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# Headmaster's Welcome



**Mr Francie Healy**  
Headmaster

I hope you enjoy reading our annual magazine and I am grateful for the opportunity it gives me to reflect on what has been another busy and successful year.

The year started off with our new boarders arriving at Bethany a few days earlier than everyone else, and this once again

proved very successful. This meant that all pupils were able to start with the same levels of energy on Monday 5th September.

A couple of weeks into term, one of our former pupils Nat Pearson, who had only left in the previous summer, gave an authoritative and passionate account of his recent trip to the West Bank. This was partially sponsored by the Skene Catling Trust which helps pupils with their travels provided there is a charitable purpose to some of it.

Our annual Charity Walk Day was another great success in spite of the occasional inclement weather. Once again thousands of pounds were raised by our pupils for various good causes and I am delighted to report that once again they observed every aspect of the country code as they walked through the countryside.

The Meet the Tutors evening at the end of September was a very positive event, it is always humbling to hear such positive commentary about how well our new pupils have settled in to Bethany.

On Friday 7th October the Bethany Network hosted a Careers fair which was an outstanding success. Our Sixth Formers got a great deal of information from the many companies and former pupils who were able to give pupils first-hand accounts of various careers. This was followed by a superb drinks reception for all members of the Bethany Network, which included local businesses and neighbours as well. October half term was a busy one for many of our pupils. Our Gold DofE

candidates completed their expedition; our rugby players travelled to Spain and our Taiwanese exchange pupils took part in our annual exchange programme.

I travelled to Moscow, St Petersburg, Hong Kong and five cities in China as part of my annual overseas pupil recruitment tour. It was strange to see the embalmed body of Vladimir Lenin, in the Moscow mausoleum, so well preserved, although he died in 1924 some 92 years ago. I also had the pleasure of attending an Opera at the Bolshoi theatre. Mr and Mrs Bristow, parents of James in Year 10, were wonderful hosts and I am very grateful to them for the superb hospitality they showed me whilst I was in Moscow.

In the Far East, I also took the opportunity to talk to some parents about the progress of their children and this is the aspect of my overseas trips that I enjoy the most. Last year was also the first time we had a two-week break during October half term and this was such a success that we will now make this a normal annual event as our pupils and staff do need the rest in the middle of the longest term.

One of our former pupils Aaron Sidwell, who played the character Steven Beale in the soap opera EastEnders, visited Bethany on Wednesday 23rd November and I was grateful to him for agreeing to be interviewed by me. He had a rapt audience and the number of questions at the end was testimony to the level of interest he generated in our pupils and parent body. Aaron was a Bethany pupil from 2000 to 2005, he came across wonderfully well and it is great to see such a sensible young man with both feet firmly on the ground.

Towards the end of the autumn term we opened our indoor swimming pool and fitness facilities to our parents and to date a handful of you have been using them. I hope that more of you will use these facilities, as a healthy mind and a healthy body go hand-in-hand.

Another highlight for me, was that on December 1st I decided to support one of our Year 8 pupils, Max Brown, in his efforts to raise money for the charity Centrepont. Max agreed to wear shorts for a year and he was sponsored to do so. As the day dawned, I was somewhat



disheartened to realise that the temperature was -3°C, but I braved the elements and showed my knees to the world! The upshot of all of this is that over £3000 was raised for the charity and great credit is due to Max for his excellent leadership of this charitable endeavour.

On Saturday 3rd December, the inaugural Anthony Clarke memorial rugby match took place and it was played in the best of spirits with Tunbridge Wells gaining a narrow win.

As usual, our end of term Carol Service at Cranbrook Church was a very moving affair and captured the season of goodwill wonderfully well.

The month of February was dominated by our annual School production of 'The Little Shop of Horrors'. All the people involved in the production both on and off the stage performed brilliantly, and each of the three shows was outstanding.

Our Open Morning in February was also attended by a record number of visitors, and I remain entirely grateful to all of you for spreading the good word about Bethany. During the February half term break our artistic pupils travelled to Copenhagen and our skiers went to France. Once again I remain greatly indebted to our vocational staff who make this possible. Our annual Festival of Scholars event which took place in late February was awe inspiring. The confidence and eloquence of our scholars is second to none and I felt privileged to be in their company.

The annual FOBS sponsored Fish and Chips quiz night in early March was another great success and our Bethany parents are becoming noted for the breadth of their knowledge as well as their ability to drink alcohol! Plenty of good humour and laughter abounded as usual.

Bethany is developing an increasing reputation within STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths), and this year I was delighted that one of our Year 12 pupils, Sean Evelegh, won a prize at the Big Bang Exhibition in Birmingham in March. This month also saw Bethany host the inaugural Bethany Sports Dinner Awards. The guest of honour, Hannah Russell, spoke exceedingly well and achieved so much as a Paralympian at the tender age of 20. It was also great to see our most able sports men and women receive their due accolades.

I was delighted that the Young Enterprise company, 'Black Panther', demolished all before them at their area heat, receiving four of the six awards, and went on to compete in the County final.

As ever, our Sixth Form Leavers Ball was another outstanding success. Every year I feel increasingly ancient as the parent body gets younger and younger. I was very impressed with the dancing ability of our parents and sobriety of our pupils. It was a wonderful atmosphere

and a great time was had by all. May also saw us host the Boarders' Barbecue at my residence, The Firs. With so many children spending so much time with electronic gadgets it was great to see them play frisbee, football, jump up and down on the trampoline, and interact with each other in an electronic free environment.

The annual Staff vs Leavers Football match was again a very keenly contested spectacle. It was played in a good sporting and competitive manner and staff were very confident given that they had won it for the two previous years, but this year saw the leavers deservedly win it with the score line of 6-2.

For the first time this year we had an Art, Photography, Textile and Design & Technology Exhibition which showcased our superb works of arts and craft and it was great to see such exceptional talent on show receive the recognition it was due.

Our annual Speech Day, Leavers Day and TBS Reunion Day was most enjoyable. It was very obvious that our Year 13 pupils and their respective parents were genuinely sad to be leaving Bethany. It was also clear to me that many of the parents had formed strong friendships with each other and I hope that these bonds will be maintained post Bethany.

The summer term finished off with our junior school production of 'The Jungle Book' and this was performed to rave reviews on Thursday 29th and Friday 30th June. It was the most professional performance by our junior pupils for some time and our very own Mr Hughes willingly took an active part on stage. It is clear that, although his performance was very good, he wisely chose teaching as a profession!

The A level and GCSE examinations were some of the best we ever had as a School. Our Sixth Form pupils went to their preferred universities and for those who wished to enter employment, they secured their chosen career entry points. Our GCSE results were particularly good with many pupils achieving the top grades and once again our overall pass rate considerably above the national average although the academic profile of the year group reflected national norms.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Governors who give so generously with their time. They are like critical friends and they challenge and support as the occasion demands. I realise in talking with other Headmasters that I am most fortunate indeed to have such wonderful supportive and valued parent body.

Finally, I would like to finish by thanking our Marketing Manager, Mrs Ginnie Corbett, for coordinating this production and putting in long hours to ensure that we have an accurate record of the last 12 months.







# KENDON

Number of pupils: 57



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**Heads of House:**  
**Seav Chhuon Ing**  
**Klyde Moradeyo**

“After four brilliant years in Kendon, as co-Head of House this year I’ve really understood the true spirit of being part of this amazing House. Moving on next year I’ll be very sad to leave it behind but will have some great memories to take with me, particularly of all the different people I’ve met over the years.

“I will never forget all of our fantastic meals out, trying out new cuisines every term. I’ve now tasted loads of different foods from all over the world that I’d never had before, and it’s great to have done it in the company of friends. I’ve also thoroughly enjoyed all the events that Mr and Dr Vickerman have provided, such as the floodlit





go-karting, the bubble football, the inflatable laser tag and all the Easter egg hunts, to name a few.

“As joint Head of House with Klyde, I have learnt some vital leadership skills such as responsibility and reliability, and I realise how important manners and politeness are. Being able to act as a role model for the younger boarders has been very important. I was also able to develop some of these skills when helping to run evening prep, and when helping the younger Kendonians solve problems.

“All of the Monitors are very sad to leave the Kendon community next year. This is because everyone in the House, both staff and pupils, make such a wonderful atmosphere that anyone would want to remain part of. Without the enormous support we get from Mr and Dr Vickerman, and all of the House staff, we wouldn’t have made all these unforgettable memories.”

**Seav Chhuon Ing (Co-Head of House)**

“Kendon House has presented me with a vast range of opportunities to grow as an individual and, as joint Head of House this year, as a leader. My six year journey in Kendon has been a hugely enjoyable experience and, thanks to the constantly supportive community in Kendon, it has provided me with many essential skills that I will use in the future.

“The start of the year was exciting, as all the Kendonians, new and old, returned to the house for the new school year. These people contributed to making this year the best in Kendon for me, and it was one in which the friendships that I have developed over my six years in Kendon were further strengthened. Additionally the new boarders who joined us added to the family environment and very much developed their Kendonian spirit as the year went by.

“The highlight of my year in Kendon has to be the Kendon vs Pengelly

football match. Kendon retained the Hollman Cup for the third year running with a stunning 5-0 victory. As an inexperienced footballer, to assist the first goal of the game gave me great joy and it was another memory to add to the countless other happy ones of my time in Kendon.

“Chhuon, my co-Head of House, the House Monitors, and I are all very sad to leave Kendon but I am extremely glad to have been part of the best House in the School and I look forward to seeing it continue to flourish next year. I also wish next year’s Head of House and House Monitors the best of luck as they get the opportunity to play a major role in such an incredible and unique house. I would also like to give heartfelt thanks to Mr and Dr Vickerman, Mr Smith, Mr Thomas, Karen, Kevin and everyone in Kendon as they have all taught me valuable life lessons that I will always remember.”

**Klyde Moradeyo (Co-Head of House)**







# THE MOUNT

Number of pupils: 45



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“ For a community to be whole and healthy, it must be based on people’s love, respect, tolerance and concern for each other. ”

**Head of House:**  
**Sean Eveleigh**

**House Officials:**  
**Alvin Kan,**  
**Victor Poulain,**  
**James Cox,**  
**Kenneth Ling,**  
**Jeremy Chan**

“What a year it’s been in The Mount! Four new Year 7 boys (Ole Gemmer, Will Garner Hutton, Jake Taylor and Louis Binfield) started as boarders. Paul Emasealu, Haytham Qarajouli, Sunny Jiang and David Chan, from Year Groups 8 and 9, also joined us, making a virtually full boarding house, which ensured a great community atmosphere.

“This community spirit really showed in this year’s Mount Boarders’ chapel, where our chosen theme was ‘Respect’. We made several amusing videos ourselves (unlike other boarding houses which show YouTube videos in their services...), the video topics were: “race





to the chapel" (which was shot with Alvin Kan's amazing drone), "who we respect" and "the community and good times we have in The Mount". Probably the most enjoyable video to produce was "life in The Mount", in which, somehow, we managed to persuade Mr Booth (Assistant Housemaster) to run around the whole house "high fiving" everyone he saw! I won't mention how many takes it took to get right, but we had a brilliant time filming it and everyone in the chapel watching it, loved it!

"It was perhaps superseded only by The Mount Mannequin Challenge, which quickly got many views on social media.

"Earlier in the year, the whole of The Mount went out for our Christmas trip to Gravity (which is basically a warehouse with wall-to-wall trampolines) then on to Buddha Belly (an all-you-can-eat Asian buffet –

now officially The Mount's favourite restaurant). Everyone loved the trip and agreed it was the best Mount Trip we had ever been on. It was great to have all the teachers and tutors there as well. One stand-out moment was when Mr Reilly started to run up the walls, doing backflips everywhere. It was very entertaining to watch.

"Other trips included a trip to the cinema, the monitors' Christmas meal at a local traditional pub, an evening by the seaside in Hastings and a walk around Bedgebury.

"We were delighted to all take part in our charities day, subsequently making donations to the RNIB and RNOH, as well as maintaining our sponsorship of Sandy Amponsah in Ghana.

"One major development that happened this year, was the building of the bridge connecting the boarding house to

our Housemaster's accommodation. This direct connection gave everyone, especially the younger years, an extra sense of security, and meant that Mr Khan's frequently used umbrella became redundant and he was often seen on duty wearing his slippers!

"Finally, to round the year off, Mr and Mrs Khan hosted the monitors for the annual BBQ in his garden. This is a well-established tradition for the senior years, and, having been at The Mount since I started in Year 7, it felt odd that my turn had finally arrived! So, it was all very special and we (Victor Poulain, James Cox, Alvin Kan and myself) all enjoyed it very much. The food was delicious and I even let Mr Khan into one of the Eveleigh family's BBQ secrets. I won't reveal it here, but all I can say, is that I believe it has changed Mr Khan's life forever. You'll just have to ask him...

"All in all, it has been a fantastic six years in The Mount and the last one was the best, which is as it should be. The monitors and I are leaving with very fond memories, but don't worry – we'll be back!"

**Sean Eveleigh**

#### Footnote from Housemaster:

"Strong communities don't just happen by themselves and it is testament to my team of monitors and senior pupils that even with half the house being new, they quickly instilled our values of kindness, tolerance inclusion and respect, creating yet again a wonderfully inclusive environment of which it is a privilege to be a part. Many thanks also to Mr Booth who leaves us to be a Housemaster in China, to Mandy who looks after the boys so well, and to my team of tutors who do so much behind the scenes to support the house and The Mount boys."







# OLD POPLARS

Number of pupils: 83



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**“ People move on, new friends and colleagues arrive and buildings change but the common theme in Old Pops remains the same; a house where we can be ourselves. A place to nurture, support, laugh and learn together. Old Pops is our home from home; the place of sanctuary at the end of our busy, fulfilling days. ”**

“Starting this year was difficult yet exciting for Old Poplars. Firstly, there were only four existing boarders; everyone else was a stranger to one another. Already stories and memories were to be created and told as people from all over the world became a part of the community, from places like China, Russia, Italy, Kuwait and many more. As expected everyone settled in extremely well and started the year in a really positive way. Even though we lost our beloved deputy house mistress, Mrs Pack, who brought joy and excitement into our lives, we were fortunate enough to get a new one, Miss Erol, who was just as brilliant, bringing her ideas and customs into our house.





"We began with the annual charity walk where each year walk around Kent, raising money for both their chosen charity and Old Pops. As usual, we raised a total of £1400 which we split between our chosen charities of World Child Cancer and Little Footsteps from donations coming through parents, friends and families.

"With Miss Erol and Miss Brown being Art teachers we decided to paint the wall of the common room with designs that represented the house as a whole and we all contributed to the painting, creating a picturesque wall for our house. We all had a great time painting and giving ideas for what was to be included and it is one of many things we are proud to have in our house. Later in the year the boarders were also gifted with Old Poplars hoodies with a personalised name at the back; a very comfortable and stylish hoodie. We also have our weekend baking and cooking activities which bring the boarding house

very close and it's a very enjoyable experience, making things from cakes to dumplings and pancakes.

"Coming around to Christmas time the whole of Old Pops, both day and boarding, came together to celebrate this event with the annual party where we sat with our year and had a great time socialising with not only our close friends but perhaps people we wouldn't normally talk to. The

teachers and staff did an amazing job at decorating and preparing the party which we are extremely thankful for and it made us feel like more of a family. Soon after the boarders went for a dinner out at Buddha Belly, and, unsurprisingly, we all loved it and had an enjoyable and entertaining evening out. Arriving back to the boarding house we shared our secret Santa gifts, another of Mrs Wareham's Old Pops traditions, and relaxed together with each other to end our night.

"During the Easter term, we carried on with our night trips out to places like Nandos, the cinema on the weekends and much more. As a house, we experience many opportunities such as trying new foods when going to restaurants as we try not to go to the same place, taking part in activities like paintballing, swimming, and going to different theme parks.

"All this contributes to creating the loving and caring family that is Old Poplars. Although, like at the end of every year, we have to say goodbye to girls leaving from different years, the memories and the friendships formed within will always stick with them."

Vicky Silva







# PENGELLY

Number of pupils: 62



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“ Pengelly is the best House and it’s widely reported that just by being part of Pengelly improves your life. Thanks to a recent refurb, our House now offers you a minimum improvement of 30%, and the longer you spend here, the better it gets. ”

## Heads of House:

**Joseph Bennett**  
**Daniel Mbata**

## The stats:

Status	Life Improvement
Day	30%
Weekly Boarders	35%
Full Boarders	40%
Heads of House	45%
House Staff	50%
House Master	55%

Benefits include an increase in attractiveness, strength, intelligence and charm. This is a proven fact, because all the Pengelly boys agree.

**Pengelly For Life.**





"Pengelly is known for many things including food, 'Chi-day', kindness, affection and happiness which was reflected by the theme for our boarders' chapel at the start of the year and I am sure we will never forget the video of the Pengelly staff and pupils lip-syncing 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams.

"Being a part of the Pengelly family has given us all many loving memories during our time at Bethany from the numerous outings to the Taj of Kent, Nando's and Buddha Belly, to simply chatting with Jacky our wonderful housekeeper during break. Pengelly has also enabled me to gain confidence, learn new skills and

develop life-long friendships with people from a variety of different cultures.

"This year has also seen changes in staff as we have welcomed Mr Bing as our Assistant Housemaster known affectionately as our 'oompa-loompa' and has proved popular amongst the pupils. Unfortunately, we say farewell to Mr Stubberfield who was a very positive character and played an active role within the house. We all wish him well for the next steps of his career.

"Sadly, once again we lost our annual football match against Kendon with the final score being 5-0 to Kendon.

However, the Pengelly team should be in top form next year after Mr Bing was sacked as our manager!

"I have lived in the house for four years and have treasured every moment. I cannot express my appreciation enough to all of the House Staff and everyone involved with the house over the years particularly Mr Hughes and his family who have transformed Pengelly the house into Pengelly the home and helped us all to flourish as individuals. Although next year I will be progressing to The Orchard; I am most certainly 'Pengelly For Life'."

**Joseph Bennett and Daniel Mbata,**  
Heads of House







# THE ORCHARD

Number of pupils: 45



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**“ Polina’s House!  
Nice of her to let  
Mr Davies think that  
he’s running it... ”**

**Heads of House:  
Polina Chernous  
Isabella Hobson  
Thomas Rathbone**

“Another year has flown by. There were lots of changes in the House this year, with an almost completely new staff team following the departures last year of Kate Gee and Steve McEvoy. Becky Tinson took over as Assistant Housemistress, ably supported by her husband David, and Simon Duff became Second Assistant. Both Becky and Simon have fitted in seamlessly and have promoted the family atmosphere that we aim for, and they have both worked incredibly hard to support the pupils. Indeed, Simon decided that a new teaching post, new boarding post and new home weren’t enough; he needed a new daughter too, and he and his wife Rose were delighted by baby Yara’s safe arrival in November.

“Other new arrivals this year were – for one year only – the Year 11 girls; owing to the high girl boarding numbers, there wasn’t enough room for them in Old Poplars, so they ‘grew up’ a year early and joined The Orchard. They settled in very quickly and contributed hugely to the success of the house. Slightly quieter and more shy than the Year 11 girls was the last addition to our residents – a badger that moved in to the back garden and spent most of its time bothering the rabbits (Seav Koaw Ing reminded us of the international nature of our pupils by spending two weeks trying to tell everyone about the ‘skunk’ that lived outside the House).



We decided to join the digital age and created social media accounts for ease of reporting our deeds to parents and pupils, and so we can now be found on both Twitter and Facebook:

**Twitter:**

@orchardbethanyr

**Facebook:**

**The Orchard Boarding House**

Do feel free to follow us – we'd like to look popular!

"It's been a busy year, with a range of visits. The cinema was always a popular destination, with house visits to see Hidden Figures, Beauty and the Beast and The Mummy among others (we're nothing if not eclectic in our choices!). Our Christmas bash took in a meal at Buddha Belly and then ice skating in Gillingham – possibly not the most sensible combination of activities, but it seemed to pass off reasonably harmlessly. Food has formed the centrepiece of many evenings in the house and I'm not entirely sure how some of the pupils retain their svelte figures! Caroline Turvey came in now and again for a spot of cooking with the pupils, creating brownies, jam tarts and pancakes (although she misread the dial on the cooker and spent ten minutes grilling the brownies instead of baking them – whoops-a-daisy). Some of the local takeaway establishments must owe

their existence to our boarders (I think Pretam has set up a Direct Debit to Topps Pizza); and we treated ourselves one night to a visit to the UK's largest dine-in Dominos.

"The usual array of School-based activities took place and we proved to be the best-dressed house at the Easter Dinner, with a splendid selection of animal onesies on show (although Henry K rather ruined his by wearing sandals and socks). The Leavers' Ball was a fantastic affair; our ladies looked beautiful and our gentlemen dashing – at least until they left us at High Rocks, I can't guarantee their state after a few hours at MooMoos later...



After prep has finished in the evenings, I've enjoyed seeing so many of the boarders getting together in the Common Room. The chess board

has proved an unexpected hit, and it's amazing how long a bunch of boarders can be kept entertained by a couple of packs of cards. The days of gentle games of gin rummy and whist seem to have gone, however, with our games instead consisting of much shouting, grabbing and slamming on the table. Halloween was a scream (see what I did there?), with plates of nibbles, a glass or two of wine and a scary movie (I retreated to the safety of my office until it finished).

"Speech Day was the usual emotional affair, with a few tears at the Leavers' Service in chapel and more whilst saying goodbye afterwards. Sam Marshall and Jessie Daubeney spoke movingly of their time at Bethany during the Speech Day celebration and it was fantastic to see so many of the boarders receiving well-deserved prizes. The day had begun with our hosting a Common Room full of parents and pupils for the First Test between New Zealand and the Lions; nominally a way of fundraising for the Costa Rica expedition next year, it was also a way of ensuring that Mr Manktelow and I didn't have to miss the game!

I spoke at several functions towards the end of the year and at each my message was the same; this has been a truly remarkable bunch of pupils. They are fantastically supportive of each other and hugely entertaining, and I will miss our leavers very much. I look forward, however, to doing everything all over again with our returning Year 11 and 12 pupils!

"Lastly, I'd like to say a huge 'thank you' on behalf of myself and the pupils to Mr and Mrs Tinson and Mr Duff, Maxine Delves, our Housekeeper, and our fantastic cleaning team – Angela Meades, Jean Milham and Mary Lane."

Simon Davies, Housemaster





# UPPER SIXTH LEAVERS



**SAM BUTLER**

A levels: Photography, Mathematics, Economics

Awards: Academic Scholarship

Future: VFX training, then working in VFX



**EMMA ASKEW**

A levels: Mathematics, Physics, BTEC PE

Awards: Junior & Senior Girls Sports, Half Colours Rounders, Hockey and Netball

Future: Oxford Brookes University – Mechanical Engineering



**CHARLIE CARPENTER**

A levels: English Literature, Geography, Spanish

Awards: Spanish, Geography and Sports Colours

Future: Newcastle University – Modern Languages and Business Studies



**ROSS BANHAM**

A levels: Applied General Business, Design & Technology, BTEC PE

Awards: The Anthony Clarke Memorial Trophy (for courage), Alexander Marks Trophy

Future: University of Portsmouth – Business and Management



**JACK CASADEJUS**

A levels: French, Spanish

Future: Pursuing modelling opportunities, may also look into translation work



**BEN BATEMAN**

A levels: Applied General Business, Media Studies

Awards: Media Prize, Speech Day

Future: Oxford Brookes University – Business and Marketing Management



**POLINA CHERNOUS**

A levels: Mathematics, Economics, Textile Design

Awards: Half colours, Rounders

Future: Bristol UWE – Marketing Communication Management



**DOROTHY BEALES**

A levels: BTEC Music, Drama, Religious Studies (Philosophy & Ethics)

Awards: Strings Cup, Thornton Prize

Future: Gap year then Canterbury Christ Church University – Music



**CHARLIE CLARKE**

A levels: Art, Craft & Design, Photography

Future: University of Derby – Graphic Design



**JAKE BISCHOFF**

A levels: Applied General Business, Media Studies

Future: Oxford Brookes University – Business and Management



**DAVID COUPE**

A levels: Chemistry, Biology, Design & Technology

Awards: GCSE prize – Design & Technology, A level prizes – Design & Technology and Chemistry

Future: University of Bath – Biochemistry



**HARRY BRUSHETT**

A levels: Applied General Business (Double), BTEC PE

Awards: Full colours, Football and Rugby

Future: Nottingham Trent University – Business Management and Marketing



**OLIVER CRAGGS**

A levels: Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics

Awards: The Ross Turnbull Prize (for service to the community)

Future: Heriot Watt University – Mechanical Engineering



**JESSIE DAUBENY**

A levels: Drama & Theatre, English Literature, Music

Awards: The Gardner Cup and Prize for Guitar. The William Ruzzak Memorial Prize the Deputy Heads of School

Future: University of Leeds – Music and Music Psychology

**SEAV KOAW ING**

A levels: Mathematics, Government & Politics, Economics, History

Future: St Mary's University Twickenham – Business Management

**ELEANOR FIRTH**

A levels: Drama & Theatre, English Literature, Music

Awards: LAMDA Grade 8 Musical Theatre

Future: University of Plymouth – Theatre and Performance

**PRETAM KHANNA**

A levels: Biology, History, Government & Politics

Awards: Public Speaking Competition

Future: Brunel University – Law

**OSCAR GUINDI**

A levels: Applied General Business, BTEC PE

Future: Nottingham Trent University – Business Management and Entrepreneurship

**HENRY KIRK**

A levels: Economic, History, Government & Politics

Future: Liverpool University – History and Politics

**TOM HEALY**

A levels: Mathematics, Business Studies, Economics

Awards: The Stobart Prize for Business Studies and Economics, Business Student of the Year

Future: Oxford Brookes University – Management

**GEORGE KNIGHT**

A levels: Art, Craft & Design, English Literature, History

Awards: The Royal Society of St George Senior History Prize. The McLaren English Prize

Future: University of Kent – History

**ISABELLA HOBSON**

A levels: BTEC PE, Applied General Business, Photography

Awards: The Alex Marks Trophy for Endeavour

Future: Nottingham Trent University – Law

**LUCY LAISTER**

A levels: Photography, Food & Nutrition Studies, English Literature

Awards: The Senior Food Technology Prize, Speech day

Future: Harper Adams University – Food Manufacture with Marketing

**QI HU**

A levels: Art, Craft & Design, Physics

**ETHAN LAWRENCE**

A levels: Applied General Business, History

Future: University of Hertfordshire – Information & Systems Management

**ALI HUMPHREY**

A levels: Textile Design, Photography

Future: Plymouth College of Art – Commercial Photography for Fashion, Advertising and Editorial

**ALISTAIR LAWTON**

A levels: Applied General Business, Religious Studies (Philosophy & Ethics)

Future: University of Chichester – Business Studies







### JASON LEE

A levels: Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Economics  
 Future: Goldsmiths, University of London – Economics



### SAM MARSHALL

A levels: Business Studies, Geography, Religious Studies (Philosophy & Ethics) Design & Technology, Applied General Business award Memorial Prize the Head of School. The Roy Farquarson Trophy for Senior Sportsman  
 Future: Manchester University – Geography



### VINCENT LI

A levels: Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Economics  
 Awards: Mathematics Challenge  
 Future: University of Greenwich – Accounting and Finance



### ALEXANDER MONK

A levels: Business Studies, Geography, Design & Technology  
 Future: RAF or Business dealing in classic cars



### LEON LI

A levels: Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics  
 Awards: The Physics Prize for A level, Mathematics Challenge  
 Future: Durham University – Accounting and Finance



### JASPER NAUGHTON

A levels: Photography, Art, Craft & Design, Business Studies  
 Future: moving to Brussels and looking for part-time work



### ROSIE LINDSLEY

A levels: Art, Craft & Design, Textile Design, Photography  
 Awards: The Textiles Prize, Speech day  
 Future: Edinburgh University – Fashion



### DANIEL OJEWUMI

A levels: Media Studies, Applied General Business  
 Future: Leicester University – Management Studies with Marketing



### BETHANY LOWTHER

A levels: Geography, Religious Studies (Philosophy & Ethics), English Literature, Biology  
 Awards: Geography Excellence Award  
 Future: University of Leeds – Psychology



### DAVID OJEWUMI

A levels: Design & Technology, Applied General Business  
 Awards: Young Enterprise Certificate  
 Future: Oxford Brookes University – Foundation year Built Environment



### INDIA MACDONALD

A levels: Art, Craft & Design, Textile Design, Mathematics  
 Future: Ravensbourne – Art Foundation



### MICHAEL OKWARA

A levels: Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics  
 Awards: The Biology Prize for A level, Speech Day  
 Future: Aston University – Biomedical Engineering



### HALINA MARKIEWICZ

A levels: Food & Nutrition Studies, Textile Design, BTEC PE  
 Future: UCA Canterbury - Art Foundation



### MATTHEW PAGE

A levels: Applied General Business, BTEC PE  
 Awards: The Hooper's Applied Business Studies and Finance Prize  
 Future: Oxford Brookes University – Business and Management



**SAM PETCH-SMITH**

A levels: Applied General Business, BTEC PE

Future: Chichester University – Physical Education and Sports Coaching

**MADDY TODD**

A levels: Photography, Food & Nutrition Studies

Future: Exeter College – Photography and Digital Arts

**SAMUEL PRESCOTT**

A levels: Media Studies, Applied General Business

Future: Nottingham Trent University – Business Management and Marketing

**OLIVER TUTT**

A levels: Chemistry, Biology, Photography

Awards: Rugby Colours  
Future: Salford University – Biochemistry with Studies in the USA

**THOMAS RATHBONE**

A levels: Applied General Business, BTEC PE

Awards: The Pippa Blackman Trophy for Excellence in Academic PE

Future: Oxford Brookes University – Business and Marketing Management

**ADAM WILKINSON**

A levels: Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Art, Craft & Design

Awards: The Douglas Prize for Senior Art

Future: Bristol University – Mathematics and Philosophy

**DECLAN SULLIVAN**

A levels: Applied General Business, Media Studies

Future: Bath Spa University – Business Management

**DAVID WILLIAMS**

A levels: Mathematics, Design & Technology, Economics

Future: Portsmouth University – Civil Engineering

**HENRY SYLOW**

A levels: Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics

Awards: GCSE Prize of Excellence – Chemistry, Biology, The Fincham Cup for Strings

Future: University in Australia – Chemical Engineering

**JOEL WISE**

A levels: Applied General Business, Photography

Awards: The Michael Williams Photography Cup and Prize – Speech Day

Future: Cardiff Met University – Product Design

**KUDA THOMAS**

A levels: Physics, Applied General Business

Future: Portsmouth University – Business Management and Entrepreneurship

**HENRY WRIGHT**

A levels: Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Economics, Physics, Geography

Future: Nottingham Trent University – Financial Mathematics

**ADAM THOMPSON**

A levels: Mathematics, Economics, Government & Politics

Awards: Politics Prize – Speech Day

Future: Reading University – Business and Management

**SARAH YOUNG**

A levels: English, Textile Design

Future: Nottingham Trent University – Interior Architecture and Design





# INTER HOUSE COMPETITIONS

THIS YEAR'S  
JESSEL SHIELD  
WINNERS  
WERE  
KIPLINGS

## Kiplings

A fundamental strength for any competitive house to have is its ability to work as a team, and Kiplings demonstrated that they had this skill, pulling together at the annual team building event, which yet again was a great success!

This year Dorothy Beales and Eleanor Firth led the Kiplings house in many events with a fantastic proactive approach, and were duly awarded as Heads of House. It was greatly appreciated that Jessie Daubeny, Alistair Lawton and Emma Askew undertook a considerable amount of work in relation to organising teams and getting the team morale and spirit going. Isabella Hobson, Harry Brushett, Halina Markiewicz and Sam Petch-Smith also supported the others in their team leader roles.

Kiplings saw a great number of successes this year, earning us the coveted Jessel Shield for the most house points.

In the Bethany's Got Talent competition, Kiplings put the other houses to shame with the most applicants for the auditions – great job Kiplings! However, let's not take the limelight away from our charismatic Fenn Piper who got the audience up and dancing to his extraordinary eclectic mix by being a fabulous DJ, that most adults only dream about being. A very well done to all the pupils who entered.

Kiplings were the first house to receive a cup for the most merits, and won



Sports day for the third consecutive year running – an outstanding achievement... no pressure for next year!

Both Kiplings and Speakers showed great determination out on the Tug of War battlefield; both houses won the same amount of rope pulls and shared first place. Not to be outdone by the pupils, the Bethany staff also showed a healthy respect for competition - and this year the staff trophy was awarded to Kiplings!

Kiplings Chapel team won first place with all their hard work and should be very proud of the message they delivered in chapel.

All pupils who participated in the Tug of War, Shoebox appeal and Maths challenge, as well as the swimming competitions, should be very proud of their efforts and achievements as it is not always easy to put yourself forward, get involved and lead by example.

## Roberts

Another brilliant display of teamwork and togetherness was on show once again throughout the entire year from Roberts. I am always in awe of the togetherness, the competitiveness and the determination in every competition that Roberts enters.

There were some notable achievements in 2016-2017, from coming second in the Bethany's Got Talent competition and the House Chapel assembly, to being declared winners in the Public Speaking and the House Shout competition.

So much effort goes into the events and the organisation behind the scenes and I want to thank Samuel Prescott, Matthew Page, Libby Donegan, Georgia Lello and all the other house officials for stepping up, volunteering and assisting me in making sure that Roberts are in the best possible position to regain the Shield once more.





## Speakers

The House competitions that took place after Speech Day last academic year started with a splash... but not a win for Speakers as we finished a soggy third in the swimming gala. Many thanks to those pupils who participated. We moved forward with a second in the Climbing Wall challenge and fittingly had gained momentum for the gravity karts, which we won convincingly.

Speakers this year are more about brain than brawn, which is why the staff team, for the first time ever, did not win the staff tug of war, but did mean that we won the Hunter Essay competition thanks to Cameron Manchester.

The autumn term saw Speakers win the effort grades, come second in the Bethany's Got Talent auditions and complete the set with a third place in the BGT competition. It is sometimes difficult to agree with the judges in a subjective competition, and of course our House officials thought that we should have won, but accepting their decision and third place is part of what a competitive programme can teach pupils and staff alike. We did agree that Natalie Whyte was a worthy winner of a very high quality 'sing-off' and came first for us.

It was time for another victory, and after a taste of chlorine in June, our highly trained swimmers pulled off a victory in the pool, although this clearly tired us too much to win the House Shout.

January's rowing competition took us and Kiplings by surprise but not, it would appear, five pupils from Roberts...

We did however manage to take the intermediate position in the Intermediate Maths Challenge (is this not the intention?).

The House owes thanks to Bethany Lowther, Henry Kirk, George Knight, Tom Healy and Adam Wilkinson for



their energy, and efforts this year, not forgetting their much-tested resilience when they misjudge the outcome of subjective competitions!





# Hunter Essay

Prize Winner 2017

## ARE DEVELOPMENTS IN TECHNOLOGY A BLESSING OR A CURSE?



**“Technology has advanced more in the last thirty years than in the previous two thousand. The exponential increase in advancement will only continue.”**

**Niels Bohr**

In this modern world, we have made numerous advancements in multiple areas and these advancements have changed the way that we live. It wasn't too long ago that living past 60 years old was very uncommon and some illnesses were considered fatal without the advancements in the fields of technology, medicine and genetics. Over 70 is now the average life expectancy and many people are happy with this. However, it is the nature of humanity to try to improve. Why live for 60 years when you can live for a hundred?

Advancements in multiple fields have allowed people to be saved from death. For example, the idea of human augmentation has only existed in our wildest dreams in the past. However, in our society, there are now cases of people inserting cameras into their empty eye sockets after injury and even inserting USB drives onto their fingertip stubs to help them rebuild their lives. It will not be long before people can easily

lift heavy weights around; people who lost their limbs in accidents will be able to move around with ease, as though they had never lost their limbs in the first place. Augmented police, like Robo-Cop, could even stroll the streets, keeping people safe from criminals, without shooting innocents by mistake.

Advancements in coding will lead to AI, which could help coordinate the police and fire fighters in emergencies. They could help to reduce emergencies, for example, by shutting off gas pipes to stop fires. They could alert the police to where crimes are happening and they could help people in trouble.

Developments in medical advancements have saved numerous lives over the years and multiple breakthroughs have reduced fatal epidemics. An example of medical developments is in the field of cancer. Ten years ago if you got cancer you died. Plain and simple. There was

less than 1% chance of surviving the more serious forms of this illness. However, these days people diagnosed with cancer have a 70% chance of survival if it is caught early enough. Soon, cancer will be just a thing of the past; a minor illness that worries no one.

Medical implants are another technological development and can now alert paramedics and save lives. If a patient is having problems, technology can help. Terminally ill patients could now have a higher chance of surviving whatever plagues them and soon humanity could become a race of near immortals - similar to how elves are described - dying so rarely from extreme old age.

**“Though the doctors treated him, let his blood, and gave him medications to drink, he nevertheless recovered.”**

**Leo Tolstoy, War and Peace**



Developments in space travel could help solve our habitation problems. With overcrowding, we could move to new planets to live on and become a space settlement.

However, it must be noted that humanity is the only species of animals that will commit genocide. No other animal will happily kill each other for meaningless reasons. With the advancements in technology come new ways to kill each other: sticks to swords, swords to muskets, muskets to guns, guns to missiles, missiles to nuclear warfare. Humanity is a violent species and no matter how altruistic the intention was for creation, mankind will find a way to weaponise it. Killer robots, Big Brother always watching, custom made bioweapons. These things are seen only as mere fiction, but at the rate mankind is developing, how long before fiction becomes fact?

**“Every aspect of human technology has a dark side, including the bow and arrow.”**

**Margaret Atwood**

We all know that social media barges into our lives, but maybe social media sites will monitor you 24/7. You could become worth less than your data which could be sold to the highest bidder. Cameras would monitor your every movement on the outside and your TVs, consoles and computers with their built-in web cams would monitor your every move and action, compiling every action and click into a cyber profile. The police could arrest you for a crime that you didn't commit because an algorithm said that it was likely.

In the future there will be smart cities, which are cities where the infrastructure is linked to algorithms that are supposed to run the city more effectively. These cities could be brought to their knees by crippling cyber-attacks by hackers, who are no longer the people who go after your bank details, but people reign supreme in technology reliant cities. This is shown in the game called WatchDogs, where hackers used an algorithm with a fatal flaw to accomplish their goals.

**“Relying on the government to protect your privacy is like asking a peeping tom to install your window blinds.”**

**John Perry Barlow**

So are the developments in technology a good thing? Think about mass produced machines that could help elevate humanity and take over the simpler jobs. However if they were hacked by anarchists or enemies of the country what would happen? People have become extremely reliant on technology but what happens when your self-driving car drives into a bridge or the automatic traffic lights all turn green. Panic, death and mass confusion would arise.

**“GPS satellites, unmanned drones, laser sights? The more crutches you have, the more it hurts when they're kicked out from under you. If there's one thing I know for sure, it's that a six inch blade never loses reception.”**

**Thatcher, Rainbow Six Siege**

**“It has become appallingly obvious that our technology has exceeded our humanity.”**

**Albert Einstein**

Overall technology has given us the steps to move in the right direction to help people, but we need to take heed from science fiction and make sure that we don't destroy ourselves. Rules need to be followed such as the rules of robotics. People need to be sure to add an off switch to their creations. Countries need to invest more of their budget into cyber-defence because if they don't, when their crutches are kicked out, it will hurt.

However technology also has a shadowy side. It accounts for real progress in medicine, but has also hurt it in many ways, making it more impersonal, expensive and dangerous.

**“The false belief that a safety net of sophisticated drugs and machines stretches below us, permitting risky or lazy lifestyle choices, has undermined our spirit of self-reliance.”**

**Andrew Weil**

So are developments in technology a blessing or a curse? The jury is out but you can be sure that generations in the future will discover the answer.

**Cameron Manchester  
Year 12**





# CARE ESSAYS



## THE BARRACKS

Tidworth Military Camp, Wiltshire

The walls of the camp were bare. Grey, boring and rough from the terrific force of 10,000 recruits. The grainy brick scraped against his leg, tearing through a layer of skin. Pain spasming through his leg, blood oozing out. He was almost at the top, his twisted fingernails tearing at the formidable walls. Was he going to make it, or would he be beaten by Tyson, his enemy? The rope suddenly dropped, making his pack slam his head into the bricks. A jarring feeling encompassed his body, making him droop. He cried out. The world went wobbly and dark.

"Please don't pass out," Adam prayed.

Darkness closed in. Blood dripped though his head, matting his hair.

Failure.

He woke up in the camp med centre, a basic bland building on the edge of the camp. He was on a stretcher, told he was out for two hours. All his clothes were replaced, fresh white shirt, and pyjama style trousers. The mud paste, that had previously covered his body, was now clean, and his wounds had been patched up. None of the facts, on the other hand, could patch up that he had failed the camp; a huge fail, his own fault, and a blow to his ego. He had been popular until now. Not even

the doctor could fix that. He wanted to get back to the camp working hard, taking part in dangerous exercises and have recognition throughout the group. But now he was only stuck doing light stretches, yoga and physiotherapy. Now and then a previous friend would look through the window at him and laugh. He insisted that he leave the med centre, but the nurse would not allow him. The more days he spent in the med centre the more he realised she was right. Even if he did self-discharge, his concussion would hinder his progress and he would not do well at all.

He started with light yoga. It was just to stretch his muscles, something to help him get back in the normal swing of exercise. He would later move onto harder exercise like treadmills, and weights, then he would move on to the obstacle course. For now, he was stuck doing stretches and poses.

"Do you want to move on to the gym-ball?" the nurse enquired.

"Yes," he grumbled.

He rolled onto the orange ball, his feet on the floor, his back on the ball.

"Now lift up your legs," the nurse said softly.

His muscles ached as he raised his legs.

"Hold it!" she snapped.

## THE BEGINNING OF WAR

The last moments of an officer in Great War trenches captured in a single embracing diary.

War is vicious only to the survivors; to the dead it is the only thing that mattered in their short lives.

The mud rained around us. This was all our first battle, our first time in the trenches. We were three hours in and the only thing anyone could see was blood. They told us, a few weeks at most and you'll never see major war. But nothing we would ever experience will compare to this. Shells were being fired from both sides and it was impossible to get through their 'gates of hell', which funneled us into their trenches at a manageable pace. I was sitting with the rest of our squad. As a Sergeant, I was expected to command, but in a situation like this there was no command, only chaos.

"It feels like we'll never be moving, Sarge". John was the talkative one in our squad. "We know you memorised the plans, at least say what would have happened." John's light, inquisitive voice expected a reply.

"You know what would have happened," I barked. "We would have died like everyone else, and you know it."

There were 3,000 officers left, commanding 70,000 men out of our original 350,000 men who were stationed. There should have been at least 5,000 officers but with the conditions everyone was in, there were squads with one person present. I had never thought our country's clearly superior army would be on such a back foot.

"Sarge?"

"Hmm?" I had zoned out.

"Sarge, what were the plans?"



"I can't."

That was true. He couldn't. And if he could not hold his legs off the yoga ball for more than 10 seconds, then he couldn't complete the course. He had already lost his dignity, he was a failure, an outcast in society. Why should he care?

He sulked his way to the Lieutenant Hendry's office thinking whether he would allow him or not. Surely, he'd let him go. After all, he had failed the exercise. It seemed so useless. Why would he even waste time asking him if he could leave? Surely, he'd understand. He forced open the dark mahogany door to his ever-so grandiose office. He could smell an aroma of cigars and aged leather. The log fire was roaring.

'Knock before entering!' Lieutenant Hendry bellowed, breaking the calmness of his office.

My heart skipped a beat as he scurried out of the room. He waited for a minute before returning. 'Just goes to show how concussion can affect your manners', he thought. Back in the days before recruitment he would have been instantly expelled for this kind of behaviour.

He hesitantly edged the door open, knocking as he did. The man turned around.

"Ah, now what is it you have come to me for? "

" S-s-sir" he stuttered. "I was just wondering about my recruitment"

"Well, take a seat." The lieutenant gestured. Adam sat down awkwardly.

"Well, Sir I..."

"I?" questioned the Commander.

"I was wondering if I could quit the course," said Adam hastily.

"Quit?" he said shocked. "But you have got so far through".

"I didn't pass."

"What do you mean you didn't pass?"

"I got knocked out on the last wall, it's over"

"That was a mishap, a human error," the Commander reassured, "you'll get over it you know".

Adam shook, trying to retain his dignity. "I'm not sure I will," trembling.

"Who says you won't?" the officer's voice as soothing as a cup of tea. "You can always do the course again."

"If you think that you can complete the course then you will," he added "I'll leave you with that."

Adam quietly shut the door behind him.

He slept well that night. He had let the night take its toll. He had decided.

He packed his kit up. Trainers, water bottle, shorts, t-shirt, yoga mat. He was going to go back again, take it more seriously. His personal trainer was waiting for him.

"No warm ups" he shouted, though there were only two people in the room.

He set to work, rapid push ups, followed by weighted runs. It would go on for half a day. But it was worth it.

He was going to do the course again.

**Thomas Good**

"We'll move when we can."

That time had passed. "Sir, we need to retreat. We have to."

"Retreat? Ha ha! No one will let us retreat. They are too big headed and patriotic.

They will run, we'll surrender and they'll let us go.

THERE'S NO OPTION FOR US YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT!"

"What, so we'll just wait for death, playing CARDS?"

There was a loud thud on to our trench. A person, a desperate person. You could see the fear and the knowledge in his eyes of his imminent death. We all knew that they would proceed with caution after he was shot. We had to run. They had broken our defences and they would be on top of us soon. The dying man sobbed. He had fallen upon

our final game of cards. The fear and emotion in the trench was unbearable. Soldiers united in pity, not caring how they die; just hoping it goes quickly. He lowered his head in submission, allowing the peace of his lifeless body.

CRACK

We heard their cry, their charge onto our trench. Bayonets, raised, crashed onto

our backs. Their sweat infused patches, a prominent British flag. Crashing, teeth bared upon our muddy, lifeless German flags.

This is what will come to happen. I can almost feel the unending cold blade in between my shoulders.

It is the end.

**Eddie Barnes Yallowley**





## JUST BY CHANCE

She had had enough. She was going to end it right here, right now. Autumn was walking to the cliff face, rusty knife in hand. The cliff was well known by the country for its height. Autumn decided that this would be the best place to do it; with a forest at the bottom that no one visited, the chances of someone finding her were low. As she reached the edge of the cliff, she stopped and lolled her head back, looking up at the sky; stars shining brightly. She smiled slightly. She brought the knife up to her neck and lightly pulled across it, not enough to kill her. Yet. A trickle of blood came out of her neck and dripped to the ground. She brought the knife back up to her neck, ready to finish it. A shout stopped her. She turned and saw Tex.

"Autumn!" Tex shouted and ran over. She looked at her neck and saw the blood. "Autumn, you're bleeding!" she ripped some of her shirt and put it on her friend's neck to stop the flow.

"Tex, leave it," Autumn replied with a sigh. She had mixed emotions about Tex being there. One half of her was glad that Tex stopped her, while the other half was annoyed.

"What do you mean leave it!? You'll die if it's left open!" Tex shouted, concern in her eyes.

"That's why I did it!" Autumn snapped.

The outburst from Autumn left Tex speechless. She couldn't think straight with what she had just been told. Why would she want that?

"But, why?" she questioned.

"Because I've had enough!"

"Enough of what?"

"Of life" she whispered, tears spilling out. Tex looked at Autumn with concern and sympathy, reaching for the hand

that held the knife. Autumn flinched and pulled back her arm quickly; she accidentally cut Tex as she let out a cry of pain. She dropped the knife and ran over to Tex, checking her arm; she had cut quite deep but not too fatal. Autumn jumped up, cursing at herself. "See, this is what I'm talking about, all I do is bring harm to people. If I just end my life here and now, I can't hurt anyone. It's not like they'd care if I died either."

"Yes, they would!"

"How would you know?" she retorted, glaring at Tex.

"Because they love you. Autumn, listen, by doing this, you're hurting the people you love more. They all care about you, so stop being so stupid and selfish!"

"You don't understand!" Autumn dropped to her knees, head in her hands, sobbing. She felt warm arms embrace her and she leaned in closer, her cries muffled in Tex's shirt.

"What don't I understand?"

Autumn pulled back and sighed. "Can we go home first, it's cold out here," she shivered slightly, wrapping her arms around her torso.

"Sure," Tex reached down her hand to help Autumn up.

"Thanks."

A companionable silence fell between them as they walked back to the city. After a while Tex got a call on her phone; she pulled it out to see that Raven was calling her. She turned to Autumn, smiling.

"Probably worried about where we are," she said, looking at Autumn, silently asking if she could answer.

"Go ahead," Autumn replied. Tex brought the phone to her ear and answered.

"Hello" she said. As Tex was talking to Raven, Autumn got





lost in her thoughts. She was about to tell Tex, and possibly the other two, about her past. She didn't really know how to feel about it. At first, she felt relieved that she could finally lift the weight off her chest, but now she was scared; she didn't want anyone to get hurt because of her.

"All right, see ya Raven" Tex ended the call and put the phone in her pocket. She once again turned to Autumn and caught a faraway look in her eyes. She waved her hand in front of her face, managing to pull Autumn out of her thoughts. "You know Raven's gonna be so mad at you."

"Yeah, I know."

As they were walking down the path talking about random things, Tex heard a rustling behind her. She turned around to look at the small woodland beside them. She squinted through the darkness trying to find out what made the sound. After a couple of seconds, she saw a silhouette in the shadows. Autumn stopped talking and looked in the direction that Tex was looking in; she couldn't see anything.

"Tex? What is it?" she asked tentatively.

"I think I can see something," she replied.

"You can see something" the voice came. Autumn flinched at the voice, there was something familiar about it that gave her chills. The figure stepped out from the shadows, revealing his face. Autumn's eyes widened in terror as she backed away from the figure.

"No, no no no NO! NO! You're supposed to be dead! I watched you die!" Autumn whimpered, backing away, hands trembling. She fell over, frozen in fear.

"You don't know? How exciting this must be. What you saw was new Abylian technology we stole. What you saw was an illusion, a trick," he replied.

"Um, Autumn? Who is this?" Tex questioned. This man couldn't be good.

"Who I am matters not to you. In fact, I don't need you so if you could just, scurry along, that would be great," the man sneered, a smile growing on his lips.

"I'm not leaving without Autumn," Tex growled lightly, turning her attention back to the man. Her hand reached for her back as she unsheathed her great sword. "Autumn, who is this?" Tex pressed again.

"This, Tex, is exactly what I was going to tell you back home. This is the reason I tried to kill myself!"

Tex looked at Autumn sympathetically then looked back to the man. She threw him an icy glare "Who are you?"

"Like I told you before, it doesn't matter to you. Only Autumn. So, leave. Now."

"I won't let you take her," Tex replied with malice in her voice.

"We'll see about that" He unsheathed his chokuto, the blade glinting in the moonlight. He lunged at Tex who parried his blow, pushed him back and slashed for his legs. He dodged the attack and swiped at her head. She only just managed to block it.

While they were fighting, Autumn was calling the other two, Raven and Cynthia, telling them to come quick. She hung up and heard a cry from behind her and, turning around, saw Tex on the ground, a slash on her chest. The man started walking towards Autumn. She tried to run but her legs wouldn't work, she just stood there, waiting. "Adam, please. Stop" Her voice was quiet and broken.

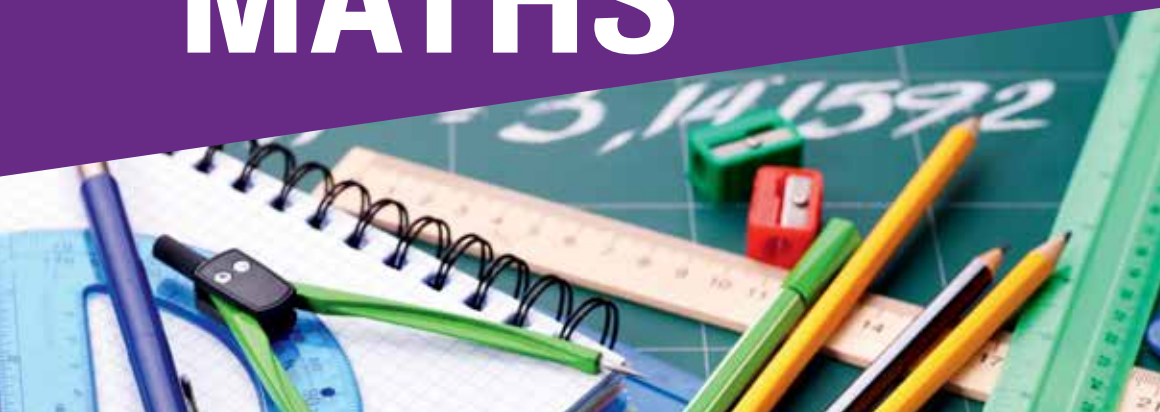
"No one can save you now," he grinned. Autumn froze. She couldn't think. The man she tried so hard to stay away from, the man she feared the most. The man who broke her was here, ready to break her again; this time, beyond repair.

Thomas Franks





# MATHS

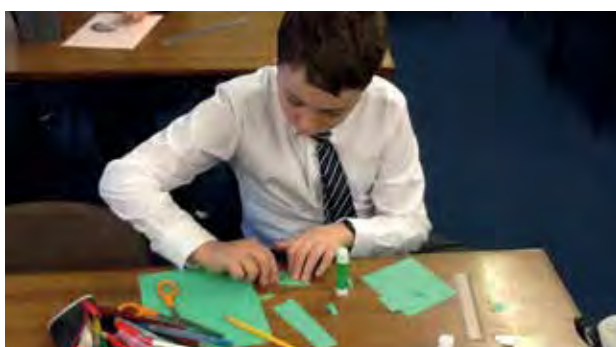


## Year 7 Christmas Competition December 2016

How good are you at judging the volume of Father Christmas's boot? Can you accurately judge when one minute has passed? Year 7 had four similar tasks to do in their maths lessons just before the Christmas holidays and all enjoyed the challenges. The winners of the 'Just a minute' competition were jointly Ben Caney and Jos Beauchamp. The winner of the fallen Christmas tree was Sophie Lumsden. Jake Taylor won the star challenge, and the winner of the welly volume was Max Cunliffe. Congratulations to all Year 7 for taking part so enthusiastically!

## Year 8 Easter Egg Box Competition March 2017

At the end of the spring term, Year 8 had the fun challenge of designing an Easter Egg box which would securely hold a small egg. First, they had to draw a net (a two dimensional plan of a three dimensional object) from one A4 piece of card, and then they had to fold it to create the container. The entire Year took part very enthusiastically and the designs were varied and interesting. The following runners up each received a prize: Daniel Akowe, Verity Ross, Jemima Lund and Charlotte Noakes. The overall prize winner was Jake Fuggle.



## Year 9 Build the Tallest Newspaper Tower June 2017

Given five large sheets of newspaper and only 50cm of sticky tape, how tall could you build a tower? Add on the challenge that it has to support a golf ball for ten seconds without collapsing and a time limit of only thirty minutes...

This is the competition that Year 9 pupils faced in their maths lesson near the end of the summer term. Once the initial panic settled, the teams realised that the best idea was to fold the paper into girders and try to achieve both height and strength.

Teams worked steadily to fold neat girders and construct a strong tripod as a foundation but unfortunately, they were unable to achieve a sufficient height to hold off the competition. The international team of Fedor Kopeykin, Victor Vapaille, Sunny Woo and David Chan worked well as a team but their tape had lost its stickiness after it became tangled up. Set 1 pupils tried a variety of girders, including triangular and cylindrical shapes. William Newstead, Edward Aylmer, Thomas Hatfield and Daniel Farrell had reached an impasse but when they were told they were in with a chance of winning they were motivated to persevere. They rolled cylinders to make a tripod base and added a tall thin cylinder to support the golf ball. Their height of 1.70m was unbeatable. Set 2 combined cylinders and folded pieces to try to gain height. Augustin Fritsch, Romain Delaire and Baptiste Denner managed a commendable 94 cm as the best in their group. In Set 3 the winners were Jacob Thompson, Noel Nusuev and James Parker who achieved 93 cm with a really neat tower. Hopefully all pupils gained from the experience of working as a team: although many did little planning and built using trial and improvement! Perhaps they were not quite ready to be the engineers and architects of the future, but we hope this challenge gave them an opportunity to experiment with a construction challenge.



## Construction Challenge

On Wednesday 21st June, Year 10 and a select group of enthusiastic Sixth Formers were invited to take part in the Maths Construction Challenge run by The Problem Solving Company. Given limited resources, in the form of a giant construction toy, they had to build a bridge and a small vehicle to drive over it. Kiplings had a very slow start and never really caught up. All groups made a trolley but none of the groups managed to construct a bridge. Roberts made excellent progress from the beginning. After an hour, two teams had completed trolleys and the race was on to construct the best



bridge. The winning entry for Roberts came from Alexia Pickett's group. Their bridge was shallow, long and stable, and their trolley successfully crossed with a full load.

Speakers started well, with the teams planning the list of components required. Most teams managed to make a vehicle of some description, but then found that it wouldn't drive up the ramp: either the ramp was too steep or the lip of the ramp stopped the wheels.

After much rethinking, many teams changed to the larger wheels, and most achieved a vehicle which would cross their bridge. Martina Cebolla Salas's team of Year 10 girls were most successful, but Ben Clements and Kian Blewett's team won the best design as they had allowed extra wheels in case it fell over backwards! Finally, Harry Yoo's team were announced as overall winners.

Everyone enjoyed the challenge, and Stephen from The Problem Solving Company was very complimentary about pupils' attitude, behaviour and team work.

## UKMT CHALLENGE COMPETITIONS

### Senior Mathematics Challenge - November 2016

**Gold:** Leon Li and Harry Yoo

**Silver:** Reuben Hill, TaeHee Lee, Henry Wright and Adam Wilkinson.

**Bronze:** William Cunningham, Fraser Ridgewell, Lisa Huang, Charlotte Zou and Adam Thompson

**Best in Year 12:** Harry Yoo

**Best in Year 13:** Leon Li

**Best in School:** Harry Yoo

### Intermediate Mathematics Challenge - February 2017

**Gold:** Ren Miyoshi, Sunny Woo and William Wu.

**Silver:** Belle Zhou

**Bronze:** Eddie Barnes Yallowley, Marcus Hobson, Julie Lei, Kenneth Ling and Lewis Baker.

**Best in Year 9:** Eddie Barnes Yallowley

**Best in Year 10:** Belle Zhou

**Best in Year 11:** William Wu

**Best in School:** William Wu

### Junior Mathematics Challenge - April 2017

**Best in Year 7:** Ethan Hill

**Best in Year 8:** Dan Akowe

**Best in School:** Dan Akowe

## TEAM CHALLENGES

### Senior Team Challenge November 2016

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. 31 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, and we are delighted to say that our team came 9th out of all 31 schools that took part. Mrs Thorpe and the Maths department would like to congratulate the team for a really great effort. Harry Yoo, TaeHee Lee, Reuben Hill and Leon Li all received certificates.

### Team Challenge March 2017

This year, Mrs Wareham took our team of Alexander Hill, Teresa Clamote Lopes, Charlotte Ensor and Ethan Hill to Tonbridge Girls' Grammar School to compete with almost 40 other school teams. Whilst most teams were made up of Year 8 and 9 pupils, our pupils were from Years 7 and 9.

The Challenges included pair work on problems, team shuttles and also a run-around finale. With the variety of questions all demanding a quick mathematical and analytical brain, it was good to see so many young people battling their wits against each other to solve the fun and challenging problems. Our team came 23rd overall; the same position as last year. The pupils were a credit to Bethany and should be proud of their achievement.





# SCIENCE



## Festival of Chemistry

Once again four of our pupils were chosen to attend The Salters' Chemistry Festival. This includes a series of experiments that the pupils apply and use the results to determine a murder suspect. Our pupils were outstanding. Huge congratulations to Charlotte Ensor, Ethan Hill, Sophie Lumsden and Alistair McGowen for getting third place in the University challenge at the Festival.

## Big Bang Fair 2017

On Thursday, 16th March, a trio of Engineers from Year 7-9 celebrated success after reaching the finals of the Big Bang national competition. The competition challenges the creativity of the best minds in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) in schools in the UK, and aims to engage and inspire young people through interactive and engaging activities, workshops and shows.

Max Brown (Year 8), Ben Scott (Year 9) and William Stoneham (Year 7) used parts from an old bike, a direct current motor from an old scooter, 40 tea spoons purchased from a charity shop and a drive-belt from a tumble dryer to make the mini hydro power plant in the form of a Pelton Turbine. The judges had this to say about the Pelton Turbine project: "This team presented a very creative and original project, and demonstrated clear leadership of their work. We were impressed with the finalists' ability to clearly outline their main concepts and aims. Moving forward, we recommend the team test on real water sources for stronger results. Well done!"

We also took along a group of Year 8 pupils to see all the exhibitions on show, in the hope that by seeing the achievements of their peers, the visiting pupils could be nudged to engage with STEM themselves.

## Science in action

On 16 March 2017, Mrs Enticknap and Dr Marks took our high-flying Year 10 pupils to the Institute of Education in Bedford Square for a series of talks covering a range of topics. As well as inspiring our pupils and giving them some ideas about the breadth of science,

they heard from working scientists about their careers and those of their associates in what is often a collaborative venture.

## RHS garden

All pupils were invited to design a garden on the theme of 'The Famous Five' by Enid Blyton. The top team was chosen to build to full scale. The team spent two whole days at Wisley recreating their design and did themselves proud as they represented Bethany brilliantly, explaining to all the visitors the minutiae of their concept and design. To everyone's delight, it was announced that the team had won the Gold Award for their efforts, and thoroughly deserved it was too! This was the second year competing and, the second Gold Award. Lily O'Donnell Hughes, James Caney, Will Stoneham, Alexis Casdagli, and our two Science technicians Mrs Enticknap and Mrs Fillery worked incredibly hard!



## Science Masterclass

The Science department held its first ever Science Masterclass on Tuesday 21st February 2017. The event was aimed at our High Flyers in Years 8-13 who showed immense hunger for learning and willingness to adapt by learning new ideas. The Masterclass covered a range of topics across all three sciences including: the physics of Tim Peake's journey to the International Space Station, engineering design and physics of rockets, life in extremes, astronaut science, science behind comet missions, molecule modelling, and, equilibria.



We live in a world of competing interests: social media and the smart phone itself. Pupils can willingly swap their smartphones for science if science is inspiring! The presenters from the National Space Academy knew how to pitch to the top set pupils and A level Science pupils. It was an excellent opportunity for pupils to access deeper learning. The ability of our pupils to persist when science problems became more challenging was evident and inspiring.

It was an educational event, fun and provided context to many of the topics that the pupils study as part of their Key Stage 3, GCSE and A level courses. The Masterclass achieved its aims of trying to stretch, enthuse, challenge and illuminate the futures of our gifted and talented pupils.

## Gravity Well

Using simple materials like lycra, marbles, bulldog clips and a circular copper tubing, Bethany STEM pupils expanded their knowledge of the universe and limits by making a design that would have astounded Isaac Newton and Johannes Kepler! The Spandex Gravity Well can be used to model the creation of the solar system. The marbles act like planets orbiting the Sun and move even faster when they orbit closer to the centre of the circle, just like planets moving faster due to the stronger force of gravity as they travel closer to the Sun.

This is a design that defies age - younger pupils and older pupils, as well as adults, found the design satisfying and it wowed and engaged visitors during Open Mornings. It is impressive to note that Bethany STEM pupils continue to bring 'big Science ideas' that transform the teaching and learning of Science during lessons!



## Science Jazzing

The Science department brings to Bethany pupils the jazz approach to teaching Sciences. The leader of the jazz often gets the piece started and then sits down and plays with the band. Participants improvise during the piece; performers go off in different directions but in the end all the participants come back together and the leader signals the end. Deeper learning takes place when the teacher brings everyone to draw their conclusions as a larger class group or alternatively as groups present their results or models to other groups of pupils on whiteboard.

The Science department has introduced whiteboards to teach Science in a novel and innovative way. Scientists create knowledge, explore, discover and reason. In contrast, traditional methods of teaching Science have pupils consuming as opposed to discovering, they are watching instead of exploring, they are verifying instead of discovering and they are recalling as opposed to reasoning and when science demonstrations are carried out in the traditional way, they provide entertainment as opposed to deep learning. Modelling instruction increases the retention of information and the whiteboards are an important component of this

new thrust in the teaching and learning of Science like true scientists.

Learning that takes effort changes the brain to raise the intellectual ability of pupils as they make new connections. Instead of giving pupils a worksheet with a detailed method for pupils to learn passively, pupils are given a question like 'What can we investigate about a ball that is falling?' or 'Would golf ball players have discovered Newton's first law of motion?'

Using whiteboards produces pupils who engage intelligently in public discourse and debate about matters of scientific and technical concern. The pupils experience first-hand the richness and excitement of learning about the natural world. Whiteboards encourage cooperation and discourse about complicated ideas in a non-threatening, supportive environment.

A key component of this approach is that it moves the teacher from the role of authority figure who provides the knowledge to that of a coach or facilitator who helps the pupils to construct their own understanding. To the pupils, the teacher is transparent, appearing primarily as a facilitator of pupil goals and agendas. Pupils are given no pre-printed list of instructions for doing their experiments. Rather, the teacher introduces the class to the physical system to be investigated and engages pupils in describing the system until a consensus is achieved.

This novel teaching strategy encourages pupils to think for themselves versus, "I want you to follow my instructions", "No talking" versus "I would like you to participate and discuss." The teacher will ask questions such as:

- Tell me what you are doing now.
- Tell me what you have done so far.
- Why are we doing it this way?

The philosophy of teaching Science at Bethany is definitely evolving for the benefit of the pupils. Deep learning will last longer and at the heart of deep learning is science jazzing - no more Victorian classroom learning experiences!

## Science Creative day

This year the Year 5 Creative Education Day fell within the week of celebrating Harry Potter's 20th birthday. The Science department put on a show of Magic and Potion where the children experienced amazing chemical reactions and were able to then apply themselves to experiments prepared for them. One child went back to his primary school and told his teacher, 'The science was magic, just like Harry Potter.' A huge thanks to Mrs Fillery, Mrs Enticknap and Mr Reilly who organised and enthused the visiting kids.





# PERFORMING ARTS

Bethany's Got Talent rocked the Function Suite back in November, with a host of Bethany's most confident and talented performers. This year's winner was Year 10 pupil Fenn Piper who demonstrated his skills on the decks and proved he could be the next David Guetta.

During the course of this year the Performing Arts concerts have provided audiences with an opportunity to hear our jazz and rock bands take to the stage and dance acts entertain with their superb application of Frantic Assembly. Drama has also been centre stage with excerpts from "The Woman Who Cooked her Husband", and "The 39 Steps".

The year concluded with the Performing Arts summer concert where Rock Band "Shutdown" showcased a medley of famous movie hits including "Mission Impossible" and "Peter Gunn".

Bethany actors were able to try their hand at Shakespearean Star Wars and provide a new twist to the movie franchise. "Thriller" was the theme for the dance acts at the concert and this tightly choreographed piece did not disappoint.

We look forward to next year's Performing Arts shows including "High School Musical" showing on the 1st -3rd February 2018.

## Dance

It has been an exciting year for Dance at Bethany. Little Shop of Horrors offered many dance opportunities, from whole cast big musical theatre numbers like 'Skid Row', to a more contemporary piece starring Dance Scholars to 'Somewhere That's Green', to accompany Georgie Lello's beautiful vocals. The Jungle Book is offering more dances than ever for a junior show, with pupils bouncing in character to high energy songs such as: 'The Bare Necessities' and 'I Wanna be Like You'. It is so encouraging to see both boys and girls enjoying their dance experience through the school productions.

The first cohort of GCSE dancers completed their two year course this summer. The practical exam in March included two

solo dances choreographed by the individual pupils and a group performance piece based on an endangered species, 'The Southern Cape Zebra'.

Year 10 GCSE Dance pupils attended an evening of contemporary dance at the Gulbenkian Theatre Canterbury in May. They were particularly excited to see live dance created by James Cousins, one of the choreographers they are studying. In the studio, pupils are learning safe and innovative contact work and were inspired seeing young adult dancers at the start of the careers executing this skill within physical and intimate duets.

Themed, 'A Night at the Movies', the Bethany summer concert featured a 'taster' from the cast of The Jungle Book from Years 7-9. Michael Jackson's thriller is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year and there is to be 'something spectacular' happening soon in the media to celebrate this. However, thanks to Sophie Hamill's perfectly choreographed adaptation, you saw the celebration start here first on a warm summer's evening in June at Bethany!





## The Little Shop of Horrors

The Little Shop of Horrors in February was certainly a challenging production due to the technical requirements and physical demands it made on the cast, and yet it was a privilege to see how the performers came together to make such a fantastic show.

Over thirty of Bethany's finest performers took part in the show from Years 7-13. The production began with a two-hour audition process including dancing, singing and acting. The Performing Arts team was dedicated to making this an exceptional event with Mrs Rachael Payne as chief choreographer, Drama Assistant Mr Dan Smith directing our stars in their acting and Mr Gareth Stubberfield reprising his role as Musical Director. The Little Shop of Horrors proved to be an exciting, innovative performance that moved Bethany productions into the 21st Century. The aim was to create a West End Show and provide our talented pupils with a professional experience.

The cast undertook intensive singing and dance training. By focusing on their movement and stage craft in the first four weeks, the actors and performers were well equipped for the challenges ahead. The show ran for three sell out performances on the 3rd, 4th and 5th February.



## The Jungle Book

The Performing Arts department at Bethany certainly got into the swing of things in the closing term of 2017. Following the success of the Little Shop of Horrors, our more junior members of the School took centre stage for The Jungle Book, which was performed on the 29th and 30th of June. The Function Suite was transformed into the Jungle setting for this popular Disney classic. Mowgli, Bagheera and Baloo and the rest of the cast sang and danced their way through I Wanna Be Like You, and the show-stopping I'm The King Of The Swingers.

Artistic Director Alex Bolton said, "We certainly had a tough act to follow after Little Shop. The Junior Production had a lot to live up to and I was so proud of the cast we had in place."

The Junior Production is an opportunity for younger pupils to step up to the stage, however the production team's aspirations were very high despite their very young cast. The show was very popular and the cast certainly rose to the challenge of the dances and songs to learn.

James Caney played Mowgli and Ellie Russell played his faithful guardian, Bagheera. This was James' first major role in a School performance and he said, "I couldn't wait to get out there!"

Charlotte Saxby and Mel Erol were this year's set designers tasked with setting up the Jungle, saying, "If you thought the plant was big in Little Shop you wait until you see what's planned for Jungle Book." Rachael Payne once again was put through her paces as choreography for the show was intense. The Jungle Book had more dance numbers than most requiring the pupils to be more focused than before.





# ART & DESIGN

**The Art department has continued to develop its broad output from the pupils with a specific focus on the Creative Industries.**

All pupils are encouraged to broaden their art horizons and challenge themselves so they become independent thinkers who strive to complete work of the highest quality. Risk taking in their work and learning from the failures is encouraged as I feel this is the best way to learn. As a department, we do not have a house style, we show the pupils the possibilities and let their imagination take over.

Pupils have embraced this and you will see this in the fantastic work displayed around the School.

KS3 have explored a wide range of media this year, alongside the traditional drawing and painting workshops, digital photography and Photoshop have been used and the pupils are really enjoying using the software. KS4 have produced some great work again with a wide range of outputs that caters to their own skills and interests. Drawing, photography, stencils, graffiti, painting, sculpture were some of the areas that Year 11 worked in for their final examination.

The work that the Sixth Form produce is really creative and shows their love for the subject. The level of development of ideas is high and the way the pupils show this from initial idea to realisation is a testament to their perseverance and persistence. Destinations to art colleges and universities go from strength to strength. Fashion, graphics, fine art, product design and

photography are some of the degrees they are going on to study.

The annual Art department trip this year was to Copenhagen, which is a brilliant city to visit. We were all blown away by the art galleries and museums, the architecture was fantastic and the people were lovely. It was cold being February but when you were wrapped up, the city looked spectacular in the snow. There were always the shops to nip into if things got really cold, which the pupils did frequently and perhaps one or two of the staff. The pupils worked on their photography skills and I think Instagram was swamped with the pupils' images of the city looking marvellous.

If you get a chance, pop into the foyer in the Art School which is changing constantly with fantastic artwork from all Year Groups. Each year the work seems to get better and better and that is down to the wonderful pupils we have at Bethany.

Mr Mike Turner  
Head of Art





**Adam Wilkinson**  
**YEAR 13**



**Ali Humphrey**  
**YEAR 13**



**Ceramics**  
**YEAR 12**



**Clive Zhu**  
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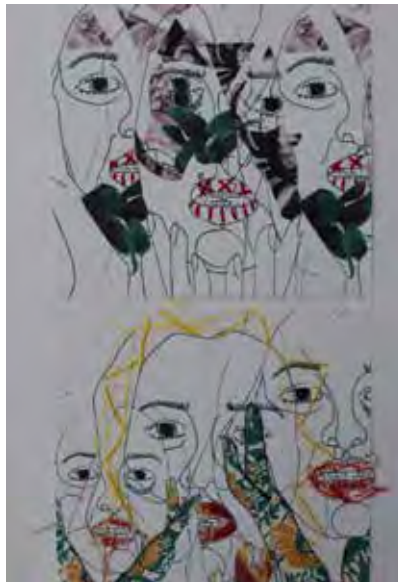
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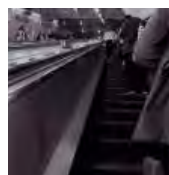
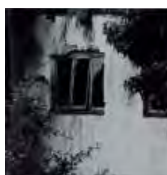
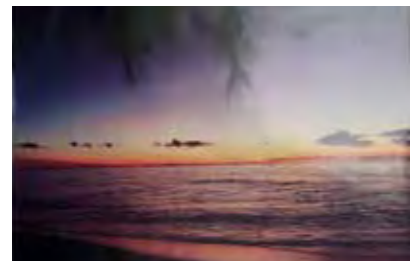
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**Stephanie Lai**  
**YEAR 12**



**Will Smith**  
**YEAR 12**



# DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY



**Alex Monk**  
**YEAR 13**

**The standard of products produced this year in Design & Technology has again been excellent.**

The workshop has never been busier with our hard working GCSE, Lower Sixth and Upper Sixth groups.

The amazing variety of projects produced, including an electric guitar and stand, a motorised bicycle and a unique coin display unit, has been stunning.

A great variety of new skills has been learnt and put into good use and these can be viewed in the fantastic photographs you see here. I can only praise all the pupils and the hard work they put in.

**Mr Marcus Norman**  
**Head of Design & Technology**





**Abbie Bristow**  
**YEAR 11**



**David Coupe**  
**YEAR 13**



**Conor Scholes**  
**YEAR 11**



**Ben Stewart**  
**YEAR 11**



**Eloise Wright**  
**YEAR 11**



**Katy Woodhams**  
**YEAR 11**



**Marcus Nyahwa**  
**YEAR 11**



**Maria-Bisila Dougan**  
**YEAR 11**



**Max Harrison**  
**YEAR 11**







**Sebastian Greaves**  
**YEAR 11**



**William Wu**  
**YEAR 11**



**Samuel Tate**  
**YEAR 11**



**Theo Griffiths**  
**YEAR 11**



**Reuben Hill**  
**YEAR 11**



**Thomas Connell**  
**YEAR 11**



**David Ojewumi**  
**YEAR 13**



**Ross Banham**  
**YEAR 13**





Georgina Hill  
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David Williams  
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Michael  
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Olly Lewin  
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Sean Evelegh  
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Lewis Baker  
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Theo Griffiths  
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Max Sephton Lea  
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Lorenza Dougan  
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Victor Poulain  
YEAR 12



Teddy  
Hutchinson  
YEAR 11



Alvin Kan  
YEAR 12





# TEXTILES

The Textiles department continues to go from strength to strength, as each year we are introducing as much new equipment into the department as we can.

Most recently we have acquired some new Mac computers and have therefore been able to introduce Photoshop design into the curriculum, which the pupils have very much enjoyed and engaged with. As well as this we have a heat press which has brought a new dimension to some of the current Year 12 and 13 pupils' work, allowing the pupils to experiment with a wider range of technique and adding considerable depth.

Senior pupils were lucky enough to benefit from a couple of trips this year. One was to the annual Knitting and Stitching Show, which is always a good starting trip to allow the pupils to gather materials and ideas for

their first project. The other trip was to Copenhagen, which was outstanding and very valuable for the pupils who attended. Both of the trips allowed the pupils to develop ideas and inspired work in some way shape or form - they all loved it!

This year's Textiles pupils have produced some very innovative work which is both personal and individual to their style. The portfolios look very striking and have allowed each pupil access to the university of their choosing.

It is safe to say it has been another fantastic year and may the creative times continue in the Textiles department.





Halina Markiewicz  
YEAR 13



Polina Chernous and Sarah Young  
YEAR 13





India MacDonald  
YEAR 13



Rosie Lindsley  
YEAR 13





Polina Chernous  
YEAR 13



Sarah Young  
YEAR 13





# FOOD & NUTRITION

It's been a busy year in Food and Nutrition Studies, not least with the start of the new GCSE in Food Preparation and Nutrition which commenced in September.



As a result of the new GCSE, KS3 curriculum changes and the fact that this will mark the last year of a Food A Level, the department was renamed "Food and Nutrition Studies" and it's taken a while for everyone to get used to the new terminology. This global term now reflects all of the various areas that we currently cover.

As ever, food lessons are a delightfully chaotic experience with much accomplished in a very short space of time. I really hope that some of the food even gets home to be sampled!

Key stage 3 classes have really worked hard this year to produce some excellent products with many pupils really developing good skills. This has resulted in three new scholarships being awarded, to Sophie Lumsden, Taylor Mae Muller and Amelia Midgley. They join existing scholars Bethany D'Rosario, Aaron Monk, Joseph Bateman and Thomas Hatfield. These pupils are ambassadors for the department and will be working on the Springboard Futurechef Competition in September as well as the

Kent Young Chef Competition. The scholars created some delightful sweet canapes which they showcased at this year's Festival of Scholars and I am excited to see what the new, extended team can produce next year.

The Year 11 GCSE group worked tirelessly to produce some excellent results this year, and has certainly lived up to my expectations of them from the end of Year 10. Notably, Mia Miao who went above expectations to create restaurant standard sushi. The standards were extremely high this year and as sad as it is to say goodbye to the old GCSE, I am looking forward to the new GCSE assessment process next year and to seeing what the pupils can create.

The Year 10s have worked so hard to cope with the complexities and challenges of the new GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition. It has been a bit of a trial by fire for them and I don't think they were expecting so much written work were prepared for the time constraints that meet them in every practical lesson. Nonetheless, in their practice NEA last week, they all managed to produce some

lovely dishes showcasing some complex skills. It fills me with hope for next year!

Past pupils have kept in touch. Olly Chaplin is doing magnificently at Westminster Kingsway and has recently won Gold in his first culinary competition. Ethan Marshall has also done really well at college and is now working as a Commis Chef at the Village hotel in Maidstone. Susan Warren from this year's Year 11 will be leaving us to study catering at West Kent College. I wish her well and look forward to hearing about her successes.

Year 12 completed some excellent work for their AS projects. They were tasked to find their own gaps in the market for diet specific products. This resulted in a main meal suitable for CHD sufferers based on traditional British Cuisine by Emilia Wyllie and a main meal suitable for vegans by Joseph Bennett. They all researched their markets well and developed some innovative and exciting dishes. As they move into Year 13, their projects are even more innovative and exciting so watch this space.





My Year 13 group comprised of Lucy Laister, Maddy Todd and Halina Markiewicz. Their project work and final makes were very different and each excelled in their own way. Lucy completed some highly technical patisserie dishes, Halina focused on Vegan food for children and Maddy created "Sco-nuts" as a breakfast suitable for adventurers. I am sad my time with them has come to an end and I wish them well for the future.

The chef school activity has been as popular as ever and hopefully I will build on this moving forward.

The annual Apprentice task enjoyed a day in the kitchen making some showstopper Sports themed cakes, and despite most of them not being my "foodies" they did remarkably well and they actually managed

to clean up well too!! A delight!

We also hosted one masterclass day for feeder schools which have proven to be as popular as ever. There are definitely some aspirational chefs out there!

We finished the year with a two day workshop for Year 10 as part of activities week. "Fun Kitchen" came into School and took over the Science Lecture Theatre for one day of madcap food science and another day of using that science in practical cookery. From setting fire alarms off, making ice cream with CO<sub>2</sub> extinguishers (don't try this at home) and lemon juice rockets to bread making, burger making and the lingering aroma of mackerel, I am certain it was two unforgettable days and definitely something we will be repeating next year.

Moving forward, the scholars and high flyers are returning in September to start the Kent Young Chef and Futurechef competitions, I am changing "Chef School" to the "Bethany Bake Off" and we are focusing on cake skills and decorating as part of this. Any wonderful cake decorators are more than welcome to share their skills and expertise.

A new Sixth Form enrichment option is being written and developed over the summer to run for all Year 12 pupils to prepare them for University, life and work. The A level Food Technology no longer exists – my current Year 13s are the last ever to take it – and so we have decided to offer enrichment to all, rather than an option to a few. I am hoping they all enjoy this and see it as a welcome departure from the stresses from A levels rather than a chore, giving them skills for life.





# YOUNG ENTERPRISE

## AQUA X: Joseph Bennett, Managing Director



I was appointed Managing Director of Aqua X after the re-elections in January, thus taking over the reins from Victor Poulain who was Managing Director for the first half of the Young Enterprise scheme. During my time in the company, I believe we have grown from being disorganised and a slow moving business to a structured and more successful business. Our mission statement was 'to make a respectable turnover while providing a beneficial service or product to the community'.

I feel that our name signifies our company

well as 'Aqua' represents our free-flowing nature and our ability to adapt to the dynamic streams of life and 'X' represents to a mathematician; the unknown which is something to be discovered and we aspired to be innovative in our business approach. We have nine members in our company, who each play a different and important role. All of the members take a business related subject for A level, so therefore we all have the knowledge which was put into practice over the course of the scheme. Young Enterprise was at times a steep learning curve for us, but has boosted our

understanding of running a business as well as our practical experiences. There are certainly things we would have done differently but a key aspect of the scheme is that we learn as much from these as from our successes.

Much of our time was spent securing a deal to produce and sell commemorative 200th anniversary teddy bears for the local primary school; Goudhurst and Kilndown Primary School. We also sold confectionery items such as fizzy drinks and sweets, at our School Production of 'Little Shop of Horrors'.

## Link Teacher's Comment, Anthony Khan

Two more different companies you could not envisage. Two very different approaches to organisation, management and running meetings. Theorists on business culture such



as Charles Handy would have had a field day. Yet both companies made a healthy profit and competed well in the Company Competition.

Black Panther were especially strong in the afore mentioned event, and their achievement of being awarded no less than four of the six trophies available at the Ashford Area heat has never before been achieved by a Bethany company. Their performance was no less credit worthy at the County final, though the standard of Entrepreneurship at this level is genuinely inspiring.

As ever I am in debt to our amazing team of volunteer advisors; Belinda, Neil and Chris, who give up their time freely every week to support the scheme and bring invaluable guidance to the company members.

It's been an amazing year for Enterprise at Bethany, with not just the YE scheme running but also various day events detailed below.

## YE Entrepreneurship Masterclass

In the penultimate week of the summer term all of the remaining Lower Sixth enjoyed an Entrepreneurship Masterclass. This involved three local entrepreneurs each giving a talk/workshop. Bill Fox (from Kent.ba) is a Business coach and gave some excellent life advice – that setting yourself short term goals is key and that work ethic is everything to a prospective employer. Former Bethanian Gemma Blacker (from 'This Art of Mine') gave an inspiring talk on how she set up her own craft based business from



# Black Panther: Seav Chhuon, Managing Director

**Vision:** We believe that every household or living space deserves a welcoming scent. We want to deliver a product that suits the customer's preferences while assuring high quality.

- **Goal:** Our company is committed to delivering a product that will not disappoint.
- **Goal:** To make every living space that contains a premium diffuser to provide a distinctive and pleasurable fragrance that upholds its value.
- **Goal:** to take full advantage of any business opportunities that may present themselves.

Our company started off the year selling our first type of 150ml diffusers. This came in two scents: grapefruit and lavender. Further into the year we provided a designed shirt to the Drama department for an upcoming show called 'Little Shops of Horrors'. During performance nights we provided a service of selling programmes for the show, in which we took a percentage of the profits. Subsequently we launched our new improved diffusers, developing our packaging and scents.

Overall Black Panther performed well. As a company which only started off with £250 investment, and an extra £50 loan, we turned it into over £1,000 in revenue. There have been difficulties that have arisen but we have overcome them. These range from late payments for our t-shirts, differences of opinion as regards to work distribution and the direction of the company. Over time, we came to work well together and understood how to spread the workload out within our group. We have done very well on the marketing front, helped by designing questionnaires to undertake market research on our diffusers. Therefore, we were able to enhance our product. There

was another company at our school and so naturally we aimed to stay ahead of them and were keen to take advantage of any opportunities that arose.

Perhaps the highlight of the year was getting to the County final; the whole team attended and despite not progressing the experience will stay with us a long time.



a family barn, and revealed that she had been a Young Enterprise Managing Director herself at Bethany. Lastly Grace Simpson (from the local chocolatier 'Goupie' which is manufactured in Goudhurst) gave a talk on digital marketing and branding, emphasising the importance of social media and networking to her family business. The Year 12 pupils asked some really good questions and got a lot from each speaker.

## Year 12 Finance Traders

Our Year 12 Finance class took a trip to Christchurch University in June for a guest lecture from Mr Stephen Hoad – a former city trader in commodities. Stephen runs an outreach program there and after their guest

lecture "gave" each pair of pupils £2,000 each to invest in the markets...with only Oliver Khan and Hamzah Atta making any profit via investing in cotton of all things. Well done to these two cotton traders! It turned out that Mr Duff and Mr Khan made the biggest loss which was slightly worrying! The pupils had a great time, enjoyed the lecture and the activity, and whilst there we also had an informative tour of the university. A big thanks to Stephen for his guest lecture, which gave everyone food for thought.

## Dragon's Den

On Monday 26th June all of Year 12 were off timetable for a 'Dragons' Den' style competition designed to stretch their creativity, interpersonal and entrepreneurial

skills. Their task was to invent an app for a gap in the market that they perceived to be out there, with ideas ranging from home-made recipe collator to an all in one personalised medical app. The narrow winner with a strong pitch was 'On this day' – an app to highlight events both historical and local that happened on this day. Congratulations to the winning team Sean Eveleigh, Oliver Khan, Emilia Wyllie, Jamie Andrews, Isabel Petts and indeed to all involved. The Enterprise department was very impressed with what their ideas and sales acumen. Special thanks also to Mr Paul Andrews, a local entrepreneur from Tenterden (founder of jobsinkent.com as well as many other businesses!) who was guest judge on the day and gave up his valuable time and words of wisdom.



# PENGELLY SOCIETY



## Nat Pearson

**On 15th September**, members of The Pengelly Society gathered to hear former pupil, Nat Pearson, describe his Journey in Israel and Palestine during the summer. Nat Pearson offered a detailed and powerful presentation, which revolved around his trip, and told us that without the help of the School's Catling trust, he would not have been able to travel.

Nat began his presentation by explaining to us the Israel-Palestine conflict, the focus of his trip, and introduced 'The Holy Land Trust', with whom he undertook work placements. His first placement was with a charitable organisation called 'L'Arche', which aids physically disabled young people, but others included fund-raising for a small community in Palestine and volunteering at a festival in Bethlehem. Nat ended his speech by noting that the experience changed his life; he has changed his university course and future plans as a direct result of his trip.



## Victoria Aldwinckle

**On 13th October**, The Pengelly Society members were treated to a delightful and interesting talk by Victoria Aldwinckle on one of my personal favourite topics: Wine! As a freelance wine expert, Victoria shares her expertise across the country and has worked throughout the world, in places like America as an assistant wine maker. She drew our attention to the fact that many subjects are linked to wine production and there is a wealth of careers worthy of pursuing: business, marketing, making, selling and management to name a few. She emphasised that for pupils working towards these types of careers, the food and drink industry was certainly worthy.



There were many interesting questions and I think it came as a surprise to learn that a bottle of wine does not count as one of your five-a-day! Victoria also advised the audience to stay away from the cheapest supermarket wines, possibly referencing Bethany's 'acquired' taste! She told us to spend just a few more pounds for something 'half-decent'; not just for the flavour, but also for our health. Sound advice, but a few weeks into my first term at university when my funds are running low, I may just take the risk...



## Clive Denney

On 19th November, our Society came together to listen to a talk provided by Clive Denney, a member of the Biggin Hill Heritage Hangar, an organisation that strives to restore and use older aircraft. He spoke to us in detail about the work he did restoring First and Second World War aeroplanes and the passion he felt in doing so.



Clive began his speech by making us aware of his own history, having started out working in business and jumping at the opportunity to work at Biggin Hill the moment it came up. The organisation works with aircraft from throughout the 20th Century, focusing its efforts on the British Spitfire and Hurricane models. Although they have several German and Axis vehicles, Clive expressed that the most pleasurable (and profitable) plane to work with was the Spitfire; a personal favourite not just for himself but also the majority of plane enthusiasts as it stands as a cultural icon and draws interest from beyond the hard-core fan.

To conclude his speech, Clive showed us a video filmed several days prior, with spectacular high resolution footage of the Spitfire flying in sequence, with the backdrop of the Kent countryside. It was a fitting end to the interesting talk, and the floor was filled with thought-provoking questions.

## Eamonn Butler

On 9th February, the Society came to listen to an intriguing and complex talk given by Eamonn Butler about his career and experience working in the animation industry. Eamonn has spoken to the Society a few times in the past, but announced that this would be his last. Although sad to hear, we felt very privileged to be able to hear him speak as a result.

Eamonn began by defining the difference between 'special effects' and 'visual effects': the former are physically constructed and filmed

on set and during the production; while the latter are achieved in post-production as what we tend to know as CGI, or 'computer generated imagery'.

Eamonn's list of projects is certainly impressive, and includes Harry Potter and the latest season of Game of Thrones, to name just a few. His show reel had us in awe, and wasn't surprising that his presentation evoked a great deal of eager questions.

## Elise Rappoport

On 22nd March, our Society came together for the final time this season to enjoy a talk by Elise Rappoport. An experienced businesswoman, she told us about her experience in business marketing in our modern and digital world, and in her current business, ER Productions.

Elise went into depth and detail into the ways that businesses use content such as articles, videos and infographics to spread news about their products and reach a wider audience. Beginning as a video journalist in 1980s and 1990s, Elise witnessed how content and marketing transitioned from solely physical advertising such as posters, newspaper articles, radio advertisement etc. into digital correspondence and presentations.

Elise presented us with a variety of interesting examples of her work such as clips from a major project from Live Earth. Seeing how products and creations were used to inspire and draw an audience was incredibly interesting and made me personally question my own control over my media. Elise's talk shed light on an area of the consumer market that we are all unwittingly subject to. Her exploration into target marketing, with articles and videos solely designed to sell products, really gave our audience something to take away from the talk and recognise within our own lives.







# APPRENTICE CHALLENGE 2017



## THE SEARCH FOR THE BETHANY APPRENTICE 2017:

All members of the Lower Sixth were invited to take part in the Bethany version of "The Apprentice Challenge," based on the television programme. In total, 22 pupils signed up and between them they managed to raise a fantastic £1,471 doing a variety of fund-raising tasks over half term. This money

was given to Heads UP, the Mental Health Charity.

The competition began in earnest on Monday 12 June and involved four separate challenges set during this week. They were designed to put candidates under pressure, to assess their team-building and leadership skills and to allow them to have some fun.

The first challenge involved candidates being put into three







## OVER £1400 RAISED FOR CHARITY

groups and being given twelve members of Year 9 to teach. They had to use their initiative, be organized, engaging and creative in their thinking.

After Lord Sugar (Mr Winter) had fired four of the candidates, the remainder were immediately launched into Challenge 2 – to make a cake on a sporting theme, decorate it and sell it for a profit at 3.40pm that day.

Further firings followed and the remaining 12 were required to give a five minute presentation to three of the Senior Management Team on ways to improve some aspect of the School grounds, the School day or School life. These candidates were wholly impressive and came up with some good ideas. They also presented their cases extremely well.

Unfortunately, there can only be one winner and the final five candidates were given very intensive interviews by two interviewers, and in the final hiring and firing session Sean Eveleigh was appointed Apprentice Challenge Winner 2017.





# SPORTS



## RUGBY

Bethany School rugby continued to go from strength to strength with good numbers representing all age groups. Another fine season saw a number of good results and positive performances across the board. There were some excellent individual performances and achievements, and the traditional half term rugby tour for the senior team headed off to Valencia. Impressive performances beating King's Rochester, Ashford and Claremont School were the senior squads' highlights, while the U15 were possibly team of the season, with notable wins against The King's School, Canterbury, Kent College Canterbury, Cranbrook and Ashford. The team also progressed to the Quarter Final of the Kent Cup before losing to a very strong Holmesdale School side. The U13 side were also in good form with lots of players developing and showing real potential. Notable wins over Beechwood School, Dulwich Prep and Yardley court were highlights. The U12 team were not to be out performed and also had a good first season, with many new to the game. Excellent wins against Beechwood School, Dulwich Prep and a fantastic draw against Yardley Court to finish the season was evidence of the natural talent at this level.

## HOCKEY

An exciting hockey season saw the Bethany teams play with tremendous endeavor and commitment as is very much the Bethany way. The 1st hockey squad gained a new influx of players this season from Year 11 and soon gelled as a team, putting in some excellent and competitive performances against schools on their traditional fixture list. A number of players developed and will benefit from the leadership of the senior girls in seasons to come. The U15 team was also a work in progress due to a number of new arrivals. They soon



began to formulate set plays and build as a cohesive team. Performance highlights came against Buckswood School, King's Rochester and Ashford School, where they kept a clean sheet and drew the matches. The U13 girls were the stand out team, winning all their matches in an unbeaten season. A talented and athletic squad ran out comfortable winners against Buckswood School and Claremont School, while narrow victories in other matches secured their winning season and tag as team of the year for hockey.



## FOOTBALL

The Senior team football season included the usual matches against Brighton College, Bede's, The King's School, Canterbury and Sutton Valence School to name a few. The team played with energy in all fixtures and although results did not always go our way and reflect their overall performance on the day, the team were a credit to the School. The

U15 football team had a number of good players that have come up through the ranks. They also played a strong fixture list season including Claremont School, Bede's, Brighton College and The King's School, Canterbury. Performances were always competitive and a number of well-worked goals were just reward for their efforts along with a good win against Gad's Hill School. Team of the season was undoubtedly the U13 boys, who had a memorable

season. The team went unbeaten for the season and results included strong wins against Dulwich Prep, Beechwood Sacred Heart and St Edmund's Canterbury. Bethany played in a composed manner all season, passing out from the defence, driving forward through a strong midfield to a powerful and pacey attack that scored goals for fun. Finishing the season with a goal difference of plus 19, scoring a total of 26 goals in six matches was outstanding.





## NETBALL

The 1st VII had a very successful season, which for many of the girls has been long awaited. A newly formed squad of eight players, consisting of experienced, young and talented individuals who had come up through the ranks, gelled quickly and started off the season with a convincing win against Gad's Hill. This set the standard for the rest of the season with additional wins over Ashford School 1st VII, Dover College 1st VII, King's Rochester 2nd VII, Buckswood School 1st VII and earlier on in the season Claremont School 1st VII. An excellent string of victories ensured their place as one of the strongest senior teams in recent years. The Senior 2nd VII also had a good season. We took some

early wins against Dover College and Gad's Hill, and also battled well in the Granville league tournament securing a well-earned draw against Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School. The U15A had a very tough season. Our opponents included Buckswood School, Gad's Hill, Sutton Valence School, King's Rochester and Ashford School. The girls were competitive throughout all fixtures and were rewarded with a deserved win at the end of the season against Dover College. The U13 netball team was a good blend of Year 8 experience and new Year 7 blood. The team had a good start to the season with wins against Buckswood School, Gad's Hill and Ashford School. A very close match against Dover College followed. Other matches were very competitive with the girls developing into a good netball team.



## CRICKET

The cricket season got underway in April with the 1st XI playing Ashford School on a chilly afternoon. A solid display from the bowling attack in particular secured a first win. The remaining matches saw the Bethany team competitive and against Claremont School, King's Rochester and The Forty

club, but struggled to build innings and eventually outscored by the opposition bat. The U15 squad had a busy season and notable performances came against Dover College, Gad's Hill, and Battle Abbey School. A number of players contributed with reactive fielding, consistent bowling and good scores with the bat. A number of promising individuals will move into the senior ranks next season and certainly

strengthen the 1st XI. The U13 team faces a strong fixture card featuring a number of the local prep schools. The squad were competently led and quickly established themselves as a competitive side. Buckswood School, Gad's Hill and Battle Abbey School were comfortable wins while an excellent match against New Beacon School was a competitive highlight, and a win against Ashford School completed a successful season.





## ROUNDERS

The Senior rounders squad was made up of some very talented individuals, who were very competitive in every game they played. Playing exceptionally well throughout their short season they remained undefeated with wins against Dover College, Battle Abbey and Claremont School. The U15 rounders team worked well together under the guidance of team captain Olivia Lignac and vice-captain Belle Zhou. An excellent triangle between bowler, backstop and first post made for some excellent play. With comfortable wins against Dover College and Buckswood School, there is a lot to be excited about next season. The U13 rounders team built on the success from the previous year with the team consisting mainly of Year 8 pupils. The U13s faced tough opposition in the Granville League, demonstrating determination and consistency to beat St. Lawrence as part of this event. Other excellent performances include games against Dover College and King's Rochester B. This was followed by a comfortable win against Gad's Hill and Buckswood.

## SWIMMING

The Junior swimming team performed well in their debut season. Good performances with some excellent individual



swims were pleasing to see and encouraging for the future development of Bethany Swimming team across all age groups. Matches against St Ronan's Prep and Claremont School were among the highlights.

## BASKETBALL

Bethany competed well in basketball matches throughout the year. The Senior basketball team enjoyed a very good season. A number of talented players trained hard in their spare time and blended well as a squad. Competitive matches against Cranbrook School, The Judd School and Skinners School was a credit to them, and an impressive win against Battle Abbey School was a highlight.



## ANNUAL SPORTS DINNER

Bethany hosted the first annual Sports Dinner on Friday 24th March for all Senior Sports Award Winners. Over 100 guests attended what was a fantastic evening and wonderful celebration of the pupils' achievements during their sporting years at Bethany. Guest speaker, Hannah Russell, Paralympic Swimmer and Gold medalist from Rio was inspirational and captured everyone's attention, admiration and enthusiasm with her pitch perfect speech. The food and refreshments

were also thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended, but the highlight of the evening was without doubt the pupils receiving their Honours medals, Sports

Colours and Cups. We look forward to our second Annual Sports Awards Dinner in 2018, building on the superb success of this year's event.





# ATHLETICS AFTERNOON

## FRIDAY 12th MAY

Many congratulations to all pupils who competed in Athletics Sports Afternoon this year.

A wonderfully competitive occasion was graced with sunshine and a number of very good performances by the athletes taking part.

The competition could not have been closer with all three competitive Houses separated by the narrowest of margins heading into the relays, but Kiplings House prevailed as overall winners thanks to a number of excellent relay runs from its teams.



# SCHOOL COLOURS

## FULL RUGBY

Declan Sullivan  
Oliver Tutt  
Henry Kirk  
Oliver Craggs  
Adam Thompson  
David Williams  
Sam Marshall  
Harry Brushett  
Matthew Page  
Hamzah Atta

## HALF RUGBY

Samuel Prescott  
William Cunningham  
Robert Miles  
Folahan Peters  
Will Smith  
George Robertson  
Freddie Porritt  
Sam Petch-Smith

## FULL HOCKEY

Emma Askew  
Bethany Lowther

## HALF HOCKEY

Halina Markiewicz  
Isabel Altendorf

## FULL FOOTBALL

Harry Brushett  
Sam Marshall

## HALF FOOTBALL

James Golding  
Jason Lee  
Thomas Rathbone  
Will Smith  
Kuda Thomas

## FULL NETBALL

Emma Askew  
Isabella Hobson

## HALF NETBALL

Isabel Petts  
Sarah Exall  
Jessie Daubeny  
Bethany Lowther  
Halina Markiewicz  
Lucy Laister

## YEAR 11 HONOURS AWARDS

### RUGBY

Michael Roshier

### HOCKEY

Katy Woodhams  
Georgia Lello  
Maria-Bisila Dougan  
Lorenza Dougan  
Libby Donegan  
Eloise Wright  
Georgina Hill  
Jemima Bischoff  
Susan Warren

### NETBALL

Katy Woodhams  
Georgia Lello  
Maria-Bisila Dougan  
Lorenza Dougan  
Libby Donegan  
Eloise Wright  
Georgina Hill  
Jemima Bischoff  
Ella Dockery



# SPORTS & HOUSE AWARDS

## ELITE SPORTS AWARD

ROSS BANHAM (GB Sailing)

## RUGBY

### LAWRIE MANN TROPHY

(Greatest Contribution to 1st XV Rugby)

DAVID WILLIAMS

### THE HALFHIDE CUP

(Most Improved 1st XV Player)

ROBERT MILES

### THE STUBBS TROPHY

(Greatest Contribution to Junior Rugby)

SEBASTIAN LUND

### RUGBY PLAYER OF THE SEASON

HENRY KIRK

## GIRLS' HOCKEY

### HOCKEY MOST IMPROVED

GEORGIA LELLO

### HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE SEASON

KATY WOODHAMS

### GREATEST CONTRIBUTION TO HOCKEY

LORENZA DOUGAN

### GREATEST CONTRIBUTION TO JUNIOR HOCKEY

BELLE ZHOU

## FOOTBALL

### AMBROSE ROGERS FOOTBALL CUP

(Contribution to Football)

HARRY BRUSHETT

### SENIOR FOOTBALL CUP

(Most Improved 1st XI Player)

FOLAHAN PETERS

### FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE SEASON

SAM MARSHALL

### GREATEST CONTRIBUTION TO JUNIOR FOOTBALL

JOSE-OKORI DOUGAN ETOHA

## NETBALL

### PIPPA BLACKMAN TROPHY

(Contribution to Netball)

EMMA ASKEW

### SENIOR NETBALL MOST IMPROVED

LIBBY DONEGAN

### NETBALL PLAYER OF THE SEASON

ISABELLA HOBSON

### GREATEST CONTRIBUTION TO JUNIOR NETBALL

OLIVIA SHELTON

## CRICKET

### GREATEST CONTRIBUTION TO JUNIOR CRICKET

JOHNNY DAVIES

### NIGEL KIMBER CRICKET CLUB: 1ST XI

SAM MARSHALL

### JACK WHITE SHIELD

(Best Bowling Average)

SAM MARSHALL

## ROUNDERS

### GREATEST CONTRIBUTION TO SENIOR ROUNDERS

EMMA ASKEW

### GREATEST CONTRIBUTION TO JUNIOR ROUNDERS

LOLLY DISCOMBE

### JOHNSON TROPHY

(Most Rounders Scored In A Season)

KATY WOODHAMS

## ATHLETICS SPORTS

### PETER GREENHILL CUP JUNIOR BOYS

VICTOR LUDORUM

PAUL EMASEALU

### GORDAN WING CUP

JOSE-OKORI DOUGAN ETOHA

### U14 GIRLS VICTRIX LUDORUM

VERITY ROSS

## JUNIOR AWARDS

### DAMIEN LEE JONES MEMORIAL CUP

(Overall Contribution to School Sport)

EMMA ASKEW

### MARRIOTT JUNIOR BOY AWARD

(Performance and Commitment)

JAKE FUGGLE

### MARRIOTT JUNIOR GIRL AWARD

(Performance and Commitment)

JEMIMA LUND AND SOPHIE OVENDEN





# DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD



This has been another very successful year for the Duke of Edinburgh scheme at Bethany School. We recently had our license review and are delighted that it has been renewed for another three years. We have enjoyed fantastic uptake and completion rates and the expeditions have all been successful and great fun.

The vast majority of pupils now complete their skill, physical and volunteering sections at School during the afternoon activity sessions. Eco-school helpers have helped with recycling in the local community. The habitat huts team have ensured that the local bats, squirrels, bugs and birds have plenty of places to live while the Bethany buzzers

team have been campaigning about issues important to Bethany pupils.

The Year 10 Bronze participants completed their Qualifying Expedition during the September Open Morning weekend. We again walked in the local surroundings, from Benenden to Bethany on the first day and then from Bethany to Matfield on the second. Pupils enjoyed wonderful weather and made the most of our beautiful setting.

During the first weekend of the October half term, Year 12 and 13 Gold award participants took part in their practice and qualifying expedition to Snowdon.

At the beginning of March, the Year 10 Silver participants





took part in a practice expedition to the South Downs. The pupils walked from Devils Dyke viewpoint near Brighton to WoWo campsite. The trip ended with an excellent review around a campfire with marshmallows!

During the first weekend of the Easter half term, Year 12 and 13 Gold award participants took part in their practice and qualifying expedition to the Lake District. The participants felt fortunate that the weather was a lot better than it had been the year before when Storm Katy had swept through.

Activities week saw the new Year 9 participants complete their training and Practice expeditions. This was done at

School using our amazing outdoor learning facilities.

The Year 10 Silver participants went down to Dorset for their Silver expedition. This turned out to be one of the most challenging expeditions of the year as pupils endured a heat wave. They showed huge resilience and ultimately were successful. The expedition ended with a fantastic and well-deserved paddle boarding experience.

**A huge thank you to all staff who continue to help to make the award the success that it is.**

**Mr Cliff Cooper**  
Director of Outdoor Learning





# ACTIVITIES WEEK



TEAM BUILDING AT BEWL

As is tradition at Bethany, the final week of the year was a fun and frantic mix of activities for pupils to get involved with. This year's Activities Week was certainly action-packed and, having been blessed with beautiful weather, it was fantastic to make the most of the outdoors.

Most of Year 7 and 8 enjoyed a residential trip to a bushcraft camp, practising their abilities at making fires and foraging as well as a whole host of survival-themed team activities.

For those who chose to stay at School, circus skills, the creation of living sculptures and a trip to the Museum of Kent Life were the name of the game. Pupils were active and engaged throughout, demonstrating dexterity through a lively circus skills workshop, with showing off their creative flare by producing living sculptures around the campus, and learning about Kentish rural history, integral to the story of Bethany, at the Museum of Kent Life.

Year 9 and 10 spent most of the week involved in Duke of

Edinburgh. Bronze candidates learnt the skills required to go forward with the qualification, including the camp setup, nutrition and vital first aid before setting off on their practice expedition. Silver candidates, already well-versed in the skills required for Duke of Edinburgh, set off on their qualifying expedition following a trail along the south coast, taking in the gorgeous scenery in Swanage and its surrounding nature reserves.

For those not taking part in Duke of Edinburgh, the week was far from quiet. There was a culinary treat from Fun Kitchen, which put food science to the test with exciting explosions alongside gruesome tasks and tasty treats. This was followed by team building at Bewl Water and a safari tour of Port Lympne.





FIRST AID



FUN KITCHEN



BUSHCRAFT CAMP



TEAM BUILDING AT BEWL



MUSEUM OF KENT LIFE



ON-SITE ACTIVITIES

YEAR 8 BUSHCRAFT CAMP





# POSTCARDS FROM

## Copenhagen

The Art department took a trip to Copenhagen in February, over half term. The pupils had a fantastic time exploring the beautiful coastal city and all it has to offer.

The group visited a multitude of galleries where they took photos and sketched to generate ideas for their art work. All in all the pupils had a fantastic time, as did the teachers. Many Danish pastries were eaten and lots of fun and laughter was had!



## Ski Trip

Pupils departed for Serre Chevalier in France in February, looking forward to a fabulous skiing holiday. The group arrived at the resort with fresh snowfall everywhere, and after having skis fitted and a good night's sleep to recover from the journey, wasted no time before hitting the slopes!

The resort was in a superb condition, with instructors claiming it was the best snow and skiing conditions for many a year. The advanced were flying from day one, whizzing down the toughest of black runs with style and bravery, while the intermediate group were quick to find their ski legs and take on some of the more challenging red runs, moving to black runs by the middle of the week.

The beginner groups were particularly impressive, improving their ski ability and confidence lesson by lesson, resulting in them moving up the mountain to more challenging ski runs by the middle of the week, including a number of blue runs. All pupils were skiing down the mountain by the end of the week, which was certainly an impressive sight.

The après-ski programme was busy and included an exhibition of first class ice skating by many of the group, followed by whizzing down the slopes on bum boards, a quiz, a competitive evening of bowling and a fabulous ski show to finish the week.

All pupils made fabulous progress throughout the trip and returned home exhausted, but also with wonderful memories of skiing Serre Chevalier.

## Norfolk

Our Year 10 and 12 Geographers braved some challenging weather conditions in June when they visited Overstrand Hall in Norfolk for three days of Geography fieldwork. The Year 12s were collecting primary data for their independent investigations, worth 20% of their final A Level grade.

The focal points of their investigations were varied; from examining the need for regeneration in Cromer, to exploring the sustainability of the defences in Sheringham. However, when the weather set in, they worked together as a team to ensure that everyone had the data they needed.

The Year 10s conducted two main investigations during the trip. Firstly, examining how pebble size changes as you travel down a spit, and secondly whether social inequalities exist in Cromer. In classrooms sessions, they learnt how to complete a range of new fieldwork techniques, from beach profiles to land use mapping. They were then able to use these techniques in the field to gather a range of interesting data.

The Year 10s also took part in evening activities of Laser Quest and Nightline, which were great fun and helped pupils to improve their team work, communication and leadership skills. The trip wouldn't have been such a success without the support and enthusiasm of Mr Booth, Ms Shaw and Mr Bing.







## Spanish Exchange

Our Year 10 pupils enjoyed a fabulous Language Exchange, which allowed them to step out of their comfort zone, explore the Spanish culture, learn with other students and improve their language skills. The pupils wrote the following blogs about their experience:

“¡Hola! Our day started off with experiencing the difference between Spanish lessons compared to ours and the Spanish students’ English was brilliant. They could understand almost everything we said and some could even speak fluent English!

“Later, we took the city bus to the town centre and the weather was beautiful. We were given a guide who explained the old kings to us, and the reason why many buildings were built in certain ways. We were then given the chance to sit in seats which members of the Valladolid council sat.

“After the wonderful experience of lunch, we went on a bus which took us to another one which gave us a tour of Valladolid which was very interesting and beautiful.

“The tour finished at 7:45pm and we walked with our exchanges to their flats. Three of us (and our exchanges) followed the amazing day with a shopping trip to Rio shopping centre! A great start! Adiós.”

**Alexia Pickett, Daisy Underdown and Lolly Discombe**

“¡Hola! Today we went to Madrid, which is the capital of Spain, which was incredibly interesting. We started by seeing a statue of a famous Spanish writer called Cervantes, who is the Spanish equivalent to William Shakespeare. Madrid is much busier than Valladolid. The weather was beautiful and the architecture was fantastic. We went to a Spanish food market which sold fresh fruit, Tapas, desserts, fish and much more... We walked through the streets and squares of Madrid,

looking at the tourist shops and buskers and when we finally got the bus home and we were exhausted. Madrid was a fantastic experience, with lots of sights, shops and history.”

**Jeremy Daubeney**

“Today we explored the different places that Valladolid has to offer. We started by going with our Spanish exchanges to their lessons which gave us an insight of how lessons are different and an opportunity to learn more Spanish words.

“Next, we went to the centre of Valladolid, where we went to different museums. The first one we went to was sculpture museum and we explored their beliefs and religion through images and sculptures. In the afternoon we went to the Christopher Columbus museum where we saw the journey of the discovery of the earth being round. To end the day, everyone went back to their houses and enjoyed their evening with the Spanish family.”

**Ellie Roberts and Macey Smith**

“Today was a great day. First, we went to the Spanish students’ lessons and afterwards we spent break time the way the Spaniards do; they don’t go to the playground even though they have one, but go to the streets to buy food. After that we went to a museum which was a military school. We looked at the different weapons, armour and clothing which was really interesting. After that we had free time to go shopping, which everybody loved.

“In the afternoon we went back to the Spanish students’ houses, had lunch and packed our bags. In the evening we went to a dinner at Brooks which was like an American diner which was really nice and everyone was having fun interacting with each other.”

**Joseph Rourke and Jose-Okori Dougan Etoha**





# STAFF MOVES

## Rachel Antikatzidis



Rachel joined us in January 2008, initially as an Art and Ceramics Teacher. In addition, Rachel has also taught Textiles, Photography and Design & Technology at Bethany.

Rachel has a keen competitive side to her character and is a very keen tennis player. This competitive edge has meant that the competitive house Kiplings, which she led, won the inter house competition in 2012, 2015 and 2017.

In addition to being a committed teacher, Rachel was also in charge of our extra-curricular activities. This required a lot

of work behind the scenes, coordinating matters so that we have the right mix of activities and personnel and Rachel worked on this to great effect in recent years.

Rachel always displayed a passion and a deep care for everything she did at Bethany. As a Tutor, she always had the best interest of her Tutees at heart and formed very strong professional bonds with the pupils in her charge.

I wish Rachel every good fortune in her teaching and artistic career post Bethany.

Francie Healy

## Caroline Betts



We had the pleasure of working with Caroline at Bethany from December 2002. Her quiet, steady nature was the backstop in the bursary where her main role was Fees Clerk, sending out many thousands of bills over the years, first by post and latterly by email, and also monitoring the direct debit system. It could be said that she was responsible for keeping Bethany solvent for 15 years!

Caroline's wicked sense of humour made her a delightful colleague and we were all sorry to see her leave. She has gone on to work with her son-in-law in his local tepee hire business and is certainly enjoying her change in role.

Diane Vince

## Jonny Booth



Jonny Booth joined us initially for one year, but extending to two, as maternity cover for both teachers in the Geography department. He fitted seamlessly into both the Geography department and The Mount boarding house, where he was assistant Housemaster during his time at Bethany. Although he was only here for a short time, Jonny got fully involved both in and out of the classroom, and was held in high esteem by all he taught and the Mount boarders.

A keen rugby supporter and indeed player, it was perhaps fitting that during his time here the Lions and the Kiwis should fight out an honourable draw, in the historic

three test series.

Jonny always had a desire to explore Asia, and with no more members of the Geography department getting pregnant, he and his wife Marianne have secured their own Brexit, and leave Bethany to take a dual role at the Wycombe Abbey International School in Changzhou, China, as both a Geography teacher and a Housemaster.

We wish them both the very best of luck as their adventures continue.

Anthony Khan



## Fen Burley



Fen Burley joined Bethany in September 2015 as Teacher of Mandarin. This was an exciting time, as she introduced the teaching of Mandarin to Bethany. Fen has throughout her time at Bethany, used a variety of activities to enthuse the pupils and they particularly appreciated the extra-curricular events such as painting the characters and celebrating Chinese New Year. Mandarin has, as a result, been going from strength to strength and will be taught in Year 9 as an option from September. Fen has left this lasting legacy and we look forward to seeing the introduction of GCSE Mandarin in the future in 2018.

Fen had excellent relationships with all colleagues, due to her approachable and friendly nature. She was a pleasure to work with in the MFL department, she was extremely reliable and always worked professionally, implementing new suggestions and strategies. She was also very welcoming to the Chinese Assistants and they worked well as a team in the lessons. I wish her the very best in her future ventures and I will miss her both as a colleague and a friend, with a mutual love of Marks and Spencer!

Caron Wickham

## Louise Dean



Louise Dean was appointed as the School's first Development Manager in September 2015 following a varied career in Marketing, as an Entrepreneur and as a published author. She was charged with the creation of the Development Office at Bethany and she did this through the creation of The Bethany Network, which joined together all stakeholders in the wider Bethany Community under one umbrella. Alongside this she created the 1866 Fund for small annual giving, gained a number of other fundraising commitments to the School and set up corporate social responsibility

bursaries at Bethany. Her use of social media to connect one and all was truly impressive and much admired by competitor schools, she was the life and soul of the many drinks parties and dinners she hosted and attended on behalf of the School and as a testament to the huge energy and passion she brought to the Bethany Development Office she was awarded the IDPE Newcomer of the Year 2017. Thanks go to Louise for her massive contribution to Bethany School in her short time with us.

Steve Winter

## Jo Digby



Jo has been with us since September 2005 and in that time was a teacher of Maths, Head of KRS, Joint Head of Maths, supported innumerable DofE expeditions, supported the pupils with their for fundraising and going on the expeditions to India, Nepal and South Africa.

Furthermore, she has supported colleagues and pupils on a huge range of other trips and activities. There is no doubt that there are two distinct sides to her character both of which have been to the huge benefit of the pupils here at Bethany who, were always been her absolute priority!

The first side is the fierce stickler for detail. Jo was passionate about the pupils' developing a love of Maths and overcoming their fear of Maths where that has been an issue for them. Her lessons were planned meticulously and all of her pupils' work was marked with absolute thoroughness. Her pupils made excellent progress and spoke with awe about the impact her lessons had on them.

The other side to Jo was the fiercely caring person, often called by Cliff Cooper The DofE Mum. She was the Tutor whose

Tutees were incredibly well trained and, as a result, were massively proud and hugely grateful to be one of her boys in Pengelly. She took a great deal of time to support and tutor her the pupils in her Maths classes, often giving up breaks and lunchtimes to address their needs, challenge them, and more often than not, giving them the confidence that they can do Maths.

We thank Jo for everything she contributed to Bethany. She goes onto the new Focus School near Cambridge, we will miss her tremendously, the pupils will miss her support, care and challenge and the School community as a whole will miss her massive commitment to all that is Bethany.

Steve Winter





# STAFF MOVES

## Simon Douglass



The Bethany that Simon Douglass leaves behind is very different from the one which he joined some 20 years ago.

It has been said that the job of a good Bursar is to stop an even better Headmaster from spending too much money. Simon always made sure that the money spent for the School was spent wisely, and he was always acutely aware of the great financial sacrifices that our parents make to send their children to Bethany and applied enormous prudence in making sure every penny was spent well.

Simon was not only a great Bursar but also a good friend, with a great sense of humour. Simon's military background meant that he had, at times, a regimented view on life and that kept us all in line in a financial sense. Under his tenure Bethany modernised many of its buildings and built several new ones including the Harvey Library, the Dining Room, the Holmes Building, the Science Centre, the Car Park, the Benians Building, Acorns Sixth Form Building, Dorey Science Building, the Astroturf, Outdoor Education facilities, the Fitness Room, the Sixth Form Common Room and the indoor Swimming Pool. In addition, various refurbishment programmes have taken place in the The Orchard, The Mount

and Old Poplars boarding houses, as well as most of the classrooms.

Our three children studied at Bethany, my youngest child, Tom, used to love visiting the Bursary when he was a toddler. This was because Simon always made sure Tom got a bourbon biscuit when he arrived. Little did I know, until long afterwards, that was mainly because Simon did not like Bourbon biscuits in the first place!

Simon has always been a terrific servant to Bethany and no job was too great or small for him. It was a sign of his dedication and devotion to the School that he readily volunteered to drive children to and from School as a relief minibuss driver when the occasion demanded.

I hope that Simon's retirement is a long and happy one. He's just spent a very pleasant period in Europe with his devoted wife Carol, visiting various countries in a campervan. I hope that he will be able to visit his children who live in Australia and New Zealand and therefore have the added benefit of enjoying two summers, one here and one in the Southern hemisphere.

Francie Healy

## Jay Holland



Jay joined Bethany in September 2015 as a newly qualified teacher, taking up the position of Head of ICT. This was a daunting challenge given that he was on his own running a department.

Jay made an immediate impression on his tutor group and helped his new Year 7 pupils settle into Bethany quickly. In conjunction to this, Jay introduced coding

and robotics to the School, and this was highly spoken of by the pupils that he taught. At Easter Jay moved to teach in a larger ICT Department at Brockhill Park School in Hythe, where he trained, and so that he could spend more time with his young family.

Adam Manktelow



## John Marks



John Marks joined Bethany as Lead Teacher of Biology in January 2012 quickly establishing himself as a charismatic and jovial member of the staffroom, always great for an entertaining conversation but, equally, very serious when it came to Biology education.

Having been in genetic research for several years before joining the teaching profession he brought a wealth of knowledge and real-life experience to the role which very much helped to enthuse and inspire the next generation of biologists.

Through his connections in the field of biological science he even organised a talk to the Pengelly Society by world-renowned biologist and Nobel Prize Winner Professor Sir Tim Hunt, who thrilled the audience with his story of the discovery of protein molecules that control the division of cells.

In his time in the Bethany Science department John also organised all manner of field trips for pupils of all ages, but perhaps the most exciting was the trip he led to the National Space Centre in Leicester in 2015 when a group of A level pupils were involved in the filming of a video for the Wellcome Trust on Space Biology, very much contributing

to raising the profile of the Bethany Science Department.

Alongside his role in Science, John has also been heavily involved in the extra-curricular side of life at Bethany. He has been an extremely enthusiastic and proud Head of Speakers competitive house and, in his first year in the role, even led his charges to victory in the Jessel Shield... and then ensuring that everyone knew about it by displaying the trophy in his room and showing it off to all and sundry who passed by!

John has also been an important member of recent School expeditions, not only being a key member of the Duke of Edinburgh team, but planning, organising and running the hugely successful expedition to Nepal, which everyone agreed really was the trip of a lifetime.

John departs Bethany to take on the joint roles of Head of Science and Houseparent at Royal Alexandra & Albert School in Reigate. Everyone at Bethany wishes John the very best of luck as he moves to pastures new and hopes that his vibrancy will be enjoyed as much there as it has been at Bethany.

James Vickerman

## Cathy Miles



Cathy Miles has worked in DLS as a Specialist Teacher over the last year, supporting pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9. In addition to this she has taught swimming and supervised the Sixth Form in the Library. Cathy's skills as a qualified Specialist Assessor were also utilised by the department for assessing pupils for exam concessions.

Cathy has been extremely supportive and flexible within the Department; her sense of humour and mischievous side has triggered many an hilarious moment. Sadly Cathy fell ill just after leaving Bethany and we all wish her a full and speedy recovery.

Katie Harper



# STAFF MOVES

## Suresh Parmar



Suresh Parmar came here in September 2016 to help co-ordinate the Year 13 Applied Business course, in conjunction with some Key Stage 3 Science. His wealth of industry experience and enthusiasm was always appreciated by the pupils as well as his colleagues. Even a bout of illness in the new year did not keep him back from helping

his pupils as he marked A level coursework from his sickbed – this is testimony to Suresh's commitment to his pupils and professionalism. He will be sorely missed and we wish him all the best for the future!

Simon Duff

## Gareth Stubberfield



Gareth Stubberfield joined Bethany as Director of Music in September 2008 from Tunbridge Wells. He had a love of all things musical and brought an infectious enthusiasm for music to Bethany. The practical nature of music played to his strengths and he was an excellent musical performer. He enthused many pupils down through the years with his positive "can do" attitude. He successfully organised various musical entities from choirs to assemblies to concerts. He also co-ordinated extremely well the role of our peripatetic music staff and was very loyal to them and vice versa. Bethany celebrated its 150th year in 2016

and Gareth took ownership of the whole School production called 'Providence! – The Musical' to great effect. Not only did he direct the musical but he wrote the lyrics for it as well with some help from colleagues.

I wish Gareth well as he embraces a life post teaching and with his youthful enthusiasm I am sure that he will contribute richly to musical activities in the West Country for years to come.

Francie Healy

## Sue Thorpe



Sue Thorpe joined Bethany twice, once in 1993 as a Housemistress in Todmans. Back then it was a girls' boarding house. She came back in 2006 as a Maths teacher. So Sue might be unique in that there has not been any other member of staff at Bethany who has had two critical leading roles in the School, years apart. Sue is one of those teachers who just gets on with the work, she has a natural love of Maths and therefore has been really at home discussing A level topics to bright mathematical minds.

We would like to thank Sue for all that she did in looking after the girls in Todmans at a time when most members of staff at

Bethany didn't know how to deal with girls and for the excellent teaching she has given in the last 11 years.

However, Sue has made a huge additional contribution to Bethany life and we would like to thank her for her work as a Sixth Form Tutor and the immense support and help she has given to DoFE. Sue is the type of person who does things so quietly and well that is only when she is gone and someone else has to do what she has done that you realise just how much she did. We wish Sue all the best in her retirement.

Steve Winter



## Caroline Turvey



Caroline was associated with the School prior to taking on the role of leading the Chaplaincy as the Lay Chaplain in September 2014, so we knew that with her lead that this key pastoral aspect of the School would be invigorated and energised significantly. From the start Caroline looked for opportunities to develop the Christian ethos of the School for everyone, not just through the morning Chapel Service, but also through new innovative projects such as the now annual Prayer Spaces.

Caroline has also been instrumental in the introduction of the peer mentoring programme, with Sixth Formers being trained and supported in helping younger pupils in the School. Her energy and positive view on what can be achieved was valued by staff and pupils alike and many individuals have benefitted from their time with Caroline. Pupils felt they had a safe haven and the numbers attending the Chaplaincy for weekly sessions steadily

grew over the time Caroline was in charge. This is also reflected in the numbers attending the Annual retreat Carrotty Wood which Caroline still led even after she had left Bethany and taken up her new role with Goudhurst Church.

In the public eye Caroline represented the School wonderfully well in the two major Services held outside of School, the Remembrance and the Carol Service. Caroline managed to present content that was engaging and thought provoking for all ages. Her energy every day and her steadfast presentation of God and the Church provided comfort for many parents and other members of the Bethany community. Caroline will be missed greatly by the School and we are comforted by the fact that as a Lay Minister in Goudhurst, she will remain in close contact with our community.

Alan Sturrock

## Diane Vince



Diane started at Bethany in August 1997 and therefore has spent 20 happy years at Bethany. I cannot think of a more friendly, positive and sincere welcome that people have received as they have arrived at Bethany. As regards first impressions, Diane was the best at providing this favourable introduction. In addition to lighting up the reception area, Diane was also an exceptionally good typist and had excellent proof-reading skills.

Diane knew everyone, so many of our pupils got to know her so well, particularly those who were late for morning and afternoon registration!

Diane's engaging personality meant that she could talk to colleagues, parents, prospective parents and pupils in a warm inclusive manner. We all benefitted from her wisdom, she made us all feel appreciated and important.

Diane also had a terrific sense of humour and the most abiding memories for so many of us are full of laughter. Diane generated more good humour and banter in her time at Bethany than any other. Equally, in times of sadness, Diane was also able to provide the correct degree of solemnity and respect. She was also wonderfully self-deprecating and made people feel like there was no subject that they could not talk to her about.

We all wish Diane the very best in her retirement, and given her natural energy levels, I am sure that she will become actively involved in her local community in Tenterden. Being a grandmother, it will also mean that she will get to spend more time with her grandchildren, which I know is something that she is looking forward to.

Francie Healy





# CHAPLAINCY

## SHOEBOX

## APPEAL

## REACHES

## NEW HIGH

Bethany School set the challenge to collect over 100 shoeboxes to send out to children across the world via the charities Samaritan's Purse and Operation Christmas Child. This was eagerly helped along by the threat/promise that if this did not happen, our Charity Prefects Sam Petch-Smith and Thomas Rathbone would face the ice-bucket challenge.

Our initial plea was also poignantly highlighted by Daniela Francisty-Hughes who came to Chapel to speak about the box she had received when living in Romania as a child. The pupils and staff were visibly moved as she showed us the treasured doll which was in the box 20 years ago and which she takes with her to this day wherever she travels.



Overall 116 boxes were collected for Christmas 2016. Well done to everyone who filled a box. You have no idea in whose hands it will end, but you can be assured that your love will reach the hearts of those who receive them.

Finally, to those who faced the ice bucket challenge, well done for your bravery and for raising extra money to put towards our shoebox campaign for 2017.

## HOUSE CHAPEL

## 2017

Led and thought through by Samuel Prescott and Matthew Page, the Roberts House Chapel introduced some of the older members of the congregation to 'Kahoot', the interactive quiz using mobile phones. This created atmosphere and buzz and congratulations go to Simon Duff who was obviously listening throughout and got all the answers correct.





To end the Chapel, we were simply led in a time of quiet and stillness. A poetic end to a well thought through and imaginative service.

Speakers House produced a thought provoking service to the theme of 'Anaphora' – the use of repetition in our language to get a point across.

From a treasure hunt for chocolate coins to beautifully worded prayers, this service was well constructed. Well done Speakers!

Kiplings House rose to the challenge of combining two themes to enable us to understand how beautifully and challengingly written the Bible is. Well done especially to the Leaders of the House, Eleanor Firth and Dorothy Beales for working incredibly hard to bring this together using YouTube clips, fun and laughter and a sense of purpose throughout.

## RESULTS

**As ever, this is tough for the judges and it is a close run thing with each team showing strengths and weaknesses in different areas. There are 11 criteria from interaction with congregation, to leadership skills shown, with a possible 10 points to be gained in each.**

**The results were:**

**KIPLINGS – 275**

**ROBERTS – 266**

**SPEAKERS – 252**

**Well done to each house for taking part and for inspiring us each week.**

## TACKLING THE BIG QUESTION



On Monday 27th February, Bethany School welcomed a panel of six guests to discuss their Christian faith and explore its place in the modern world. The panel featured Christians of various backgrounds, including three Reverends, a children's worker, an advocate for inclusivity within the church, and a Fellow of the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics (OCCA).

The event, which was open to the public and involved pupils from several schools, saw the audience continuously engaging with the panel, opening discussions on topics that were both informed and

varied, including questions on art, literature, mental health and more personal reflection on the panel's basis for their individual Christian beliefs.

The event, organised by Bethany School's Chaplain, Caroline Turvey, was the first of its kind at the School, and was intended to inform rather than evangelise. It served as a learning opportunity for all involved, particularly the students of Religious Studies and Philosophy and Ethics for whom an understanding of faith, its reasons and motivations, are integral to their course.





# SPEECH DAY



Saturday 24th June dawned bright and warm once again for Bethany's Speech Day and Leavers' Day.

The day began with the Leavers' Breakfast in the Sixth Form Centre at 9.30am, which was once again an emotional and moving time, as Year 13 pupils and their parents bid farewell to Bethany School and looked ahead excitedly to their futures.

At 10.30am, after a champagne breakfast, everyone headed to the Chapel for the Leavers' Service, which started as usual with the leavers' brilliant video of their time at Bethany. The two youngest members of the School community, Verity Ross and Aidan Mathieson laid a wreath at the School's war memorial and emotions ran high as the School hymn was sung by our leavers for the last time.

Meanwhile, the Friends of Bethany School fete was underway on the Headmaster's lawn, with the usual wide array of stalls, accompanied by music played by some of our talented pupils.

At 12.30pm the formal lunch began in our Function Suite. At the same time, The Bethanians Society Lunch also took place in the Dining Hall, followed by their AGM.





At 2pm the formal speeches and prize giving began. The Chair of Governors, Mr Roger Stubbs gave the introductory speech, followed by the Headmaster's inspiring talk on Teamwork. Our Guest of Honour, Reverend Richard Leadbeater then kindly gave prizes and congratulations to all the winning pupils, followed by a wonderful speech picking up on the theme of Teamwork. Mr Leadbeater talked about how his time playing as a striker for Hereford United had taught him that being part of a team can be difficult and also amazing. He went on to say that being a sports person is all about your performance, but being a Christian is all about God's performance.

Head of School, Sam Marshall, and Deputy Head of School, Jessie Daubeney, gave a wonderful vote of thanks. They both talked with great nostalgia and fondness about their time at Bethany, and how they progressed through the years, achieving more than they thought possible. They also spoke about how they had, in the past year, celebrated each other's victories and covered each other's weaknesses.

The day concluded in traditional British fashion, with tea and cake, before everyone said their final goodbyes.





# CHARITY WORK



## SHORTSATHON RAISES HUNDREDS FOR CENTREPOINT

What started off as a simple bet between two friends became a fund raising event that has allowed Max Brown to raise hundreds of pounds for charity Centrepoint.

A friend bet him £5 that he could not continue to wear shorts until 1st December. This then snowballed into “wearing shorts for a year”.

The winter chill really brought home the importance of the charity Centrepoint, who Max was supporting. This is a charity that provides help to homeless young people in the UK (75% of them are under 21 years old). People often become homeless because of problems at home such as arguments, violence and drugs. Many of those who are helped by Centrepoint have health problems, poor education and no idea how to survive alone. Centrepoint does not just provide accommodation, it can help with all of these things.



CEO of the company Fat Face asking if there was any possibility of sponsorship, especially since he was wearing their shorts all the time. Mr Thompson very kindly agreed and sponsored him £10 for every week that he wore shorts and sent him some free shorts! In return, Max sent him updates at the end of the month, along with photos.

Impressed by Max's success, Mr. Healy pledged his own support, offering to don a pair of shorts for a winter's day and from this, the 'Shortsathon' was born.

“On the day that the School newsletter went out, I raised £360. It was amazing. The day before the Shortsathon I was worried that no one (other than Mr. Healy!) would wear shorts and I would feel truly daft. I should not have worried, the support, despite the rather chilly weather was fabulous. This event alone raised £665...that is a lot of shorts! I was also very pleased that half the collection money from the Christmas Carol Service was donated to my cause as this added several hundred pounds to the fund.

“In total, Bethany helped me to raise an extra £1,870. I really cannot describe how amazing the whole experience has been and also the effect that this will have on people who, for whatever reason have found themselves without a home.

“I would like to say a truly massive thank you to all those who have donated and also participated in my shorts for a year challenge.”

Max Brown - Year 8



## PENGELLY BOYS HELP CHILDREN OF GAMBIA

Following various fundraising initiatives since the start of the academic year, the boys in Pengelly House were able to donate £300 to the House charity, Children of Gambia Services (CoGS). This has enabled the Charity to purchase a high visibility school bag and a much needed water bottle for each of the 100 children who attend the school.

This is great news for the children as many of them walk miles to school and the bright bags help them carry their

personal belongings, as well as be seen when they are walking along the many unlit roads/dirt tracks of Gambia. It might be hard to believe but a school bag is not something generally that families can afford in the Gambia, so they are definitely appreciated.

The children received their bags in March, delivered by our HR Manager, Toni Lavender, who visited the school for its 10-year anniversary celebrations.



## YEAR 7 PUPIL RAISES MONEY FOR THE BRAIN TUMOUR CHARITY

Year 7 pupil, William Harby, demonstrated exactly why he is one of our Sports Scholars, by organising a charity football event that raised an incredible £160.69 for The Brain Tumour Charity. In true entrepreneurial spirit William charged pupils not only to watch the match, but also to take part, and marketed the event throughout the School thereby ensuring a fantastic turnout. The event formed part of William's

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), an AQA accredited qualification that sees pupils working independently to explore topics of interest to them. This is not the first time Bethany has supported the Brain Tumour Charity. In 2015, former Bethany pupil Harry Graham established Bandana Day at Bethany, and we're delighted that our pupils continue to enthusiastically support this good cause.





# FRIENDS OF BETHANY SCHOOL



The Friends of Bethany School (FOBS) has had another successful year supporting the School, its pupils and parents. While it was difficult to compete with the events of the previous year, which saw Bethany's 150th Grand Ball, the opening of the new swimming pool by a double gold medal Olympian and the new FOBS sponsored Media Centre in the Function Suite, last year's activities were equally effective in promoting Bethany's family ethos.

FOBS is instrumental in the efficiency and success of the Open Days and in relating to the new parents. Members work side by side with the Headmaster and staff to answer key questions from every aspect of a pupil and parents' perspective.

The main fundraising event was the annual Fish and Chip Quiz night. Mr Winter was again a decisive and commanding quizmaster and the Headmaster's team did what was expected of them - avoiding coming last! As usual this was a fun and well-supported evening, with copious wine and wisdom on show! Be sure to keep an eye out for the next one.

The annual Speech Day was once again a roaring success and FOBS coordinated the morning fayre which was well attended and there was a variety of goods on offer. This raised welcome funds for the boarding houses.

A busy year also meant FOBS being present to assist at the excellent drama productions, supplying the necessary

refreshments during the intervals. As always, FOBS likes to be intrinsically involved in the main School events through the year for which the Headmaster is hugely grateful.

Through funds raised, FOBS enjoy purchasing non-essential items for the School, and were delighted this year to sponsor the new netball kit for the girls having previously spent £22,000 on the aforementioned Media Centre in the Function Suite.

A huge thank you to all the FOBS committee members for their commitment and hard work throughout the year. Bethany would not be the School it is without you.

**Lynn Askew**  
**FOBS Chair**



# THE BETHANIANS SOCIETY

It was always going to be difficult to follow the fantastic year that we had celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the School but in true Bethany style we did our best!

The year started with our Annual Careers Afternoon on 7th October 2016, when Old Bethanians and others offered their advice and gave information on a variety of different careers to some of the present pupils who need to decide what they will do when they leave the School. This was followed the same evening by the Bethany Network Cocktail Party at the Goudhurst Inn celebrating the first anniversary of the launch of the Bethany Network.

Sadly, our Annual Dinner had to be cancelled due to a last-minute rescheduling, and unfortunately many people could not make the new date.

In November, we were treated to an audience with Aaron Sidwell, an Old Bethanian turned actor who many would recognise as Steven Beale in *EastEnders*. In an interesting question and answer session he spoke about his experiences of working on such a well-known show and revealed that his first love has always been the theatre.

On 1st December 2016, when people's thoughts started to turn towards Christmas, we had the first ever "Christmas Jolly". This was a drinks evening which took place at the Paternoster Chop House, just next door to St. Paul's Cathedral. It was well attended by a number of Old Bethanians and put everybody in the right mood for Christmas.



This was followed less than 48 hours later by the inaugural Anthony Clarke Memorial Rugby Match held at the School on a bright, crisp December morning. Anthony Clarke was an Old Bethanian who was tragically killed in a car accident in 2003. A fund has been set up in his name and this match was and will continue to be played in his memory.

The New Year started quietly but the first event of the year was worth waiting for. This took place in the shape of the Sports Dinner held at the School on 24th March 2017 and

the Guest of Honour was Hannah Russell, who won a swimming gold medal at the Paralympic Games in Rio last year. She was an inspiration to all and she handed out awards to many pupils in recognition for their own sporting achievements.

Finally this brought us to our annual Reunion Day on 24th June 2017. Having enjoyed the usual stalls and displays in the morning, we enjoyed a good lunch which was followed by our AGM in the Bethanians' Room at which Nick Randell was elected TBS President for the second time. The day finished with tea which again, sadly, could not be served on the lawns due to the weather.

Thus, ended a busy year for The Bethanians' Society. No doubt the remainder of 2017 going into 2018 will be equally as busy.

**Nick Randell**





# PRIZES & AWARDS

## THE JJ KENDON PRIZE FOR EFFORT

Year 7

**James Caney**

Year 8

**Max Brown**

Year 9

**Alexander Hill**

Year 10

**Martina Cebolla Salas**

Year 11

**Georgina Hill**

## THE KILBY PRIZE FOR JUNIOR ART

**Connie Clar**

## THE DOUGLAS PRIZE FOR SENIOR ART

**Phoebe Mills**

## THE TEXTILES PRIZE

**Rosie Lindsley**

## THE MICHAEL WILLIAMS PHOTOGRAPHY CUP AND PRIZE

**Joel Wise**

## THE STOBART PRIZE FOR BUSINESS STUDIES AND ECONOMICS

**Tom Healy**

## THE HOOPER'S APPLIED BUSINESS STUDIES AND FINANCE PRIZE

**Matthew Page**

## THE YOUNG ENTERPRISE ACHIEVER OF THE YEAR

**Seav Chhuon Ing**

## THE NOTLEY PRIZE FOR CRAFT AND DESIGN

**Lorenza Dougan**

## THE SAMUEL KENDON PRIZE FOR CRAFT AND DESIGN

**David Coupe**

## THE BREACH PRIZE FOR INNOVATION

**Alexander Monk**

## THE FOOD TECHNOLOGY SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT PRIZE

**Emilia Wyllie**

## THE SENIOR FOOD TECHNOLOGY PRIZE

**Lucy Laister**

## THE MASTER CHEF WINNER

**Mia Miao**

## THE ROCHE PRIZE FOR DRAMA

**Louis Griffiths**

## THE JUNIOR DRAMA PRIZE

**Libby King**

## THE CHELMSFORD HALL CUP AND PRIZE

**Aaron Monk**

## THE HELEN MEMORIAL CUP AND PRIZE

**Sebastian Greaves**

## THE MCLAREN ENGLISH PRIZE

**George Knight**

## THE JUNIOR ENGLISH PRIZE

**Libby King**

## THE HUNTER ESSAY PRIZE

**Cameron Manchester**

## THE ADLER C.A.R.E. PRIZE

**Eddie Barnes Yallowley**

**Thomas Franks**

**Thomas Good**

## THE HENRY HOWARD PUBLIC SPEAKING PRIZE

**Natalie Ward**

## THE SENIOR MEDIA PRIZE

**Ben Bateman**

## GCSE MEDIA PRIZE

**Teddy Hutchinson**

## THE EAL PRIZE

**Mia Miao**

## THE MICHAEL DALZIEL GEOGRAPHY PRIZE (GCSE)

**Tireni Odubiyi**

## THE HUMPHREY MAXWELL MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE

**Senior Geography**

**Bethany Lowther**

## THE ROGER KIMBER PRIZE FOR EFFORT

**A Level Geography**

**Charlie Carpenter**

## THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF ST GEORGE JUNIOR HISTORY PRIZE

**Thomas Connell**

## THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF ST GEORGE SENIOR HISTORY PRIZE

**George Knight**

## THE KELLY POLITICS PRIZE

**Adam Thompson**



### THE LORD STAMP MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR GCSE MATHEMATICS

Kenneth Ling

### THE LORD STAMP MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR A LEVEL MATHEMATICS

Harry Yoo

### THE MASON PRIZE FOR FRENCH

Georgina Hill

### THE SPANISH PRIZE

Charlie Carpenter

### THE FINCHAM CUP FOR STRINGS

Henry Sylow

### THE GARDNER CUP AND PRIZE FOR GUITAR

Jeremy Daubeney

### THE HALL PRIZE FOR THE HIGHEST MUSIC GRADE

Ren Miyoshi

### THE CHRISTOPHER MONEY CHORISTERS CUP AND PRIZE

Natalie Whyte

### THE MUSIC PRIZE FOR PROGRESS

Amelia Midgley

### THE JAMES MORRISSEY-CROUCH MUSIC AWARD

Warwick Crewe-Brown

### THE PRIZE FOR BRASS

Abbie Bristow

### THE THORNTON PRIZE

Dorothy Beales

### THE JAMES HALL MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR RS (GCSE)

Tireni Odubiyi

### THE JAMES HALL MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR RS (A LEVEL)

Bethany Lowther

### THE BIOLOGY PRIZE FOR GCSE

Edward Reed

### THE BIOLOGY PRIZE FOR A LEVEL

Michael Okwara

### THE CHEMISTRY PRIZE FOR GCSE

Maria-Bisila Dougan

### THE CHEMISTRY PRIZE FOR A LEVEL

David Coupe

### THE PHYSICS PRIZE FOR GCSE

Kenneth Ling

### THE PHYSICS PRIZE FOR A LEVEL

Leon Li

### THE STAMPER PRIZE

Polina Chernous

### THE MAYNARD PRIZE FOR THE BEST GCSEs

William Cunningham

### THE POWELL CUP FOR JUNIOR SPORTSMAN

Alexander Hill

### THE JUNIOR SPORTSWOMAN

Bella Zhou

### THE ROY FARQUARSON TROPHY FOR SENIOR SPORTSMAN

Sam Marshall

### THE PIPPA BLACKMAN TROPHY FOR EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMIC PE

Thomas Rathbone

### SENIOR SPORTSWOMAN

Emma Askew

### KIRKBRIGHT CAPTAIN'S CUP

Emma Askew

### THE ANTHONY CLARKE MEMORIAL TROPHY (FOR COURAGE)

Ross Banham

### DUKE OF EDINBURGH GOLD AWARD WINNERS

Tom Healy

Oliver Craggs

David Coupe

David Williams

Henry Wright

Henry Sylow

Joel Wise

Henry Kirk

Kuda Thomas

Sam Marshall

Maddy Todd

Oliver Tutt

Adam Thompson

Oscar Guindi

### THE RICHARD ASHLIN PRIZE

(middle school – for kindness shown to others)

Amy McQueen

### THE ROBERT COUPLAND PRIZE

(for academic and social progress)

Harry Brushett

### THE FENECH CUP

(for being compassionate and considerate)

Oscar Guindi

### THE ALEX MARKS TROPHY FOR ENDEAVOUR

Isabella Hobson

### THE TIMOTHY SEDGEWICK CUP

(courage in the face of adversity)

Eloise Wright

### THE ROSS TURNBULL PRIZE

(for service to the community)

Oliver Craggs

### THE JESSEL SHIELD FOR THE WINNING HOUSE

Kiplings

### THE WILLIAM RUZZAK MEMORIAL PRIZE THE DEPUTY HEADS OF SCHOOL

Jessie Daubeney

### THE EDWARD HAYWARD MEMORIAL PRIZE THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Sam Marshall





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