran two companies that both finished with healthy profits. The year finished with a superb 'Entrepreneurship Masterclass' day in activities week which all the Lower Sixth attended, as well as pupils from two visiting schools. Three speakers explained their secrets to success, the keynote speaker being Guy Johnson, one of the Carphone Warehouse founders. I am already looking forward to seeing what next year's budding entrepreneurs have to offer!





APPRENTICESHIP CHALLENGE 2015

LORD SUGAR RETIRES



After more years than he cares to remember, Lord Sugar - aka Simon Davies - has finally decided to pass on the mantle of chairing the Apprentice Challenge to someone else. No more will groups of Year 12 pupils have to respond to his witty one-liners, his withering putdowns or his bemused scowl. This year's Apprentice Challenge has seen him put the contestants through five demanding challenges designed to inspire the candidates to perform at their best and to raise their game as the challenges got harder.



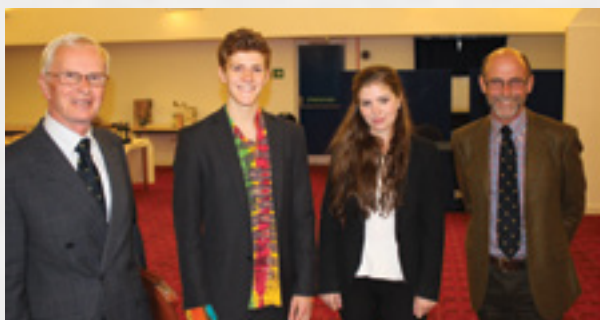
Designing a product, making an inspiring presentation to a Sixth Form assembly and having three back-to-back interviews were just some of the challenges they had to face. The winner took away a total of £70 in prize money and the competition helped to raise over £350 for charity. All contestants deserve praise for the way they entered into the spirit of the competition. **The winner of this year's Apprentice Challenge was the very deserving Sophie Lowther.**

PENGELLY SOCIETY

11th September 2014

The Sixth Form assembled for two wonderful presentations.

The evening began with Mr Paul Holmes and Mr Robert Pilbeam giving a brief introduction and then William Scott and Jemima Harris, who left Bethany in July 2014, reported on their Thailand trip, which had been partly sponsored by the Skene Catling Trust. They travelled, worked in an elephant sanctuary and in a school and clearly had a great time. The School is very grateful to the Trust for part-sponsoring these pupils and to Nigel Petrie for adding to the sum available.



Members of the group who visited Nepal for four weeks in the summer, accompanied by Dr Marks, Mrs Digby, Mr Cooper and True Adventure leader Dave Oakley, gave a dynamic presentation on their incredible adventure. The humour, challenges, spirit, fun and scenery animatedly discussed and illustrated, was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. It was clearly a life changing experience for the group who learnt to appreciate their creature comforts more, push past personal barriers and form friendship bonds for life.

17th October 2014

The Pengelly Society welcomed Mr Lennox Cato from the BBC series Antiques Roadshow, where he has been the furniture specialist since 2004.

Mr Cato owns the Edenbridge Galleries and gave a fascinating insight into the world of antiques by demonstrating through some eclectic pieces he brought along including a miniature drawer set worth £10,000. His eye for detail and quality was obvious as well as his drive to become successful. He shared with the Sixth Form how much he learnt by listening and the value of determination - even when your bank manager does not believe in you! We thoroughly enjoyed the evening and would like to thank Mr Cato and his wife Sue, whose son, Milton was a talented art pupil who left Bethany in 2007.

19th November 2014

Former Bethany pupil Andy Payne (1992), taught by Mr Norgrove, inspired the Pengelly Society at its 254th meeting.

After achieving a BA(Hons) in Business and Design, Andy was asked by a friend to build a treehouse in Kenya where he was born. This led to him starting up his own company called Blue Forest, designing and constructing bespoke treehouses and eco-lodges. Andy not only wowed the audience with photos of his incredible projects, he also gave sound advice on succeeding, such as finding a vocation you feel passionate about, getting the right team around you and not being greedy.

15th January 2015

Eamonn Butler had the Pengelly Society enthralled in his outstanding presentation about visual effects.



Mr Butler's CV is impressive, including his having headed up animations at Disney, Double Negative film studios and now being the Director of Animation at Cinesite in London. He showed us step by step how a variety of visual effects were achieved and how his team put together scenes step by step for movies such as Edge of Tomorrow and Skyfall.

A Pengelly Society favourite, Mr Butler commented on how much he enjoys speaking here, since the Sixth Form ask him brilliant questions. Daniel Raji won a prize for asking the best question, which was, 'Do you think that special effects will mean that the quality of acting will no longer be important?'

The meeting could have gone on for another half an hour, such was the engagement from the audience! A great evening, thoroughly enjoyed by all.

26th February 2015

The Pengelly Society welcomed a Knight! Professor Sir Tim Hunt visited us between meetings in Brussels and Tokyo, to tell us a little about his life as a scientist and the discovery for which he won the Nobel Prize in 2001 and was knighted by the Queen in 2006. Pupils from other schools also attended this rare opportunity to meet such a high profile scientist.

Headmaster Francie Healy said, "Professor Sir Tim Hunt gave an excellent presentation. He pitched the highly technical topic of cell division at just the right level for our pupils. His genius was matched by his self-effacing humour and we could have listened to him all night".

After studying for a BSc in Natural Sciences and a PhD at Cambridge, Professor Hunt worked all over the world and taught on a summer course at the prestigious Wood's Hole laboratories in Massachusetts, which coincidentally is where the Pilgrim Fathers landed in 1620. It was on one of these courses when, instead of going out dancing with friends, he stayed behind and did an experiment on dividing sea urchin eggs.

Professor Hunt found a protein that pushed cells into mitosis, which would revolutionise research into the question of how cells divide and therefore what happens when they do so uncontrollably and cause cancer. The talk was littered with anecdotes and he was very modest about winning the prize. He enjoyed meeting our pupils and was impressed with their questions, welcome and hospitality.

We are extremely grateful to Professor Hunt for giving us his time and the benefit of his experience.



SPORT

ROUNDERS

SENIOR ROUNDERS

This year we had a larger squad of players ranging from Year 11 through to Year 13, who were committed yet flexible in their approach. Due to the pressures of external exams many pupils have covered for each other when others were unavailable due to revision or exams.

Nevertheless they were dedicated, fulfilled their fixtures programme and enjoyed the distraction this brought from other pressures.

Anna Burcharth made her debut in the Senior Rounders team, which was expertly led by Amy Tucker. Emma Askew was a confident bowler, making few errors in a pressurised position. As a batter she was consistently the final player left in, scoring vital rounders in the progress. Injuries to two key players did not stop them wanting to play: Mia Mallion and Jess Begg made vital contributions both in bat and field. Other special mentions go to Antonia Brattle, Georgia Langley and Thara Brunt, as their talent and competitive nature will be sorely missed next season.

For a number of pupils, this season concludes seven years of sport at Bethany and the department would like to take this opportunity to thank them of all their efforts and hope they continue to play and love sport in the future.

Most improved: Georgia Langley

Player of the season: Emma Askew

U15 A ROUNDERS

Our U15 A squad had a successful season, playing matches and participating in the Granville League Tournament. Our most notable wins were against Dover College, where we won 21½ - 8 and Ashford 18½ - 6.

With a confident quad of bowler Georgia Lello (captain), backstop Ella Dockery (vice captain), first post Isabel Petts and second post Natalie Whyte, we made for a daunting fielding side, especially when joined by Georgina Hill out in deep field and Hannah Ford on fourth base. Susan Warren and Kaitie Ford were committed to covering the areas opened up by our opposition and Libby Donegan was adaptable and reliable near third base.

In the batting, all the girls improved; Maria-Bisila Dougan scored 4½ rounders against Ashford and all the girls were starting to think of placing the ball by the end of the season. Georgia Lello was a consistent batter throughout the season, scoring the most rounders. I am delighted that most of them (being in Year 9) will remain in the squad next year, to be joined by the current Year 8s.

Most improved: Natalie Whyte

Player of the season: Georgina Hill

U15 B ROUNDERS

We were very fortunate this year to have so many keen and talented rounders players. The U15 team trained and played well together, with some players on the periphery of the A team. Abi Bristow developed well as a bowler, controlling the game in a positive manner. Lauren

McQueen was an inspirational captain, motivating the team when it was required. Donya Pesaran Seyed Bonakdar and Amy McQueen provided the competitive edge with Lorenza Dougan and Millie Lucas scoring numerous rounders, both performing particularly well in the Granville League tournament. Lydia Mallion, Ren Miyoshi, Natalie Ward and Abi Moore all made excellent progress throughout the season. The highlight of the season was our win against Ashford B, with the score in that game 20-17½.

Most improved: Lydia Mallion

Player of the season: Millie Lucas

U13 ROUNDERS

The U13s had a successful season with wins against Dover College, Dulwich Prep, Gad's Hill and a narrow defeat against Battle Abbey and Claremont School.

With many of the team learning competitive rounders for the first time, the team made excellent progress. The more experienced players demonstrated some exceptional play including consistent bowling from Hope Whiteley as well as a hat trick of catches in one game. Sadie Whiteley captained the team superbly, leading by example scoring the most rounders in the squad and controlling the game from second post. Other special mentions go to Preye Wabote and Leila Davison for their ongoing progress and tactical understanding.

The members of this team have great potential for the future and were a pleasure to coach.

Most improved: Leila Davison

Player of the season: Sadie Whiteley

GIRLS' HOCKEY

U13

Squad: Hope Whiteley, Jenna Stewart, Preye Wabote, Alexia Pickett, Scout Cockayne-Francis, Sadie Whiteley, Leila Davison, Olivia Shelton, Libby King, Bethany D'Rosario.

The Year 7 and 8 girls made great progress this season; from starting out with some shaky games and uncertainty, they proved themselves and came together well.

The games were well fought, expertly captained by Hope Whiteley and ably supported by vice captain Jenna Stewart. Preye Wabote, playing in goal for the first time, proved to be a great 'keeper and she really showed her confidence, especially in the penalty flicks during the Granville tournament. Our defensive players, Alexia Pickett and Scout Cockayne-Francis, under the watchful and helpful eye of Sadie Whiteley, all progressed nicely. In midfield, Leila Davison, Hope and Jenna really worked hard and showed determination and stamina. In the front line, top goal scorer Olivia Shelton, together with Libby King, ensured we did not finish the term with an empty score sheet. Thanks go to Bethany D'Rosario for her much appreciated flexible approach.

Most improved player: Alexia Pickett

Player of the season: Olivia Shelton

U15

Squad: Isabel Altendorf, Abi Bristow, Libby Donegan, Lorenza Dougan, Maria-Bisila Dougan, Hannah Ford, Kaitie Ford, Rae Franklin, Georgina Hill, Georgia Lello, Millie Lucas, Lauren McQueen, Isabel Petts, Natalie Ward, Lucy White, Natalie Whyte.

This was an inexperienced team, due to the fact that some players had never played hockey before. Our defensive play certainly improved throughout the term, as was proved with some gritty displays against superior opposition in the later matches. Lorenza Dougan continued to impress in goal, making many crucial saves, and the midfield players showed great attitude, work rate and a 'never give up' motto. Our forwards unfortunately did not see enough of the ball to show what they can do, although Isabel Petts

and Maria-Bisila Dougan took their chances to hit the back of the net. The highlight of the season was the win over Dover College and the development of new players from both Years 9 and 10.

Most improved: Kaitie Ford / Georgia Lello / Millie Lucas / Rae Franklin

Player of the season: Georgina Hill / Libby Donegan / Lorenza Dougan

1ST XI

Squad: Heather Armstrong, Emma Askew, Rowan Beaumont, Jess Begg, Antonia Brattle, Emily Bristow, Thara Brunt, Lucie Caillat, India Hoad, Georgia Langley, Hannah Marsden, Mia Mallion, Lizzie Stuart, Maddy Todd.

With so many players leaving last year it was always going to be a challenge to mould a team for this season. However, it was to the players' credit that the team improved week on week through the season, maintaining a positive and at times 'entertaining' attitude. In the later matches and tournaments they showed themselves to be competitive against even the best hockey schools.

Defensively strong and along with the improved discipline of marking at the back, the team became quite robust in protecting their goal. Our midfield also showed signs towards the end of the season of becoming a unit capable of competing with, and at times out-playing, their opponents. Our forwards were getting into the right positions in the attacking areas but weren't always able to receive or make the final pass and struggled to get the telling shot away at goal.

The continued development of individual core skills is the key for the players and the team to improve further in the future. Our Senior Hockey is definitely going in the right direction.

Highlights of the season: Heather's goal celebration, Jess' inspirational team talks, and wins over Claremont and Gad's Hill.

Most improved: Lucie Caillat

Player of the season: Jess Begg

NETBALL

1ST VII

Squad: Isabella Hobson, Halina Markiewicz, Emma Askew, Antonia Brattle, Rowan Beaumont, Thara Brunt, Georgia Langley, Amy Tucker

The 1st netball team were a very dedicated group of girls who trained and played hard. Many of the 1st team were Year 11 girls who have played together throughout their time at Bethany, with the addition of two strong Year 13 players, captain Antonia Brattle and vice captain Amy Tucker. This combination of players was very consistent and competitive against their opposition and became more tactically aware working as a unit rather than playing as individuals. Antonia was a driving focus behind them and key to motivating her team from the centre court. Rowan Beaumont, Thara Brunt, Amy Tucker and Georgia Langley all demonstrated excellent defensive play throughout the season. Emily Raj, Emma Askew, Halina Markiewicz and Isabella Hobson provided a dominant attacking force. Highlights of the season were excellent wins over King's Rochester and Dover College, as well as third position in the Senior Granville League.

Most improved: Georgia Langley

Player of the season: Antonia Brattle

2ND VII

Squad: Anna Burcharth, Laura Graham, Immy Oakes, Mia Mallion, Evie Davie, Phoebe Mills, Hannah Marsden

The 2nd VII began their season strongly with a good win at Ashford. The team were excellently led by the quietly determined Evie Davis, who played a strong defensive role. Vice captain Laura Graham ran the attack and was instrumental in bringing the ball down court as well as being valuable in the shooting circle. In centre court, Immy Oakes and Mia Mallion put in determined and skilful performances with the support of Lucy Laister and Maddy Todd. Phoebe Mills produced some excellent performances in defence and, when needed, as centre, adding a calming influence to play. She was ably supported in the defending circle by Hannah Marsden playing GK with cheerful enthusiasm. In the shooting circle, Anna Burcharth improved the accuracy of her shooting and footwork as the season progressed. The results of the season do not reflect the skill and commitment of the players, who braved all weathers to play some good netball.

Most improved: Immy Oakes

Player of the season: Laura Graham

3RD VII

Squad: Heather Armstrong, Lillian Lee, Alexandra Tate, Maddy Todd, Nengi Wabote, Grace Hebblethwaite, Jess Begg, Sophie Marland, Jessie Daubeney, Emily Bristow, Hannah Marsden, Jessie Daubeney

The 3rd VII turned out in all weathers, showing commitment and enthusiasm for netball. They are to be commended for remaining cheerful and positive even when faced with strong opposition. All the girls made progress this season, showing improvement in the accuracy of their passing and better movement on court. The defensive team of Hannah Marsden and Jessie Daubeney with Grace Hebblethwaite standing in when needed have worked hard to keep the goal count down. In the centre court, Heather Armstrong, Alexandra Tate, Nengi Wabote, Jess Begg and Emily Bristow all put in strong performances and showed their versatility in playing different positions. The highlight of the season was the Grenville League, where the team played some great netball in some difficult weather conditions.

Most improved: Nengi Wabote

Player of the season: Heather Armstrong

U15 A

Squad: Kaitie Ford, Natalie Whyte, Maria-Bisila Dougan, Ella Dockery, Libby Donegan, Georgina Hill, Lorenza Dougan, Isabel Petts

The U15 A developed into an excellent team. They trained hard in lessons, took on board individual advice and worked well tactically as a team. They have many talented players with Natalie Whyte dominating in the goal circle, Ella Dockery emerging as a versatile player and Lorenza Dougan making impossible interceptions as part of a strong defensive unit. Maria-Bisila Dougan, Libby Donegan, Georgina Hill and Kaitie Ford were also key to the team's success and all made excellent progress. The team was captained by Isabel Petts who did a great job as centre, supporting both the attack and defence. This team was made up of mainly Year 9 pupils which demonstrates these girls' high standard of play and bodes well for a very promising season next year.

Most improved: Georgina Hill

Player of the season: Lorenza Dougan

U15 B

Squad: Natasha Williams, Abi Bristow, Lauren McQueen, Georgia Lello, Hannah Ford, Isabel Altendorf, Donya Pesaran Seyed Bonakdar, Susan Warren, Millie Lucas

The U15 B team gradually came together over the season. At the start, there were good players, who did not really gel as a team, but by the end of their matches, they were showing signs of real cohesion and great team spirit.

The defence, Millie Lucas, Abi Bristow and captain Isabel Altendorf, worked tirelessly to try and keep the opposition out of their attacking circle. Meanwhile, the attackers, Hannah Ford (trying centre for the first time), Lauren McQueen and Georgia Lello moved well around the court, taking chances to intercept and pass the ball forward. Our shooters, Natasha Williams, Susan Warren and latterly, Donya Pesaran Seyed Bonakdar were unlucky not to score regularly, but worked hard off the ball.

The team shows promise for next season and should be commended for its positive attitude and commitment.

Most improved: Donya Pesaran Seyed Bonakdar

Player of the season: Hannah Ford

U13

Squad: Preye Wabote, Hope Whiteley, Jenna Stewart, Leila Davison, Libby King, Olivia Shelton, Alexia Pickett, Bethany D'Rosario

The U13 netball squad was very inclusive this season. All Year 7 and 8 girls played or had an officiating role in matches against other schools. With netball being a new sport for some of the U13s, the girls developed into a good squad increasing their skill level and understanding of the game. They played numerous competitive games against teams of a similar ability and highlights of the season were wins over Ashdown School, Ashford School, Dulwich Prep and a friendly/coaching game against Sutton Valence. Special mention should go to Hope Whiteley for her great leadership on court and fantastic play.

Most improved: Leila Davison

Player of the season: Hope Whiteley



1ST XI

The competitive football season was unfortunately hampered by saturated pitches, and games against Brighton College, Bede's and Sutton Valence to name a few, were all cancelled. The team did play four fixtures including King's Canterbury, Claremont and Cranleigh School. The team was very competitive in all matches played, with two victories, one draw and one defeat a good return for the season.

Adam Kirkbright led the team well, while Harry Brushett had a strong first season in the midfield, and scored a fabulous goal from all of 25yds against King's Canterbury. Joshua Leaper was in good form in front of goal, scoring a hat-trick against Claremont and a sweeping left foot drive at King's Canterbury. Matthew Page was impressive in his first season, saving a penalty against King's Canterbury, while Sam Hewes and Joseph Holland both played well at centre back in their final season.

Well done to all and with a number of young players in the squad, next season looks promising.

U13

The U13 football team had a competitive football season in the first half term, and although they failed to secure a win, a 4-5 thriller against Dulwich Prep and a battling performance against St Edmunds Canterbury developed confidence. Rugby was the focus sport for the U13 boys, and the team performed admirably with wins against Gad's Hill, Sir Roger Manwood's and Chatham House.

The team had a successful and impressive finish to their season when they returned to football after February half term. Bethany played Gad's Hill and Battle Abbey, winning both 7-2 and 5-2 respectively.

Jack Brown, Jack Bartram and Alvaro Belzuz were amongst the goals while Dylan Harley was outstanding at centre back and limited opponents to very few attacking opportunities. Jose-Okori Dougan Etoha, along with Alvaro Belzuz, bossed midfield with good passing and strong running, and Finn Williamson ran riot down the left wing.

Well done to all and we look forward to next season.

U15 A

The U15 had a disrupted season due to pitch conditions. In the first match of the season against Claremont, Bethany played very well, passing the ball with speed, accuracy and confidence which saw them take a 4-0 lead at half time. Claremont came back with three unanswered goals in the second half, but Bethany were resolute and secured the win.

A trip to Brighton followed. The journey took its toll and in the first half, two defensive slips were punished by Brighton with well taken goals. The second half saw Bethany engage the Brighton midfield, and a fantastic strike from Antoine Jérôme saw Bethany pull a goal back leaving the final score at 1-2. After a few cancellations, a very strong Bede's side travelled to Bethany. Renowned for their football strength, it was always going to be a tough match. They proved to be too strong, and the loss of Henry Lucas in the first half handed a convincing win to Bede's. The final game of the season was away to Mascalls and the team finished with an impressive second half display which was marred only slightly by the game ending 1-3, the same score that stood at half time. Nicholas Jimena-Tilling was an outstanding captain and led with determination and encouragement.

U15 B

Unfortunately due to the poor weather conditions and waterlogged pitches the football season was severely disrupted. However, the team trained regularly and showed real enthusiasm and commitment. As a result the team really improved. In the limited number of games played, the boys worked hard, gaining a victory over Gad's Hill. This team will continue to progress and I look forward to seeing their success next season.



1ST XV

Bethany rugby goes from strength to strength with another successful season for the 1st XV. Over 25 boys played 1st XV rugby this season, with a significant number of them being Year 11 or 12, which bodes well for next year.

The team played 15 matches this season, winning nine and losing five, therefore giving us a 65% win ratio. It has been a pleasure coaching the team this year and I would really like to thank James Lautch who captained the team superbly, always leading from the front. I would like to also thank Luke Shaw who assisted James admirably, not only on the field but off it as well. I am very proud of the team's success this year and I would like to wish all the Year 13 the best and hope they continue to play rugby next season, wherever they may be.

2ND XV

The 2nd XV had an unbeaten season and played some excellent rugby. With a strong squad base the forwards dominated the opposition in all matches and created excellent ball for the back line strike runners.

Declan Sullivan was the pick of the forwards, making a number of powerful breaks and always putting the opposition pack on the back foot. The half back pairing of Harry Brushett and Matthew Page grew in confidence and influence as the season progressed, but pick of the backs goes to Hamzah Atta. His defence was excellent and strong elusive running proved too powerful for many defenders to cope with. A hat-trick of tries in the final game of the season against Ashford was his just reward for his excellent performances.

Many players will progress into the 1st XV team next season and without doubt be very strong additions to the squad.

U15

The U15 team started the season full of the prospect of scoring tries through a backline full of pace and punch. This proved to be the case in the good weather of September, with tries being run in on both wings and the team enjoying early success with wins against Ashford, Cranbrook and Gad's Hill.

The team came back to earth with a bump when they met a formidable Sutton Valence team. However, we learned lessons from this game and it was the catalyst for the forwards who started to step up. A loss to King's Rochester was followed by wins against Buckswood and Ashford in the re-match. With the pitch quality reflecting the late November weather, the forwards' hard work started to pay off, and following a disappointing first half against St Lawrence, Ramsgate they were the basis of an excellent win away to Sir Roger Manwood's School.

U15 B

The U15 B rugby team have had a good season this year. They worked hard and enjoyed some notable performances against Gad's Hill, Ashford and King's Rochester. This team is in its development stage with a number of the boys very new to the game. Despite this, the team have gelled well and really enjoyed their rugby. Special mentions must go to Joshua Hill who improved so much that he was promoted to the A team, and Seav Chhuon Ing who only started playing rugby this year and has made a real impact on the team. I am really looking forward to seeing how this team progress next season and hope that they can achieve their potential.



1ST XI

The Senior Team had a successful season, and due to a spell of good weather before half term played the majority of their matches. Early season wobbles and a narrow defeat to Ashford School were soon put behind the team with strong wins against Claremont School and Dover College. Sam Marshall was the pick of the bowling attack with consistent line and length limiting opposition players scoring runs. He was ably supported by Charlie Miller, who took a number of middle order wickets this season, and Adam Kirkbright, whose pace unsettled many opening batsmen.

The team were athletic in the field and catch of the season goes to Henry Kirk against Dover College. Matthew Page had a good debut season as wicket keeper and James Lauth led the team well, playing a captain's innings with the bat against Dover College.

With the majority of the team being Year 11 and Lower Sixth the coming seasons are encouraging and we hope for continued success.

U15

The team had a busy season playing a number of schools including Cranbrook, Sutton Valence, King's Rochester and Buckswood to name a few. Ethan Pearson was elected captain and supported

well by Folahan Peters and William Cunningham in leading and organising the team. Will Smith was the player of the season with the bat, including a 59 against King's Rochester. His excellent innings in every match was built around a skilful range of shots, good running between the wickets and an array of fine boundaries. Leo Rossouw and James Golding bowled consistently well, and Ethan Pearson and Isabel Altendorf were also effective taking a number of wickets, particularly against Cranbrook and Gad's Hill. The team signed off with a big win against Gad's Hill and a number of players will certainly be positive additions to the Senior Team next season.

U13

With a number of Year 7 boys in the team this season it was a young side, but one full of enthusiasm and sound ability. A summer of good weather meant the fixture was completed with matches against a number of schools with a greater playing base, including Dulwich, St Ronans and New Beacon. Alexander Hill was a confident and skilled captain, playing an excellent innings against Dulwich, Rochester and Battle Abbey in particular. James Bristow was a secure wicket keeper and a bowling attack of Ben Scott, Thomas Golding and Joseph Bateman kept opposition batsmen on their toes. Highlights of the season included an excellent 125 runs scored off 16 overs against Rochester and a dominant win against Battle Abbey.



SCHOOL COLOURS

FULL RUGBY

James Lutch
Jack Whitaker
Joshua Leaper
Joseph Holland
Luke Shaw

HALF RUGBY

JJ Donegan
Daniel Yussuf
Adam Kirkbright
Joshua Burford
Nathaniel Pearson
Charlie Miller
Thomas May

FULL HOCKEY

Jess Begg
Antonia Brattle
Amy Tucker

HALF HOCKEY

Emily Bristow
Lucie Caillat
Hannah Marsden

FULL CRICKET

Joshua Leaper

HALF CRICKET

Adam Kirkbright
Sam Hewes

FULL NETBALL

Antonia Brattle
Amy Tucker

HALF NETBALL

Evie Davis
Laura Graham
Immy Oakes
Hannah Marsden
Emily Bristow

FULL ROUNDERS

Antonia Brattle

HALF ROUNDERS

Jess Begg

YEAR 11 HONOURS CERTIFICATES

RUGBY

Declan Sullivan
Adam Thompson
Oliver Tutt
David Williams
Matthew Page

Harry Brushett
Henry Kirk
Hamzah Atta
Steven Farrell

HOCKEY

Heather Armstrong
Emma Askew
Thara Brunt
Georgia Langley
Maddy Todd
Mia Mallion

FOOTBALL

Harry Brushett
Jason Lee
Matthew Page
Charlie Carpenter

NETBALL

Emma Askew
Thara Brunt
Isabella Hobson
Lucy Laister
Georgia Langley
Halina Markiewicz
Mia Million
Emily Raj
Maddy Todd
Rowan Beaumont

SPORTS DAY FRIDAY 22ND MAY 2015

In a rare stroke of luck for Bethany School's Athletics Afternoon, the sun was shining as the first competitors lined up on the tracks, ready to rack up the points for their Competitive Houses, Kiplings, Roberts and Speakers.

Kiplings were the victors last year, so mascots for the other two Houses, the Speakers Lion and the Roberts Bumblebee worked especially hard to drum up support and drive their teams to victory.

Competitors showed their skills in a full range of athletic disciplines, with track events taking place alongside field sports such as javelin, long jump and discus.

1ST PLACE, WITH 124 POINTS: KIPLINGS

2ND PLACE, WITH 107 POINTS: SPEAKERS

3RD PLACE, WITH 104 POINTS: ROBERTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO KIPLINGS!



SPORTS & HOUSE AWARDS

RUGBY

LAWRIE MANN TROPHY

(Greatest Contribution to 1st XV Rugby)

James Lutch

THE HALFHIDE CUP

(Most Improved 1st XV Player)

Daniel Yussuf

THE STUBBS TROPHY

(Greatest Contribution to Junior Rugby)

FOLAHAN PETERS

GIRLS' HOCKEY

MOST IMPROVED

LUCIE CAILLAT

PLAYER OF THE SEASON

JESS BEGG

GREATEST CONTRIBUTION TO JUNIOR HOCKEY

GEORGINA HILL

FOOTBALL

AMBROSE ROGERS FOOTBALL CUP

(Contribution to Football)

ADAM KIRKBRIGHT

TOP GOAL SCORER

JOSHUA LEAPER

THE HALFHIDE CUP

(Most Improved 1st XI Player)

SAM HEWES

NETBALL

PIPPA BLACKMAN TROPHY

(Contribution to Netball)

ANTONIA BRATTLE

SENIOR NETBALL MOST IMPROVED

GEORGIA LANGLEY

CONTRIBUTION TO JUNIOR NETBALL

ISABEL PETTS

CRICKET

NIGEL KIMBER CRICKET CLUB: 1ST XI

JAMES LAUTCH

RAY RICHARD CUP

(All-Round Achievement in Junior Cricket)

WILL SMITH

JACK WHITE SHIELD

(Best Bowling Average)

SAM MARSHALL / CHARLIE MILLER

ROUNDERS

GREATEST CONTRIBUTION TO SENIOR ROUNDERS AWARD

ANTONIA BRATTLE

GREATEST CONTRIBUTION TO JUNIOR ROUNDERS AWARD

GEORGIA LELLO

JOHNSON TROPHY

(Most Rounders Scored In A Season)

SADIE WHITELEY

ATHLETICS SPORTS

GORDAN WING CUP

INTERMEDIATE BOYS VICTOR LUDORUM

JOSEPH HOLLAND

PETER GREENHILL CUP

JUNIOR BOYS VICTOR LUDORUM

ALEXANDER HILL

U18 GIRLS VICTRIX LUDORUM

NENGI WABOTE

U14 GIRLS VICTRIX LUDORUM

GEORGIA LELLO

JUNIOR AWARDS

MARRIOTT JUNIOR BOY AWARD

(Performance and Commitment)

JACK BROWN

MARRIOTT JUNIOR GIRL PERFORMANCE AWARD

(Performance and Commitment)

HOPE WHITELEY

DAMIEN LEE JONES MEMORIAL CUP

(Overall Contribution to School Sport)

JOSHUA LEAPER / ANTONIA BRATTLE



ACTIVITIES WEEK

MONDAY

All the Year 7 and 8 pupils spent the day fully absorbed in the Battle of Hastings. The morning consisted of discussion of the battle, the key personalities and armed forces involved and the reasons for William's victory. We watched an animated version of the Bayeux Tapestry and an absorbing documentary explaining the key events. Using the world-famous Todmans tombola barrel, each pupil had selected a letter that related to either housecarls, fyrd, knights, cavalry or archers and paid careful attention to the documentary to find out what their role in the battle was.

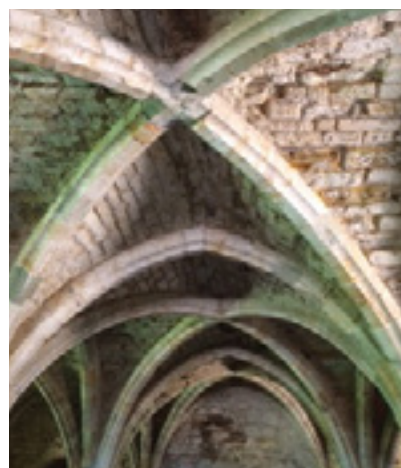
After lunch we headed for Battle Abbey; the beautiful setting, once the bloody battle ground where hundreds died, offered us some shade while we listened to Mr Davies relay the famous battle. The final stage of the trip was a re-enactment of the battle to enable the pupils to picture the strategy, bravery and force involved. Despite some casualties to sheep droppings all went well. Both pupils and staff had an enjoyable and informative day, well worth another trip in the holidays.

On Monday and Tuesday, Year 9 had two days of teambuilding and leadership command tasks, first aid training, emergency scenario management and expedition skills acquisition and preparation.

Year 10 DofE pupils headed for Bewl Water for a day of canoeing and raft building, resulting in some exceptionally ingenious designs!

Those Year 10 pupils not doing DofE spent the first two days of Activities Week producing work based on 1866, the year Bethany was founded. In groups, pupils rotated around the subject areas of Science, Food Technology and Art and the work produced in each area was presented to the other groups and the Headmaster at the end of the second day.

The Lower Sixth began the week by preparing for UCAS applications. They were divided up into four separate groups for very intensive sessions on things that would help the pupils in the future. One session focused on what makes a good interview and after a brief talk, those attending were each given an intensive interview in front of eight of their peers. The next session involved a gruelling 45 minute group interview, with feedback. The third saw the Lower Sixth receive individual help and support to get their personal statements up to a high standard. Finally, the pupils were logged onto the UCAS website and given help filling in their applications for university.



TUESDAY



Having visited the once-bloody battle ground where Saxons and Normans met for the Battle of Hastings and learnt about the Bayeux Tapestry on Monday, Year 7 and 8 pupils spent Tuesday recreating this legendary Tapestry. The collage they created shows the most important elements which led up to the Battle of Hastings as well as how the gruesome battle unfolded. Using giant outlines supplied by the Art department, groups of pupils set about

covering every inch of their section of the tapestry (and the floor, walls, ceiling and each other). After hours of sticking, and with some artistic license in the depiction of blue dogs and pink horses, the collage was complete, measuring 18 metres long in total!

Year 9 were on their second day of teambuilding and leadership, while those in Year 10 not doing DofE continued their

1866 projects. The Year 10 pupils who were doing DofE set off on their three-day Silver Qualifying Expedition.

The Lower Sixth pupils got together with pupils from High Weald Academy and Tunbridge Wells Boys Grammar School for an Entrepreneurship Masterclass. This involved listening to three guest speakers and taking part in a range of small group activities.

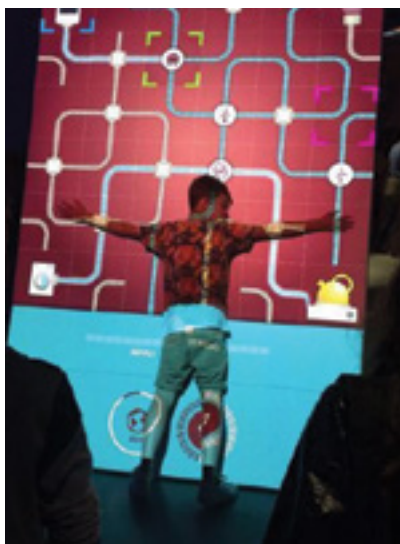


ACTIVITIES WEEK

WEDNESDAY



Year 7 and 8 pupils visited the Science Museum. The trip was eagerly awaited and despite a long coach journey pupils were excited to explore what the museum had to offer. They started with an exhibit called 'Engineering our Future' which explored the needs of a growing population's demand for energy, through interactive games. Some pupils were very successful at supplying energy to homes using different means, such as wind, nuclear and fossil fuel energy.



They then visited the amazing IMAX cinema, and after buying plenty of popcorn and drinks, we watched an inspiring film about the future of Robots. This looked at the different functions of Robots, the processes they need to learn and the development of Artificial Intelligence. After this, pupils were able to visit the 'Launch Pad' which contained many different exciting science experiments for pupils to try. These included building bridges, exploring light colours, shadows and energy. Some were able to use pedal power on special bicycles to generate enough power to run TV screens!

The Year 9 pupils spent two days journeying through the beautiful local countryside and had the option to camp on site if they were doing their Bronze DofE Award. We had a lot of fun while learning a lot about the skills needed when facing some unfamiliar challenges.

Year 10 pupils travelled to Bewl Water with three members of staff for a fun day of water-based team building. The morning was spent designing and building competing rafts. Ideas were taken from paper to a prototype and finally a full size

version which were then raced against each other on the water with all pupils on board. The Spring Rolls design was based around the catamaran and was square in shape, whilst the McGoujons went for a very stable triangular design.

Whilst the triangle was stable it was very difficult to steer, and it was the Spring Rolls that were victorious by some distance. However, both rafts were quite superb and held together perfectly, drawing compliments from the supervising Bewl staff.

After lunch a trip across the lake was taken in powerboats, to a number of canoes which would form the basis of lots of fun in the afternoon. Pupils took on a variety of challenges, all with fantastic enthusiasm and humour, all without exception getting extremely wet! It was certainly a day to remember. As well as developing communication and teamwork skills, most importantly everyone had an amazing time.

The Lower Sixth took a coach to Brighton and explored some of the delights of the city, including a very pleasant and civilised trip to Pizza Express.

THURSDAY



Years 7 and 8 enjoyed a medley of activities on site. Tuition and safety procedures were given by Mr Reilly and Miss Brown for the High Ropes course, which brought a variety of responses, from eager excitement to trepidation, but those who bravely overcame their fears and ventured up into the trees returned to ground level elated by their achievement.

Map skills and teamwork were put to full use by the pupils who created their own maps of the School site. Orientation and measurement abilities were tested, and the final maps included a treasure hunt for the other groups to solve.


Another task involved groups of pupils creating a short play using the themes of “teamwork and friendship” or “kindness and respect” which they filmed using their iPads. The results were shown and judged, and the winning group from each session was awarded a prize.

Year 9 had their second day of trekking, and we were delighted to welcome back the Year 10 pupils from their very successful DofE Silver Practice Expedition. Those not taking DofE left the School with the aim of going to the London Science Museum, followed by the 3D IMAX theatre. Due to unforeseen traffic chaos, however, they ended up re-routing for an impromptu trip to Bluewater.

Lower Sixth pupils helped raise money for Hospice in the Weald by packing shopping bags for the general public in Asda and Sainsbury's. Some of the group also helped in their sorting department in Sevenoaks.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD



After last year's record number of Bronze participants, it was almost a relief that a more normal take up of 40 pupils started the Bronze Award. Of course, there were still a larger than normal number of pupils (37) continuing with their Silver Award and 29 pupils preparing for their Gold Award.

The DofE 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 remains 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 they are currently involved in 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 and a qualifying expedition in the Surrey Hills. These both proved very successful

and all pupils coped with the physical challenge. The Silver Award candidates spent four days in Dorset for their practice, which clearly demonstrated to some of our pupils that the longer expeditions raise some additional challenges that have to be overcome. The qualifying expedition in September saw a return to the Buxton area that was so successful last year. With pleasant weather throughout, all the participants successfully completed the expedition.

The Gold Award is, of course, meant to be a challenge and it certainly was. Two practice expeditions to Snowdonia and the Lake District experienced the steep learning curve on weather conditions in mountain regions and the impact it can have on people and their kit. The groups undertaking their qualifying expedition at Easter survived the torrential rain, sleet, freezing conditions and high winds 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 this is my last year as DofE Award Manager at Bethany, I would like to thank all of the staff that have helped to make my life easier. I would also like to thank the pupils for their enthusiasm and commitment.

Mr Dave Schooledge
Duke of Edinburgh Award Manager



POSTCARDS FROM

Belgium Trip

On 6th March, Year 9 pupils set out from School on a trip to Belgium to explore the battlefields of the First World War. The weather was fantastic and the pupils were excited about visiting the sites they had learnt about in class.

Our first stop was the museum at Hooge Crater, where pupils were able to see some artefacts from the war, including uniforms, weapons and trench art. Our visit continued with a trip to the largest Commonwealth War Grave at Tyne Cot. Pupils were shocked by the size of the grave site and the number of missing. Some pupils were also able to find the names of two Old Bethanians who are amongst the missing, William Locke (MM) and Ernest Colley, to pay their respects. On the first day, to lighten the mood, we were able to make time for famous Belgian chocolate shops and a fun fair which was visiting town, before the ceremony at the Menin Gate.

On our second day the highlight was the Wellington Quarries, and this provided an atmospheric setting to reflect on the war. Pupils were also able to take in the grand scale of the Battle of the Somme during our visit to the Thiepval Memorial. The pupils returned tired but having had a fun and reflective weekend.

Some of our pupils even created a video documenting their experience!



Rome Trip

Eighteen pupils of AS and A level Art, Textiles and Photography spent four days of the half term exploring the many galleries and tourist attractions of Rome.

An open top bus tour of the city on the first afternoon was followed by visits to the Trevi Fountain and the Pantheon. On day two, we walked the lengthy corridors of the Vatican Museum, and marvelled at the Sistine Chapel and St Peter's Square.

In total contrast, Valentine's Day saw the group enjoy the Museum of Modern Art, The Spanish Steps, The Colosseum and the Forum and the final morning was spent at the renowned Porta Portese market. A Photography competition ran throughout the duration of the trip and we are excited to see the results, with the winner to be decided by a professional photographer.



Taiwan Trip

The Bethany-Lishan cultural exchange began with the arrival of four Taiwanese exchange pupils at Heathrow airport in February 2014. They were met by Christopher Threshie, Samuel Robinson, Grace Hebblethwaite and myself; each of us pairing off with 'our' partner to give them their first taste of British home life. It took about 30 seconds to realise that communication was going to be a far more interesting aspect of this exchange than I had anticipated; Jerry, although an incredibly genuine and nice person was not only shy, but had virtually no knowledge of the English language.

Meeting at School the following day, the Taiwanese pupils attended lessons to sample our lives and then were taken out of School to see more of England. This first exchange set us many notions of what to expect when we were to visit Taiwan, as well as letting us get to know our, by this point, friends.

The first taste of Taiwan was the clean and efficient airport, which set a precedent for the rest of the facilities in Taiwan and put our British systems, most notably the tube, to shame. Meeting with Jerry's family, it was instantly clear that Jerry was not the only member of his family who spoke Mandarin exclusively. This did not worry me as I had, anticipating this situation, been working on body language and prepared myself for 11 days of silent communication. This illusion of my culturally aware, prepared self was rapidly shattered upon my realisation that not only is Mandarin fundamentally different from English as a language, Taiwanese body language also shares virtually no similarities with ours.



For example counting on ones fingers is only the same up to the number four and smiling and nodding apparently merely serves to make you look stupid!

It is impossible to condense our time in Taiwan to one article, so rather than focusing on particular events I shall outline some of the general experiences that stand out in our minds. For me, one of the most surprising and unanticipated experiences came on a 'normal' school day. On my way from one classroom to another I was stopped by a girl who asked for a 'selfie' - I obliged, unwittingly opening the flood gates for a torrent of Taiwanese pupils, (mostly female I'm flattered to admit!), to take pictures with the tall, ginger European kid. The result was me completely missing my lesson, turning up with only 10 minutes to spare after approximately an hour and a half of posing and attempting to shuffle off to class. Although



the pleasure at seeing us continued, it began to take a less mob-like approach and we were all able to make friends and start conversations. I learnt more from these encounters about Taiwan and the Taiwanese than I could from any book or talk.

I know if I asked Christopher, Samuel or Grace about what they took away from Taiwan there would not be enough room, nor time, to put it all into words. From the incredible geographical and structural landscapes - Taipei 101 jumps to mind - to the unanimously warm and welcoming people who we came into contact with, every moment was unforgettable.

Nat Pearson, Year 12

New York Trip

On Thursday 12th February, 38 Sixth Form Business, Maths and Media Studies pupils (together with four staff) left a cold Heathrow en route to a much, much colder New York. In fact many of the "sidewalks" still had mounds of snow and the lakes in Central Park were frozen over! The temperature actually dropped to -12° at one point. The group spent four days exploring the main tourist sights of New York as well as enjoying educational visits to Wall St, the Museum of Maths, Macy's and Schwartz department stores, the Museum of American Finance and The Museum of the Moving Image. We also enjoyed a tour of Radio City, the site of many famous musical productions, and the largest indoor theatre in the world.

We packed in a huge amount during our short trip. Highlights of the visit included an extended visit to the new (and very thought provoking) Ground Zero Memorial, the incredible view from the top of the Empire State Building on a clear day, and the Statue of Liberty viewed close up from the Staten Island Ferry, some of the time through a snowstorm. We also enjoyed a visit to "Chicago" on Broadway, and a huge seafood meal at Bubba Gump's restaurant in Times Square.

Some of the group tried to be more adventurous - most also enjoyed cycling round Central Park, while a number hired a limo for the short drive back to our hotel (their excuse was the freezing temperatures). The staff also discovered the "M&M's shop" in Times Square, while they expertly led the 38 pupils through the incredibly busy New York subway system. Everyone also ate far too much!

Here's to another trip in a couple of years' time.

Barcelona Trip

It was a bitterly cold night when 22 boys, accompanied by Mr Hughes, Mr Vickerman and Dr Marks, set out from Bethany at 2am on a Wednesday morning to catch their flight from Gatwick to Barcelona for the Senior Rugby Tour 2014. Little did they know how entirely unnecessary their jumpers and coats would be for the next week!

We touched down in Barcelona at about 9.30am with the local temperature already approaching 26 degrees. It was only a short coach drive to our base for the week, the Hotel Subur in Sitges, a beautiful coastal resort known as the "Saint-Tropez of Spain". The hotel was a matter of yards from the crystal clear sea and beautiful sandy beach which was to be our training field each day. The scene was set for what would be a fantastic week of rugby.

The first day was one of acclimatisation and, following a light training session, the boys were allowed to explore the town for a short time before we all headed to the Tres Quarts rugby bar for a welcome meal (the food and hospitality we received all week would prove to be fantastic) but it was the next day that would see the real start of the action.

The Thursday morning began with a focused training session in which the boys worked through various set pieces before we went for a stroll around the stunning medieval parts of the town and sat down for a pre-match lunch together. We had a fifteen minute stroll to the ground in the early evening sunshine before the boys got down to their pre-match routine and warm up. By the time of the 7.30pm kick off the sun was going down behind the hillside and the floodlights were on, creating a wonderful atmosphere in which to kick off the first match.



After the early exchanges it was Bethany who started to gain a stranglehold in the game and, when we opened the scoring with a penalty from Adam Kirkbright, it was fully deserved. However, it was only a few minutes later that a lapse of concentration allowed one of the Sitges wingers to burst through to score the first try of the game. Thankfully it wasn't converted and Bethany quickly regained both their composure and their dominance; the pack, in particular, were winning every scrum and ruck and this,

supported more than ably by the impressive backs, led to another successful Adam Kirkbright penalty which gave Bethany a 6-5 lead at the interval.

Sitges came out for the second half in determined fashion and, despite some excellent defensive work from Bethany, a second try for Sitges proved inevitable. This time they did convert to give themselves a 12-6 lead. However, this was to be the catalyst for Bethany to step up and show their mettle. The boys cannot be praised highly enough for their sheer effort, determination, aggression and skill but, despite attack after attack the clock continued to tick



down without further score . . . that is until, with just a matter of minutes remaining, captain James Lauth turned the ball over inside his own twenty two starting a great passing move all along the line. The ball came to Daniel Raji on the wing and, 70 yards from the Sitges try line, he broke through their defence, jinked past their full back, and sprinted on to plant the ball between the posts. At 11-12 down the pressure was truly on Adam Kirkbright to score the conversion but he showed no nerves as he maintained his 100% success rate to give Bethany a 13-12 lead. The boys safely played out the last couple of minutes for a fantastic first victory of the tour.

The match also marked the first anniversary of the passing away of the previous Sitges Rugby Club president and, following an impeccably observed minute's silence after the game, several of our boys commented on how emotional they had found the preceding speeches despite not knowing what was said!

We visited Barcelona the following day and saw some impressive sights in this magnificent city. Following a tour of FC Barcelona's Nou Camp Stadium and museum (slowed down by Harry Brushett's insistence that he must have a picture of him holding the Champions League trophy in the press room!), we visited various parts of the city including the Olympic Stadium, Gaudi's famous Sagrada Família church, and the markets and stalls of the impressive La Rambla.

Saturday saw a return to action on the pitch as we travelled to La Teixonera in the Vall d'Hebron district of Barcelona for a triangular tournament against Barcelona Rugby Club and Wimbledon Rugby Club who had travelled over just for these two matches.

The playing surface raised a few eyebrows as, despite the facilities being first class, the pitch itself was 4th generation Astroturf: not quite the burn-inducing material of the past . . . but not entirely rugby-friendly either. However, the boys remained unperturbed as they went into the first match against the hosts in confident manner. Once again we took the lead from an Adam Kirkbright penalty and, although we conceded an unconverted try shortly afterwards, our boys got progressively stronger as time went on; Daniel Raji scored a try for the second game in succession and this was followed rapidly by a try for Charlie Miller after great run from Hamzah Atta. Both tries were converted by Adam Kirkbright (whose accurate kicking was to be a constant feature of the tour) and we went on to secure a comfortable 17-5 victory.

Unfortunately we were well beaten in the second match against Wimbledon although the Bethany boys displayed incredible bravery and heart against a team clearly (and, perhaps, not entirely fairly) containing several older players. Their heads never dropped and they gave the opposition a real challenge. A second place finish overall was something all the boys could be proud of although we were starting to feel the strain with several players nursing injuries by the end. This didn't diminish their enthusiasm for birthday cake back at the hotel however as Adam Kirkbright celebrated his 17th birthday.



Training on the beach on Sunday morning was a cautious affair as, with one game remaining, we didn't want to risk any further injuries and, besides, the boys were tired after their double-header the previous day. However, by the afternoon most were well-recovered and all were in good spirits for the trip to the Estadi Cornellà-El Prat (!) for La Liga match between Espanyol and Deportivo La Coruna. Unfortunately (especially with it being some of the boys' first live football match) the game ended in a disappointing 0-0 stalemate but everyone still very much enjoyed the experience, not least Mr Hughes who fully immersed himself in the home fans' chanting (albeit with some question marks as to the veracity of the words he was using!!!).

Our last full day was very much geared towards the final match of the tour against a Barcelona Select XV. It took a while to get into our rhythm and, with many of our players carrying knocks, and thanks to some decidedly dodgy refereeing, we found ourselves 4 tries (and three



conversions) down after only 25 mins. We managed to pull one try back just before half time thanks to yet another Daniel Raji drive and this gave a ray of hope, even at 26-5 down at the interval.

What followed, though, was perhaps the most pride-inducing performance of the entire tour. The boys started the second half in bullish fashion and rapidly reduced the arrears as Daniel Raji forced two opponents off the ball just inside their own half before picking it up and running clear, planting the ball between the posts (Adam Kirkbright converted once again).

Despite the fact that Bethany were now dominating, Barcelona got a lucky break and scored again but our boys were not going to go down without a fight. Two tries followed in quick succession: the first, a further Daniel Raji try for a phenomenal hat trick, rapidly followed by Joshua Leaper scoring a remarkable solo try as he spotted the gap to evade six opponents and again plant the ball beneath the posts (following just a touch of showboating!). Adam Kirkbright converted both to set up a grandstand finish with the score at 26-33. The boys gave it everything but eventually the clock ran down without any further score but it was a truly magnificent finale.

Every single one of the boys can be immensely proud of their endeavours, both on and off the pitch, for the entire duration of the tour. The Year 13s very much led by example and will be sorely missed in future years, the Year 12s demonstrated that they will very much be an even greater force to be reckoned with next year, and the Year 11s earned the respect of all the older boys with some no-holds-barred displays as they undoubtedly came of age on this tour.

The full squad was:

Luke Shaw (club captain), James Lutch (match day captain), Ryan Askew, JJ Donegan, Ryan Griffiths, Joseph Holland, Joshua Leaper, Charlie Miller, Jack Whitaker, Daniel Yussuf (all Year 13), Tom Brown, Adam Kirkbright, Daniel Raji (all Year 12), Hamzah Atta, Harry Brushett, Steven Farrell, Henry Kirk, Matthew Page, Declan Sullivan, Adam Thompson, Oliver Tutt, David Williams (all Year 11).

A huge "well done" to each and every one of them.



STAFF MOVES



Dilys Coley

Dilys arrived at Bethany to teach English in September 2006. This role was quickly expanded to include Communications, Media Studies, Business Studies, in-class support and scribing... but not all at the same time! There is, however only one word to describe her time at Bethany and that is 'indispensable'. She was willing to turn her hand to anything and everything she was asked to do. Not only that, she seemed to take every new demand within her stride and to do it with professionalism and superb good will.

Dilys' final role within the School is perhaps her biggest and most daunting yet. She is currently writing a history of the School in order to provide a record of the last few decades, to coincide with its 150th anniversary.

Many people owe a huge debt to Dilys. Firstly, the pupils she guided and supported through their coursework will always be grateful to her for the time and effort she put into making sure that they secured the highest possible grades. There are also those staff members who she skilfully mentored and enthused through her expert knowledge and grasp of teaching. Heads of Department are also indebted to her for the way she mastered the teaching of courses new to her and did so with the minimum of help or support. Most of all the School owes her a debt for the total loyalty and professionalism that she has shown to Bethany over the last nine years. We will all miss her greatly and we wish her every happiness, following a long and successful career, for the next phase in her life.

Mr Tim Hart Dyke



Suzy Johnson

Suzy Johnson joined Bethany in September 2011, graduating from Nottingham University earlier in the year. Initially employed as Music Animateur and Administrator, Suzy instantly breathed new energy into lunchtime music activities and transformed the morale of visiting instrumental staff. It wasn't long before Suzy became involved in other aspects of School life, including School Productions, the Chaplaincy and many informal staff social events. Her natural ability as a teacher soon shone through and by the end of her first year she would confidently take over a lesson at a moment's notice.

In recognition of her developing teaching career, the School offered to fund Suzy on School Direct, taking over classroom teaching commitments as part of her training. This she did with enthusiasm, imagination and authority. The wide range of practical skills Suzy introduced was firmly grounded on good theory, presented in a way that meant something to the pupils. She also took on a Year 7/8 tutor group. So professional was her work from day one that staff regularly forgot she was still being guided through the course by Christchurch Canterbury University. The two year course concluded in June 2015 with Suzy obtaining PGCE and QTS. Suzy obtained the highest grading in all eight of the Teaching Standards, something rarely achieved in the School Direct process. We wish Suzy well as she goes to TWGGS in September.

Mr Gareth Stubberfield

Ed Lloyd

Ed joined Bethany in October 2013 ostensibly to assist the Business Studies department as a stepping stone towards becoming a trainee teacher, though he very quickly became heavily involved as an assistant in a number of other subjects.

In Business Studies he offered huge support, particularly to the Sixth Form Applied Business, while also acting as



a mentor and adviser to the Sixth Form Young Enterprise companies. However, business wasn't enough for Ed – during his two years he assisted in a wide range of science and maths lessons, coached junior football and managed a wide range of study support lessons for junior pupils. He also took on the onerous task of scribing and reading for individual pupils in GCSE and internal exams.

Ed became heavily involved in boarding, acting as an assistant in The Mount boarding House on numerous occasions, making sure the pupils are working effectively in prep sessions and helping at bedtimes.

He developed a real rapport with the pupils at Bethany, particularly those in the Sixth Form, whom he got to know well, and whom have much affection for him.

Outside School Ed enjoys the dubious pleasure of being a passionate Everton supporter, and he will no doubt spend all his money by going to some games next year as he moves to Edge Hill Teacher Training College in Ormskirk, just outside Liverpool. He plans to specialise in Business Studies, where he can demonstrate his considerable interest and knowledge of the subject and his great empathy with children. We wish him well.

Mr Gordon Thorpe

Charlie Marks

Charlie joined Bethany in September 2014 as a trainee Mathematics and Chemistry teacher, and the year that he was here he added so much more than this.

As for any trainee teacher, his first few lessons were cautious steps into the unknown but, as time went on, his confidence grew considerably, as did his teaching and classroom skills. By the end of his time at Bethany he had built up a real rapport with his classes who both respected and trusted him and his teaching ability. He proved himself to be particularly skilled when speaking to pupils one-to-one and could make tough concepts accessible to them with a calm, patient and encouraging manner.



Charlie also contributed immensely to the extra-curricular side of things in his short time at Bethany. He took on sound technician responsibilities at Bethany's Got Talent and joined the School orchestra to play saxophone for many events, including the production of Guys and Dolls, Speech Day and the Summer Concert.

I had the good fortune to accompany the Senior Rugby squad on the fantastic Barcelona tour last autumn and Charlie joined me and Mr Hughes as the third staff member and his contribution was significant. He very much took responsibility for the duties that were allocated to him and formed some great bonds with the boys; he was also a great source of entertainment at various times but I can't say too much about that: as the saying goes, what happens on tour stays on tour!!!

Charlie leaves us to take up the post of Mathematics Assistant and Boarding Assistant at Old Swinford Hospital where he will no doubt make a strong positive impact and will, I am sure, be successful in developing the skills necessary to take the next step in his career. We all wish him the very best of luck for the future.

Mr James Vickerman

Gwenael Mourey

Gwenael joined Bethany in 2010 as teacher of French and Assistant Housemaster in the Mount. He brought with him his own inimitable Gallic flair and ebullient enthusiasm. In Gwenael's time at Bethany he was twice resident in the Mount, and will in particular leave a legacy of 'fitness first'; his rowing competitions, introduction



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to Yoga and late evening exercise classes being hugely welcomed by the boarders. Gwenael also mentored two new members of staff and led French department overseas trips to Montpellier and Cannes. Gwenael leaves the British countryside to work in the bright lights of London. We wish him well as he takes up a teaching post at Bridge Academy.

Mr Anthony Khan

Peter Norgrove



Society frequently uses the word “legend” to describe particularly talented people and in the case of Peter Norgrove, it is thoroughly deserved.

Peter joined the Bethany staff as an aspirational young teacher in September 1979 and his boundless enthusiasm has remained intact down through the intervening 36 years. It is my firm belief that Peter Norgrove has been one of the best teachers that Bethany has ever had in its 150 year history.

Peter has held a variety of roles: Housemaster, teacher in charge of cricket and of course an inspirational Head of Art. He could be a hard task master, and for pupils a compliment from Peter was worth its weight in gold. Peter’s standards were incredibly high and this has meant that Bethany has produced some exceptional artists over the years.

Peter has a wonderful sense of humour and his ability to play with words is outstanding. Not only is he an artist, he is a poet and a raconteur. He was an incredibly popular member of staff both with colleagues and pupils because of his love of art, love of life and desire to help others. I shall miss Peter for many reasons: his encyclopedic knowledge of Bethany history; his ability to recall pupils’ names, deeds and misdeeds; his boundless enthusiasm for art; his excellence at photography; his wonderful sense of humour; and above all, his ability to bring out the best in those around him.

In 1989, Peter organised a cricket event which involved the 1st XI playing at each of the six national test grounds

within 24 hours to raise £5,000 for the BBC’s Children In Need, an incredible sum of money back then. The following year he organised a rugby festival with 30 local state and independent schools sending one representative to take part, raising an impressive £2,700, also for Children In Need.

Retirement nowadays no longer means stopping work, rather exchanging one role for another and Peter is starting a second career in professional photography. Given the excellence he applies to all that he does, I have no doubt that Peter will be the most sought-after photographer in Staplehurst.

As befits a person of Peter’s artistic genius and generosity of spirit, his final gift to the School was a three dimensional jigsaw with over three thousand pieces, each representing a former pupil. This takes pride of place in our recently renovated reception area and the front cover of this magazine and will be a permanent reminder of Peter’s ingenuity.

Our loss a Bethany is of course his wife Mandy’s gain. We wish them both a wonderful, active retirement.

Mr Francie Healy

Christine Price



Christine joined Bethany as a Learning Support Assistant in September 2006.

Christine began by working as in-class support over almost every subject. Over time this led onto supporting Maths and Science, where she was more at home with the class content. In the last couple of years the Maths department has benefited most from her assistance.

As well as in-class support, Christine was an effective one to one tutor for Sixth Form pupils. This role came about because she offered to spend time with a dyslexic pupil and her success spread word of mouth to other Sixth Formers, who then requested her support. They have greatly benefited from her calm, considered and thought provoking tutelage.

From one of her charges, 'Miss doesn't tell us the answer, but coaches us through so we can find the answer ourselves'. Important skills learnt for life through Christine's patient and intelligent contribution to their School lives.

Activities are a key part of life at Bethany School and Christine did not shy away from getting involved with pupils. Having been awarded colours from her university for ballroom dancing, Christine offered her expertise with the 'Strictly Come Dancing' activity for a while. Her degree in Textiles Design from Leeds University was used to great effect, along with her quilting activity which created gifts for Christmas, Easter and summer.

We will remember Christine for this ability to involve herself with pupils and her enthusiasm for life, her winning of the pumpkin competition and the numerous fancy dress outfits being examples. We wish Christine a happy and relaxing time.

Mrs Katie Harper

Dave Schooledge

Dave joined Bethany in September 2001 and started off teaching ICT and coaching rugby. He brought a lot of industry experience to his teaching and his pupils appreciated not only the content of his lessons but also the transferable skills learned in his classes. He also contributed a great deal to the Duke of Edinburgh Award and this contribution was officially recognised as he became the Award Manager in the School as well as the



Exams Officer in 2010. Dave took to these new roles with the same relish as he did his teaching role and it was not long before pupils were benefiting from fantastic expedition and training programmes.

In addition to UK expeditions, he also ran trips to New Zealand, South Africa, Chamonix and India. Dave ensured that the staff who volunteered to help him out with the expeditions were always well trained, fed and equipped. He

took good care of us while supporting us to get prepared for national exams too, and we will miss his cheery manner around exam season. We wish him the very best as he moves on to a retirement filled with yet more travelling and spending time with his family.

Mr Cliff Cooper

Natalie Stevens

Natalie arrived into the Medical Centre in 1999 after being appointed by the then Headmaster, Nick Dorey. In her 16 years she has been at the forefront of ensuring the health and well-being of hundreds of pupils, many of them boarders.



It is no coincidence that the provision of care offered by the Medical Centre has improved under the direction of Natalie, who has shown a determination to ensure the best possible care for every pupil who has gone through the School while she has been in charge. Natalie introduced counselling services into the Medical Centre, cardiac screening and the development of an inter-school liaison forum for local school nurses. She managed all this while maintaining her role as a nurse in HDU/ICU at The Conquest hospital.

Natalie has also been a valued member of the on-site community, offering care and support beyond her working hours. Generations of pupils and many other staff at Bethany have benefitted from Natalie's presence on site. Natalie spent many of her years living in the Medical Centre with her son Jonathan, who also made a significant contribution to the School community in his older years prior to leaving for Sandhurst and a career in the army.

Both Natalie and Jonathan leave with our best wishes for their futures and also with a sense of sadness. We wish Natalie well with her new venture in supporting patients post treatment in the HDU/ICU.

Mr Alan Sturrock



CHAPLAINCY

At Bethany we strive to give our pupils a good understanding of Christian values and encourage them to sort out disagreements swiftly, to choose honesty and integrity over perhaps, the easier option; not to take responsibility for our own actions.

Boarders Unite for Tunbridge Wells Youth Service

Once a month, pupils from the Bethany School boarding community are given the chance to go to the UNITE Youth Service held in Tunbridge Wells, to meet other young people from the town, enjoy a great live worship band, listen to an inspiring talk from one of the youth co-ordinators of a leading Christian charity, XLP, and participate in many of the prayer stations set up around the hall.

Several pupils dipped their feet in paint and walked their footprints across paper lining the floor as a mark of walking through life together, with each other and without prejudice. A great message, a superbly organised evening and great fun to be with so many new faces.

Prayer Meetings

Prayer Support Group Meeting are held in the Chaplaincy throughout the year. These are a fantastic opportunity for parents to meet one another and staff at the School, and also to discuss how as Christians we can best serve the School, the pupils and the community as a whole.

Boarders' Services

Each term, a Boarding House puts on a Chapel Service for the rest of the School.

The Orchard boarding community opened our year in their Chapel service with a well presented and interesting presentation of one of Jesus' parables 'The sower and the seed'. It speaks of life and faith and how we either

grow to be fruitful or are choked by the weeds which also grow around us. We have decisions to make about our lifestyle choices. Finding good soil and allowing God the Father to feed and water our lives will produce an abundant crop and we will be richly blessed by him. How easy it is to find ourselves on stony ground in life.

We were led beautifully by Nengi Wabote and Damilola Oyenekan in prayer to resolve to make this academic year one in which we allow God to feed and water our souls so that we might discover the blessings he has for us.

In January, the Pengelly boys focused on our Christian values. The Service kicked off in style with a stunning rendition of 10,000 Reasons, a firm favourite, sung at top volume from the balcony. An excellent and joyful way to show what it means to live with the principles Jesus demonstrated during His life. Everyone took part, and particularly enjoyable/hilarious was a video featuring Samuel Prescott and Oscar Guindi singing 'Love is an Open Door' from Frozen.

If we all lived by these principles and chose to act in love towards one another, our world would be a better place and peace between humans, countries, continents, governments and rulers could be a possibility.

Kendon House led us in an energetically charged Service in April, extolling the virtues and vices of gossiping. We are probably all guilty of being part of gossipy conversations it can actually improve morale and bring happiness. We learnt that it can strengthen the bonds formed within a group of friends and deepen relationships. Whatever comes out of your mouth, however, can hurt feelings and can't easily be retracted.

Guitar and piano accompanied hymns; well researched ideas were presented; an amusing video was shown and it was tied up at the end with beautiful prayers in different languages. The boys should be congratulated for their hard work in preparing such a thought-provoking and faith inspiring service to the boarding community at Bethany.

Annual Confirmation Service 2015

Bethany School was privileged to host its annual Confirmation Service on Sunday, during which three of our pupils, Akintunde Segun, Sophie Marland and Folahan Peters were confirmed by the Right Reverend, Trevor Willmott, Bishop of Dover.

As in previous years, the service was a beautiful celebration of the commitment the pupils have made in faith to follow Jesus Christ in their lives. This decision is contrary to society's current trend where it is more popular and easier to believe that we are in control of our lives rather than God. It sends a powerful message to others when someone makes a stand for their beliefs, and it was with pride that we were able to present these three pupils to the Bishop for Confirmation.

Do join with us in prayer for them over the coming months as they deepen their relationship with the living Christ and seek to serve Him both within the Bethany community, and with their family and friends.

Beautiful Baptism in Chapel for Son of Old Bethanian

On Sunday 18th January, one of our Old Bethanians, Christopher Forsyth, and his wife Simona, came with their family to celebrate the Baptism of their baby son, Maximillian. It was a great privilege to share in such an intimate service and Bethany School was proud to have the Chapel used for such an occasion.

Family journeyed from the Highlands and Slovakia to welcome baby Max into the Christian family. We are always so happy to see the positive effect that Bethany has had on so many peoples' lives and to welcome past pupils back.

Our congratulations and warmest wishes go to Christopher and Simona and we pray that God will bless you with wisdom as you bring Max up to love and know Christ.



Competitive Chapel

In first place, with a unanimous and resounding first place from all three judges and a total score of 281 points out of a possible 330 are... (10 second pause and drum roll)...

Roberts!

Congratulations to Roberts for an incredibly well thought out and presented Chapel Service. The judges were particularly impressed with the leadership shown by the House Captains, the involvement and obvious enjoyment shown by the participants and the engaging manner in which they led the service.

In second place with a grand total of 267 points was Kiplings. We were particularly impressed by the work and background research Christopher Threshie put in and his determination to do it – his message this week about the ‘Triumphal entry into Jerusalem’ was super and thought-provoking.

In third place, but still with an outstanding contribution, are Speakers. Their Chapel service was entertaining, full of facts and with many pupils taking part. They scored a maximum of ten for their knowledge of the bible story and had put a lot of effort into research about the resurrection of Lazarus.

This is not the easiest of competitions for the pupils. Many find it hard to speak publicly and others find reading a challenge, but those who took part were willing and enthusiastic. This gives our Bethany pupils the

opportunity to stand in confidence in front of their teachers and peers in an entirely different setting to the School classroom. Well done to everyone for taking part.

“Mission Possible” at Carroty Wood

This year we had an amazing weekend retreat at Carroty Wood. There is so much to do and experience, squeezed into such a short weekend. We have had many requests from the children to make it even longer.

Our theme for the weekend was Mission: Impossible. We had Tom Cruise plastered on the walls and had the theme tune blaring as a call to our M:I inspired talks. The idea behind the theme is that nothing is impossible for God, even though we may think it is or that He really isn’t there, or not listening. The truth is that He is always with us and that He has given us the Holy Spirit to increase our awareness of Him in our daily lives.

Whatever the 22 children from Bethany believe, they were certainly on a personal journey and some of the elements of Camp Rock enabled them to step out of their comfort zones and try things that challenged them, spiritually, emotionally and physically.

The weekend is a joy not only for the children but also for all the leaders. I would like to thank all those who gave up their weekend to be a part of our annual Chaplaincy weekend – without their input and help the weekend just wouldn’t be possible.



A special thanks also go to Devin Reilly, Suzy Johnson and Mim, our Australian Gap Assistant, for also rocking the camp. We will sorely miss Suzy next year as she starts her teaching career at TWGGS in September. Camp Rock won’t be the same without you.

Taize

I had the privilege of taking six Year 13 pupils to Burgundy, France to the Taize community. A blazingly hot week spent with approximately 2500 other young people from around the world sharing a unique experience together and an experience that will be repeated for years to come.

Mrs Caroline Turvey
Lay Chaplain



SPEECH DAY

Speech Day dawned a fine but slightly blustery day. The Leavers' Chapel Service took place first, and it was both a lovely occasion and a personal tribute to and from the Leavers for their time at the School. This was followed by the Friends Of Bethany School fair and the Leavers' lunch, both of which were enjoyed by all.

The Prize Giving and Speeches began at 2pm with a traditional fanfare and a rousing rendition of Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer. The welcome address was given by Andrew Pengelly, Chair of Governors. Mr Pengelly began by thanking everyone for their support, and said he was happy to report that Bethany is in good shape.



Mr Pengelly said that interest in Bethany is rapidly increasing locally, nationally, and internationally; and this is reflected in increasing pupil numbers. Exam results, including Value Added, remain good and we aim to make them even better through our newly formed Education Committee.

Finances remain good despite difficult economic circumstances and, as in previous years, we are heading for a healthy surplus to plough back into development projects including renovation of the Chapel, a new Sixth Form accommodation block attached to The Orchard, and the indoor swimming pool. The Chair recalled that building a new swimming pool had been high on the list of priorities for his father, Mr Kenneth Pengelly, when he became headmaster 67 years ago!

Mr Pengelly went to say that sadly this would be his last Speech Day, since he was standing down after having been a Governor for 30 years and Chairman for five. Mr Roger Stubbs, a former parent who has had three children educated at Bethany, will be his successor. Mr Stubbs has previously spent 30 years building Ipsos

Mori into one of the world's leading polling companies alongside Sir Robert Worcester.

Mr Pengelly finished by saying that he arrived at Bethany aged 6 in 1948 when his father was appointed Headmaster, when the School had just 110 boys, no girls, no Sixth Form, and very little money. Its continuous development has been overseen by a series of outstanding Headmasters and also a committed and effective Board of Governors.

Headmaster Mr Healy's speech focused on the importance of being oneself and the bravery it takes. He quoted John F Kennedy: "Conformity is the jailer of freedom and the enemy of growth".

Mr Healy said that the British educational system wants us to focus on rote learning at the expense of understanding, while at the very same time other educational systems yearn for the British model which allows for creative thought and freedom. We should, in fact, have an educational system that allows everyone to be themselves and to excel in their own areas of strength and expertise.

The government decrees that one set of subject combinations is better than another, he said, but we should start with the child. What is right for one child may not be right for another nor should it. Diversity is a strength of family life and indeed of British society, and we should cherish it and promote it not stifle it.

Individually we are all different and amazing in our own way. Some of us are too worried about what others think of us because in order to be truly happy, we have to know who we are and we need the space to become who we want to be. It is so

important in life to be yourself and to stay true to yourself.

Oscar Wilde said "Be yourself, everyone else is already taken."

To have an opinion, a style, a way of thinking and a defined character and personality is fantastic. Diversity is infinitely richer than sameness, it must be encouraged. There are many examples of great minds who dared to think differently and astonished the world: Marie Curie, Charles Darwin, Albert Einstein, Mahatma Ghandi, Nelson Mandela, Florence Nightingale, Mother Theresa, and of course Steve Jobs the founder of Apple. The world needs originality to progress.

Individuality is formed from committing mistakes and learning from them, from different kinds of experiences, from ideals and principles and, of course, from not jumping on the bandwagon. Individuality is an extraordinary quality which should be nurtured and promoted at every opportunity.

We also need a great degree of self-compassion. We give ourselves a hard time for things that we would be compassionate about in others but the simple truth is that no-one's perfect. Dwelling on our flaws makes it much harder to be happy. Learning to accept ourselves, and being kinder to ourselves when things go wrong, increases our enjoyment of life, our resilience and our well-being.

At Bethany, I believe that we focus on the individual and am very proud that we do that. Being an individual is great, being an individual is something to be proud of. Being happy and content in who you are provides you with an incredibly powerful state of well-being that will serve you so well in later life.





In conclusion, to follow the crowd is ok for mediocre people, but not for the ones who want to be respected and listened. Our existence is important; we shouldn't hide our personality, but use it to make the world a more interesting place to live in. So to all of you here today, take Judy Garland's advice and "be a first rate version of yourself, not a second rate version of someone else".

The Chief Guest for the day was legendary cricketer Mr Derek Underwood, who was welcomed to the podium by Mr Stubbs.

Mr Underwood began by wishing the Year 13 leavers well for the future and congratulating the prize winners. He continued by saying that his dream of becoming a cricketer began when the sports master at Dulwich Prep took him with a group of others to the Oval. His parents were horrified, but he knew that he would be happy.

Mr Underwood explained that his father had said that if he didn't make the grade with Kent by the time he was 21, he was to leave and go into business with him. Mr Underwood started playing for England shortly after his 21st birthday, touring the world. It wasn't easy, he recalls, touring for months at a time to Australia, New Zealand and India; spending so much time away from his family and living out of a suitcase. These are, however, memories he cherishes, because he lived his dream.

The Headmaster at Mr Underwood's school said, "I'm disappointed. But if you can be a good man I suppose that'll be okay. Oh, and get some runs, will you?"

In 2009, Mr Underwood was invited to become President of the MCC, a fantastic honour he could not refuse. It was an Australian year, which meant the Queen would be visiting Lords, and he would



be looking after her. The applause and cheering when the Queen was led onto the field of play was deafening, and he told the Queen it must be like scoring a double century.

The Queen replied, "You're dreaming, aren't you?"

Mr Underwood finished by thanking Mr Healy for the warm hospitality extended, and wished the School every success in the future.

The final speeches were given by Joint Heads of School, Luke Shaw and Jess Begg.

Luke began by saying that on behalf of the pupil body they would like to add heart-felt and collective thanks to Andrew Pengelly and his family for the incredible 67 years they have dedicated to Bethany, helping to make it a truly special place.

Luke continued by thanking Mr Underwood for such an interesting and inspirational speech and presented him with a token of appreciation.

Luke said that he began at Bethany as a "super confident, occasionally irksome, cheeky, chirpy, happy!", and that Bethany had moulded and shaped him into the person he is today – retaining his confidence and fine-tuning people centred skills. He said that as a Year 7 pupil listening to the speeches seven years ago, he could have never have imagined that he would one day be on the podium himself.

Luke said that Bethany has given him so many memories to cherish, as well as the confidence and support he needed to fulfil his academic potential and he couldn't have asked for more. Luke said that he found out that whether you thrive in academia, the arts, music or on the sports field Bethany will give you path to follow. If you

are willing to apply yourself 100% during your time at Bethany you will find many a dedicated teacher who will delight in your progress and success and help you reach your full potential.

Luke finished by saying that he would like to thank every member of staff for their willingness to go the extra mile and for inspiring pupils to believe in themselves and work harder. He thanked the prefect team for their help and support and his parents for everything they had done for him, and giving him the opportunity to come to Bethany. He concluded, "I would like to think this was the best investment you've ever made!"

Jess moved to Bethany in Year 12 and says that it was the right place for her because the School believes in the development of the whole person both inside and outside the classroom.

The vast amount of opportunities available have made her who she is today and she could not have made a better choice elsewhere. In the relatively short time Jess has spent at Bethany, she said she has learnt so much and feels ready to take on the world.

One of the opportunities that completely changed her life for the better going on the trip to Nepal, alongside Luke. This broadened their knowledge of the world and made them realise just how lucky we are to have such privileges that we take for granted.

Jess concluded by thanking all the staff, both teaching and non teaching, for making Bethany the wonderful place it is. She and Luke valued the support and encouragement they received as Heads of School. Jess also thanked her parents for giving her the opportunity to change schools, gain a whole new range of skills and make lifelong friends and lasting memories.



CHARITY WORK

Charity Run

A beautiful, sunny day dawned on 31st August for Bethany School's inaugural charity run, raising funds of behalf of local children's charity Dandelion Time. Nearly 60 runners arrived to take part, plus a number of youngsters for the children's dash. The bouncy castle was very popular too, and FOBS put on a wonderful display of refreshments.

We are planning to host the run on an annual basis, so look out for information on next year's event!

Alexandra Tate's Hair-Raising Fund Raising

Here at Bethany, we are constantly surprised and filled with pride at the lengths our pupils will go to for the well-being of others - 19 inches to be precise! Congratulations to Alexandra Tate, Year 12, who bravely cut this length off her hair to raise money for charity - an astounding £1,625.96.



Sponsored Keepie-Uppies Raise Hundreds for Charity

Not to be outdone, Lower Sixth pupil Kipp Popert raised hundreds of pounds for Scope, a charity that aims to create equal opportunities for people with disabilities. Kipp was unable to take part in the Charity Walk, so instead used his masterful skills with a golf club to raise money instead. It comes as no surprise - Kipp has watched golf from the age of just six months, and has been playing since he was two.

On stage, in front of the whole School, Kipp performed "keepie-uppies" using a golf club and ball, breaking his personal best of around 300 with such success that he had to be stopped at 1001. Great news for Scope, but not so great for those who sponsored Kipp on a 'per bounce' basis!

We are thrilled at the charitable nature of our pupils here at Bethany School, who keep astounding us with their generosity and creative ways to raise money. Thank you to Kipp and everyone who sponsored him!

Whole School Charity Walk

Year 9

The walk around Bewl Reservoir was a great success and all pupils made it round the whole course, 12.5 miles, as did the staff! We started at the Bull Public House at Three Legged Cross, completing a circuit of the reservoir via the Visitor's Centre, where the whole group stopped for lunch.

A few pupils got blisters, but all completed the walk in great spirits.

Year 10

Knowing that, traditionally, the Year 10 pupils tend to walk quite fast on their annual Charity Walk around Bethany's local towns and villages, it was decided to let them have a bit of relaxation time before departure so as not to finish too early; the vast majority opted to play football for an hour in the Sports Hall. Little did they realise how energy sapping the walk to Angley Wood near Cranbrook, via Colliers Green, and onto Goudhurst and back would be, especially in the unseasonably warm mid-September sunshine!!!

The group set off around 10am in good spirits and with a spring in their step, especially as it hadn't dawned

on them yet that the easy steep downhill departure from School would inevitably lead to a not-so-easy steep uphill return. It was at about 10.05am that the first query came: "When's lunch?" Once it had been established (several times) that lunch was a good couple of hours away the sweets came out (generously shared around by all) and everyone was happy again.

The route took us through fields and woodland, up and down dale, along (one or two quiet) highways and byways, and eventually led us to our idyllic lunchtime setting in a leafy glade in the heart of Angley Woods where the pupils unwound for a little while.

The second leg of the journey proved to be a little tougher as the sunshine beat down on everyone as we walked through several miles worth of agricultural land; the heat was truly energy sapping and the footballers from earlier in the day were starting to regret their decision now! However, after a slightly longer rest break in Goudhurst, the final leg of the walk back to School passed without incident and there was a genuine sense of achievement: ten miles may not have been the longest walk of all time but the hilly and rough terrain, not to mention the hot weather, had made things just that little bit trickier.

Year 11

The Year 11 Charity walk took place in Mote Park, Maidstone, where the pupils started walking at different times around the park. It was a beautiful day and the pupils were in high spirits. A significant number of the Year 11 group have experience with DofE, therefore they were organised and set off at a good pace.

The walk consisted of two laps of Mote Park, then a lunch break, followed by an orienteering course around the park. Because of the competitive nature of the tutor groups the pupils pushed themselves hard and finished the morning session early, ready for their lunch. The afternoon session

started with the same competitive theme, with the tutor groups racing around Mote Park finding answers to different orienteering questions.

Sixth Form

The Sixth Form tutors worked hard to make sure that everything was in place. Risk assessments, permission slips, first aid kits, emergency contact numbers and a suitable stop for lunch. The fact that all tutors chose a pub for lunch (no alcohol allowed) and negotiated a good discount meant that all Sixth Formers were kept happy and motivated throughout the walk! The weather was superb, the twelve miles covered in good time and everyone arrived back safely. All Sixth Formers are now busily collecting their sponsorship money in, and this will go to charities chosen by their tutor groups.

The whole day was a huge success with all of the pupils working hard for their chosen charities. Thank you to all of the staff who helped with the walk as well as the pupils who behaved impeccably. A big thank you go to the tutors for organising a grand day out.



Matthew Page and Ross Banham presented a cheque of £400 to the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance Trust. The money was raised by Pengelly through the School Walk, and we hope that it will help the trust in their vital, life-saving work.

Christmas Shoeboxes Dispatched to Kosovo

Christmas Shoeboxes were packed up and sent to Smile International's

Christmas Campaign to bring love to children across the world in a box. Bethany pupils were encouraged to find suitable presents to put in a wrapped shoebox, which will be given to children who would otherwise receive nothing as they live in situations of extreme poverty.

A total of 81 boxes winged their way to the warehouse in Orpington before their final journey to Kosovo and Sri Lanka on 29th November. Thank you to every pupil and family who took part and thoughtfully created this gift.

Sixth Form go to Regal Efforts for the Royal Marsden



Lower Sixth pupil Louis Beneventi proudly presented a cheque for £358.91 to Janet Tobin at The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity. The money collected represents sponsorship raised by three Sixth Form tutor groups: Mrs Healy's, Mr Norman's and Miss Nixon's, following the School's Charity Day which took place in September.

Louis has a personal attachment to the charity as he lost his mother to cancer in 2004 and the whole family received much-needed support from The Royal Marsden at that time.

CHARITY WORK

Red Nose Day Sees Pupils Dress 'Funny for Money'



All the pupils and staff at School enjoyed a fundraising day on Friday 13th March, raising over £1300 for Comic Relief. Fancy dress was required and many joined in by 'wearing something funny for money'. This was won by Aaron Monk (Speakers) who came as Donkey Kong in a kart made by himself. In second place was David Melville (Kiplings) who was green from head to foot as a dinosaur and third was Alexander

Wareham (Roberts) who wore his entire uniform back to front, including the trousers! The staff prize went to Dr Marks who dressed as the Tardis, also made by himself.

Money was raised in many ways: the catering staff sold Red Nose cakes and cookies, pupils donated money for non-uniform and staff paid for delicious cakes made by Miss Brown. Of course the dramatic voting for "Dunk a Teacher" was always popular: once again teaching staff Miss Leach, Mr Coupland, Mr Cooper and Kelly, part of the catering team, were really good sports in allowing cold, wet sponges to be thrown at them.

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

Choral Performances

Members of the Bethany Choral Society and our friends from Brenchley Choral Society raised £1200 over two days of performances. On Red Nose Day, we had a "Come and Sing" performance of Faure's Requiem in the Function Suite. Ably accompanied by Goudhurst's organist Jeffrey Grey, intrepid pupils and our guests worked



from the solemnity of the opening Requiem through to the delights of Agnus Dei and In Paradisum. Led by Mr Stubberfield, the group demonstrated how easy it is to sing in Latin. Emily Bristow, shortly going on to Trinity Music College, sang the Pie Jesu solo with beautiful shape and feeling. The retiring collection raised £200 for Comic Relief.

The following day members of both groups were in action at Brenchley Parish Church, performing this time with an orchestra. We were able to enjoy slower tempi with the aid of added sonority, and we had a full House in the church to listen in the evening. William Scott, a past pupil who is currently studying at the Royal College of Music, stunned us yet again with a wonderful sequence of classical guitar pieces. Ticket sales more than covered the cost of the evening, allowing Brenchley Choral Society to donate £1000 to local charities.





Construction Begins on New Indoor Swimming Pool

The diggers rolled in for the first time on Monday 24th November, breaking the turf to commence construction on the long-awaited new indoor swimming pool. The build is expected to be completed in February 2016. The pool is a fantastic addition to the School's already comprehensive facilities, continuing the ambitious series of building projects Bethany has pursued in recent years.

Swimming is an important skill and is accessible to pupils of all abilities. Pupils will be able to use the facilities



all year round, boosting potential within the sports and PE curriculum and broadening the variety of activities for pupils to enjoy, all in a more private setting than the current outdoor pool. We look forward to being able to introduce courses that teach lifesaving and personal survival skills, alongside new sporting activities such as water polo.

We're all very excited about it, and hope you are too!

Reception Transformed

Over the Easter holiday the Reception area at Bethany underwent a stunning transformation. No longer is Mrs Vince peering through a hatch to



greet visitors - instead we have a large, modern space that is not only much more inviting, but a great place to showcase some of the brilliant artwork produced by our pupils. If you haven't seen the new Reception, be sure to pop in and see what all the fuss is about. It really is hard to believe that you're in the same place.

A Brighter Chapel

Finally, the Chapel has been 'brightened-up', quite literally, as new lights and wiring were installed in the summer. The dark blue walls gave way to a lovely, sunny yellow to create a lighter, more inspiring atmosphere. Mrs Turvey is delighted with the transformation, as are we all.



FRIENDS OF BETHANY SCHOOL

Once again it is time to put pen to paper or should I say fingers to keys. FOBS have had a fabulous year, raising funds and allowing parents who wouldn't get a chance to meet and to socialise together.



Working alongside the Headmaster, FOBS supports the many School events throughout the year, whilst hosting a number of its own. With funds raised this year FOBS have continued to add to the swimming pool fund, whilst also sponsoring the Sixth Form photography competition. FOBS has also been delighted to contribute to the renovation of Phoebe's Memorial Garden, a peaceful place for pupils and

staff to sit and reflect, which has been undertaken by Maggy Fillery.

The ever popular Fish and Chip Quiz Night, where Graham White, who is the perfect quiz master, sets the questions and test the knowledge of Bethany parents. Thank you Graham!

There were many winners on Race Night with myself being one of them. Peter Askew ran the tote with his wealth of racing knowledge, while once again leading his team to victory. Thank you Peter!

Speech Day, was once again troubled with unsettled weather, but as usual with perseverance from both stallholders and parents, fun was had by all. The gladiator ring once again provided so much fun and competition it has already been booked for next year.

This year introduced a new event for FOBS, the Summer BBQ. It was a glorious evening on the Headmaster's Lawn with the beer flowing and the smell of the BBQ sizzling away. KAM Jazz, a group of young musicians from the Kent Academy of Music, added to the convivial ambience by filling the air with wonderful jazz tunes. The group

included two of Bethany's own pupils, Emily and Abi Bristow. I'm pleased to say that the evening was such a success that the merriment went on late into the night.

A few goodbyes! It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to two of our most dedicated team, Sally White who has been secretary to FOBS for the last few years and Claire Brett. Thank you ladies for always stepping up to whatever the challenge. We also say goodbye to Nikki James, who has balanced the FOBS accounts over the last two years. Thank you Nikki!

I would like to thank my team of ladies who have worked tirelessly to make every event successful. I would also like to thank Diane Vince for the support she provides to FOBS and to Brian Chapman and the maintenance team who work tirelessly behind the scenes at every event. A final thank you to the parents of Bethany for supporting FOBS over the last year. Seeing the enjoyment each event bring makes it all worthwhile.

Jacqui Griffiths

Chair



THE BETHANIANS' SOCIETY



iPads for Year 7

Once again this year, The Bethanians' Society proudly presented each pupil in Year 7 with their own brand new iPad and protective cover.

Mr Roger Kimber, President of the Society from 2012-2014, explained to the pupils that The Bethanians' Society was keen to help each of them with their studies and was therefore delighted to be able to give them a great tool to do so - and perhaps to show the teachers some features they might not know!

We would like to thank The Bethanians' Society for their amazingly kind generosity.

The Catling Award

The recipients of the Catling Award 2014 were presented with their award letters in the final assembly of the term. Needless to say they were all very happy. Amy Tucker will use the very generous sum to fund a month working in a hospital in a developing

country, Luke Shaw will use it to fund his trip to South America and work in an orphanage and Alex Truelove will use it to work on a marine conservation project.

Once again our gratitude must go to The Old Bethanians for running the Trust and, in particular, to Nigel Petrie, Chris Fisher and Paul Holmes who gave up their time to come and interview the candidates.

Reunion Day

What an excellent day Saturday 21st June turned out to be as we celebrated another Speech - for us, Reunion - Day at Bethany. It was really good to see so many familiar faces mingling with the more recent School leavers who represent the future of The Bethanian Society.

President's Annual Dinner

For the fourth time in as many years, the annual dinner was held at Bethany. For the first time, however, we dined in the Function Suite, giving us heaps of space to mingle. There is no doubt that the School puts on an excellent spread and this year was no exception. We even opted for a four course meal to include a cheese platter to accompany coffee and mints and after dinner chat. The event is always a great opportunity to catch up with old friends in a relaxed atmosphere and that is exactly what this venue provided this year. Plus there was the added bonus of President Nick Randell's quiz...

Three rounds plus a table quiz fitted quite nicely in between courses. Each table of eight chose a team name and battled with

questions on general knowledge, sports and Bethany. Hats off to Nick, who organised the quiz, as the questions were good and some were quite challenging. The winning team? Had to be Nick's table!! A fix? Possibly, but he was not taking part himself so we forgive him.

Standing from behind his lecturn, President's gong hanging proudly around his neck, Nick spoke about his pride at being President and how much he was looking forward to the year ahead and especially the planning for Bethany's 150 year anniversary celebrations in 2016. He thanked the School alumni team, especially Mrs Andrea Discombe and Mrs Maggy Fillery for their tremendous help throughout the year and for organising such a splendid evening. The Deputy Headmaster, Mr Steve Winter, gave a speech in the absence of Mr Francie Healy and spoke about his desire to help get off the ground a careers evening, something that we have been striving to do for a while.

All in all a thoroughly enjoyable evening with good food and friendly spirit. I just wish that we can get the balance right when ordering the correct amount of drinks - last year we had to rush out to get more wine whereas this year we had too much!!

20 Club Dinner

The 20 Club, an invitation dinner for fine dining and conversation, is limited to 20-29 guests and is usually held in a London club. This year was no exception, held once again at the Oriental Club off Oxford Street on 10th April 2015, where we were hosted by fellow Old Bethanian David Organ. The Library was a particularly attractive setting for this occasion once again. Next year, in the celebration year, we will be at the East India Club and will be inviting 40 members for a similar, impressive dinner round one boardroom table where we are asked to move between courses and get to chat to all attending. Our special guests will be Francie Healy and also Roger Stubbs, the new Chairman of Governors. It will be another special Bethany evening.

The Archives

A school surviving for 150 years is unusual these days and Bethany is fortunate to have been able to safely keep years of fascinating material which is being made digital and is now available up to the 1980s.



2014 PRIZES & AWARDS

THE J.J KENDON PRIZE *for Effort*

YEAR 7 Leila Davison
YEAR 8 Fenn Piper
YEAR 9 Maria-Bisila Dougan
YEAR 10 Kaitie Ford
YEAR 11 Lizzie Stuart

THE KILBY PRIZE *for Junior Art* Preye Wabote

THE DOUGLAS PRIZE *for Senior Art* Laura Graham

THE TEXTILES PRIZE Gabriel Walker

THE MICHAEL WILLIAMS PHOTOGRAPHY CUP AND PRIZE Boris Pevzner

THE STOBART PRIZE *for Business Studies* Charlie Oliver

THE HOOPER'S APPLIED BUSINESS STUDIES PRIZE Luke Shaw

THE YOUNG ENTERPRISE ACHIEVER OF THE YEAR Nat Pearson

THE NOTLEY PRIZE *for Craft and Design* David Coupe

THE SAMUAL KENDON PRIZE *for Craft and Design* Ryan Griffiths

THE BREACH PRIZE *for Innovation* Kipp Popert

THE FOOD TECHNOLOGY SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT PRIZE Maddy Todd

THE SENIOR FOOD TECHNOLOGY PRIZE Eleanor Firth

THE MASTER CHEF WINNER Emily Raj

THE ROCHE PRIZE *for Drama* Jack Wood

THE JUNIOR DRAMA PRIZE James Clarke

THE CHELMSFORD HALL CUP AND PRIZE *(Junior Pupil who has made the most progress and given the most effort in learning support)* Natalie Whyte

THE HELEN MEMORIAL CUP AND PRIZE *(Senior Pupil who has made the most progress and given the most effort in learning support)* Samuel Robinson

THE MCLAREN ENGLISH PRIZE Luke Hosking

THE JUNIOR ENGLISH PRIZE Tireni Odubiyi

THE HUNTER ESSAY PRIZE Isobel Sherlock

THE ADLER C.A.R.E. PRIZE Natalie Ward

THE HENRY HOWARD PUBLIC SPEAKING PRIZE Darius Mirsadeghi

THE SENIOR MEDIA PRIZE Jack Maynard

GCSE MEDIA PRIZE Rebecca Spouge

THE EAL PRIZE Merrick Wong

THE MICHAEL DALZIEL GEOGRAPHY PRIZE *GCSE* Kelvin Chan

THE HUMPHREY MAXWELL MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE *Senior Geography* Casper Gill

THE ROGER KIMBER PRIZE FOR EFFORT *A level Geography* Sophie Lowther

THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE *Junior History Prize* George Knight *Senior History Prize* Jack Maynard

THE KELLY POLITICS PRIZE Joshua Burford

THE LORD STAMP MEMORIAL PRIZE *GCSE Mathematics* Leon Li *A level Mathematics* Lillian Lee

THE MASON PRIZE *for French* Connor Knapp

THE SPANISH PRIZE Charlie Carpenter

THE FINCHAM CUP *for Strings* Dorothy Beales

THE GARDNER CUP AND PRIZE *for Guitar* Rowan Parker-Renwick

THE HALL PRIZE *for the Highest Music Grade* Lizzie Stuart

THE LUSTED PRIZE *for Woodwind* Rae Franklin

THE CHRISTOPHER MONEY CHORISTERS CUP AND PRIZE Bethany D'Rosario

THE MUSIC PRIZE *for Progress* James Clarke

THE JAMES MORRISSEY-CROUCH MUSIC AWARD Jessie Daubeney

THE PRIZE FOR BRASS Emily Bristow

THE THORNTON PRIZE George Knight

THE JAMES HALL MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR RELIGIOUS STUDIES *GCSE* Jessie Daubeney

A level Joshua Burford

THE BIOLOGY PRIZE *GCSE* Henry Sylow

A level Hannah Marsden

THE CHEMISTRY PRIZE *for GCSE* Henry Sylow

THE CHEMISTRY PRIZE *for A level* Amy Tucker

THE PHYSICS PRIZE *for GCSE* Oliver Craggs

THE PHYSICS PRIZE *for A level* Jack Whitaker

THE STAMPER PRIZE Dorothy Beales

THE MAYNARD PRIZE *for the best GCSEs* Seav Meng Ing

THE POWELL CUP *for Junior Sportsman* Folahan Peters

THE TENNIS SHIELD Christopher Threshie

THE JUNIOR SPORTSWOMAN Isabel Petts

THE ROY FARQUARSON TROPHY *for Senior Sportsman* James Lauth

THE PIPPA BLACKMAN TROPHY *for excellence in academic PE* Joseph Holland

SENIOR SPORTSWOMAN Antonia Brattle

THE ANTHONY CLARKE MEMORIAL TROPHY *for courage* Joseph Holland

DUKE OF EDINBURGH GOLD WINNERS Ryan Askew, Thomas Billson, Antonia Brattle, JJ Donegan, Harry Graham, Ryan Griffiths, Joseph Holland, James Lauth, Hannah Marsden, Luke Shaw, Christopher Threshie, Christopher Urie, Gabriel Walker

THE RICHARD ASHLIN PRIZE *middle school – for kindness shown to others* Emily Raj

CHALLENGE PRIZE Alex Truelove

THE ROBERT COUPLAND PRIZE *for academic and social progress* Joy Ojewumi

THE FENECH CUP *for compassion and consideration* Harry Graham

THE ALEX MARKS TROPHY *for endeavour* Emily Bristow

THE TIMOTHY SEDGEWICK CUP *for courage in the face of adversity* Connie Dervish-Hussein

THE ROSS TURNBULL PRIZE *for service to the community* Christopher Threshie

THE JESSEL SHIELD *for the winning House* Kiplings

THE EDWARD HAYWARD MEMORIAL PRIZE *Heads of School* Jess Begg Luke Shaw



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