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# Headmaster's Welcome



“ This has been another great year for Bethany and I hope that the contents of this annual review will give you great pleasure and enjoyment. ”

**Mr Francie Healy** Headmaster

As has now become the norm, the new academic year started off with our new boarders arriving in advance of everyone else, so that they could become acclimatised to both England and Bethany.

Towards the end of the first full School week my elderly dad passed away. Although he had been in ill health for sometime and therefore his death was not a surprise, it was nevertheless a shock. I was consequently unable to attend the New Parents Canapés and Wine evening. The

feedback I got from those who attended was that parents were extremely happy, as were their children.

Auditions for our whole School production for High School Musical started and there was some strong competition for the leading roles.

Our annual charity walk event also took place in September and once again, the pupils excelled themselves with their good manners and charitable endeavours.





Our Open Morning in September was, as usual, very well attended and as ever our tour guides and pupils came in for particularly wholesome praise.

We have a very competitive, Competitive House system at Bethany and September also saw the annual tug of war competition between the three Houses. In the end Speakers and Roberts drew and a special one off tug of war event took place which contained one pupil from each year group taking part in each team and this resulted in Roberts winning the overall competition.

The Meet the Tutor evening which took place at the end of September was also a really positive affair and the feedback from our parents was that our pupils were enjoying the classes and the food in equal measure!

We had an excellent Sixth Form Careers Afternoon sponsored by the Bethany Network. The Sixth Formers benefited hugely from the wide range of businesses that took part. The pupils listened attentively to the pearls of wisdom being distributed by our corporate visitors.

During the October half term our Duke of Edinburgh pupils completed their expedition to Snowdon and there was a combined rugby tour and business studies trip to Barcelona.

I also had the most enjoyable, and indeed enviable task, of travelling to China, Hong Kong and Cambodia. I spent the two weeks of half term there and was treated incredibly well by all the parents I came into contact with. Our overseas parents remain enormously grateful to Bethany for the outstanding care and education that their children are receiving.

For the first time in recent years we decided to hold our Remembrance Service in the School Chapel, rather than in the local church in Marden. We had two such services; one for senior pupils and the second for the younger ones. Both services were excellent, and once again I marveled at the reverence that our pupils were paying to those who lost their lives in both World Wars.



November also saw Media Studies teacher Mrs Claire Pack give birth to her first child, a baby boy called Rohan. I remember the birth of my own children very well, although I must admit I am more than happy that they are now adults!



In December, for the first time, we had a Year 7 to 9 Charity Ball organised by the Senior Prefects to raise funds for the Children's Trust and Kent Air Ambulance. This was a suggestion put forward by Year 8 pupil, Lily O'Donnell Hughes, whose younger brother was involved in a road traffic accident and benefitted from both charities. Over £1,000 was raised.

The annual Anthony Clarke Memorial rugby match against Tunbridge Wells also took place in early December and Bethany emerged victorious. This meant that our 1st XV rugby team had an unbeaten season, which was the first time that happened for 25 years.

Our end of term Carol Service, once again in Cranbrook Church, was superb and I can think of no better way to start the festive season.

Red Nose Day and the Year 7 – 9 Charity Ball were great successes raising £1,500 for the two charities.

In January we had a Drug Awareness Day, where we invited in as guest speaker, a former policeman, to speak to our pupils throughout the day. There was an evening session for parents and those who turned up found it very enlightening indeed.

February is traditionally synonymous with our whole School production and this year it was High School Musical. The children were magnificent and it was both humbling and energizing to see so much joy on stage.

February Open Morning saw a record number of people attend, and just like in September our pupils received some notable praise.

February half term saw our historians visit Berlin. Towards the end of February, we had our annual Festival

of Scholars evening. This was characterised by the superb talent on display, as well as the modesty of the Scholars themselves.

We were all reminded of the joys of snow in early March. When the going gets tough, the tough get going and I am pleased that although Bethany had to close for two days, it was less than many of our competitors.

The Friends of Bethany School sponsored Fish and Chips Quiz Night took place on Saturday 10th March. The Quizmaster was Mr Winter and a most enjoyable evening was had by all. As Headmaster, my sole objective that evening was not to be in a team that finished last and I succeeded in that!

Two days later Max Brown (Year 9) and William Stoneham (Year 8) reached the final of the BT Ultimate STEM Challenge and gave a very good account of themselves at this prestigious event.

Later on that week, the Pengelly Society had former pupil Charlie Blewett who left Bethany in 1997, return to give a presentation on special effects in the film industry. This he did to tremendous acclaim.

St Patrick's Day, Saturday 17th March, was a great day for me personally as I was fortunate enough to get a ticket to go to Twickenham and see my beloved Ireland beat England and therefore claim the Grand Slam and win the annual Six Nations rugby competition.

Also in March, we trialed a Project Based Learning approach with our Year 7 pupils and it was a tremendous success. The purpose of the project was to allow pupils to work together in groups of three and four to create beneficial aids for people who suffered from blindness, Alzheimer's or Parkinsons. The pupils then had to give







a presentation to their parents and staff at the end of the third day and I was overwhelmed by excellence of what they had produced in the short time frame.

In recent years, Bethany has undertaken an annual parental survey to get some feedback about our provision and I was very heartened indeed by the positivity in the responses.

Towards the end of term, we had our second annual Sports Award Dinner which was a deserved opportunity for our sports stars in our pupil body to receive their just accolades. They also received some great words of wisdom from our guest speaker Tim Stimson, who played for England and the British Lions.

One of my most enjoyable evenings of the year is when I bring all the boarders over to my house for a barbecue and this year was no exception. It was a lovely summer's evening and it was great to see the boarders interact so well with each other and play some traditional summer games in the garden.

The Sixth Form Ball was once again a most joyous event. The location this year was changed to The Spa Hotel in Tunbridge Wells. It was a wonderful evening with a suitably convivial atmosphere. Both the parents and the pupils behaved themselves!

I went to Spain for three days in May half term and while I was there the Manager of Real Madrid football club and the Spanish Prime Minister both resigned. With my work done, I returned home!

Our Getting to Know Bethany day for all new pupils in Year 7 – 9 and their parents was another great success.

The Bethany's Got Talent annual arts showcase took place on Tuesday 19th June and it was the best event of its kind in recent memory. All the performances were of a high quality and the worthy winner was Year 11 pupil Eriann Denyer.

The annual Leavers vs Staff football match took place two days later and the staff won convincingly with a score of eight goals to three.

Later on that evening, the supremely competitive Pengelly vs Kendon football match took place with Kendon winning comprehensively thanks to no small part to Year 11 pupil Jose Dougan.

June, of course, is dominated by the main school event of the year, namely Speech Day, Leavers' Day and TBS Reunion Day. The Year 13 Leavers and their parents found it a most emotional experience and they were genuinely sad to be leaving Bethany. The Leavers' service was excellent, lunch scrumptious and the senior prefect team spoke incredibly well at the prize giving ceremony in the afternoon.

Towards the end of this summer term the Wizard of Oz became our Junior School production and played to superb reviews. The Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils who took part, did so to an incredibly high standard and all were genuinely joyful on stage.

The last week of term was different to all of the others, in that it was activities week. Most of our pupils were off-site doing various activities which ranged from being in a residential trip in Hertfordshire to a Duke of Edinburgh assessed expedition in Dartmoor. Other pupils remained on site taking part in some teambuilding exercises, whilst others had some practical workshops on food science.



The GCSE and A level results were once again very encouraging. Our Sixth Formers gained admissions to their preferred universities and those who sought non university placements were also successful.

The Board of Governors have once again supported me very well this past twelve months. They challenge and support me in equal measure, as indeed they should.

The welfare and education of pupils remain their top priority and everything that is decided has to pass those two tests in the first instance.

Last, and certainly not least, I would like to thank our Marketing Manager, Mrs Ginnie Corbett, for working so hard to produce this magazine. She has spent many hours co-ordinating and editing the various pieces that she has obtained and she has the patience of a saint! 🌳



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# Kendon

“ The Kendon staff always try to help us grow up to be gentlemen. ”

## Number of pupils

57

## Head of House

Jose-Okori Dougan

## House Monitors

Anson Chan  
Jonathan Mak  
Taher Al Omoush  
Jake Blane  
Jared Hammond  
Jake Jones

I've been a boarder in Kendon for over five years now and I was extremely proud to be made the first ever Year 11 Head of House at the start of the year. Things have changed a lot in my time in the House because for my first two years I was a Todmans day boy but a Kendon boarder. Mr Sturrock was my first Housemaster, with Mr Coupland as the Assistant Housemaster, but then Mr Vickerman became Housemaster four years ago and Mr Smith became the Assistant Housemaster two years ago so I've known lots of boarding staff, including Mr Thomas who's been the Second Assistant Housemaster in all that time.

All of them have helped to shape

me from being quite a naughty boy when I was younger into (I think) a responsible and proud member of Kendon. I have learnt the importance of manners and respecting everyone else and I've tried to support everyone else in the House, especially the younger boys.

Just like every year, Mr and Dr Vickerman have provided lots of fun entertainment for everyone in the House. We've done loads of things like an Easter egg hunt, doughnut bobbing, meals out to various restaurants, barbecues, and, at Christmas, everyone had a great time going bowling and then for a meal at Frankie & Benny's in Tunbridge Wells. The snow



days were very entertaining too! It was going to be hard for the Summer Party to top the bubble football and inflatable Lazer Wars we've done in recent years but the Zorb racing might have been the most fun event yet!

I can't do a Kendon report without mentioning the annual Kendon versus Pengelly football match. It was definitely the closest one for several years and, although we took an early lead, Pengelly kept pulling the score back and it was 3-3 with ten minutes to go – Jack Bartram had scored two goals and I'd scored the other one. But in the last few minutes of the game we managed to score two more goals (well, actually, I scored two more goals to get a hat trick!) to win the match 5-3 and retain the Hollman Cup for the fourth year in a row – Mr Vickerman is very proud that he remains undefeated as Housemaster!

On behalf of everyone in Kendon, and myself in particular, I'd like to thank every single member of staff in Kendon for another brilliant year. A big thank you to the tutors, Miss Bridge, Mr Payne and Mr Wale, to the Housekeepers, Karen and Kevin, and especially to the Housemasters Mr Vickerman, Mr Smith and Mr Thomas, and also Mr Vickerman's wife, Dr Vickerman.

They are all fantastic staff who always look after us and do everything they can to help all of us be safe and happy and to develop into decent people or, as I once put it, "to help us grow up to be gentlemen!". 🌳

**Jose Dougan**  
Head of House







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# The Mount

“ Any pupil, past or present, will tell you that strength of community is something The Mount is known for. Pupils of all ages, day and boarder, different nationalities and ethnicities, get along so effortlessly, and it is a privilege to be part of this. On the Christmas outing this was tangible, almost everyone in the house attended and the camaraderie was just brilliant. It's those who have been in the house for a while that lead the way and embed this culture; one such example is when, unprompted, last year's Mounties returned to help out the two Year 12 boarders with duties. Service and Community are words that at times can sadly seem missing in much of today's society, yet I am proud to say have been so evident this year. ”

## Number of pupils

48

## Head of House

Kenneth Ling

## Deputy Head of House

Jeremy Chan

## House Officials

Robyn Li

Sean Eveleigh

Victor Poulain

Alvin Kan

James Cox



What an amazing year it has been in The Mount! Mr Thomas and Mr Hamilton joined us this year, bringing the house a lot of fun and happiness, making it once again the most excellent house in the school; Bethany fact!

We love going out together, and this year there were a LOT of outings. Following the September Charity Walk the boarders went to the Taj of Kent to enjoy curry of varying degrees of heat; it was a wonderful night as Mr Khan's family, some staff and last year's Mount Sixth Form joined us as well. Later in the term, the whole house went out for our Christmas trip: dinner and bowling. It was the first time that the house had been to Frankie and Benny's and the food was delicious; can you believe that! Although we got back a bit late (sorry parents), it was a fantastic activity for the whole house.

Earlier in the autumn term we joined Pengelly and had a fun evening watching fireworks at Pembury, followed by a Chinese takeaway. The boarders also went to watch the Winston Churchill biopic 'Darkest Hour' and the adaptation of Agatha Christie's 'Murder on the Orient Express' at the Odeon Tunbridge Wells.

Early in the spring term it snowed heavily for a week and we all benefitted from a few days out of normal teaching. One day we all ventured out for a snow walk through the beautiful local countryside; the views were stunning, and many snow balls were thrown! Many thanks to the house staff for taking care of us. Around this time Robyn joined us in the Lower Sixth; he brought a lot of happiness! This year we continued The Mount tradition for the Sixth Form past and present; going for a pub meal at the Flying Horse, Smarden. Mr Thomas was invited this year and it was a fun but scary night, because ghost stories were shared among us. It was a great night as we all had traditional English food and warm beer!

In the summer term, we went to the Honeymoon Garden for a Chinese buffet, it is an excellent restaurant.

Teachers and pupils loved it equally. So that's why we revisited them and the other houses then 'copied' us as well; after all we are trailblazers! We will all remember the amazing games we played in Brenchley Park on the way back one evening, a great way for everyone to release some exam stress. There was a Mount Sixth Form BBQ in Mr Khan's garden and this year we invited Mr Cooper to be our guest. We all enjoyed the night and played some fun games. We didn't want the evening to end, for some of us our last night at The Mount.

We had Mrs Khan's cookery club this year, and there were different options compared to last year. The Year 9s loved the English breakfast so much and other Year Groups wanted to have the same thing! Aaron Parker was the only one brave enough to eat black pudding. I hope there will be bread and butter pudding in the menu next year, because Mrs Khan and myself enjoyed it so much last year in Buddha Belly!

One of the big things we bought this year was an American style pool table, what will be next year's choice? We also launched, for the first time ever, a piece of customised house clothing. The Mount varsity jackets proved very popular, with nearly half the house and most of the staff purchasing one. Indeed they were worn with pride on many an outing, and to the boarders' dinner at the end of the spring term.

All in all, it's been a wonderful year in The Mount, thank you to all our amazing house staff, tutors and domestic staff for taking such good care of us and holding different activities for us. It has been my pleasure to be the Head of House and working with some amazing house monitors. We have a lot of good memories, and we will definitely come back next year. Once a Mountie, always a Mountie. Lastly, good luck to all leavers; whether you are going back to Spain, the States, Hong Kong, China, France or somewhere else in the UK, we wish you all the best. 🌳

**Kenneth Ling**  
Head of House







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# Old Poplars

“ Old Pops remains a haven from the outside world; a place where girls can be girls, enjoying life to the full and finally emerging as young ladies. Friendships, the sound of laughter, (occasional) tears and fun all combine in an ever-changing dynamic as new girls join and move on. The ambience of the house changes over the months and years, but the constant remains; the willingness of those who live in Old Pops to accept others and strive to live in harmony with each other, demonstrating kindness, patience and understanding. ”

**Number of pupils**

78

**Head of House**

Vicky Silva

Coming back in September brought yet another year of new adventures and new memories that will stick with us throughout our time at Bethany. Many girls came back to familiar faces and reunited with friends they hadn't seen in a while, while others met people for the first time. As culture is high in the boarding house, we said hello to new faces from countries as far away as Russia, China, Tenerife and many more. The new faces we met soon became an invaluable part of our Old Poplars family.

We started our year strong with our annual charity walk, this year supporting a mental health charity called Young Minds who offer support for young people suffering from mental disorders of all kinds, and we raised an impressive £1700.10. Each of the Year Groups do a certain number of miles to raise money for our chosen charity and, as always, we always do it with pleasure, keen to support our charity. Along with the charity walk, we have our mufti days to raise money for Fields of Life by wearing red on our clothing and each giving £2 towards it.



Our weekends consist of our trips to theme parks such as Chessington or Thorpe Park, where we spend the day enjoying ourselves going on the rides and overall having a great time with our friends – both in and out of our houses – and we also have many opportunities to visit places like the Zoo and discover new and exciting things we wouldn't necessarily find out about in school. If we're not having a wild time at the theme parks we're calming down at the numerous museums we look at, with many unique and interesting things to look at and learn, contrary to some beliefs of it being boring, we girls have an amazing time exploring them. One in particular that stands out was one in Ramsgate where we explored underground tunnels used in war by soldiers and their purpose.

Approaching winter time, we as a house (both day girls and boarders) firstly had our annual Christmas party, but this year with a twist. We went bowling and competed with each other, enjoying ourselves thoroughly and then ending it with a nice meal at the restaurant inside it. Everyone, teachers and pupils, had a really fun time and the best part was us doing it as a house and as a family, getting to know people in our year we may not have been so close too and strengthening our already strong friendships. Later into the winter the boarding house went to Winter wonderland and had a magical day – all the rides and the activities to do there was a one of a kind experience which will be hard to beat. Along with Winter Wonderland, the Old Poplars boarding house hold an annual Christmas party themselves and this year we had a meal at a local Chinese restaurant, all of us eager to either experiment the new foods or some feeling at home with their local cuisine. As soon as we were done we went back to participate on the secret Santa and wish a farewell to our leaving gappie Ella, who was a very special and loved member of our Old Pops family. However, as one left two more came and we had the pleasure of welcoming the lovely Emma and Emily to Bethany!

As a Bethany tradition, every term a house has to hold a house chapel on Wednesday evenings for 30 minutes and this year, the responsibility was ours. As a house, we decided on the theme of equality in the world and we all worked together to achieve an educational and interesting chapel on what equality is and the different types of it. During the chapel we gave an example of equality by only handing out sweets to the people with blonde hair entering the room and neglecting the others, showing the effects of inequality and how it can result in people missing out on opportunities. We all worked as a team to produce the chapel and it really helped us as a house on working together and building our confidence.

As the sun crept out again, the Headmaster held his barbecue in his back yard in the evening, and we got to enjoy a variety of burgers and chicken in the sunshine, sharing the experience with both our house and also the other boarders. We were all treated to an ice-cream in the end and most had a chance at playing on the trampoline, the favourite attraction of the evening.

As we do every year, we have a group of Year 11s and occasionally other pupils who will be leaving our house and moving onto the next chapter in their lives. To celebrate



their time at Old Pops, our housemistress, Mrs Wareham organised a trip to the Harry Potter studios where the whole house had an amazing time and a hands-on experience on the wizarding world, witnessing the work and effort needed to create such a movie. Everyone had an extremely enjoyable time and hope to go again soon, also a very nice way to begin the GCSE term for our Year 11s. Unfortunately, we are also saying goodbye to not only Miss Erol, who contributed greatly the last two years with her creativity in the arts, her amazing attitude in helping in the house and supporting all the girls, as well as her extensive collection of jazzy shoes, we are also saying goodbye to another house assistant Miss Brown, who although won't be leaving the school entirely, will be moving on from Old Pops and will be extremely missed with her radiant positivity every morning and evening, her kindness towards us all and the extremely famous pancakes she is known for.

Throughout this whole year, we have learnt and made true friends that will last with us, and also valuable lessons we will take with us once we leave Old Pops and move on to the next step. The loving and caring family of Old Pops will always remain with us and it will continue to grow and support, both the newcomers and the ones who unfortunately are leaving this year. 🌳

**Vicky Silva**  
Head of House



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# Pengelly

“ There is an eternal question that Philosophers have been arguing since the beginning of time **‘Is Pengelly the greatest house?’**

We scoured the planet to find an impartial view to this question.

**‘Absolutely, without question’** Mr Philip Hughes – Housemaster Pengelly

**‘100%’** Mrs Jemma Hughes – Pengelly Housemaster’s Wife

**‘There is only one house’**

Lily and Lucy Hughes – children of Jemma and Philip Hughes (Housemaster of Pengelly House)

**‘You better believe it’** Jacky – Housekeeper Pengelly House

**‘毫无疑问’** Andy Lai and Sunny Lau – Heads of Pengelly House

So, there you go. Conclusive evidence that Pengelly is indeed the greatest House.

Pengelly fact. ”

**Number of pupils**

61

**Heads of House**

Andy Lai and Sunny Lau



I came to Bethany School four years ago as a Year 9 pupil. Pengelly has been my first boarding house and I have enjoyed living in the house and being part of the boarding community. I am an overseas pupil and initially I had some challenges with communication, but the language was not a barrier between Mr Hughes and myself. Mr Hughes is very nice and helps me a lot in daily life. Pengelly is like a big family. We are caring and encouraging towards each other which has prevented me from ever feeling homesick in Pengelly. The staff remember and celebrate all the boarders' birthdays and we visit restaurants such as Taj of Kent and Nandos, which has given us a sense of belonging.

In this year, we have had a new Pengelly member, Mr Bailey, as an assistant housemaster. He is a Mathematics teacher and always shares his Mathematics knowledge with the whole house. Sadly, our assistant housemaster Mr Bing is leaving us this year but we will never forget what he taught us and the happy memories that we made together.

**Sunny Lau**  
Head of House



I have lived in Pengelly for three years. Pengelly has given me a lot of lovely memories during this time and I was proud to be appointed as Head of House this year. At the beginning of the year there was a new member of staff joining us who is Mr Bailey. He is very kind. He usually plays pool with us and he is also very good at chess. You can always challenge him but you will never win! Pengelly always is a joyful house. We usually will have a special meal for everyone's birthday such as Nando's, Thai food, Chinese food, or pizza. There are so many different to choose from.

Being a part of Pengelly is like being with your own family, all the people in the house feel like your family member. Unfortunately our assistant in the house, known as "Bing Bong", is leaving us this year. He has been a very active and positive person in our house and we all wish him well in his career. Then there is our fantastic housekeeper Jacky who is very communicative. If you have any problems around the house she is the one who will take care of you. Our housemaster, Mr Hughes is a humorous man. He and his family have made Pengelly into the best house in the school. Mr Hughes takes care of us as he does his own children and that is why we all love him. I will never forget...Pengelly for life! 🌳

**Andy Lai**  
Head of House







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# The Orchard

“ If Carlsberg did boarding houses... ”

## Number of pupils

# 35

## Heads of House

Isabel Altendorf  
Cyriane de Saporta  
Alvin Kan  
Seav Chhuon Ing

When one reaches a certain age, as our erstwhile pupils will fairly soon realise, tempus fugit and you can't quite work out where it's gone. That's certainly the case for me - no sooner were we back in September than the year was ending in July. There's rarely a dull moment in boarding and that

was definitely true of The Orchard last year.

One of the key elements of being a boarder has always been empathy, and the need to think of others, whether that's the person trying to work in the room next to you whilst you're listening to some banging tunes and throwing some shapes (see how down with the kids I am?) or raising money for those in less fortunate positions than ourselves. The House did itself proud in both respects this year, and September's Charity Walk through the Kent countryside raised a lot of money. Connie discovered that missing breakfast through oversleeping isn't the best idea (best get a seventh alarm to go with the six she's already got...), and had to spend the whole morning scavenging berries to try to make up for it. At the other end of the year, our boarders contributed hugely to The Apprentice 2018, which raised the fantastic sum of £1350 for

brain tumour and stroke charities. Particular congratulations to Maria-Bisila Dougan and Amy McQueen, who came second and third respectively.

We've had our share of outings this year, with many smaller in scale and arranged by the pupils themselves. Particular favourites were the Milk House (very fine pizza), the Goudhurst Inn (very fine wine) and Honeymoon Garden (very fine deal arranged by Alvin). The main House expeditions were our annual pilgrimage to the Marden Tandoori in September (which happily tied in with my wife's birthday - never let it be said that I don't spoil her), the Christmas Party - this year, a combination of bowling and Domino's - and the spring term outing to Jump In in Tonbridge and then on for a buffet at Paddock Wood's finest Chinese restaurant (very fine deal arranged by Alvin). Everyone always throws themselves into these outings with gusto and joie



de vivre (with the possible exception of Harry, who managed to fall asleep in the Tandoori and therefore gave the most damning indictment possible of Terry's conversation). Indeed, at the Hollywood Bowl in Maidstone at Christmas, James had to be persuaded to bowl with slightly less joie de vivre, and needed some convincing that overarm deliveries weren't acceptable in that particular sport. A further highlight at Christmas was Secret Santa, and few of us will forget Daniel's present from Father Christmas - a Rudolf mankini.

The House's bread and butter, of course, is what happens on the 'ordinary' nights, and how well we all get on with each other. This, for me, is the best bit of boarding; the quiet evenings when someone will pop in to the office for a quick chat and then two hours later they're still there, along with seven friends, still chatting. The random evenings, too, like when Cyriane and Keji decided they wanted to become artists and spent an hour and a half in my office drawing pictures of *The Little Princess*. Slightly less random were our Halloween pumpkin carving night, the Christmas movie (Arthur Christmas, since you ask) and the last-night BBQ with the four remaining boarders at the end of the summer term, at which Christine discovered that halloumi was one of the very finest things available to humankind.

Of course, none of this is possible without the staff, and I would like to thank Simon Duff for all of his help (as well as hoping that he gets as much sleep as possible in before the arrival of junior Duff number 2 in October). Maxine Delves has continued to organise me as efficiently as ever, and the cleaning team of Ange, Jean, Mary and Rose has kept everything looking spick and span. I'd also like to say a huge thank you to Becky and David Tinson for their work over the last two years - more reliable support would have been difficult to find - and wish them every success and happiness as they move down to Bath. Finally, a word about the pupils; unlike the other Houses, we generally only get our pupils for a year, two at the most,



which can make it difficult to build the House identity that they may experience before coming to us, and so it is to the pupils' credit that the House is such a good place to live. Here's to next year... 🌳

**Simon Davies**  
Housemaster



# Upper Sixth Leavers



Isabel Altendorf

**A levels:** Biology, Geography and BTEC PE  
**Awards:** Stamper prize (for effort) and Geography A level prize; Prefect, Deputy Head of House (Old Poplars) and Head of House (The Orchard); DofE Gold  
**Next:** Oxford Brookes – Geography and International Relations



James Cox

**A levels:** Business, Economics and EPQ  
**Next:** University of Hull, Business Management (with foundation year)



Jamie Andrews

**A levels:** Applied Business and Finance  
**Awards:** DofE Bronze  
**Next:** Teaching Assistant Apprentice



William Cunningham

**A levels:** Maths, Physics and History  
**Awards:** William Ruzzak Memorial Prize; Deputy Head of School; DofE Gold  
**Next:** University of Surrey – Civil Engineering



Hamzah Atta

**A levels:** Media Studies, Applied Business and Finance  
**Awards:** DofE Gold  
**Next:** Nottingham Trent, Construction Management



Daniel Davies

**A levels:** English, History and Drama  
**Awards:** Drama Prize  
**Next:** Gap year then University of Portsmouth – Marketing



Joseph Bennett

**A levels:** Business Studies, Geography and Food Tech  
**Awards:** DofE Bronze; Head of House (Pengelly)  
**Next:** Work experience and apprenticeship



Cyriane de Saporta

**A levels:** Politics, Business and French  
**Awards:** Head of House  
**Next:** Gap year, work experience and travelling



Carina Boulton

**A levels:** Media Studies, Drama and Photography  
**Next:** University for the Creative Arts – Digital Film and Screen Arts



William Deane

**A levels:** Business, Art and Textiles  
**Awards:** Art Prize  
**Next:** Bath Spa – Fashion Design



Freddy Brewer

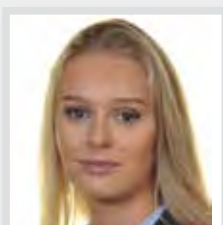
**A levels:** History, PE and Applied Business  
**Awards:** Academic PE award  
**Next:** Gap year then Oxford Brookes – Business and Management



Sean Eveleigh

**A levels:** Art, Design & Technology, Drama  
**Awards:** Notty Prize for Craft and Design, Food Tech Prize, Art/Design & Technology Prize and Head of School Prize; Head of School and Head of House (The Mount)  
**Next:** Rycotewood Furniture Centre, City of Oxford College – Furniture: Design and Make





Sarah Exall

**A levels:** Applied Business, PE and Media Studies

**Next:** University of Portsmouth – Marketing



Joshua Hill

**A levels:** English Literature, History and Politics

**Awards:** Ross Turnbull Prize; Pengelly Society Secretary; DofE Gold

**Next:** Managerial Trainee Waitrose



Rae Franklin

**A levels:** Music, Art and Textiles

**Awards:** Music; DofE Silver

**Next:** UCA Rochester – Art foundation degree



Reuben Hill

**A levels:** Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry

**Awards:** Stamper Award

**Next:** Lancaster University – Physics with Particle Physics and Cosmology



James Golding

**A levels:** Applied Business, Finance, PE

**Awards:** Prize for endeavour, football, half colours, cricket half colours, Greatest contribution to senior cricket; DofE Gold

**Next:** York St Johns – Business Management with Foundation Year



Lisa Huang

**A levels:** Physics, Business and Maths

**Awards:** Physics

**Next:** Queen Mary's London – Business Management



Jerry Guo

**A levels:** Maths, Business and Photography

**Next:** University of Exeter, Accounting and Finance



Seav Chhuon Ing

**A levels:** Physics, Mathematics and Business

**Awards:** Business Award; Head of House (The Orchard); DofE Silver

**Next:** Brunel University – Finance and Accounting



Wessel Hamman

**A levels:** Geography, Economics and Business Studies

**Awards:** DofE Gold

**Next:** Gap year then Oxford Brookes – Business and Management



Alvin Kan

**A levels:** Design & Technology and Photography

**Awards:** Innovation; Head of House

**Next:** Ravensbourne – Product Design



Johnathan Higgins

**A levels:** Business and Photography

**Awards:** Photography

**Next:** Canterbury Christ Church University – Film, Radio & Television studies



Oliver Khan

**A levels:** Applied Business, Finance (LIBF) and Media

**Awards:** Hoopers Applied Business Studies and Finance Prize; Head of Speakers; DofE Silver

**Next:** BA Business Management Degree Apprenticeship with Red Carnation Hotels.

# Upper Sixth Leavers



Stephanie Lai

**A levels:** Art, Photography and Drama  
**Next:** Goldsmiths, University of London - Drama and Theatre Arts



Klyde Moradeyo

**A levels:** Maths, Art and Business  
**Awards:** Grade 6 Alto Sax and Young Enterprise Regional winners; DofE Silver  
**Next:** University of Surrey - Computer Science



Cyrus Ledgett

**A levels:** Maths, Economics and Applied Business  
**Awards:** DofE Silver  
**Next:** Apprenticeship in Accountancy



Annabel Nightingale

**A levels:** Drama, English, Media and Politics  
**Awards:** Cyber Councils and Todmans Duty  
**Next:** Gap year



TaeHee Lee

**A levels:** Maths, Further Maths, Economics and BTEC PE  
**Next:** Loughborough University - Economics



Edward Noakes

**A levels:** Photography, Economics and Geography  
**Next:** De Montfort University - Business Management and Economics



Cameron Manchester

**A levels:** Biology, Maths and Chemistry  
**Awards:** Hunter Essay; Food Council; DofE Bronze  
**Next:** University of Kent - Forensic Science with foundation year



Folahan Peters

**A levels:** PE, Business and Politics  
**Awards:** Senior Sportsman; DofE Bronze  
**Next:** Swansea University - Business Management with foundation year



Daniel Mbata

**A levels:** Biology, Chemistry and Physics  
**Awards:** Biology; DofE Gold  
**Next:** Birmingham University - Sports and Exercise Science



Isabel Petts

**A levels:** Biology, BTEC PE, Philosophy and Ethics  
**Awards:** Rounders and Netball cup; Deputy Head of Kiplings  
**Next:** Executive Assistant course at Quest Professional



Lauren McQueen

**A levels:** Applied Business, Textiles, History  
**Awards:** Deputy Head of School Prize/ Textiles Prize; Deputy Head of School/ Mentor/Head of House (Old Poplars); DofE Gold  
**Next:** Gap year then Oxford Brookes - International Business Management



Freddie Porritt

**A levels:** Economics, Business and Geography  
**Awards:** Captains Cup - for rugby and other sports awards; Speakers House official  
**Next:** Loughborough University - International Relations





Ella Porteous

**A levels:** English Literature, History and Media Studies  
**Awards:** English, History and Media; DofE Gold  
**Next:** University of Kent – English and American Literature and History



Lucinda White

**A levels:** Philosophy and Ethics, Chemistry and Eng Literature  
**Awards:** DofE Gold  
**Next:** De Montfort University – Education Studies



Victor Poulain

**A levels:** Finance, French and Applied Business  
**Awards:** The Mount Monitor; DofE Bronze  
**Next:** Grenoble Ecole de Management – Business Management



Alvin Wong

**A levels:** Business, Economics and BTEC PE  
**Next:** University East London – Event Management



Krauss Qiao

**A levels:** Maths and Business  
**Next:** Manchester MET – Sports Business Management



Emilia Wyllie

**A levels:** Art, Photography and Food Tech  
**Awards:** Effort Prize Year 9 and Food Tech Prize Year 12; DofE Silver  
**Next:** Sussex Coast College – Art Foundation Degree



Fraser Ridgewell

**A levels:** Finance and Applied Business  
**Awards:** Robert Coupland Prize (for social and academic progress); DofE Gold  
**Next:** Oxford Brookes – Accountancy and Finance



Harry Yoo

**A levels:** Maths, Further Maths, Chemistry and Physics  
**Awards:** Maths Prize 2017/18  
**Next:** University College London – Mathematics



Will Smith

**A levels:** Photography, RS and Politics  
**Awards:** Head of Speakers; DofE Bronze  
**Next:** Oxford Brookes – Marketing Management



Clive Zhu

**A levels:** Art, Textiles and Photography  
**Awards:** House Committee  
**Next:** Ravensbourne – Fashion



Sharon Umahi

**A levels:** Chemistry, Physics and Biology  
**Next:** University College London – Pharmacy



# Inter House Competitions

**This year has seen three new Heads of House, with Devin Reilly taking over Kiplings, Carly Shapland taking over Roberts, and Simon Cuthbert taking over Speakers.**

They have been ably supported by their pupil Heads of House, Oliver Khan, Libby Donegan and Georgia Lello as well as Natalie Ward and Will Smith. All have shown great leadership, competitiveness and sportsmanship over the year and the House system could not have run without them all. The Houses were awarded points over the year

for competitions and events run by departments, for grades and effort scores as well as larger events whole school events. This year has seen the introduction of new competitions that will hopefully continue into next year with a few more planned as well.

## Tug of War

Tug of War marked the first competition in the annual contest between the competitive houses; Kiplings, Roberts and Speakers, to win the coveted Jessel Shield. Kiplings made a flying start to the proceedings, beating both the other houses in the Year 7 competition. However, this was the highlight of their afternoon, as they only won three more pulls in the afternoon, as both Roberts and Speakers took control. After 21 matches the two Houses could not be separated, as

the both ended with eight victories. In the 'winner takes all, best of each Year Group' to decide the trophy, Speakers were victorious. In the closing event, Speakers did the double, also winning the staff event. A special mention goes to Dan Akowe who took part in the Year 9, Year 11, and Sixth Form teams!







## Triathlon

October marked Bethany's first inter house triathlon. Those competing faced a gruelling combination of swimming, cycling and running. The race was divided into three age ranges: Junior, Intermediate and Senior. It was hotly contested from the start as the pupils were keen to enter the Bethany record books by setting the fastest time. The sudden change in temperature out of the warm pool and onto the bike shocked a few, but everyone persisted until the very end and there was great comradery on show as the last competitor was cheered in and supported through last 100m by those who had finished. The Junior girls triathlon was won by Delilah Hutchings and the boys was won by William Butters. The intermediate and senior categories were won by Max Brown and Archie Reynolds respectively. Overall the triathlon was won by Speakers, Kiplings came second followed by Roberts. This will hopefully become at least an annual event with more pupils competing.

## House Shout

As the Christmas term came to an end, the annual House Shout competition rocked the Assembly Hall as the members of the three Houses competed to recreate the loudest and hopefully most tuneful rendition of their chosen Christmas themed song. Kiplings chose a 'mash up' of Christmas choruses, while Speakers were confident in their rendition of Feed the World. The competition was controversially won by Speakers, who were fantastically organised by stomping feet of Natalie Ward during Merry Christmas Everyone.

## Competitive Chapel

In an intense week and a half before the summer half term, each house

had to plan and deliver a chapel service of their choice to both the Juniors and Seniors. The topics were varied, but all three struck a chord with the audience. Kiplings chapel led by Oliver Khan focused on role models, while Speakers spoke coherently about individuality, and Natalie Ward and Roberts focused on overcoming anxiety. A special mention to Lily Fraser in Year 7, who spoke fantastically. Reverend Serena Willoughby was blown away by the standard of the chapel services run by each House, and the winners Speakers won the competition by only two points from the other two houses.

## Sports Day

As grey clouds parted on the last Friday before the May half term sunshine graced Athletics Afternoon in what turned out to be a very close result. Competition was fierce as pupils represented their Houses with enthusiasm. Special mentions go to all of the Dougans and Russells in Kiplings, Lorraine Bonsu and Libby Donegan from Speakers and Harry Morgan and Delilah Hutchings in Speakers. It all came down to the relays at the end of the afternoon, despite Kiplings best efforts they could not claw back Roberts' lead, who won the closest Sports Afternoon ever by just two points from the other two Houses.

## Countdown

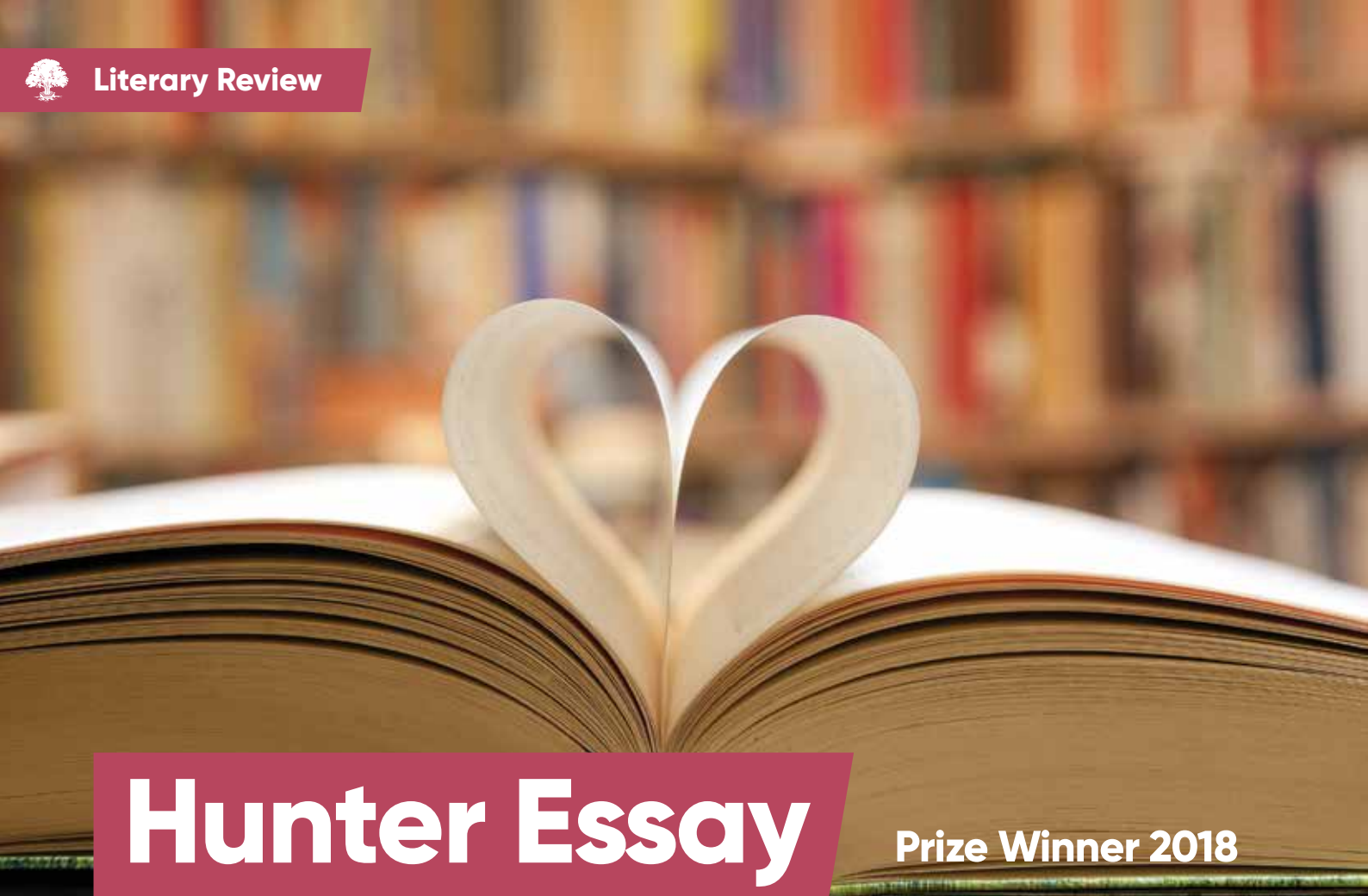
In a new competition this year, the teams engaged with the letters and numbers puzzles set to the pressure of the countdown clock. Some excellent words were found, often the best possible given the letters and Harry Yoo hit the magical target number in the quickest time of all the competitors. Well done to all those who took part. Overall the winners were Roberts, followed by Kiplings then Speakers.

## Bethany's Got Talent

In a fantastic new format, Bethany's Got Talent saw competitors perform with a live band behind them. A mix of singing, dancing and acting was on display in an unbelievably hard-fought contest in a packed Function Suite. Eventually, after much deliberation and argument Niamh Davies was awarded third place just behind the popular Sixth Form dance act called Rainbow 6. There was however little doubt over the winner as Eriann Denyer stopped the room with her rendition of, idontwannabeyouanymore, by Billie Eilish.



On Speech Day it was announced that the Speakers had broken Kiplings' run and won the Jessel Shield. Congratulations to Libby King, Georgia Lello, Mrs Shapland and all your Houses. A big well done to all those who took part in events over the year, and a huge thank you to all the staff who supported their Houses and organised events. 🌟



# Hunter Essay

Prize Winner 2018

# What is Love?

The question for many philosophers is, 'what is love?' This question poses a plethora of queries. Love is an abstract noun; something that remains intangible and unattached from what is real or sense experience.

Some people believe our being and our soul are irrevocably affected once we are 'touched by love'. Many have sought to deconstruct the concept of love and comprehend its reality

whereas others have preferred to leave it in the realm of the ineffable. However, in our society, love can be seen as something transient; short-lived and a momentary infliction of a heightened emotion.

Many theories attempt to explain what love is along with what function it serves. It is an emotion that is constantly looked for and when it is possessed by an individual it can often be passionate as it is the most powerful human emotion that can be experienced. It can be argued that almost nobody knows exactly what love is and the nature of love itself.

Is love rational or irrational? Why is it so difficult to find love? Where is love derived from? What is love? According to the Oxford Dictionary, love (noun) can be defined as having

a strong feeling of affection but as a verb, it can also be defined as a deep feeling of affection or sexual love for someone. However, in society today it seems as if the word 'love' is utilised in such a loose manner that it has degraded its significance. It could be argued that our knowledge of love is limited; it is beyond our comprehension, understanding and beyond the power of human description. Due to its subjective nature, it may also be hard to define what love truly is to a person that has never felt or experienced this powerful emotion.

In our contemporary, we have come to understand love as a magical emotion. An emotion worth seeking. Many believe society's concept of love is still developing and still shifting and that




we are not at the end of the evolution of love, we may in fact, be still at the early stages of understanding what love purely is. Therefore, it can be said that our perception of love is constantly fluctuating. Throughout the ages, love as a concept has changed and varied. This then urges the question, what is love if it is relative to the era? Is our concept of love shaped by society? Is our concept of 'love' defined by human convention and is it fallacious? The influence of society has shaped our knowledge on the specific type of love we know today. One hundred years ago marriage was proposed wholly from an economically beneficial perspective, however, in our modern democracy it is clear to see that marriage is solely from the perspective of love and the unification of two individuals' emotions towards one another.

The term, 'love' is used regularly and it is often abused for the expression of different sets of feelings including love being used to express pleasure such as, 'I love chocolate' and love being used to express one's attachment to somebody, 'I love you'. To many philosophers such as Aristotle, the word, 'love' can also be used to express a human virtue; a disposition or a moral trait worth valuing. However, it is apparent that the meaning of love can be much more complicated than the aforementioned definitions. The nature of love has, since the time of the Ancient Greeks, remained an all-permeating phenomenon on this universe. The Ancient Greeks understood the complex nature of love and thus established six unique words to help clarify which type of love is being expressed in certain situations. The conformed six words include: eros – a sexual and erotic desire kind of love; philia – the love expressed to friends; ludus – playful love; agape – love that is selfless, unconditional and sacrificial; pragma – long-standing love and, finally, Philautia – self-love. Using the Greek terms inevitably helps to avoid some ambiguities when using the one term, love.

A major form of love made evident by the Ancient Greeks is philia. Philia is used to describe the type of love expressed towards friends. Philia love can be expressed between two people or more. It is also commonly known as 'brotherly love' in Greek. Philia is the type of love that entails a fondness and gratitude of others and the specific love that sets foundations in friendships. This type of love is a relatively important foundation in society. Humans are social creatures that were created to live in a structured and ordered society and to live in such a society, humans need to live with others for survival. This ordered society can only function if certain principles are put in place and, thus, the most fundamental principle of living in an ordered society is love but specifically, philia love. Present-day society showcases incivility on prominent display, especially in many places. There are societies today that face the consequences of not showing philia love. In these societies, fundamental ethical values such as; respect, fairness, honesty, personal responsibility, tolerance and love have appeared to be replaced by dishonesty, discourtesy, rudeness and pitiful behaviour. However, to keep a sustainable society, philia love is paramount. Society is defined as a collective amount of people living together in a proficiently ordered community. Therefore elucidating the impression that a society needs all members to cooperate and express this philia love to live a comfortable life. Human actions are often inclined to survival and living in a loving community enables this.

The most prevalent form of love is commonly expressed in relationships between God and humanity. Agape, is a Greco-Christian term which is considered to be the love originating from God for humanity and it is the human reciprocal love for God. In the New Testament, love can be found in abundance. This type of love remains prominent in many religions and at the centre of the religion as a foundation of all other values. This form of love is known as agapeic love which embraces a universal,

unconditional and sacrificial type of love. This type of love transcends and is kept persistent regardless of the situation and circumstance. It's the significant type of love that religions speak of and strive to teach its followers to emulate in their lifestyle. Many non-religious leaders of our time have attempted to cooperate the concept of agape, however, not in its Christian context. Christian Philosophers such as Joseph Fletcher and Thomas Aquinas implement love as a fundamental value in their philosophy and ethical theories. These ethical theories are followed by many and include; Situation Ethics, which demands the moral agent to proceed in calculating what acts maximise love and produce the most loving outcome. Many may ask the question, why do so many philosophers implement love into their ethical theories? What is the significance of this one human emotion?

To conclude, the subject of love is extremely broad and will remain as all-permeating phenomenon. The nature of love has and will always remain a paramount topic of discussion as it promotes different perceptions of what love truly is. We have learnt that the true meaning of 'love' is far beyond and much more complex than its dictionary definition. The Ancient Greek believe love, is a word elucidating many different connotations. Christians believe the highest form of love is agape, which is greater than the human convention of 'love'. 

**Maria-Bisila Dougan**





# Eric Adler CARE Prize

Prize Winner 2018



# After He'd Gone.

It was about 1:00 am when they came to the house, standing there in the porch with their heads hung low; their navy-blue uniforms and shiny badges reflecting off the yellow light from the hallway.

I had heard mum pacing up and down as if she was waiting for bad news, almost like she knew something was going to happen.

I went and sat at the top of the stairs gripping the banister in my clammy palm.

They came in and sat down in the kitchen, treading in mud on to the newly polished wooden floor as they walked in.

One of the police men cleared his throat and uncomfortably murmured,

"Mrs Jonson we're so sorry to inform you that we have found your husband in the morgue that you work in next to King's hospital."

She sat in silence for a few seconds then stood up.

After that everything went black and I heard buzzing in my ears. I zoned out and the last thing I remember hearing was, "Of course, mam, take as long as you need."

I ran back to my bedroom and hid





under the warm cosy covers that in this moment didn't seem so comforting. It felt like someone had just winded me, I was gasping for air like I was drowning, and someone was holding me under, forcing me to squirm and become agitated.

The next morning, I had to pretend that I didn't hear anything from that night, but it was so hard. I looked in the mirror; my eyes were bright red and my under eyes were plum purple. I quickly slapped some makeup on to hide the fact I had been crying all night.

When I got downstairs mum was sitting in the same position she had been in all night.

"Hey mum", I said cheerfully, desperately trying to hold my quivering chin still.

"Maddie..... I've got some bad news." Her voice sounded cold like a frost ready to bite on a winter's night.

"The police came over last night."

I sat down and pretended to engage in the conversation we were having but of course I already knew.

"Oh, what happened?" I asked.

"It's your dad, he didn't come home last night."

"What?"

"He was found. At the morgue."

"Is he okay?"

"Mads he was found ... dead."

My brain froze, and a few seconds later reality kicked in, he was gone and there was nothing I could do about it.

That night I had left my window open to let the air in, I was too flustered to do anything, so I went to bed.

I woke up in the middle of the night and heard something. A sort of tapping. It came from the window.

"Maddie, Maddie are you awake?" the voice sounded so familiar, like dad's voice.

"DAD?"

"Oh my, it is you, for a second I thought I had tapped on the wrong window!" He sounded so happy and jolly like always.

"Is that really you? I thought you were, well, dead!"

"Aaaaa yes, well, here's the funny thing; umm I am!"

I sat up so quickly, I got a huge head rush.

"Wow not so fast champ!" he said laughing to himself.

"If you're dead, HOW ARE YOU HERE?!"

"Look Maddie I'll explain it all tomorrow okay; for now just get some sleep."

"HOW?! MY DAD HAS JUST COME TO ME FROM THE DEAD!"

"Please Mads just try."

"Okay as long as you explain everything tomorrow."

"I will champ, I promise."

And with that he was gone.

I woke up and felt so strange; had it been a dream or was he actually there? I looked around my room at the chair he sat in last night, but he wasn't there. It must have been a dream.

I walked downstairs and there he was sitting on the kitchen surface.

"You're here!" I shouted.

He quickly put his finger to his lips to tell me to be quiet.

"Who are you talking to Mads?" I hadn't realized mum was in the room.

"Oh nobody, just reciting my drama monologue." I mumbled.

Through the whole day dad told me almost everything about what happened, like how he came back as a ghost and how I was the only one who could see him and that he wasn't going to leave me. Ever again. But never once did he mention how it happened; why wouldn't he tell me how he died?

Later that evening I sat down to eat dinner with dad when suddenly the mood changed, the vibe felt awkward.

"Mads I need to tell you something." He sounded so calm.

"Go ahead dad."

"You asked how I died?"

"You don't have to tell me dad." I really wanted to know but at the same time I really didn't.

"NO Maddie you deserve to know!"

"Okay tell me then."

"I had severe depression, my entire life it hung over me like a dark cloud, ever since your Uncle James was killed by that gang. I didn't want to leave you I promise, I just thought you and your mum would be better off without me."

"Oh my god dad, why didn't you talk to us!" I couldn't believe what I'd just heard; he'd taken his own life because he didn't think he was good enough!

We spent the rest of the night talking about his life on the other side, but he didn't seem the same now he had told me. Almost like there was a dark side to him. He asked me to put my hands out and close my eyes. When I opened them, there was a necklace with a "M" charm on it with a Ruby encrusted in the centre.

But he was gone. I looked for him for years. I did research on the other side every day after college. But nothing. I never found him again. The only thing I had to remember him by was the necklace. 🌿

**By Charlotte Noakes**

# Maths

## Maths high flyers get the grasp of graphs

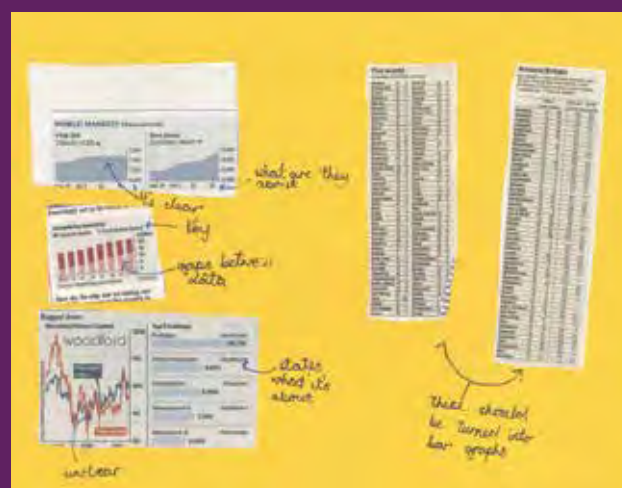
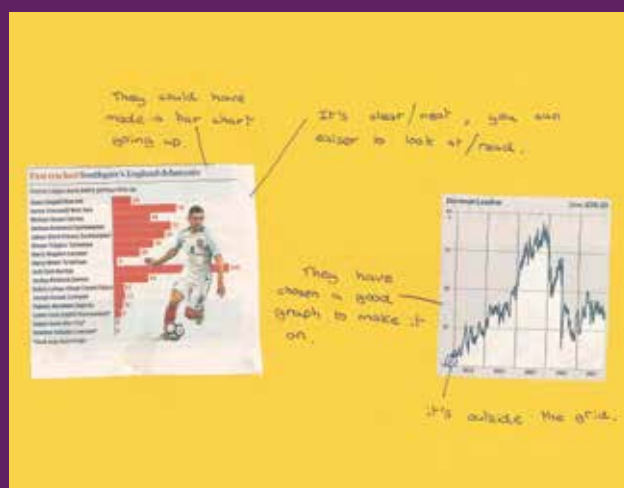
Maths sometimes get a bad rap, dismissed at an early age by children thinking 'I won't use it once I leave school!' One of our first tasks to get Year 7 past this mindset is challenging them to recognise maths in the real world. What they quickly discover is that the world is full of 'good' and 'bad' maths, and these high flyers were able to easily spot ways in which the sharing of information could be improved. Professionals: meet our canny Year 7!

"Lots of the graphs were clear and neat but could have been displayed in ways that make it easier to read. Some didn't have a clear grid, so actually didn't mean much!"

**Jolyon Bardoe-Pout**

"I liked the way the graphs used different colours to make it clear, but some didn't have labels. How do you know what they are about? Tables of information aren't very appealing to look at, so these could have been made graphs."

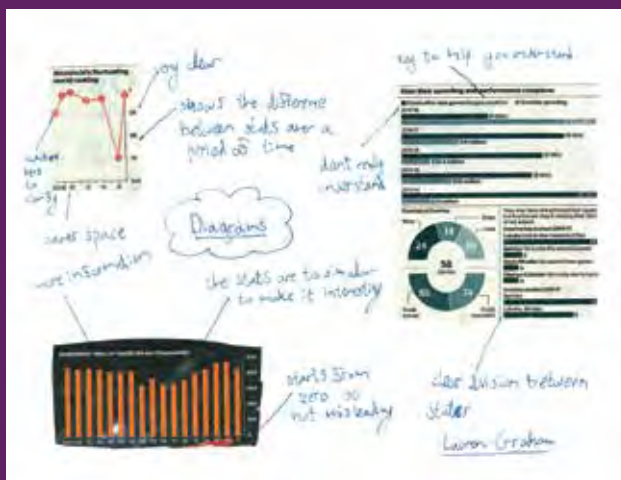
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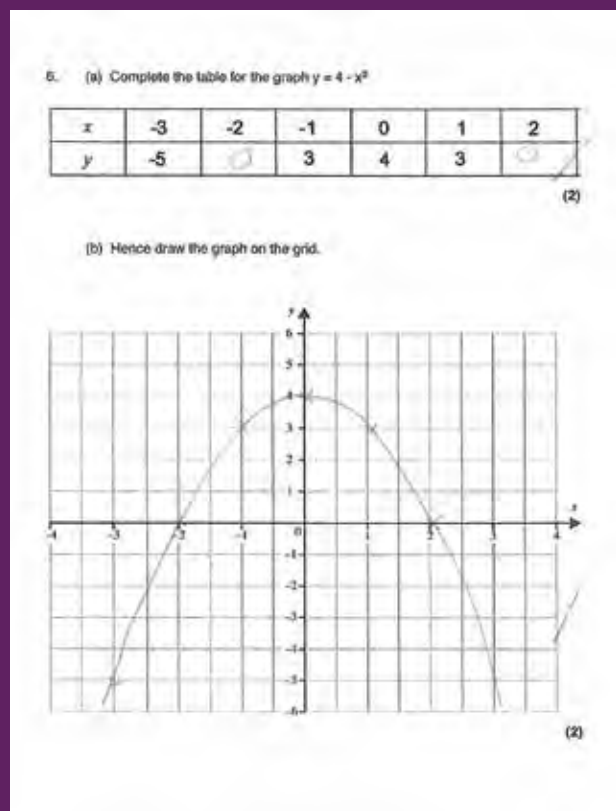
"These graphs are very clear with numbers on the points to clarify, and a key to help you understand. The scale starts from zero too!"

Lauren Graham



Year 8 have been working on quadratic graphs, which is a really challenging topic. Some of our pupils have really excelled, with Charlotte Ensor and Sophie Lumsden achieving GCSE standard marks. Quadratic graphs are useful real-world maths, as they have uses in sports, business, science and even the military!

We'd love to hear how you use maths every day! Let us know by leaving a comment or tweeting us @BethanyMaths



## UK Junior Maths Team Challenge

Tuesday 20th February 2018



This year, our team of Charlotte Ensor, Ethan Hill, Alex Brown and Dan Akowe took on the challenge of this competition. With each round, the questions appeared to become more complex, but our quartet never gave up. The maths 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 24th overall. The pupils were a credit to Bethany and should be proud of their achievement.

## Maths Challenge



Bethany's Year 10 mathematicians have been exercising their lateral thinking skills by taking part in the UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT) Maths Challenge.

Questions are all based on problem solving and marked negatively, which means that guesswork won't help – only the very best mathematicians will get top marks in this competition. 🌳

Fancy putting yourself to the test?  
Try some of these questions, visit:  
[www.ukmt-resources.org.uk/IMC17.html](http://www.ukmt-resources.org.uk/IMC17.html)



# Science



## STEM pupils prove their power

Pupils from Bethany School were among twelve finalist teams for the BP Ultimate STEM Challenge, with the final held at the Science Museum on Monday 12 March.

Schools from around the country took part for a chance to win an Ultimate STEM experience and £500 for their school. Max Brown (Year 9) and William Stoneham (Year 8) developed ideas for the Handy Hydro challenge, creating an efficient design for generating electricity from moving water.

This year's theme – My Sustainable Future – was to develop solutions to one of three real-world challenges: Handy Hydro, Parched Plants or Brilliant Biogas. All the challenges were designed to encourage pupils to think about how they could help to reduce natural resource use or bring down greenhouse gas emissions.

Mike Thomas, Head of Science, said: "This Challenge is extremely high-profile and notoriously tough so to have qualified for the finals is a magnificent achievement. Congratulations to Max and William who have worked exceptionally hard."

Max said: "I have always enjoyed building and making things, and finding solutions to problems, particularly relating to energy and the environment. We decided to enter competitions to have a chance to help the world and inspire others. I have learned a huge amount from taking part in the Challenge and feel excited to have reached the finals. I can't wait to see how our project does and also what the other contestants have made!"

Samantha Bulkeley, UK Schools Education Manager at BP, said: "I would like to congratulate all of the teams that have reached the Ultimate STEM Challenge final. During the judging process, we were impressed to see how pupils from all over the UK used problem-solving and teamwork skills to develop their unique responses to this year's real-world challenges. The finalist entries all stood out for their creativity and innovation in helping to create a more sustainable future".

Max and William were proud recipients of a Bronze award for the STEM project on the handy hydro!

## Budding Gardeners win Gold

In May 2018, our Science gardening club, joined by approximately 40 other schools, took part in the Budding Gardeners competition.

Preparation began many weeks before. Mrs Fillery, Mr Philbin and Mrs Enticknap provided the resources and time for our pupils to bring their imagination to life, designing an eco-friendly garden. Ideas ranged from a plastic hedgehog house, bottle bird feeders and a miniature pond made from a washing up bowl! At the centre was a most impressive "tree of life" made from plastic bottles, tubing and guttering.

After having trialled the set up in the science garden, the group made their way to Wisley for the competition day! We were highly impressed with the way our pupils represented Bethany, they were resilient to the challenges of the day and showed great pride in their design while respecting and appreciating the effort of other groups.

We are very proud that the group won a Gold award. The judges were impressed by the innovative ways the pupils addressed the eco-friendly theme; they found the garden to be imaginative while remaining functional. Furthermore, they were so impressed that they invited us to the "RHS Green Plan It challenge" in 2019. Arthur Cairns, Daniel Reilly, James Caney, Oscar Lewis and Aidan Mathieson represented Bethany School well.

## A Fistful of Gold Awards in Physics Olympiad Challenge

Year 12 Physics pupils sat a gruelling AS level Physics Challenge. Jeremy Chan won a Gold award, and the rest of the pupils won Silver and Bronze awards.

Not to be outdone, Year 10 Physics pupils also completed a national Physics Challenge, designed to engage and challenge pupils of all abilities. Although most of the questions are based around the current GCSE curriculum, pupils gain more marks if they have general knowledge in Physics as well as taking a keen interest in practical work in lessons. The key aim is that pupils enjoy taking part and are encouraged to do more Physics.

Luke Urquhart won a Gold award, Eddie Barnes Yallowley, Silver and Katherine Bradley won Bronze.

## Big Bang Fair 2018

On Thursday, 15th March 2018, Year 8 Science went to the Big Bang Fair in Birmingham (NEC).

It was a true voyage of discovery of virtual reality, medicine, marine biology, film and TV, space exploration, explosive chemistry, crime-solving, robots, computer coding, microscopic bugs, giant trucks and more. Entertaining the pupils were high-octane theatre shows, interactive stands and workshops, inspiring science and engineering projects, and



careers information, resources and activities.

One of our pupils said: "It is amazing to find out how many science and engineering opportunities are available."

All the Bethany pupils were very positive about the opportunities for possible future careers.

## Chemistry Slaters' Festival

On Tuesday 17th April, four Year 7 and 8 pupils travelled to University College London to compete in the annual Slaters' Festival of Chemistry.

As always, the competition was fierce as teams from schools across the country vied to solve two challenges presented to them using a variety of chemical tests and forensic techniques. The Bethany School team: Thomas Eckley and Edith Lowe from Year 7 and Amaya Candappa and William Garner Hutton from Year 8, worked brilliantly as a team and were particularly successful in the University College Challenge.

The pupils finished in second place overall out of 36 schools, improving even further on the excellent third place finish achieved by last year's team. Mrs Enticknap, said: "We had a great day. Pupils were enthusiastic and well behaved."

Everyone was rewarded for their efforts with a fantastic chemistry demonstration in the afternoon by world-renowned chemist Professor Andrea Sella. Their favourite bit was, undoubtedly, getting to eat the liquid nitrogen-manufactured ice cream. Congratulations to the team.

## Outreach Science Workshop

Pupils had a stimulating workshop with presenters from the Medical Mavericks, with the opportunity to discover a range of careers in the NHS and world of STEM by using the medical kits in the classroom. Medical Mavericks also brought their career wall along.

The Careers in Health Workshop was truly educational, fun and provided context to many of the topics that pupils study as part of their Key Stage 3 and GCSE courses.

Pupils were engaged in some activities that include: basic medical observations of the heart rate, temperature, oxygen saturation, respiratory tests, iPhone, retina scan, and ultrasound.

## Science Club

We started this year making soap and went on to projects that included making a steampunk fashion piece out of recycled bits and bobs.

We ended with planting strawberries, then going to pick some at the local farm and finally the pupils made jam. What a wonderful year it has been and here's to the next! (by Margaret Fillery, Senior Science Technician).

## Marden Outreach

Year 3-6 pupils from Marden Primary School were given an opportunity to witness Science in action at Bethany. We designed a day of activities on the topic of "Discovery & Exploration". Many pupils were brave enough to carry out an eye dissection on their own, with the bonus of a brain dissection demonstrated by Mr Philbin. We discussed the entire central nervous system, how our brain receives and coordinates information and how the eyes are adapted for their purpose. Pupils were thrilled to be handling an eyeball for the first time! Their goal was to remove the lens and attempt to magnify a newspaper article, many succeeded.

Other pupils made slime and witnessed various exciting chemistry demonstrations, a particular favourite being Mentos and coke.

Our lovely Technicians masquerading as Miss May and Miss Hem, to create 'Mayhem', complete with brightly coloured wigs carried out a series of demonstrations to entertain the visiting pupils.

Finally pupils acted as palaeontologists, discovering fossil footprints hidden from sight, analysing and, sketching real fossils.

## Creative Education Day

On Friday 29th July, pupils were invited to our Science showcase and we wanted to provide a hands-on experience, where pupils were given the opportunity to explore and learn independently. We created a similar experience as for the Marden Outreach pupils.

## Erudite wind technology debate

Year 9 pupils were given this driving question: 'How can we convince the PE department that some of the football fields near the Science laboratories could be valuable if we built a wind farm?'. They were all told that the Science department had applied for a permit to build ten industrial wind turbines to generate electricity and the Tunbridge Wells City Council was holding a Community Forum to discuss the proposed development.

Each group of pupils were given roles to represent: the Headmaster, Bursar, School Council, Marden Residents, Science teachers, PE teachers, Sir David Attenborough, the School Council, The Mount and Pengelly boarding houses. "Your job is to make Tunbridge Wells City Council side with your arguments", all were told! One of the Year 9 participants commented, 'I enjoyed the debate. I found it interesting, learning by ourselves with practically no help from any teachers. Also, it was the biggest debate that I have ever done in my life, it was a lot of fun, and it was great that everyone was involved and was able to share their opinions with the entire Year Group. I hope that we do it again next year as it was so much fun'. 🌳



# Performing Arts

## High School Musical success

The cast and production team performed a first class show in February with High School Musical. The three shows were performed in the Assembly Hall which was transformed into a Californian American High School. The cast delivered an energized and confident performance enabling the audiences to see the dance training, singing lessons and acting tuition come together over the 1st-3rd February. The evenings were very well supported with parents, staff, Governors and

friends watching on as the story of Gabriella (Natalie Whyte) and Troy Bolton (James Clarke) unfolded before them with huge dance numbers including "We're All In This Together" and "The Wild Cats Cheer". The production was a great example of how Bethany School continues to bring all Year Groups together, with some cast members as young as eleven performing alongside Head of School Sean Eveleigh (playing hapless thespian Ryan) in Year 13. Congratulations to everyone involved.





## A level drama

On Thursday 26th April, the Year 12 A level performed their two devised pieces in the Drama Studio. The evening was an opportunity for the Sixth Form to showcase their exceptional knowledge and understanding of Drama through two pieces of theatre created by themselves. The class had been given two scripts from theatre practitioners, Brecht and Berkoff, and over a period of six weeks developed two pieces that highlighted the themes and narrative that interested them as a class the most.

Although this was an exam, the Drama studio opened its doors to parents, staff and senior pupils who were able to enjoy an evening of contemporary Drama. Alex Bolton said: "It was a great evening for our Year 12 Drama pupils, they performed at their best and provided some challenging pieces that demonstrated an understanding of physicality, character and how to communicate key messages to an audience."



## Opening night success for The Wizard of Oz



Bethany Performing Arts raised the curtain on "The Wizard of Oz" demonstrating excellent performances from pupils from Years 7-9 on the 28th and 29th June. The 200-strong audience were whisked away to the magical land of Oz and witnessed show-stopping performances from Year 8 pupil Charlotte Ensor as Dorothy and Year 9 twins James and Ben Caney as the Tinman and the cowardly Lion. The supporting cast were equally exceptional with Dance scholars learning some complicated routines that were delivered superbly.



"The evening was a delight to watch" said Alex Bolton Director of Performing Arts, "It's such a privilege to see the pupils' efforts pay off on stage, the cast were confident, the orchestra superb and the teaching staff gave their all in ensuring this year's production was another successful show."

It is clear that the Performing Arts provision at Bethany School provides pupils with an opportunity to thrive and enjoy the productions that are organised.





### Bethany's Got Talent

Bethany's Got Talent certainly lived up to its name on Tuesday 19th June when over 25 pupils performed to a sell-out audience in the Function Suite. This year's judges included Peter Stedman, Director of Entertainment for Parkdean resorts the UK's largest entertainment provider for the leisure industry. Peter commented during the show, "The evening has been packed with energetic, talented and well-rehearsed performers".

Dancers, singers and actors all took part for this competitive house competition to be the best yet. The evening also provided our pupils to work alongside professional musicians including guitarist Matt Crozer, who has worked with the "Foo Fighters", toured with "The Who" and performed with Elton John. Head of Music Mr Jonny Brinson said, "Performing with a live band can be challenging and yet our pupils made it look effortless, a stunning evening with excellent performances."

Performers were judged on their command and confidence of their piece. Year 7 dancer Niamh Davies won third place performing a dance she choreographed herself. Head of Dance Mrs Rachael Payne said "Niamh's attention to detail was controlled and demonstrated a maturity beyond her years". Rainbow Six won second place for their "Diversity" inspired movement performance, these Year 13 pupils decided to take part as a way of marking their journey through Bethany School departing for China three days after the show.



The overall winner for the show was greeted to a standing ovation, Eriann Denyer a Year 11 pupil who had never sung in a public performance with her rendition of "idontwannabeyouanymore" by Billie Eilish. Eriann never expected to win and experienced a performance she will never forget.

"The evening was an overwhelming success", Director of Performing Arts Mr Alex Bolton reflected. "Through the talent of our pupils, the support of our exceptional teaching staff and the support of industry professionals the evening demonstrated how live music, dance and drama can channel young people's enthusiasm and inspire an audience".

Bethany's Got Talent will return next year.

### First live Music Performance



Our Sixth Form BTEC Music Performance pupils made Bethany history on March 22nd 2018 by being the first group to put on their very own gig in a real live music venue in front of a live audience made up of friends, family, staff, and members of the public. The pupils were working on one of their BTEC units of work which involves them working and developing as a musical ensemble to create a

professional set list of contrasting repertoire which would be performed in front of a live audience. The group, who go by the band name "Central", is made up of Sixth Form pupils, Abbie Bristow, James Clarke, Warwick Crewe-Brown, and Natalie Whyte.

The event proved to be extremely popular as the audience filled the entire room, and the band were met with loud cheers as they took the stage. The band hooked their audience immediately with the loud rock anthem, "Everlong" by the band Foo Fighters, before bringing the mood down to a power ballad by Sam Smith. Quickly following this, the band played covers by various other artists including The Hunna and Billie Eilish, before finishing their set with the ultimate crowd-pleaser, "Mr. Brightside" by The Killers.

The pupils' set was met with positive reviews, and our Head of Music, Mr Jonny Brinson, said, "I am unbelievably proud of the talent we have here at Bethany, and what our pupils have achieved tonight is just the first step towards a bright new vision that I have for the life of Music at Bethany."





## Performing Arts Easter Concert success



On Monday 26th March, the Function Suite opened its doors for the Performing Arts Easter concert. Over 15 acts from Music, Dance and Drama demonstrated their work to an audience of over 150 parents, pupils and friends.

The evening presented the opportunity to perform for the first time in front of an audience including Year 9 pupil Matthew Butters and Year 7 pupils Grace Dodge and Ruby Russell. Performers were also encouraged to work together with pupils from different age groups ranging from Year 7 to Year 10.

With the exam period fast approaching, GCSE Dance pupils were able to contribute to the evening with their exceptional dance pieces that have been submitted for their coursework provision. Rachel Payne, Head of Dance, worked alongside Drama Scholars Charlotte Noakes and Sophie Hamill to demonstrate a piece choreographed by Year 11 dancer Phoebe Scott-Cole.

Head of Music, Jonny Brinson, supported Music Scholars as they performed Titanium, the hit song from pop star Sia. Mr Brinson was accompanied by Music Assistant Mr Thomas and peripatetic teachers Katie Slowgrove and Richard Fagg.

Alex Bolton, the Director of Performing Arts, hosted the evening and welcomed Year 13 Drama Scholars Sean Eveleigh and Daniel Davies onto the stage as they performed their LAMDA piece Dr Faustus.

Alex Bolton said: "It was great to see so many pupils enjoy performing and to such a large audience. I am so proud of our performing arts provision and I look forward to Bethany's Got Talent later this year."

The evening was a huge success and once again showcased the talent that Bethany School has to offer, culminating in a night of industry professionals working alongside our ambitious pupils in a live audience setting.

## Dance



Year 11 pupils completed the new GCSE Dance course this year. The course is more diverse, allowing pupils to study six professional works from current choreographers working in different styles. Pupils' adaptations of the dances; 'A Linha Curva' and 'Shadows' have been highlights at both the Christmas and Easter concerts this year. To enrich their studies further, GCSE Dancers along with

dance scholars and enthusiasts visited Sadler's Wells Theatre, London in November to see the prestigious Rambert Dance Company perform 'A Linha Curva' live. They were able to witness its fun, exciting and very rhythmic fusion of contemporary and capoeira dance styles accompanied by live percussionists and vibrant lighting design. The programme consisted of: company class, enabling the audience to visually see the difference between contemporary and ballet technique; introduction to some of the fifty Brazilian instruments used in the performance and demonstrations by the musicians themselves and comedy from host and former dancer/choreographer Mark Baldwin (OBE), making it an educational and entertaining experience for all.

Keen dance followers attended a theatre trip to the Marlowe, Canterbury in May to watch Matthew Bourne's Cinderella, an interpretation of the classic fairy tale of a war-time romance set in London during the Blitz. Pupils were enthralled by the dancing, characters, set design, narrative and loud gun shots! 🌟



# Art & Design



## Pupils have once again excelled within Art and Design.

The department continues to go from strength to strength, building upon established values of individuality and creativity. Pupils have embraced a range of disciplines including, but not limited to Fine Art, Textiles, Photography, Ceramics and Film.

We held our first Key Stage 3 Exhibition, 'Hive'. This was based on the idea of insects, hives and swarms and saw Years 7, 8 and 9 work collaboratively to produce a wonderful display of work that transformed the Art Room into a real buzz of activity.

Our GCSE pupils enjoyed a visit to the Tate Modern to inspire their exam units, and produced some brilliant

investigations exploring themes such as 'The Human Figure', 'In The News' and 'Light and Dark' amongst others. Outcomes ranged from large scale paintings through to projections and video pieces. We are very proud of our GCSE cohort and wish them all the best with their future studies.

This year's A level cohort produced some spectacular work, as demonstrated in the end of year Creative Showcase. Works from across Textiles, Photography and Art, Craft and Design demonstrated the originality, innovation and artistic style that our pupils possess. From giant iridescent rainbow wings through to carved wood sculptures, the art department was once again filled with an amazing display of talent.

In Photography, we have been fortunate enough to explore both digital and traditional techniques,

and the darkroom is back in full swing with pupils from different year groups embracing the potential of photograms, chemigrams and multiple exposures. In Art, we continue to explore ceramics as a discipline, and our current Year 10 are showing their strengths in fine art with some beautiful drawing and painting, based on the theme of 'Birds'. We even had some feathered friends in the department, as three beautiful owls were brought in for a live drawing session.

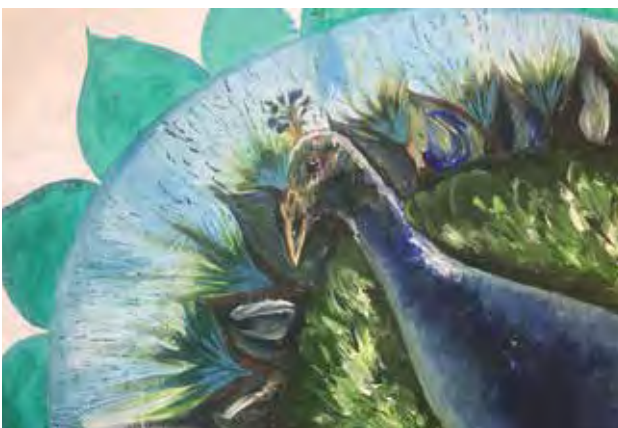
We are proud of all that the pupils have achieved this year and excited to see what the new year brings. We wish our Year 13 leavers the best of luck as they go on to Art Foundations courses and degrees in Textile Design, Photography, Theatre Design and Product Design, to name but a few. 🌳

**Sarah Smart**  
Head of Art





**Hive Exhibition** Years 7 & 8



**Taylor-Mae Muller** Year 10





Year 11 pupil



Robyn Li Year 11



Lauren McQueen Year 13





**Molly Veitch** Year 11



**Rae Franklin** Year 13



**Molly Veitch** Year 11



**Rae Franklin** Year 13



**Fleur Andrews** Year 10



**Clive Zhu** Year 13



**Sean Eveleigh** Year 13



**Johnny Davies** Year 11



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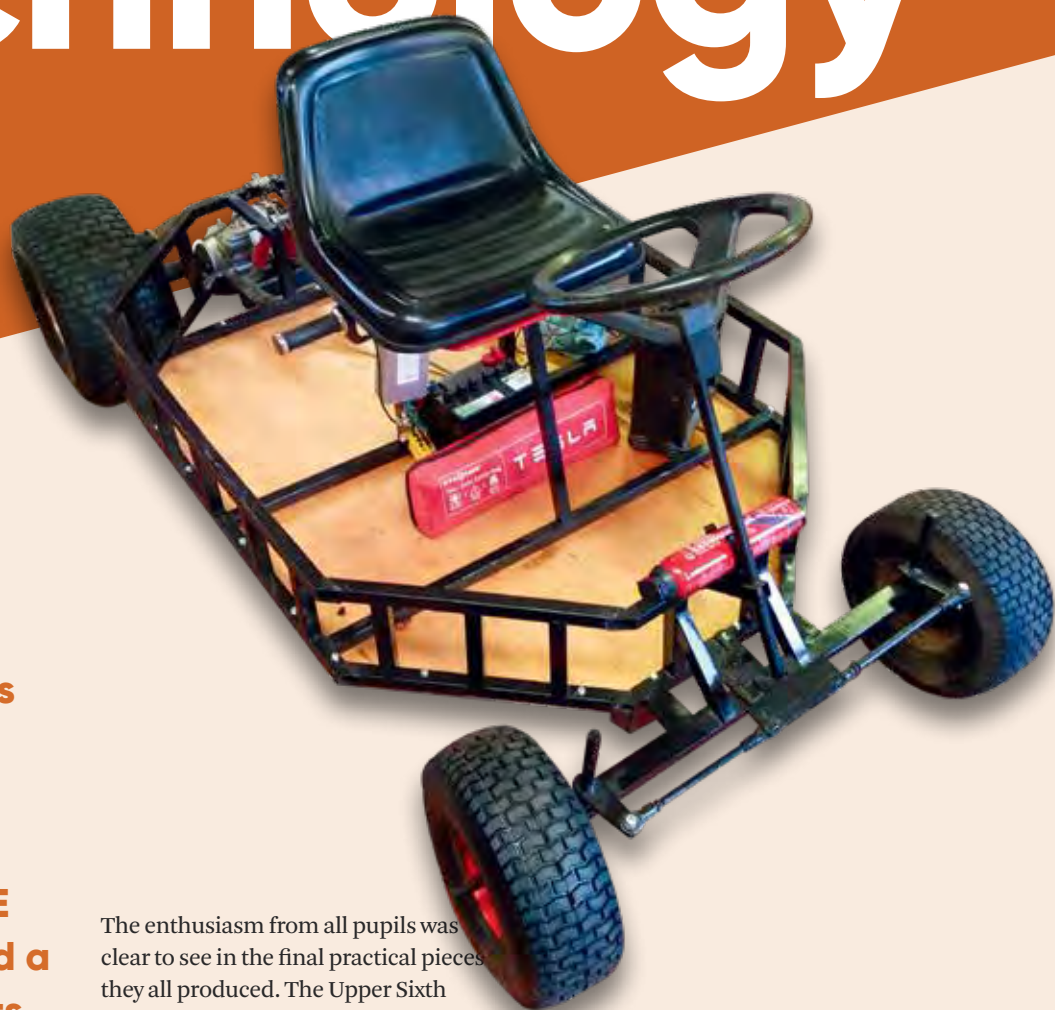
Beth Kuhepa Year 8



Klyde Moradeyo Year 13



# Design & Technology



**Engineering skills really did excel this year in the Design & Technology department, especially at GCSE level where we had a number of products that involved engines and lots of metal work. Welding was one of the main pastimes for many pupils during breaks and lunchtimes.**

The enthusiasm from all pupils was clear to see in the final practical pieces they all produced. The Upper Sixth items showed amazing professional skills, with particular attention being paid to close detailed work in both wood and metal.

As ever, so many new techniques were taken on board and all learnt that completing a little each week soon mounts up to a fantastic final outcome. Well done to them all. 🌳

**Marcus Norman**  
Head of Design & Technology





**Jack Bartram** Year 11



**Kieron Tang** Year 11



**Lottie Ansell** Year 11



**Anthony Knight** Year 11



**Archie Reynolds** Year 11



Year 11 pupil





**Liberty Royston** Year 11



**Anson Chan** Year 11



**William Riley** Year 11



**Ben Clements** Year 11





Sean Evelegh Year 13



Daniel Smith Year 11



Louis Shelton Year 11

Alvin Kan Year 13



# Textiles

**This year the Textiles department has been encouraging both the seniors in the school and also the Key Stage 3 pupils to love textiles and embrace what it has to offer.**

We have done this by running workshops to show pupils a wider range of skills and engage them in the subject, demonstrating that Textiles is not just a course for girls; boys can and have been very successful at it too. We incorporated textile elements into the curriculum and the younger pupils have produced some fantastic pieces. These have included marbled bags, T-designs and transfer painted repeat patterns. Some of our GCSE pupils have loved it so much they have gone on to produce a textile final outcome for the exam piece.

For A level pupils we had a trip to London which was led by our new Head of Art, Mrs Smart, where the pupils were able to be inspired by the galleries and market stalls that London has to offer and this has influenced the pupils work greatly.

Senior pupils taking Textiles are encouraged to respond in a personal way to their chosen theme for their coursework and examination.

Exploring and experimenting with a wide range of textiles techniques, pushing their skills and knowledge in either a commercial or gallery outcome depending on the individual's personal preference and the way their projects naturally developed.

Textiles is a popular course and each year pupils produce amazing individual and creative pieces which add to their portfolio when applying to Art colleges. The subject builds confidence in our pupils and the skills they develop allow them to go on and be successful wherever their future takes them. 🌳

**Nicola Brown** Head of Textiles







**Lauren McQueen**  
Year 13



Year 11 pupil



**Lauren McQueen**  
Year 13



**Clive Zhu**  
Year 13





**William Deane**  
Year 13



**Eleanor Hardwick**  
Year 11



**Verity Ross**  
Year 9



**Rae Franklin**  
Year 13





**Lauren McQueen**  
Year 13



**Lauren McQueen**  
Year 13



**Connie Clar**  
Year 12



**Clive Zhu**  
Year 13



# Food & Nutrition



Every year I promise that this year will be more organised, more fluid and less messy; and yet every year, by this point in the summer, I can rival the outtakes from Bake Off and Masterchef combined.

But what a year it has been. The activities programme has been redirected into an enrichment programme and this gave me the opportunity to write the “Bake Off” project; 12 week courses enabling pupils to learn different cake methods and then to create a seasonal showstopper. The Christmas cakes were certainly the most eye-catching and it was wonderful how everyone threw themselves into trying new techniques.

Our Year 11s were the first Year Group to undertake the NEA process in the new GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition. I have to say the standards were high, and they each rose to the challenge with persistence and

resilience. Unfortunately, at the time of writing, I can not publish photos of their work due to JCQ exam regulations but I can assure you that most dishes would not have been out of place in a restaurant. Special mentions must go to Archie Reynolds, Kieron Tang, Audrey Jorge and Maia Saad for some wonderful dishes. However, Year 10 took this standard as a challenge and their recent mock NEA2 produced some excellent dishes in terms of skill level, taste and presentation. I am really excited about what their examination work will yield

next year. My final ever A level group finished their coursework back in March. As ever, their interpretations of the task astonished me and they both chose very innovative, current topics. Joseph Bennett took traditional British Cuisine and added multicultural fusions to it, while Emilia Wyllie took the route of sensory distortion. Joseph’s final dish was Fish and Chips Indian Style, while Emilia produced Cheese Doughnuts with Onion Marmalade; and Chocolate and Hazelnut filled Ravioli with a Strawberry sauce.





I hosted the Apprentice challenge for Year 12 in June. Only two teams remained by the time I saw them this year, but I have to say I was very impressed with the winning FAB cake.

The Gardening Club also paid me a visit and made strawberry jam, a jar of which made its way into the Victoria Sponge that I made to sell on the Old Pops Cake Stall on Speech Day.

The year finished in as much chaos and business as it started. Year 10 Foodies and the future Year 9 Foodies enjoyed a Taste of Game workshop

alongside Colour Sergeant Mike Beaton from the Royal Marines. They had a fantastic day creating Pheasant Bruschetta with Simon Gray and the standard of presentation was excellent. They then had a cooking workshop with Mike during which he discussed careers in the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, cooking on the front line, ration packs, healthy eating, sugar and Love Island!

Our annual Creative Education Day for visiting Year 5s was a great success. They made Flower Pot bread and Pizza Pin Wheels. All of the children



involved were engaged in the cooking and produced some lovely, tasty food. The Year 10 helpers also enjoyed themselves thoroughly and it was lovely to see them working closely with our young visitors.

The year ended with the Year 10 non D of E pupils enjoying the Fun Kitchen "Food Skills and Food Science" two day workshop. On the first day, they saw food science in action, making sugar explode, making rockets, volcanoes and lava lamps. Then the second saw put those principles into action making burgers, bread and filleting fish. 🌳







# Young Enterprise

## LUX



Rather ambitiously, we decided to name our company after a “unit of luminance”, sure that we would bring brightness to our customers and have many lightbulb moments. The early meetings though were not so dynamic; mainly due to very gradual planning and decision-making processes. Our team members were however hard-workers, and this proved to be a positive aspect of our company. In anticipation of the opportunities afforded by Christmas, our core product was environmentally friendly, soy-wax scented candles, which we manufactured ourselves, after some considerable experimentation! We also offered other services such as catering services at our school, a personalised Valentine’s Day Rose delivery and an Easter Egg Raffle. We made a small amount of profit from every product of service in our portfolio, but a lesson to be learnt was that by the time Tax and VAT were deducted, we were left with considerably less! However we were still pleased with the results of our company, and the experience was far more valuable.

**Maria-Bisila Dougan**, Managing Director

## White Wolf



We have had an ‘interesting’ year. It started off a little slow as we were not sure what product to choose, however we persevered and throughout the last weeks of the autumn term we really pulled together and sold hoodies to the school for the Production. We then decided to branch into gym wear and accessories because we believed that there was a niche gap in the market for high quality products at reasonable prices. However, when we received our samples we felt that the quality was disappointing, and we would not be able to add value and create a profit. Our attentions then turned to personalised sports water bottles, but we were distracted by an unexpected but pleasant surprise; we won the area heat of the YE Company Competition! In fact not only the heat, but three of the awards on the night. Sadly the County Final proved one step too far, but we competed, had a great experience and learned much from our successes and our mistakes.

**Donya Bonakdar**, Managing Director





# Young Enterprise Workshop

On Tuesday 26th June Bethany Year 12 pupils gathered in the Function Suite for an Entrepreneurship morning. The event focused on the concept of Entrepreneurship, including what is Entrepreneurship, personal qualities of an Entrepreneur, a self-assessment of their own personalities, a film about a well known Entrepreneur who named his company after a fruit (no prizes for correct guesses), a group challenge and a talk from Andy Paine, the founder and Managing Director of 'Blue Forest' tree house design and construction, also an Old Bethanian.

Pupils enjoyed the event tremendously and commented how nice it was to do something vocational across the

year group. Andy's talk was hugely informative, with some excellent advice on growing a business, being a business influencer, using social media and technology to maximum effect, and wider life skills. If anyone is looking for a luxury treehouse, he should certainly be their starting point.

The group task, which was to 'sell' to a panel of funding providers a new app, was won by Maria-Bisila Dougan, Georgia Lello and Natalie Ward (pictured with Andy Paine), who proposed an app named 'EduFresh'. Details cannot be divulged, as it was such a good idea it may be copied before they have a chance to launch for real!



## Link Teacher

The motto of Young Enterprise is "Learning by Doing", and I think this has particularly applied this year to both our companies as they have been on a journey. The Pareto Principle states that for many events, roughly 80% of the effects come from 20% of the causes. Both companies painstakingly discussed and planned their events, but on a limited timescale this left little time for commerce, and in some instances, they missed sales opportunities as a result. Less talk and more action I'm sure would have benefited both companies. They also both experienced HR difficulties and faced the tough question of what to do with an achiever who is consistently not contributing to the company? But they did learn, and somehow, they also both made a profit, which is not unimportant!

**Anthony Khan**, Link Teacher

## Tenner Challenge

Twelve pupils from Year 7 and 8 took part in the 'Tenner Challenge' launch event on Monday 15th January.

Paul Andrews of jobsinkent and Trudie Hartridge of Young Enterprise joined us to launch the event, which sees two teams of six pupils given £10 start-up capital to run their own business enterprise and see how far they can make it go!

Over the course of the spring term team 'Jakasper' sold their cakes and team 'Sweety Treats' sold their pick 'n' mix. Both teams managed to make a net profit of over £200 which is a highly impressive return on the capital employed over such a short period of time. We definitely witnessed some excellent young entrepreneurs in the making. Both teams also entered the national competitions in sales pitches, logos and marketing. Although they were not national winners the experience and skills they developed from the competition will serve them well.

Mr Duff is already excited for 'The Tenner Challenge' next year and is looking forward to see if next year's teams can equate the high standard which this year's cohort has set! 🌳





# Financial Journalist of the Year

**Congratulations to Georgina Hill, a Year 12 pupil, who was been announced as the national winner of The Young Financial Journalist of the Year competition, run by The London Institute of Banking & Finance.**

Applicants were required to write a 1000-word blog or an article answering the question: 'Why should I care about being money-savvy, and how can financial education help?'

Georgina, who claimed £150 as her prize, said: "I'm really happy I won this award and I didn't expect it at all. The skills I've learned at Bethany have enabled me to do this, and find a talent I never knew I had."

The Year 12 pupil was entered into the 17-19 age group. The judges commented: "We had lots of really good entries in both age categories from schools around the UK, so it

was a difficult decision. The article was thoughtful and covered some really important topics such as student loans, reading the small print and how mental health can affect people's finances. Well done!"

Georgina's article was recognised for having an engaging and 'journalistic' style; real life examples and case studies which helped bring the importance of financial education to life; 'top tips' to help engage readers; statistics and evidence, demonstrating research skills; and good spelling and grammar.

Mr Simon Duff, Head of Business and Economics, said: "Georgina is an excellent pupil, extremely conscientious and hard working. I am proud of her achievements in the Young Financial Journalist of the Year competition – her success is richly deserved."

Headmaster, Francie Healy, added: "I am incredibly proud of Georgina's triumph in this highly prestigious national competition. Her success has clearly demonstrated her writing abilities and research skills, and she certainly has a promising career ahead of her." 🌳





# Apprentice Challenge 2017



## After five gruelling rounds, we had a winner!

The first three rounds in the Year 12 Apprentice Challenge required pupils to create a TV advert for a product of our choosing, 'Grow Your Money' and 'Bake and Bank'. Some of the TV adverts were of a very high standard and hugely entertaining. The fundraising in 'Grow Your Money' proved to be an absolute triumph. The cakes in 'Bake and Bank', however, I am not sure would have rated too highly in the Showstopper Challenge on a

certain TV show... Eleven candidates were whittled down to three by the time of the fourth challenge, 'Wish You Were Here', in which candidates were asked to produce a set of five greetings cards for overseas visitors to send home. Again, the standard was remarkable, but someone had to be fired and, at this semi-final stage, it was Amy McQueen, despite an original and colourful set of cards. Our final challenge was, as is traditional, The Interview, in which our candidates were given the flimsiest of preparation material and put in front of two stern and exacting judges. Georgina Hill and Maria-Bilisa Dougan both interviewed well despite

their nervousness. However, there can only be one winner and, after a final demanding interrogation in the boardroom by our very own Lord Sugar, Georgina was hired, winning the first prize of £50.

Congratulations to all eleven candidates, who raised the remarkable sum of £1350 between them during the course of the competition, commiserations to Amy and especially Maria-Bilisa for being so near and yet so far, and very well done indeed to Georgina for beating them all to win the coveted spot as Lord Sugar's Apprentice for 2018! 🌳



# Pengelly Society

The Pengelly Society was founded in 1971 by Christian Lanzer and Skene Catling to pay tribute to the outstanding leadership of Kenneth Pengelly during his Headship. Each month, a speaker is invited to come and share their experience, journey or area of expertise with pupils, offering them the opportunity to broaden their horizons. All Year 12 and 13 pupils are expected to attend and parents are welcome to join them too.

## **Skene Catling Trust:**

George Dinnis; Immy Oakes;  
Isabel Altendorf

**14th September 2017**

September saw the first meeting of the Pengelly Society for the academic year. We heard from past Bethany pupils, George Dinnis and Immy Oakes, and current pupil, Isabel Altendorf, about their experiences working with Gap Medics and Gap 360. These were volunteering placements part funded by the Skene Catling Trust. The Trust was set up by a former Bethany Housemaster, to give pupils funding for gap year projects. Issy's stories of working in hospitals in the Dominican Republic were highly emotive, and it was clear to see how gap year projects can have a profound effect on your outlook on the world, as well as enabling you to develop life skills that can never be taught in a classroom.

## **Nina Jabang and Toni Carter:**

CoGS

**12th October 2017**

In October we were joined by representatives from CoGS (Children of Gambia Services), who gave an informative and engaging presentation on the work of the charity. Sixth Formers learnt how the charity had come about in 2007 after one of the founders, Nina Jabang, took her own children to The Gambia to open their eyes to life in a different culture. The charity began with the intention of building a nursery and providing education for pre-school age children in

Jabang village. Since then, CoGS has grown considerably and today plays a pivotal role in both community development and sustainability. The charity is currently focused on the construction of a birthing centre and improving first aid provision.

A number of Bethany Sixth Formers expressed an interest in visiting Jabang to help with ongoing projects.

## **Andy Puncher:**

Director of pH+ Architects, London

**16th November 2017**

In their November meeting, Pengelly Society welcomed Andy Puncher, director of pH+, an architectural practice based in London. Andy founded pH+ with fellow architect Drew Hamilton in 2005. He oversees a broad portfolio of work that has included the development of community and educational spaces as well as housing. Andy is passionate about getting the design/commercial mix right in any development.

Andy inspired everyone through a talk about his own journey to become an architect, a profession he loves. He spoke with passion about many of the projects that he has been involved with, including The Milkshake Tree project. This involved the practice of creating an experiential garden den for the London Festival of Architecture in 2016; an inclusive sensory space inspired by the practice's work for the London Centre for Children with Cerebral Palsy in Haringey.

## **Claire Eckley:**

Pure Kent and Eckley Farms

**18th January 2018**

In January, we were joined by Claire Eckley of Eckley Farms. Claire delivered an informative presentation about how the family has developed the farm, taking a more sustainable approach to arable farming that encourages better management of the land to sustain its quality and productivity. Claire also spoke about how the farm makes use of tractor GPS for precision farming and the benefits of biodiversity in regards to planting, both for the environment and providing habitats for wildlife species. Further, the farm has increasingly developed its own brand, Pure Kent, which is a great vehicle for promoting its four main products – wheat, rapeseed, field beans and oats.





Eckley Farm's rapeseed oil is pressed on the farm and has won many awards; it is also used by 'Cook' across its ready meal ranges.

### Simon Perry:

Leads global graduate recruitment at Imperial Brands

**22nd February 2018**

In February we were joined by Simon Perry, who is no stranger to Bethany as he was a pupil from Year 7 to Year 13, leaving the School in 2009. He now leads global graduate recruitment at Imperial Brands.

Simon delivered an interesting presentation about his own journey through school, in particular the challenges posed by dyslexia and by his lack of clear direction about his own career path. However, with encouragement, Simon persisted with his first appointment after university and used this experience to build valuable skills that have enabled him to flourish in his current HR role with a large international employer. Simon gave Sixth Form pupils some excellent tips about application processes, and encouraged Bethany pupils to reflect on how prepared they are to make themselves stand out in an interview.

### Charlie Bluett:

Owner and Lead Artist CBFX and Artist and Model Maker Millennium FX

**15th March 2018**

In March we held the final Pengelly Society meeting of the year; huge thanks to Year 13 pupil Joshua Hill who did an excellent job as Secretary this year.

On this occasion, we welcomed former Bethany pupil Charlie Bluett, owner and Lead Artist at CBFX and Artist and Model Maker at Millennium FX. Charlie is an experienced FX Artist with a history of working in the entertainment industry, having worked on TV shows such as Doctor Who, blockbuster films including World War Z and Lady Gaga's 'You and I' music video.

Charlie left Bethany in 1997 and went to art college. He spent four years also working as a waiter and saving his tips to create a portfolio and found a mentor which led to his first job – making a full-size animatronic Tyrannosaurus Rex for a theme park in Devon! Charlie learned a huge amount in seven months and later went on to work with Ridley Scott on the feature film The Kingdom of Heaven, worked in Morocco and was part of the special effects for this major feature film. He has since worked on a huge range of films and TV shows.

Pupils were treated to a range of examples of Charlie's work, plus some real-life examples in the form of a cyberman helmet from Dr Who. Sean Eveleigh, Head of School, had the privilege of trying it on!

Charlie shared the complex process of making a special effects costume, relating how easy it is to make a creative costume look great; the real skill is making the costume look good and for an actor to be able to perform in it! The costumes are often very heavy – the Dr Who Cyberman costume weighs five stones – and are incredibly challenging for actors to work in for long periods of time. There is also constant maintenance required on-set to ensure that the costumes and make-up effects continue to look their best in front of the cameras; technological advances in camera technology means the special effects teams have to pay attention to every tiny detail.

Charlie said, "At Bethany I was really into art; I was good at it and I am sure I wouldn't be doing what I do today if it wasn't for the fantastic art teacher, Mr Norgrove. However, I do wish I'd worked a bit harder in Science – I work with so many chemicals and have to recreate the human body with total accuracy. That really would have helped me."

Filming days are incredibly long, often with 3am starts to spend five hours getting an actor ready to be on set at 8am. We are on set all day and often film through to 11pm, and this can carry on for a couple of weeks at a time. However, Charlie loves his work: "My favourite thing about the industry is that I get to play, I design and build amazing things, I cover people with blood. I've been attacked by a cyberman, shot by a Dalek and have even been a zombie in 20 Days Later – and I get paid for it!" 🧟





# Sport

## Sports Award Dinner

**Bethany School Sixth Form pupils Folahan Peters, Freddie Porritt, Georgina Hill and Will Smith were amongst the award winners at a gala dinner on Wednesday 28th March to celebrate achievements in Senior Sport.**

The Sports Awards Dinner is fast becoming one of the main events in the School calendar, and this year over 100 pupils, parents and friends enjoyed a fantastic celebration of pupils' achievements in sport at Bethany. Special guest Tim Stimpson, former England, Leicester and British & Irish Lions Rugby player, captured everyone's attention, admiration and enthusiasm with his pitch-perfect speech.

The highlight of the evening was the awarding of Honours medals, Sports Colours and Cups to our pupils. Sporting highlights at Bethany over the past 12 months included the boys 1st XV Rugby Squad celebrating an unbeaten season, an unbeaten girls rounders team, and our first whole-school swimming gala against Sutton Valence School.

Matt Payne, Director of Sport, said: "This evening illustrates perfectly the level of sporting talent here at Bethany, as well as the dedication of our pupils, who work so hard in training to achieve sporting success in their chosen field. It is a privilege to celebrate their

achievements, and we are already looking forward to next year's event. Thank you to everyone who supported our auction of promises and to the local businesses who were so generous in donating items for the auction."

An auction of promises was held in support of Wooden Spoon, the children's charity of rugby, which provides sensory rooms, specialist playgrounds and sports activity areas, as well as respite, medical and community care, and funds around 70 projects each year that support disadvantaged and disabled children. We are delighted that over £720 was raised thanks to the generosity of attendees. Thank you to everyone who participated in the auction for your support of this very worthy cause.







# Girls Sport

## Hockey



### 1st XI

This season the girls had the pleasure of being coached by Beth Bingham who is a current Welsh international player. Throughout the season the senior girls made great progress, impressing with their persistence. Led by Georgina Hill and Jemima Bischoff the girls played a number of close fixtures against King's School Rochester, Buckwood, Claremont, Ashford, Battle Abbey and a snowy and very cold finish to the season against Dover College. In all games the girls fought hard, giving 100%, working on tactics that played to their strengths and capitalising on these. We struggled to find the back of the net at the beginning of the season but as the girls gelled and gained confidence we managed to put a few on the board. Special mention must go to nominated players of the match, Claire Day, Georgia Lello, Georgina Hill and Lorenza Dougan. In addition, thanks should go to Jemima and Georgina for all their help over the season, taking and leading training sessions, organising collection of match teas and equipment, and making sure all the girls knew where they were meant to be and when!

This group of players are a young squad, mainly made up of Year 11 and Lower Sixth pupils and therefore have great potential for next season.

### U15

This season the girls played against Ashford School, Buckwood, Dover College, Gad's Hill, King's School Rochester and Sir Roger Manwood's.

We had some great new additions to the side. Tumi Peters was a force to be reckoned with some impressive

We are hugely grateful to the local businesses and supporters who offered promises, including: Breakpoint Tennis, Holroyd Howe, Hush Heath Winery, Leeds Castle, Maidstone United FC, Risebridge Health & Sports Club, Slap'n'Dash ceramics, Tunbridge Wells RFC, and The Vine in Goudhurst.

Headmaster, Francie Healy, said: "Every year I am impressed by the sporting achievements of our pupils. The dedication that they give to their training, alongside their academic studies, is truly impressive. At Bethany, our greatest aim is to enable each of our pupils to realise their potential in every area – academic, sporting and creative, and this event is testament to that approach".



performances in defence and Holly Adamson ably assisted the more established player including Taylor-Mae Muller, Sophie Ovenden and Jenny Dougan. Through the season the girls' positional play and movement on the ball developed immensely. The highlights of the season include an impressive performance against Ashford School as well as finishing third in the Granville league.



## U13

The U13 squad played competitive games against Ashford, Buckswood School, Claremont, Dover College, Gad's Hill, Marlborough House and Sir Roger Manwood's. The squad was a pleasure to coach; the girls were enthusiastic and engaged, they persisted in improving their skills and fought hard against established and more experienced teams. Considering many of the girls had never picked up a hockey stick before, they made excellent progress and should be very proud of their achievements. This squad was pushed by other pupils wishing to represent the School, which is encouraging for the future.

Special mention should go to Niamh Davies, Delilah Hutchings, Ruby Russell, Josie Tabb, Frances Lye and Beth Kuhepa, who made considerable improvement and contribution.

## Girls Tennis

This year Bethany entered an U15 girls tennis team into the National Aegon Tennis League run by the LTA. Drawn against Cranbrook, Hugh Christie, Wally Hall and Tunbridge Wells Girl Grammar the girls played a combination of singles and doubles. The girls involved included Holly Adamson, Amelia Midgley, Lorraine Bonsu and Ellie Russell. All these pupils gave 100% and enjoyed improving throughout the competition. Unfortunately, due to the strength of the opposition and limited practise we did not manage to get through to the next round of the competition, but all girls should be proud of their progress and achievement in a technical game.

## Flying start for Girls Cricket



With the departure of rounders from the GCSE PE specification and the growth of girls cricket, Bethany, along with many other schools, made the decision to teach and compete in cricket rather than rounders. This was a bold and big change which has proved to be very positive and successful!

History was made on Wednesday 20th June, as Bethany School's U13 team celebrated an unbeaten first season, competing for the first time in the sport against other schools in the region. The team triumphed against Ashford School on 20th June and had also beaten Dover College, Buckswood and Gad's Hill in their previous fixtures.

Sam King, said: "This is a fantastic achievement. To win one match would have been great but to win all four is outstanding. I am so proud of all the girls who have worked so hard; they continue to exceed my expectations every time they play."

The U13s were supported in their triumph by Sixth Formers Georgina Hill and Edward Harby as part of their Sports Leaders award. They were able to bring their passion and expertise to the game as representative players for Kent County Cricket Club. We are very proud of the way in which the whole School community supported and encouraged the girls as they learn and develop in this new sport.

**Headmaster, Francie Healy, said: "This unbeaten season shows the level of sporting accomplishment and ambition at Bethany. It's not easy to compete in a new sport against other, more established teams; to do so and to remain unbeaten for an entire season is a very rare achievement indeed. We are all extremely proud of them and I am sure we will see them go from strength to strength in the years to come."**





## Netball



### 1st VII

This year we had two strong teams with many victories throughout the season. The 1st team were led by the experienced player Sarah Exall and her vice captain Isabel Petts. The season has been one of two halves. Before half term the team remained undefeated with convincing wins against Gad's Hill, Dover College and Buckswood School. After half term, however, the weather took its toll and the squad came up against tougher opposition including St Lawrence college, King's Rochester and Claremont.

The girls should be enormously proud of their efforts and performances throughout the season. With such a tight and versatile squad it is hard to not mention all eight girls. Therefore, well done to Georgina Hill, Jemima Bischoff and Natalie Whyte for great progress, Ella Dockery for being strong as goal shooter, Libby Donegan who worked tirelessly as centre and Lorenza Dougan who was a force to be reckoned with in defence. We will unfortunately lose Year 13 pupils Sarah Exall and Isabel Petts as they leave Bethany. We would like to wish you good luck; we hope you have enjoyed your netball career at Bethany and may you both continue to play as you move on.

### 2nd VII

Our second senior team had a successful season, walking away with victory against Gad's Hill, Dover College and Buckswood. Our most impressive win of the season was against Claremont School where the girls finished 30 goals to 6.

The annual Granville league tournament was an enjoyable afternoon. Bethany was up against some strong competition, against which they fought well. Their first match against Ashford was tough to defend. Our defense battled well but Ashford shot accurately leading to a loss. As the tournament progressed Bethany appeared to get

stronger with some great mid court play and fantastic shooting from Maria Dougan, Lauren McQueen and Belle Zhou. We managed to steal a convincing win against SJWM and a thrilling final match of the day against SRM with some great interceptions from Maria Mosnegutu Gutierrez, Olivia Shelton and Amelia Topper, leading to a draw. Bethany finished in fifth place overall and should be pleased with how they progressed throughout the day. With a few new Sixth Form members to the squad and improving Year 11 players, this is the strongest 2nd team we have had in a few years. We hope to build on the success of this team and continue developing the number of seniors playing both competitive and recreational netball.

### U15A

The first match of the season was against Buckswood and the sides were very evenly matched in the first third. Both sides were dangerous in defense, only allowing three goals apiece to be scored. After a team decision to slow the passes down court, the girls were able to take a comfortable lead in the second third and not concede any goals. This was due to a combination of fantastic defense and accurate shooting with some great feeds from centre Taylor-Mae Muller. Bethany was able to hang on to the victory 12-8.

Other matches included a convincing victory against Gad's Hill 22 goals to 3, where Bethany displayed great strength in shooting. However, this could not be transferred in their A and B collaboration match against Claremont, and even with a strong start, Claremont gave Bethany lots to work on in the training sessions ahead. Overall a strong season, a pleasure to see the see team develop both individually and as a unit.

### U15B

Playing against Ashford School, Buckswood School, King's School Rochester and Dover College the girls struggled to gel together at the beginning of the season. However, I am extremely pleased to report that the pupils persisted, engaged in practice lessons and learnt from watching other teams as well as our U15A team when possible. In their final game against Dover College this hard work paid off as they played their best game of the season. I look forward to seeing these pupils progress further next season.

### U13A

The team played fixtures against Gad's Hill, Buckswood School and Marlborough House before half term with



mixed success. After half term they played very well against established teams with prep schools including Ashford School, King's School Rochester and the Granville League Tournament. Many pupils made significant improvement and contribution throughout the season, with Beatrice Westbrook and Emma Martin shooting well in the circle and Milla Liu, Beth Kuhepa and Josie Tubb teaming up to make a strong defensive line up. Tilly Hinde and Ruby Russell linked the attack and defense in centre court. All seven girls played their part in the seasons success and shone against different opposition.

## U13B

The U13B team met tough opposition this year and their results did not reflect the progress that they made and the effort and enthusiasm with which they played. They were all keen to do extra practise to help develop their skills and kept their spirits high even when they were not achieving the results they wanted. Another year of hard work will surely yield better performances all round next year.

## Rounders

### Senior

With fixtures only being played in the first half of term due to public examinations pressures, the senior rounders team played a short yet enjoyable competitive season in their scheduled games, fielding a 1st and 2nd teams against Ashford School early in the season. Both teams narrowly lost these games, having left too much to do in the second innings. The 1st team then went on to beat Dover College, Buckswood and Claremont School. Praise and congratulation should go to all the girls who participated at this busy time of the year and a special mention to Maria Mosnegutu Gutierrez and Donya Pesaran Seyed Bonakda who had never played rounders before yet made significant contribution to the 1st team.

### U15

We saw the girls enjoy a thoroughly successful rounders season, participating in three fixtures against Buckswood, Dover College and Gad's Hill and coming home with wins each time. The girls worked very well as a team when fielding and were able to score some fantastic rounders whilst batting. It is an exciting transitional period for Bethany as we have begun to introduce girls cricket into the timetable. The girls have shown good skills in cricket and have been able to transfer their rounders skills into their cricket game. We are looking forward to more cricket next year alongside their rounders fixtures.

# Boys Sport

## Rugby

### 1st XV

**The 1st XV Rugby Squad celebrated an amazing unbeaten season for the first time since 1991, having triumphed against high-calibre teams from schools and clubs throughout the region.**

The record-breaking season started with an excellent win against Cranbrook School's 2nd XV on a beautiful autumn evening overlooking the Weald countryside. This match set our team in good stead for the games to follow, with wins against Tonbridge School, Ashford School and Claremont in the first half term alone.

An overseas tour took Bethany's players to Barcelona and saw the team compete on foreign soil against three of Catalonia's best teams, which gave them the opportunity to learn new styles and techniques that helped them going forward. On their return, a fixture against King's Rochester brought a hard-fought victory and highlighted the value in persisting with training to keep a consistently strong level of competition.

Further matches against Worth School and Sevenoaks School saw comfortable victories for Bethany. The final match against Kent College drew an encouraging audience of parents and pupils, whose support bolstered our team to give a complete performance and a triumphant 31-point margin.

The season rounded off with the Anthony Clarke Memorial Match, an annual fixture between Bethany School and Tunbridge Wells RFC. Anthony Clarke, an outstandingly talented Bethany sportsman, died in a tragic car crash in November 2003 and this well-supported match brings out the best from both teams. Bethany's 1st XV gave their all to complete this unbeaten season with 35 points to TWRFC's 12.

### On their success, Headmaster Mr Healy said:

"I'm incredibly proud of the training and commitment of our 1st XV Rugby team. Their success is testament to the



value of our Sports Scholarship programme, which offers weekly strength and conditioning for all senior sports scholars. This is, however, going to cost me as I rather rashly promised them a nice meal, at my expense, if they went through the season undefeated!"

### **Captain of the 1st XV, Freddie Porritt, said:**

"The key to our success this season has been playing as a team and not as individuals. A huge thank you to the people who came and watched our games and especially to the staff: You have helped and supported us throughout the season and we would not have been able to achieve such success without you."

## **U14**

The team had a strong season with a number of competitive fixtures playing across two counties. This year the team really started to gel, putting in some fine team performances against Kent College, Ashford, Kings Canterbury and King's School Rochester as well as performing well in the cup beating Simon Stock school. The team was ably led by Dan Akowe who although fairly new to the game is growing into a good captain. The team was solid in defence, with Archie Niell, Tawananyasha Chikopa and Connor Kennison-Cook leading the way, rarely missing a tackle and giving the rest of the team confidence. In attack Theodore Von Halasz, Max Brown and Paul Emasealu were at times unstoppable and between them they scored many tries.

Overall the season was a real success only losing two games, this team has real potential and I look forward to their progress next season.

## **U13**

The team had a mixed season, winning 50% of their matches against some strong opposition. This team has real potential as it is a very skilful side. However, they at times struggled with the fact that other teams were physically bigger. Hopefully as they progress this will even itself out. Notable performances this season came from Paris Hobbs-Soteriou scoring two tries against Dulwich in a close fought victory for Bethany; Freddie Thomas who always worked hard both in attack and defence also being the top try scorer this season; and William Harby who captained the side excellently and earned the accolade of player of the season. I look forward to seeing this team progress as they move through the School.





## Football



### 1st XI

The team travelled to Sutton Valence to kick off their season, and on a typically windy January afternoon Freddy Brewer scored two well taken goals in a competitive match that finished 2-3 to Sutton Valence. A trip to Brighton College and Cranleigh School provided strong opposition and good team performances. Folahan Peters was excellent at centre back in both matches, while Oliver Khan produced the save of the season against Brighton College and Harry Morgan scored a stunning goal in a 3-2 win. Final games of the season against Tonbridge School and Battle Abbey School in mid-February was not expected as the snow came down in March to curtail any further matches. The losses did not reflect that the team again played some excellent counter attacking football with Jake Jones having another strong match a right back, certainly the find of the season! Well done to all in a curtailed season.

### U15

The Junior teams had competitive season, with the U15 highlights being a win against Gad's Hill School and Brighton College and competitive matches against Bede's and Claremont School. Jake Fuggle captained the team well from centre midfield while Tawananyasha Chikopa added steel and determination to the centre of the pitch. Theodore Von Halasz and Max Brown were effective and imposing central defenders.

### U13

The team had another strong season with William Harby, Paris Hobbs-Soteriou and Ethan Hill leading by example. Wins against Beechwood Sacred Heart school, St Edmund's Canterbury, Battle Abbey School and Gad's Hill School and a draw versus Dulwich Prep School was a result of some excellent football and team camaraderie. Other notable performances came from Freddie Thomas in front of goal and Louis Binfield at centre back.



## Cricket



### 1st XI

The team welcomed a number of new players this season and opened their competitive fixtures with a strong win against Dover College on a glorious April afternoon. Player of the season Edward Harby scored 54 runs with the bat to lead Bethany to a convincing win. This was followed with a second excellent half century against Tonbridge School and a strong fielding display that resulted in a very narrow run loss. After a competitive match against King's School Rochester, the team bounced back to winning ways against Sutton Valence, with strong bowling spells from Samuel Bateman, Joe Brinton and Edward Harby restricting the opposition score. Edward Harby again scored well with the bat and was supported by a fine innings from Harry Morgan. Claremont School and Forty Club were cancelled which was unfortunate, but nevertheless, a good season saw some excellent games and we look forward to summer



2019. Special mentions go to departing players, William Cunningham who captained the team very well and the ever-reliable James Golding. Well done to all!

## U15

The Junior teams had successful season with the U15 highlights being an excellent win against Beechwood Sacred Heart School, a very narrow run loss against Cranbrook School and excellent wins against King's School Rochester and Dover College. Alexander Hill captained the side well with the pick of the bowlers, Morgan Mitchell, Harry Chambers and Theodore Von Halasz restricting many opposition batsman and in turn innings totals. Jake Lancaster and Alexander Hill performed well with the bat and of particular note was Jake's running between the wickets when the rate needed to be increased to secure victory.

## U13

With the sun on their backs for large parts of the summer, the team had a strong season with excellent wins against Cranbrook School, Buckswood School, Battle Abbey School, St Ronan's and Ashford School. They were superbly led by the talented and Kent U13 captain, William Harby. A number of strong individual performances from other members of the squad reinforced the strength and cricket ability at this age group, and the collective team spirit. Other notable performances came from Rob Vizard and Freddie Thomas while Max Cunliff and William Butters ably supported William Harby with the bat. Well done on a 5 wins and 1 loss return for the season.



## Boys Tennis



Bethany entered the U15 Boys National Aegon tennis competition this summer and the squad performed superbly well in all matches. Manuel Ten Gutierrez was ably supported by Alexander Hill in some excellent performances. Cranbrook School provided the first opposition on a blustery April day. Manuel and Alexander produced some excellent play at number one and two seeds, securing good wins for the team in both doubles and individual matches. As the summer progressed and the excellent tennis weather took hold the team went from strength to strength. Eddie Barnes Yallowley came into the squad at number three seed for the rest of the season and played some excellent competitive matches which resulted in good wins while Lucas Ensell provided a solid number four seed and doubles partner for Eddie. Manuel and Alexander continued to dominate opponents in number one and two seed matches and run away with strong victories in both formats of the game. As a result the team secured big wins against Hugh Christie Technology College and Hayesbrook School. With the final match against The Skinners' School ending as dead rubber, the team looked back on a very successful season and should be proud of their performances.



## Basketball



Bethany's Senior Basketball squad had a very impressive run of matches in the autumn of 2017. New addition to the squad, Krauss Qiao, and strong performances from existing pupils, Jeremy Chan, Kenneth Ling, Klyde Moradeyo and Sunny Lau brought a fast paced style of play with skilled individual performances. A narrow win against Cranbrook School set the platform for performances to come, and was followed by big wins against both Battle Abbey School and Sutton Valence School. Well done to all involved and particularly the senior players who took responsibility for running team training and assisting with team tactics and strategic plays on match day.



## Swimming



The swimming squad continued its development with a number of new Year 7 members joining the ranks and an increased fixture programme during the 2017/18 season. Dulwich Preparatory School, St Ronan's School, Claremont Prep and Cranbrook School were all entertained at Bethany, while the junior, inter and senior teams travelled to Sutton Valence. All matches were very competitive with some excellent individual performances

across all age groups and in particular, Ethan Smith, Ethan Hill, Amelia Midgley, Max Brown, Michael Roshier and Ralph Gerard-Cross during meets. With numbers on the rise at squad training, the future of swimming at Bethany School looks to be moving in a very positive and competitive direction and we look forward to the swimming season in spring 2019.







# Special Achievements

## Georgina Hill

For seven consecutive years I have had the privilege of representing the Kent County age group performance girls. In the past I have been given the honour of captaining the county U13s and U15s. This season was my final season in the county age group system and as a squad we had an excellent season. I was given the responsibility of opening the batting in the majority of our games, providing stability in the batting line-up. We came top of our league which meant that we had the amazing opportunity of representing our division at the National Finals. The national finals are where the four best teams in the country play each other to determine who is the best team in the Country. Unfortunately, we didn't win but it was an amazing experience and gave me the opportunity to develop my skills against the best players in the country. County cricket has given me so much more than just playing cricket and has helped me develop a number of skill-sets that will help me in later life. Whilst at Bethany I have also captained Maidstone district boys' team and local club teams.

At Bethany I have captained various age group hockey and rounders teams. I am currently captain of the 1st team hockey, and although we have a young squad we definitely have the makings of a very good team. I have not only played sport at Bethany, but I have also helped to coach and officiate the U13s girls hockey and cricket teams. I am currently taking part in the sports leadership qualification which Bethany offers, to help to develop my confidence and coaching skills. Bethany has given me the opportunity to participate in a range of different sports which I definitely hope to continue once I leave for university. I am currently considering taking my level 2 cricket coaching badge and I hope to take a personal training qualification.

## William Harby

I have had many great achievements over the past year with my sporting talents. I was awarded coaches player of the year at Kent and I have been playing for Holmesdale 15s this year. During my captaincy, we lost just one game last season. I also came second at the cricket festival in Somerset. With regards to football, I was selected for the prep schools team which Mr Payne really encouraged that I go for.

## Sebastian Lund

For the whole of last year I played for Kent which is a great achievement for me. I have been part of the unbeaten 1st XV rugby team at Bethany where we played different counties around the South East. I am really grateful for the great equipment we have at Bethany and I'm now able to bench press 75kg and deadlift around the same weight which has really helped my explosive skills in rugby.

## Ethan Hill and Paris Hobbs-Soteriou

Over the summer we were able to compete in the Gothia World Youth Football tournament, held in Sweden. It's the most prestigious youth football tournament in the world with over 80 countries represented. We qualified to the knock-out stages and despite how well we played we lost 2-3. Our manager was very pleased with the performance of the team and it's an experience we'll never forget.

## Lolly Discombe

I am heavily involved in sailing and have competed all over the world, including events in Abu Dhabi and Italy, and I am also took part in a competition in Finland over the summer. I was placed fourth girls at the RS Feva Worlds in 2017 after winning one of the races. The School has been very supportive of my sporting commitments, being able to use the gym and other sporting facilities has helped me with my fitness levels.



In addition to sailing, I am a member of the senior hockey team and was U15 captain during year 10. I also did rock climbing last term for part of my PE GCSE studies, and I took part in the MoonWalk in London to help raise money to beat breast cancer. 🌳



## School Colours

### EMMA ASKEW

FULL COLOURS  
ROUNDERS

### HAMZAH ATTA

FULL COLOURS RUGBY  
RE-AWARDED.

### JEMIMA BISCHOFF

HONOURS ROUNDERS &  
HALF COLOURS HOCKEY  
& NETBALL

### DONYA BONAKDAR

HALF COLOURS NETBALL

### FREDDY BREWER

HALF COLOURS  
FOOTBALL

### JOE BRINTON

HALF COLOURS RUGBY

### POLINA CHERNOUS

HALF COLOURS  
ROUNDERS

### SEAV CHHUON ING

HALF COLOURS RUGBY

### WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM

FULL COLOURS RUGBY  
AND HALF COLOURS  
CRICKET

### CLAIRE DAY

HALF COLOURS HOCKEY

### ELLA DOCKERY

HONOURS ROUNDERS &  
HALF COLOURS NETBALL

### LIBBY DONEGAN

HONOURS ROUNDERS  
AND HALF COLOURS  
HOCKEY AND NETBALL

### LORENZA DOUGAN

HONOURS ROUNDERS  
AND HALF COLOURS  
HOCKEY & NETBALL

### MARIA-BILISA DOUGAN

HONOURS ROUNDERS  
AND HALF COLOURS  
HOCKEY AND NETBALL

### SARAH EXALL

FULL COLOURS NETBALL  
& (HALF COLOURS  
HOCKEY)

### RALPH GERARD-CROSS

HALF COLOURS RUGBY

### JAMES GOLDING

HALF COLOURS CRICKET

### MARIA GUTIERREZ

HALF COLOURS NETBALL

### EDWARD HARBY

HALF COLOURS RUGBY

### GEORGINA HILL

HONOURS ROUNDERS &  
HALF COLOURS HOCKEY  
& NETBALL

### JOSHUA HILL

HALF COLOURS RUGBY

### JAKE JONES

HALF COLOURS RUGBY  
AND FOOTBALL

### GEORGIA LELLO

HONOURS ROUNDERS  
AND HALF COLOURS  
HOCKEY AND NETBALL

### BETHANY LOWTHER

FULL COLOURS  
ROUNDERS

### DANIEL MBATA

HALF COLOURS  
FOOTBALL

### LAUREN MCQUEEN

HALF COLOURS NETBALL

### KLYDE MORADEYO

HALF COLOURS RUGBY

### HARRY MORGAN

HALF COLOURS RUGBY  
AND FOOTBALL

### ROBERT MILES

FULL COLOURS RUGBY

### GEORGE OSMOND

HALF COLOURS  
FOOTBALL

### FOLAHAN PETERS

FULL COLOURS RUGBY  
AND HALF COLOURS  
FOOTBALL

### ISABEL PETTS

FULL COLOURS NETBALL

### FREDDIE PORRITT

HALF COLOURS RUGBY

### MICHAEL ROSHIER

FULL COLOURS RUGBY

### WILL SMITH

FULL COLOURS RUGBY  
AND FOOTBALL AND HALF  
COLOURS CRICKET

### RACHEL THEUNISSEN

HALF COLOURS NETBALL

### NATALIE WHYTE

HONOURS ROUNDERS &  
HALF COLOURS NETBALL

### KATY WOODHAMS

HONOURS ROUNDERS  
AND HALF COLOURS  
ROUNDERS

## Honours Awards

### ABBIE BRISTOW

ROUNDERS

### JACK BROWN

FOOTBALL

### BEN CLEMENTS

RUGBY

### LOLLY DISCOMBE

HOCKEY

### JOSE-OKORI DOUGAN

RUGBY AND FOOTBALL

### OLIVER HAMILL

FOOTBALL

### ELEANOR HARDWICK

HOCKEY AND NETBALL

### MARCUS HOBSON

RUGBY

### ABBIE LANCASTER

HOCKEY AND NETBALL

### OLIVIA LIGNAC

HOCKEY AND NETBALL

### SEBASTIAN LUND

RUGBY & FOOTBALL

### AMY MCQUEEN

ROUNDERS

### ABI MOORE

ROUNDERS

### AMELIA TOPPER

HOCKEY AND NETBALL

### OLIVIA SHELTON

NETBALL

### DAISY UNDERDOWN

HOCKEY

### SUSAN WARREN

ROUNDERS

### BELLE ZHOU

HOCKEY AND NETBALL





# Trophies

## THE HALFHIDE CUP

(MOST IMPROVED 1ST XV PLAYER)

**WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM 2017**

## LAWRIE MANN TROPHY

(GREATEST CONTRIBUTION TO 1ST XV RUGBY)

**FREDDY PORRITT 2017**

## THE RUGBY PLAYER OF THE SEASON

**FOLAHAN PETERS 2017**

## HOCKEY MOST IMPROVED

**JEMIMA BISCHOFF 2017**

## GREATEST CONTRIBUTION TO HOCKEY

**GEORGINA HILL 2017**

## HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE SEASON

**LORENZA DOUGAN 2017**

## SENIOR FOOTBALL CUP

**JAKE JONES 2018**

## AMBROSE ROGERS FOOTBALL CUP

(CONTRIBUTION TO FOOTBALL)

**WILL SMITH 2018**

## THE FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE SEASON

**FOLAHAN PETERS 2018**

## SENIOR NETBALL MOST IMPROVED

**MARIA M. GUTIERREZ 2018**

## PIPPA BLACKMAN TROPHY

(CONTRIBUTION TO NETBALL)

**ISABEL PETTS 2018**

## THE NETBALL PLAYER OF THE SEASON

**SARAH EXALL 2018**

## SENIOR CRICKET MOST IMPROVED

**WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM 2017**

## NIGEL KIMBER CRICKET CUP

(CONTRIBUTION TO CRICKET)

**JAMES GOLDING 2017**

## THE CRICKET PLAYER OF THE SEASON

**SAM MARSHALL 2017**



## JOHNSON TROPHY

(MOST ROUNDEES SCORED IN A SEASON)

**KATY WOODHAMS 2017**

## GREATEST CONTRIBUTION TO SENIOR ROUNDEES AWARD

**ISABEL PETTS 2017**

## THE ROUNDEES PLAYER OF THE SEASON

**GEORGINA HILL 2017**

## TEAM OF THE YEAR CUP

**RUGBY 1ST XV 2018**

## THE KIRKBRIGHT CAPTAINS CUP

**FREDDY PORRITT 2018**

## THE PIPPA BLACKMAN TROPHY FOR EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMIC PE

**FREDDY BREWER 2018**

## THE ROY FARQUARSON TROPHY FOR SENIOR SPORTSMAN

**FOLAHAN PETERS 2018**

## SENIOR SPORTSWOMAN

**GEORGINA HILL 2018**

## DAMIEN LEE JONES MEMORIAL CUP

(OVERALL CONTRIBUTION TO SCHOOL SPORT)

**WILL SMITH 2018**





# Duke of Edinburgh's Award

**This has been another very successful year for the Duke of Edinburgh's scheme at Bethany. We have enjoyed fantastic uptake and completion rates and the expeditions have all been successful and great fun.**

The vast majority of pupils continue to 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, while the habitat huts team have ensured that the local bats, squirrels, bugs and birds have plenty of places to live.

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. They endured horrendous conditions on the first day but persistence saw them all prevailing in the face of adversity. At the middle 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!



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 and Year 12 and 13 Gold participants went down to Dartmoor for their Silver and Gold expeditions.

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







# Postcards from...

## Berlin

It was a beautiful, sun-dappled February morning at 5am when eighteen intrepid Year 11 pupils gathered in Kendon car park for our long coach journey to Berlin. We left only a few minutes late, having waited ten minutes for Audrey and Connie's servants to bring their luggage up the steps.

An uneventful journey featuring e-numbers, currywurst and a few snoozes passed in the blink of an eye and we arrived in Berlin on a dark February evening at 10pm. We went straight to bed as the following day was to be a busy and emotionally challenging one.

After a continental breakfast we left for our walking tour, Berlin Under the Swastika. Our fantastic guide, David, told us everything we could wish to know and our pupils should now pass this part of their GCSE with flying colours! Particularly significant sights were a car park – once the site of the cremation of Hitler's remains – and the Finance Ministry, the only building that survived the Allied bombing; ironic, given that during the war it was Goering's Air Ministry and therefore responsible for the destructive bombing of much of London and other major cities. The afternoon brought us a visit to Sachsenhausen, the concentration camp that the Nazis built shortly after they came to power, to house their political opponents in the north of Germany. There were some horrific stories that our guide Louisa told us, and the pupils were quite drained at the end of the day.

Day three focused first on Checkpoint Charlie, the most famous of the border crossing points between East and West Berlin, but now a tourist trap that the true historians among us are somewhat suspicious of, although the museum is excellent. Seeing the methods people employed to try to escape from East to West was a sobering reminder of how bad conditions were. In the afternoon we had a guided tour round the Topography of Terrors museum, which focuses on the Gestapo and its methods; our guides were intense but given the nature of the topic, that's perhaps unsurprising.

Owing to the subject matter of this visit, down time is critical, and several of the boys made the most of the opportunity to watch England v Wales from Twickenham before playing cards and chilling out in the evening.

Our final day of visits took us first to Hohenschonhausen, possibly the highlight of the visit (although highlight is possibly a poor choice of word given the psychological torture that the Stasi inflicted on its victims) and it didn't disappoint. Indeed, we were guided through the complex by an ex-prisoner of the Stasi, a man called Lothar, who was imprisoned for a year and eight months for hanging anti-Communist banners in Alexanderplatz. The story of his survival in those dark days and how he used the experience to shape his future life was truly uplifting.

The trip was rounded off with a visit to the Reichstag and the opportunity to go up into the iconic dome, designed in the 1990s by Sir Norman Foster, and built of glass to symbolise the transparency of post-reunification German politics. There was then a last bit of R&R and the chance for a final trip to Dunkin' Donuts – classic German cuisine.

Winner of the award for 'Almost Being Profound' was the question, "Sir, why are all the trees here dead?" – "It's winter, Marcus" – and the key award is winner of 'Best Solo Performance of Happy Birthday', awarded to Felix Hearn. Coincidentally, Felix is also winner of the 'Best Random Appearance on Polish TV' and the 'Where Did He Get That Hat' awards.

All in all, this was a fantastic trip and the pupils were a credit to themselves and the School.







## Flatford Mill

On Monday 12th March, Year 10 and Year 12 Geography pupils embarked on a two-day field trip to the Flatford Mill FSC Centre in Suffolk. Made famous by noted artist John Constable, the Centre offers an informative and interesting day out for groups of young people.

On the first day, pupils had an early start as they headed to Walton on the Naze to examine coastal management used there. They investigated the question: 'How does coastal management at Walton on the Naze affect longshore drift?' They answered this by comparing a managed and unmanaged stretch of coastline.

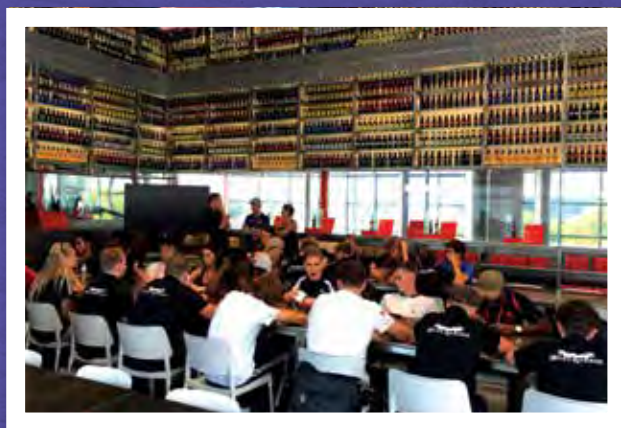
On the second day, after a hearty breakfast, pupils headed upstream to explore: 'How does the River Brett change as you travel downstream?' Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to get out into the field and master a new set of fieldwork techniques.

With the recent heavy rain, there were some challenging conditions but these were embraced by all. A special thanks to Ms Shaw, Mr Allen, Mr Bing and Miss Scholtz who accompanied the pupils to Suffolk.



## Barcelona

On Friday 13th October, a group of Business Studies and Rugby pupils departed for a one week tour of Barcelona. The Business Studies pupils visited the Estrella Dam brewery, and had the opportunity to see close up methods of production, as well as attend a talk on various brands produced at the brewery and the different markets they target.



They also had a tour of the Barcelona Stadium, with a focus on how the club is marketed, the history of the brand, and an actual match day experience. A brilliant tour of the Seat factory by one of the plant managers took the group into a number of the production stages, including welding, the paint shop, engine assembly and final assembly. Finally, the pupils visited Sitges, with the Sitges tourist board giving a dedicated talk on the history of tourism in Sitges and the tourism industry generally.

Each visit was followed up by a workshop overseen by Mr Duff and Mr Khan whilst the rugby team were practising. It was very surreal sitting in the marina at Sitges having

a Business Studies workshop! Pupils recalled what they saw, applied it to the syllabus and discussed in small groups questions related to the visits.

The 1st XV rugby team were able to compete on foreign soil against three of Catalonia's best teams, which gave them the opportunity to learn new styles and techniques that helped them going forward.

Bethany returned with fighting spirit and finished the season unbeaten, having triumphed against high-calibre teams from schools and clubs throughout the region.

Captain of the 1st XV, Freddie Porritt, said: "The key to our success this season has been playing as a team and not as individuals. A huge thank you to the people who came and watched our games and especially to the staff: You have helped and supported us throughout the season and we would not have been able to achieve such success without you." 🌳







# Costa Rica

## A 'True Adventure'

### Group 1

Group 1 was made up of Bethany Year 11 pupils and Year 12 girls from a school in Lincoln, William Farr. With a help of social media and time on the flight to get to know one another, the school's gelled quickly and were very much one group. A short sleep in a hostel in Liberia, we were soon off to the beautiful Santa Maria region via San Jose. With wonderful hospitality from Casa Parra we headed to our camp looked after by our wonderful host Rafa (known to many as Brother)! Camping and trekking in the jungle, visiting spectacular waterfalls and numerous species of wild life made for a brilliant start to our trip.

Blessed to be looked after so well, we made our way to the East coast to Tortuguero. Here we were not disappointed either. With an incredible river boat trip in and around the National Park, seeing Anhiga, Purple Gallinule, Northern Jacana birds, Spider monkeys, Spectacled and American crocodiles and Ctenosaur iguana to name a few! We also had the privilege of seeing a Giant Green Turtles laying eggs on beach and heading back to the sea.

From here we relocated further North to Los Criques where we immersed ourselves in the local culture. At the community project we helped clear local springs at a water supply, cleared, cleaned and painted the community hall and visited a local primary school to meet the local children and teachers. This part of the trip concluded with a football match against the local villagers, that was played in the spirit of the World Cup and enjoyed by all involved on and off the pitch!

Following the hard work at the project the team travelled to Playa del Coco for some much-needed R & R. Here we had time to relax at the lovely M&M hotel as well as study and qualify for the incredible Open-water scuba diving that was experienced later that week. Highlights from Scuba diving include swimming with rays, turtles, sea-horses, octopus, sharks and observing whales from the boat. On the final day in Playa del Coco the group teamed up with 'strawssuck' to do a plastic collection along the local beach which was much appreciated by many of the locals.

The final week of the trip remained as fun-filled and jam-pack as the previous ones with more trekking, hot-springs, waterfalls, wild life, camping (and midges) in Rincon. Then to our final activity and place to explore, Monteverde. Here the group witnessed some outstanding views from one of the highest points as well as the opportunity to cascade down zip wires at the stunning cloud forest.

We packed up and headed home via Liberia where we had a wonderful final meal, quiz, awards and presentation evening. A brilliant trip was had by all and many fond memories to treasure for a life time. 'Pura vida'.

True Adventure trips allow pupils to develop life-skills, independence as well as self-discovery. Taking on roles such as leader, accountant, organising accommodation, luggage, transport arrangements and cooking for 16 people, was daunting prospect for many pupils at the beginning of the trip but witnessing the growth of these particular pupils was an enormous privilege and pleasure.

**Sam King**





## Group 2

For 25 days in the summer holidays, pupils from Years 11, 12 and 13 embarked on the adventure of a lifetime in Costa Rica with True Adventure.

After a long flight and not much sleep, pupils had to show real grit and determination when it came to completing the trekking section of their True Adventure, which was the first phase of the trip. They had not only the hot and wet weather and uneven terrain to contend with but also all the creepy crawlies!

The trek gave everyone a real chance to experience the wildlife of Costa Rica and we were all amazed by the colours and size of some of the bugs we encountered.

After the trek, pupils went to a small local community of Los Criques where they worked closely with the local primary school as well as members of the public to improve the facilities. During this project work phase of the trip, pupils painted the community centre, cleared the road and the local water supply and created beautiful murals around the village to improve the overall feel of the place and raise local spirits. We had the warmest welcome and found it very hard to leave everyone behind.

Phase three of the trip was diving; the last part of the True adventure expedition. Pupils studied hard to complete their open water course and some went on to complete their advanced open water. This consisted of both written and practical elements, first in the hotel swimming pool and then in the open ocean. It was an intense course but it was most definitely worth the study. The waters off the coast of Playa Del Coco were rich with sea life and we can now all say that we have swam with rays, turtles, octopus and sharks and lived to tell the tale!

As well as this we had some well-deserved rest and relaxation time during the trip, giving pupils time to take in the local environment and wildlife, including watching giant green turtles lay eggs on the beach, river tours where monkeys, lizards, toucans and caiman were spotted. Some pupils were also seen swinging from tree to tree in a high ropes course in the canape of one of San Jose national parks.

After such a jam-packed True Adventure the pupils were happy to return home to family and friends, with happy hearts, memories to last a life time and real love for the local delicacy of rice and beans!! 🌿

**Nicola Brown**







# Activities Week

## Year 7

For Activities Week 2018, Year 7 undertook a three-night residential trip to the Hatfield House Bushcraft Centre. On the first day, pupils were bright-eyed and bushy-tailed as they foraged for wood as the plan was wood-fired oven pizza for lunch! Following that, there was tomahawk axe throwing; everyone got involved and loved having the chance to test these new skills. Survival SOS allowed the pupils to apply their first aid skills in a simulated plane crash scenario who had to deal with casualties and unconscious passengers. On the final day, the group went on a trek in search for wildlife. This followed a trap making masterclass in the best spots for hunting.



## Year 8

Activities Week 2018 saw our Year 8 pupils spend three days at Grosvenor Hall in Ashford. Pupils developed their leadership, communication and problem-solving skills when participating in a zip line, abseiling and the awesome 3G swing. They also showed their fearlessness as they conquered the "leap of faith". The three day getaway concluded with everyone taking part in the "power fan" – a sixty foot pillar the pupils had to climb then free fall from. Once Ashford was completed, the pupils moved onto Bewl Water for water-based learning opportunities. The fantastic weather gave pupils the chance to revel in the outdoors and do activities such as canoeing and raft building.







## Year 9

Our Year 9 pupils took on a different challenge and tackled their bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Dartmoor, Devon. The tasks included basics of navigation, planning their routes, setting up shelters, cooking on portable stoves called Trangias as well as first aid training from the school nurses. All activities were completed in small teams of five or six and there were also a lot of tasks designed to improve teamwork, through focussing on communication, listening and problem-solving. To ensure all teams were up to scratch, Mr Payne put all the groups through a gruelling relay race featuring swimming, rowing, word searches and basketball shooting. The expedition started in earnest; the teams were bused out to the outskirts of Frittenden, before having to navigate back to School using their maps and compasses. Map-reading for the most part was accurate, even in the testing heat and all the groups made it safely back to Bethany in good time. Fantastic displays of energy and determination

were evident throughout the whole week, and all the participants will reflect over the summer on what awaits them on their bronze expedition in October.

## Year 10

Monday and Tuesday saw the return of Simon Gray and Joe Mann from the Fun Kitchen. This is the third year that they have brought chaos and madcap food to the Science Lecture Theatre! On Monday, pupils were educated on food science as Joe explained how protein, carbs and fats exist in science and the group were treated to finding the energy in sugar, lemon rockets, volcanoes, gluten balloons, roman candles, entomophagy (the use of insects as food) to name but a few. On Tuesday, Simon led a workshop that put the science into practice within cooking. The pupils made yeast-based bread, scone bread twists, burgers and they also filleted fish. The day ended with an annual cook-off where the pupils had to use the left-over ingredients and bugs (alternative protein) to create a tasty dish. Joe

has won this challenge over the last two years, but this year victory was claimed by Lead Teacher of Food and Nutrition Studies, Liz MacRae. The latter part of the week saw the group visiting Port Lympne where the Year 10 pupils were treated to a "safari" around the reserve where they saw rhinos, giraffes, zebras, bison, rhea and emu, gazelles and several other animals in the park. A great week was had by all. 🌳







# Staff Moves



## Liam Austen

Liam was part of life at Bethany for three years, having joined us in March 2015, and we were sad to see him move on to other opportunities in May this year. Liam was larger than life and always had a ready smile for everyone. He went about his duties as part of the

grounds staff team with enthusiasm and humour, and his readiness to help with whatever was required made him a popular member of staff. Liam will be greatly missed and we wish him all the best in his future career.

**Danny Sears**



## Steve Bartlett

be generated. He allowed middle managements in the support team, increased freedom to manage their personnel and to make appropriate decisions on what needed to happen within their various remits. Steve knew his own mind and was good at articulating his points of view. What I particularly liked about Steve was his ability to question the status quo and if there was a decision made that he was unsure about he would always seek clarification, which further improved our decision making processes. Steve was of the opinion that our non-fee income as a School, could be improved upon and he made the necessary contacts with a different language school to improve our summer revenue.

During his time at Bethany Steve also considerably improved our financial controls, increased the flexibility of fee payment options and improved our electronic financial procedures. We were all pleasantly surprised when we returned from the summer holiday to

find the new photocopiers could be accessed electronically, thus reducing the amount of printing required and made scanning documents much more flexible. Two boarding house kitchens were upgraded and Steve's forensic overview of detail meant that we got excellent value for money in both refurbishments. Steve also created a new budgeting model which gave greater information and transparency to both the account holders and governors which in turn led to more accurate financial forecasting. I was also grateful to Steve for the help he gave me in refining the campus development masterplan.

Steve achieved a lot in the short time he was at Bethany and it was most unfortunate that personal circumstances prevented Steve from continuing in this role. Although Steve was only at Bethany for eight months, he left behind some very good practices which continue to benefit the School.

**Francie Healy**

Steve joined us in March 2017 as Bursar replacing the previous incumbent, Simon Douglass, who had been here for twenty years. Steve settled into the job very quickly and it was very evident from an early stage that his management style was different. Steve encouraged the various budget account holders to have more autonomy over how they spent the budget and he also increased the accountability on them to justify their expenses. This increase in autonomy was welcomed by all.

Steve was very good at strategising and very quickly contributed some fresh ideas into how the finances of the School could be monitored and how additional non-fee income could





## Ryan Bing



Ryan joined the School in September 2016 as a trainee PE teacher and assistant Housemaster in Pengelly. His enjoyment and interest for sport shone through, particularly in football and cricket. He quickly built a positive rapport with the pupils at Bethany and his sense of humor was not wasted on them, particularly in the boarding House. A big fan of FIFA play station games, the competition between him and the Pengelly boys

was always hotly contested, with bragging rights often going to the boys! His willingness to learn new skills and broaden his skill set was admirable, particularly when he took a Dance unit of work for Year 9 boys, with his two left feet. We wish him well in his teaching post at Maidstone Grammar School for Boys and look forward to coming across him and his sports teams on the circuit in seasons to come.

**Matt Payne**

## Jon Bond



It was a sad day for pupils and staff alike when we said goodbye to Jon in February this year. As Communications Officer and Librarian at Bethany since September 2014, Jon took on his role with gusto, setting up social media platforms, organising and running our library, writing news stories, keeping our website up to date, helping teachers produce slide shows, theatre programmes and myriad other communications.

While these were his main roles, he could be found taking photos, attending School events and just being the kind of person who is always willing to help out wherever he can. Jon has gone on to work in translating, making full use of his degree in Japanese.

Jon's enthusiasm, humour and good spirits are remembered fondly and missed by all.

**Ginnie Corbett**

## Brian Chapman



Brian was part of the culture of Bethany School for many years, having joined us in 2003 as Estates Manager. By the time Brian was responsible for all aspects of managing Bethany's 60 acre campus, including maintenance, upkeep, staff housing and the school buses.

Brian often said that he knew every screw and nail in the whole campus, and had painted every wall at least once, and I don't doubt that to be true! Brian now works reduced hours for a charity and is thoroughly enjoying the quieter lifestyle.

**Stuart Harris**





### Karen Dawson



Karen joined the History department in September 2008. It was with great joy that I pointed out that her fresh-faced looks wouldn't last, governors would no longer mistake her for a pupil, and she'd soon look just as jaded as the rest of us; it is to my eternal chagrin that she looks almost as baby-faced now as she did then. It's difficult to know where to start in terms of what Karen has brought to History at Bethany. Her enthusiasm for and ability in the subject have been inspirational to a

decade's worth of pupils, especially those with the good taste to take it at A Level. Her knowledge of her subjects is excellent and would often have me scurrying off to research something in order to stand a chance of winning an argument.

Karen took a full part in all the visits that the department ran, both to Berlin and Ypres as well as the more mundane trips to Battle and London. She organised one of these visits, to Ypres in 2011, but afterwards said, in what was nearly one of the greatest offers I ever had, that she was prepared to do absolutely anything as long as she didn't have to lead in the future.

It was on the first of the Berlin trips, in 2010, that I first experienced the full force of Karen's ability in an argument, with a splendid debate on capital punishment that lasted us a half hour walk from our hotel to the Brandenburg Gate, an hour patrolling the streets of central Berlin looking for errant pupils, and then the half hour back from the Brandenburg Gate to our hotel. We revisited it from time to time over the next few years too,

and it's worth noting that I came far closer to accepting Karen's argument than she did mine! Unsurprisingly therefore, when we decided to offer Politics at A level, Karen took to it like the proverbial duck to water and her results over the six years we have offered the course have been excellent.

However, what I will miss most about Karen are the things that had nothing to do with teaching; the not-so-saintly sense of humour, the gossip – I knew it was going to be good when she came into my classroom, looked theatrically behind her in the corridor and announced, "I need to shut the door for this one," – the support and the friendship, and I know that there are lots of others on the staff who feel the same (especially those nameless teachers who used to join Karen for the Friday 'Houdini lunches'). For Karen, however, a year's maternity leave has resulted in some reassessment of life's priorities, and whilst I am very sorry that she is not returning to Bethany, I know that Ted will appreciate having mum around, and I wish Karen and Dan every happiness in the future.

**Simon Davies**



### Lucy Derrett

Lucy joined us in August 2017, supporting the Bursary, HR and Reception. She was a wonderful team member and extremely efficient and organised, which was a great asset as she juggled three different roles in the School. Lucy also helped with extracurricular activities, such as DofE expeditions and netball coaching, and is one of those people who helps out wherever and whenever needed... and

always with a smile on her face. It is our loss and teaching's gain that Lucy left us in August to go back to her previous career, and has taken a role as a teacher at a primary school in Surrey.

We'd like to wish Lucy all the best in her career and her new life in the next county along!

**Helen Proud**





## Melisa Erol



Melisa joined Bethany in August of 2016. She came, having completed her BA in Fine Art from The University for Creative Arts in Canterbury where she gained a First Class Honours Degree.

Melisa quickly threw herself into Bethany learning all about the teaching element in her first year. She shadowed other staff and soon started taking small parts of lessons for her art colleagues. Melisa was also appointed First assistant in Old Poplars, where she quickly picked up the routines and started building up relationships between herself and the girls and staff. She enjoyed the boarding routines and was another listening ear to those who needed it. In addition, she took on House Bank and Tuck shop; making her a popular figure with the girls!

During her first year, Melisa shadowed various tutors in Old Poplars; quickly showing her capabilities she was asked to take on one of the Year 9 groups this year when a vacancy arose due to a member of the team going on maternity leave. This variety of roles combined with completing her QTS award has kept Melisa busy this year. Throughout her time here, she has remained a supportive and hardworking member of the Bethany community. Her skill in art and her ability as a teacher is evident, as is her passion for her subject. We are delighted that Melisa has secured a post as teacher of art and design at the new international college at The King's School Canterbury. We wish her the very best of luck and hope she will keep in touch.

**Jules Wareham**

## Rossy McGovern



Rossy McGovern first came to Bethany as a PGCE student teacher in 2013. The next year, she did her NQT year and taught Spanish since. In addition, Rossy was allocated to Old Poplars as a form tutor. During her time here, Rossy has earned the respect of her colleagues and pupils alike. She was extremely hard working and always keen to help; a real team player. Rossy ensured that she always completed any

tasks she performs to the highest standard and was always willing to help anyone in need. She had a firm but fair approach to her pupils, encouraging autonomy and allowing them to make mistakes, whilst advising them of how to prevent these happening again. Rossy secured a job in Switzerland; we wish her the very best of luck and hope she will keep in touch with us.

**Jules Wareham**





### Lorren Neale

Lorren joined us in July 2017 as the School Receptionist. She was a joy to have around and we very much appreciated the short time she spent with us. Lorren supported other departments with their administration and helped to cover

the library duties when required. Lorren moved on to a different role in Tunbridge Wells and we were sorry to see her go. We'd like to wish Lorren all the best going forward in her new career.

**Stuart Harris**



### Sarah Phillips

Sarah was only at Bethany for a year and she had a huge influence on the pupils she supported. Her natural easiness and calm manner meant the pupils felt able to share what they were finding difficult without feeling embarrassed or judged. As a colleague Sarah was the one

to seek out if you needed a smile or a sensible piece of advice. We miss her immensely in the DLS department and I'm sure others feel the same. We wish her the best of luck in her new job.

**Katie Harper**

### Wendy Rundle



Wendy joined Bethany in November 2016 initially as my PA. She tried her best to organise me- not an easy task! I remember her first two extended tasks on arrival were writing entrance letters to sixty prospective pupils and then typing up my individual end of term pupil reports. Those two exhilarating tasks did not put Wendy off and it became clear that she had a real eye for detail when it came to matters of organisation. This was further demonstrated with her meticulous approach to the retirement dinner for our former bursar Simon Douglass. She made sure that every small detail had been taken care off and even visited the venue in advance just to make that everything was exactly right. Wendy was also very flexible and in

May 2017 agreed to become Registrar for the remainder of her temporary contract at Bethany. Wendy dealt with all of the admissions queries very effectively and was a soothing voice to prospective parents both in person and on the phone. She was adept in this new role and quickly learned the various procedures we employ at Bethany when enrolling potential pupils. Wendy called a spade a spade and was also very good at separating "the wheat from the chaff". She has a great sense of humour and I was sorry that her temporary contract came to an end. Wendy is a 'can do' person and our loss is her husband, Dave's, gain as she helps him with his various renovation projects.

**Francie Healy**





## Charlotte Saxby



Charlotte Saxby joined the Art department in 2015 as the Art Technician. Charlotte soon became much more than that and was always getting involved in the teaching and learning of our pupils here at Bethany. She was forever getting roped into other projects around the School, be it taking photos during particular events, designing and making sets for productions and junior production, the upkeep of various displays, setting up the Art exhibitions or filming and documenting school production and events such as Speech Day or Sports Day, to name but a few. Charlotte was loved by the pupils and her knowledge within her subject of

textile design proved to be incredibly beneficial and inspiring for the pupils that she worked with. Charlotte however had such a love for new cultures and traveling that she could not keep her feet on the ground for long, and the travel bug had well and truly bitten her. She left us at Christmas 2017 to travel around India with the intention of teaching in schools out there, as she had completed a TEFEL course whilst at Bethany. Charlotte is sorely missed, and the pupils talk of her often; her adventurous nature and free spirit were definitely a fantastic inspiration to the pupils in the Art department and also to the staff.

Nicola Brown

## Dan Smith



We sadly said goodbye to Mr Dan Smith, a Drama teacher who has truly made a positive impact upon the pupils he taught at Bethany. Dan joined us in September 2016 as Assistant Housemaster in Kendon. It was clear from the start that Dan had a strong ability to lead classes and went

on to Direct "Little Shop Of Horrors", "Jungle Book", High School Musical" and "The Wizard of Oz". Very rarely do we ever get to work with such gifted and talented teachers who are at the beginning of their career, however Dan excelled in his work and as such demonstrated an ability to inspire pupils in production to perform at their very best. His support of school productions took many forms with Dan having to perform as one of the leads in "Little Shop" during a dress rehearsal in front of 100 primary school children when a pupil became ill and also supporting Year 12 in their performance of "Measure for Measure" at The Sinden Theatre in November 2017.

In the classroom Dan was observed teaching lessons to an excellent standard, providing exceptional subject

knowledge and a command of the Drama studio. This in turn has led to Dan completing his PGCSE course and securing his NQT status. Pupils thrived in Dan's lessons and enjoyed the range of activities they undertake. Dan's final act was singing to a full house in Bethany's Got Talent, the applause and cheers from the audience were testament to his popularity amongst parents, staff and pupils.

Dan will certainly be missed not only by the Drama department but the Bethany community through his hard work, diligence and commitment he has given us all these past 2 years. Dan leaves with us a legacy of performing with energy, inspirational teaching and a deep rooted care for our pupils. We will miss you Dan and wish you continued success in your career.

Alex Bolton





### Becky Tinson



Becky joined the School as Assistant Housemistress and Head of EAL two years ago. In that time, she has had a huge impact on both; she has raised the profile of EAL, making sure that no staff can plead ignorance of the strategies required to benefit the pupils! This has been achieved through providing colleagues with a whole raft of practical ideas and interventions which have led to some enviable IELTS scores, enabling our

pupils to go on to the universities of their choice. In The Orchard, Becky has been a hugely reliable assistant, who has always worked hard to support the pupils.

I wish Becky and David well as they relocate to Bath (they needed a bigger house for David's prodigious book collection), and hope that she enjoys a more relaxing life in the West Country!

**Simon Davies**

### Mike Turner



Mike took on the role of Head of Art at Bethany in September 2015, bringing with him an energy and passion for the creative industries, and a desire to transform the art department into one that meets the needs of a modern world. Mike worked with his team to grow photography and animation and encouraged both staff and pupils in his department to experiment with different mediums and techniques.

During his time at Bethany Mike ensured that pupils achieved impressive outcomes and was always

keen to encourage individuals to develop their own style and pursue their own areas of interest. He also organised successful and inspirational trips, including a visit to Copenhagen, aiming to expose pupils to the work of artists outside of the School. Mike was also a successful Sixth Form tutor, supporting his tutees with university application and preparation for life after Bethany. Having taken up a role closer to his home and family, we wish Mike all the best for the future.

**Emily Hill**





## Jon Wale



Jon joined Bethany on a 12 month contract in September 2017 and he brought with him a wealth of experience, not just as a History and Politics teacher, but as a tutor in

Kendon as well.

I first had the opportunity to speak at length with him on the Charity Walk 2017 and it was clear then that we had a lot in common, both of us bemoaning the fact that we ardently support football teams that, it is fair to say, have seen better days than recent history would suggest, although I have to admit to feeling particular pity for Jon's devotion to Charlton Athletic!

He has performed a multitude of different roles in various schools throughout his career and this was very much reflected in the way in which he adapted to Bethany life with ease. As a teacher of History and Politics his pupils had the utmost respect for his knowledge and his ability to bring the subject to life, and

as a tutor there's very little he hasn't seen before and he very quickly struck up a real rapport with his tutees who I know for a fact are going to miss him and his pragmatic and supportive approach.

As a member of the Kendon tutor team I am also extremely grateful for the hard work he has put into supporting the House all year, when nothing has been too much for him and he has done everything that has been asked of him, and more, with gladness and has always done so with remarkable effectiveness and efficiency.

Everyone at Bethany wishes Jon the very best of luck for all he does in the future, and I'll particularly miss our football-related laments!

**James Vickerman**

## Caron Wickham



Caron joined Bethany less than three years ago – having presented herself at the perfect time for the school as she interviewed and took up the position of Head of Department at relatively short notice. The enthusiasm and commitment for languages that she demonstrated on that interview is exactly what she brought to the department during her time here. Caron organised languages trips and visits, and raised the profile of languages across the school, including encouraging us all to participate in International Languages day.

Caron's classes enjoyed their language lessons and have valued the

supportive way in which she nurtured them to grow as linguists. She has encouraged pupils to take languages for study at GCSE and beyond, and this is evident in the growing size of option groups.

As Head of Department, she was well organised and committed to driving the department forwards, working well with her team - and as a tutor she did a great job of supporting the girls in her care and helping them grow individually. I am sure that they miss her.

We wish Caron all the best for the future and good luck in her new role.

**Emily Hill**





# Chaplaincy

## The Spirit of Christmas

This year Bethany pupils supported the Chaplaincy in taking part in Reverse Advent, the idea being to give rather than receive something each day. Pupils and parents also generously gave critical items to Maidstone Day Centre for the Homeless as part of their #ForDaniel campaign.

The scheme was a huge success, with several boxloads of food and useful items making their way to Nourish Foodbank in Tunbridge Wells to support their efforts over Christmas. The foodbank is a lifeline for many, particularly over the Christmas period, during which they provide more than 1,500 meals.

## Celebrating Easter

On Wednesday 28th March the whole School celebrated Easter with Chapel services. Pupils led worship and the whole school community were invited to take communion or receive an Easter blessing. The services were led by our Chaplain, Reverend Serena Willoughby, and our special guests were Sue and Pascal from the Fields of Life Project. Fundraising for Fields of Life has been our Lent challenge this year.

Pascal was visiting from the project in Uganda and was overwhelmed by the School's response to the Charity. It was a wonderful occasion, a fitting end to this term and a very special way to come together as a community at Easter.

## Competitive House Chapel

During May 2018, we held our annual competitive house Chapel competition. This is where pupils from each of the three houses get to choose a Chapel topic then prepare, write and present to the whole School over two mornings.

Reverend Serena Willoughby, said: "It's been an inspiring few days as we've enjoyed being challenged by Kiplings, Speakers and Roberts on such subjects as role models, individuality and courage. I

was struck by their confidence and thoughtful preparation, they all worked hard to make sure that their message was relevant and accessible to every age in Chapel. It was close, I know all judges say that, but it honestly was."

The four judges felt that Speakers showed best involvement, variety and message overall, closely followed by Kiplings and Roberts in second place. This was a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to put themselves out of their comfort zones and inspire others through their message.





## Prayer Space returns

Over the past couple of years, the Bethany School community has very much enjoyed and benefited from the Prayer Space in School initiative, which we run over a week. This year it was run from 25th-29th September, and was as popular as ever. Todmans was transformed into a space with different places to pray, reflect, engage and think about life and a variety of issues, encouraging each participant to be mindful in our world and to encourage us to pray creatively.

It is a very special experience for the whole community and feedback has been wonderful. We were most grateful for the support of James Alder from CAST who comes and resources this with the Chaplaincy. The whole School had the opportunity to participate and enjoy their time in the space.



## Bethany welcomes the Bishop of Dover



On Thursday 10th May, the Bishop of Dover visited Bethany School to license our Chaplain, Reverend Serena Willoughby. The service took place in the School Chapel and was part of the boys' chapel service. Reverend Serena Willoughby, said: "The boys enjoyed all the legal and formal aspects of the licensing service and found it interesting. We were delighted to welcome the Bishop of Dover to our School and the service meant a lot to me, having only joined Bethany as Chaplain in September."

The licensing is the admission by a bishop of a priest into the bishop's spiritual oversight and care of a parish; it signals the commitment of the local Church to the Chaplain's work. The service is both a legal and an act of worship and has a number of distinctive elements such as the gathering of people, the Liturgy of the Word and The Liturgy of Licensing in which the tasks of ministry are spelled out. 🌳





# Charity Work

## Sixth Form raises £2100 for Cancer Research UK

In September, the Lower and Upper Sixth walked 10 miles around the local countryside to raise money for Cancer Research. Over the last few weeks they have been busily collecting in the money from their very kind sponsors and a grand total of £2,100 will be sent off to Cancer Research in the very near future.



We would like to say a very big thank you to all parents, friends and donors for their generous support of this very worthwhile charity.

At the start of September, £1,355 was raised by the Upper Sixth and presented to 'Mind' the mental health charity. This makes the total donated to charity £3,455 since the start of term.

## 1st XV Rugby Team supports Wooden Spoon



On Friday 27th April, Year 13 pupils Freddie Porritt and Robert Miles represented Bethany School's unbeaten 1st XV rugby team at an event hosted by rugby charity Wooden Spoon at the Nexus School in Tonbridge.

The charity was celebrating the opening of a new sensory room at Nexus School, which

provides Special Needs education to over 200 pupils. Bethany School was invited to attend in recognition of the support provided to Wooden Spoon at our Sports Awards

Dinner in March. The funds raised for Wooden Spoon help to change the lives of disabled and disadvantaged children and their families, and the School is delighted to have been part of Wooden Spoon's important fundraising work this year.

Freddie and Robert attended the event with Mr Hughes, Head of Rugby at Bethany School. The opening ceremony was performed by Martin Corry (pictured, second from left), former Bristol, Leicester Tigers, England and British and Irish Lions player.

## Successful #ForDaniel Appeal

Christmas 2017 was the second year running that the Staff and Pupils of Bethany School supported the #ForDaniel appeal formally known as the Rucksack Appeal. Daniel was a young man from Maidstone sleeping rough whose life spiraled out of control through alcoholism and he died from Hypothermia in 2013. This appeal is run annually by two local ladies Claire and Sarah who have connections with HR Manager Toni Carter.



Winter can be such a harsh time of year, with temperatures plummeting as low as -1c here in Kent. So we asked staff and pupils to look around at home to see what items they may have at home that they no longer needed or used, that could make the life of someone living on the streets a little more comfortable at this time of year. They kindly donated sleeping bags, rucksacks, clothes – coats, trousers, jumpers, items of food and footwear all of which were gratefully received by the Centre and distributed in time for Christmas.





## Fundraising success for The Children's Trust and Kent Air Ambulance

On Wednesday 7 February, we welcomed representatives from Kent Air Ambulance and The Children's Trust to collect a cheque for £1500 from Headmaster Francie Healy.

The fundraising was led by Year 8 pupil Lily O'Donnell Hughes, who was compelled to help two charities – the Kent Air Ambulance and The Children's Trust – both of which helped support Lily's brother, Jonty, following a devastating car crash in 2016. This left him with head injuries which resulted in him being in a coma for weeks. The Kent Air Ambulance airlifted him to St George's Hospital, London. After showing signs of improvement, described by some doctors as a miraculous recovery, Jonty was discharged to the Children's Trust in Tadworth, Surrey and spent three months receiving excellent care to aid his recovery.

On Friday 1 December, we hosted a Charity Ball for Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils in the Assembly Hall. On the same day, a red themed day for the whole School, where a donation £2 allowed pupils to wear red clothes for the day. This was in honour and memory of Connor, aged five, whom Jonty met at the Children's Trust, who sadly passed away unexpectedly on 16 May 2017. All funds raised were divided equally between the two charities.

## Sponsored walk raises money for Fields of Life

On Friday 15th June, pupils and staff took part in a 25 hour charity walk in aid of Fields of Life.

Fields of Life is committed to sharing the Christian faith by collaborating with local communities and churches in East Africa to bring about positive change through the provision of quality education, clean water, health promotion and other community based projects.

The walk took the form of a relay using four treadmills in the School's fitness suite, with at least one member of the team walking at any one time. The walk started at 8am on 15th June and finished at 9am on 16th June.

## Photography skills

Enterprising Year 9 pupil Oliver Hales has already begun his own business, thanks to a flair for photography. His work is in high demand. Don't just take our word for it; have a look at some of the incredible shots on offer on his website, [olliehalesphotography.bigcartel.com](http://olliehalesphotography.bigcartel.com).

Oliver isn't just in it for the money, since half of everything he raises through the website is donated to Cancer Research, with the other half being put back into the business and upgrading his equipment.

We wish him every success with this venture, and can't wait to see more of his beautiful work.

## Children of Gambia Services (CoGS)

Pengelly House raised and donated £600 through various fundraising events over the year and this enabled COGS to purchase mosquito nets to give out to all the children and staff at the charity's specially built school in The Gambia. The children were very happy to receive these life-saving nets, and the great news is that they are big enough to enable several children in one family to sleep under them. Look what £6.00 can buy and how something as simple as a mosquito net can prevent Malaria and save lives!



## Christmas crackers

Bethany went crackers for Christmas, raising money for the charity Save the Children.

Lab Technician Mrs Fillery hosted a range of events, including competitions, a cake stall, mince pies, Christmas cake raffle, hidden Christmas 'Carols' sweepstakes and more.

We also had a Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 15th December, to complete the week of fund raising.







# Speech day

Our annual Speech Day took place this year on Saturday, 23rd June and, as has been the case in recent years, we had a beautiful day for the celebrations.



**Jessel Shield winners –  
Roberts**



As always, it was an emotional day as we toasted our Leavers who were moving on to the next stage in their lives; our alumni community reunited with old friends; and The Bethanians Society hosted their Annual General Meeting.

Our guests were invited to a fabulous Leavers' Breakfast at 9.30am in the Sixth Form Centre. Year 13 leavers gathered with their parents to say

goodbye to Bethany and toast the next chapter of their lives. Our Head of Sixth Form, Tim Hart Dyke gave a short, inspiring speech.

A beautiful Chapel service followed afterwards, at 10am in the Chapel, with Head of School Sean Evelegh giving a welcome and introduction and the two youngest members of the Bethany Community, Tilly Hinde and Alexander Duncan, laying a wreath at

the School's war memorial.

Meanwhile, the Friends of Bethany School fete was taking place on the Headmaster's Lawn with live music, candyfloss and cakes and Pimm's. At 12.30pm the formal lunch began, with the Bethanians Society AGM taking place at the same time. The weather couldn't have been better as pupils and their parents (all 1000 of them!) headed to the Sports Hall at 2pm for the Prize Giving.





Prizes included the JJ Kendon Prize for Effort, The Young Enterprise Achiever of the Year and the Roy Farquarson Cup for Senior Sportsman which were all handed to worthy winners. Guest speaker Ken Tappenden MBE gave a fascinating talk on achieving your potential when starting from the bottom and the Headmaster, Francie Healy, gave a speech about our Leavers staying true to themselves after they

leave Bethany. Finally, the big news was revealed; having spent the whole year taking part in a whole series of competitions, the winning competitive house was announced as Roberts.

The day concluded with tea on the Headmaster's Lawn with a beautiful spread of cakes and desserts by our caterers Holroyd Howe. We wish our Leavers the best of luck in the next

chapter of their lives and look forward to them becoming a part of our growing alumni community.

Leaving Year 13 pupil and boarder, Lisa Huang, said: "The teachers have been like my parents. They have been so supportive, and I feel like I have a good relationship with them. I have made friends for life at Bethany and I will be sad to go." 🌳





# Friends of Bethany School



**FOBS is a collection of parents (of both present and former pupils) who are interested in supporting the School, its pupils and parents.**

Our aim is to raise funds for the School to enhance the pupils' experience. We do this through commitment of time (however small or large), whilst forging new friendships - and all with a sense of humour.

FOBS support Open Days as parent ambassadors. We work alongside the Headmaster and staff to help answer important questions from every aspect of a pupil and prospective parent. After all we have been in the same position.

## Quiz Night

As usual our Quiz Night was very well attended, great fun and a great success.



Mr Winter again stepped up as our quiz master and did a splendid job ensuring the teams behaved! Plenty of wine and beer was consumed by the teams which made for a competitive pudding auction (which always proves to be great fun).

## Speech Day

Speech Day was held on a beautiful sunny day this year and was well attended. Music was supplied by the music pupils; Old Poplars provided an array of wonderful cakes; The Mount manned a bar, 'guess the sweets in a jar' and pies. Kendon made crepes, had a bottle raffle and candy floss. Pengelly flipped burgers, had a tombola and nerf shooting. FOBS provided much-needed tea, coffee and soft drinks in the tea tent, as well as the Pimm's stall, Sumo wrestling, and a new coconut shy. There was also a flower stall, trinkets, handmade cards to name but a few other stalls.

FOBS decided that we would support the various school productions throughout

the year. This gave us an opportunity to provide refreshments and snacks for the pupils and parents attending Bethany's Got Talent, the Junior Production and Sixth Form Music Concert. It is wonderful to be part of these great events and see all the hard work of the pupils and staff.

In addition to all this, FOBS provided hot drinks and food at the annual Memorial Rugby Match, which we find on a cold and often damp morning is a welcome sight for both spectators and players.

This year FOBS also decided that we would provide funds to help purchase some of the furniture for the refurbishment of the school library.

A huge thank you to the FOBS committee members and all the volunteers who give their time to make fundraising for the School possible and successful. Bethany would not be the same place without you. 🌳

**Sarah Wright** FOBS Chair





# The Bethanians Society

The Bethanians Society year started with our Annual Careers Afternoon on 6th October 2017 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 Vine in Goudhurst celebrating the second anniversary of the launch of the Bethany Network.

The very next day (7th October 2017) saw our Annual President's Dinner which was held at the East India Club in St. James's Square, Piccadilly. We had a lovely three-course dinner which was followed by speeches from the President, Nick Randell, and the Deputy Headmaster, Steve Winter. Engraved gifts were also presented to Julie Anthony, Wendy Adler, Colleen Chapman and Pam Stammers in recognition of their support for their husbands over many years of attending Reunions etc. at Bethany.

The second Anthony Clarke Memorial Rugby Match was held at the School on the morning of Saturday 2nd December 2017. 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 played in his memory.

In January we were pleased to welcome Fiona Jones as the new Director of External Relations who has been a valuable link between the School and the Society.



The Annual 20 Club Dinner was held at the East India Club on 13th April 2018.

This brought us to our Annual Reunion Day on 23rd June 2018. After the usual stalls and displays in the morning we enjoyed a good lunch in the Dining Room at which the President presented boxes of chocolates to Sue, Debbie and Jackie in recognition of their long service to the School and in feeding countless Old Bethanians over the years. Another box of chocolates was presented to all the kitchen staff to thank them for their hard work. We also thank Maggy Fillery for another splendid Archives display featuring the work of Bletchley Park in the Second World War where visitors were invited to try and "crack the code".

Lunch was followed by our AGM in the Bethanians' Room at which Nick Randell passed on the Presidency to Paul Grist and Frederick Carter was elected as Vice-President. We wish them well in taking the Society forward into the future. 🌳

**Nick Randell**



# Prizes & Awards

## **THE JJ KENDON PRIZE FOR EFFORT**

YEAR 7

**ALEX BOUGHTON AND RUBY RUSSELL**

YEAR 8

**ETHAN HILL**

YEAR 9

**MAX BROWN**

YEAR 10

**ALEXANDER HILL**

YEAR 11

**JEREMY DAUBENY**

**THE KILBY PRIZE FOR JUNIOR ART**  
**ALEXANDER HILL**

**THE DOUGLAS PRIZE FOR SENIOR ART**  
**WILLIAM DEANE**

**THE TEXTILES PRIZE**  
**LAUREN MCQUEEN**

**THE MICHAEL WILLIAMS PHOTOGRAPHY CUP AND PRIZE**  
**JOHNATHAN HIGGINS**

**THE STOBART PRIZE FOR BUSINESS STUDIES AND ECONOMICS**  
**SEAV CHHUON ING**

**THE HOOPER'S APPLIED BUSINESS STUDIES AND FINANCE PRIZE**  
**OLIVER KHAN**

**THE YOUNG ENTERPRISE ACHIEVER OF THE YEAR**  
**DONYA PESARAN BONAKDAR**

## **THE NOTLEY PRIZE FOR CRAFT AND DESIGN**

**JACK BARTRAM**

## **THE SAMUEL KENDON PRIZE FOR CRAFT AND DESIGN**

**SEAN EVELEGH**

## **THE BREACH PRIZE FOR INNOVATION**

**ALVIN KAN**

## **THE FOOD TECHNOLOGY SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT PRIZE**

**EMILIA WYLLIE**

## **SENIOR FOOD AND NUTRITION PRIZE**

**EMILIA WYLLIE**

## **CHEF OF THE FUTURE**

**ARCHIE REYNOLDS**

## **THE ROCHE PRIZE FOR DRAMA**

**DANIEL DAVIES**

## **THE JUNIOR DRAMA PRIZE**

**LILY O'DONNELL HUGHES**

## **DANCE PRIZE**

**SOPHIE HAMILL**

## **THE CHELMSFORD HALL CUP AND PRIZE**

**CONNOR KENNISON-COOK**

## **THE HELEN MEMORIAL CUP AND PRIZE**

**HARRISON RIDDIFORD**

## **THE MCLAREN ENGLISH PRIZE**

**ELLA PORTEOUS**

## **THE JUNIOR ENGLISH PRIZE**

**ALEXIS CASDAGLI**

## **THE HUNTER ESSAY PRIZE**

**MARIA-BISILA DOUGAN**

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

**CHARLOTTE NOAKES**

## **THE SENIOR MEDIA PRIZE**

**ELLA PORTEOUS**

## **GCSE MEDIA PRIZE**

**LOUIS SHELTON**

## **THE EAL PRIZE**

**CONNIE CHAN**

## **THE MICHAEL DALZIEL GEOGRAPHY PRIZE (GCSE)**

**TAÏS AMOS**

## **THE HUMPHREY MAXWELL MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE**

**THOMAS CONNELL**

## **THE ROGER KIMBER PRIZE FOR EFFORT (A LEVEL GEOGRAPHY)**

**ISABEL ALTENDORF**

## **THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF ST GEORGE JUNIOR HISTORY PRIZE**

**JEREMY DAUBENY**

## **THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF ST GEORGE SENIOR HISTORY PRIZE**

**ELLA PORTEOUS**

## **THE KELLY POLITICS PRIZE**

**WILL SMITH**

## **THE LORD STAMP MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR GCSE MATHEMATICS**

**VICKY SILVA**





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**THE LORD STAMP MEMORIAL  
PRIZE FOR A LEVEL MATHS**  
HARRY YOO

**THE MASON PRIZE FOR FRENCH**  
AUDREY JORGE

**THE SPANISH PRIZE**  
NATALIE WARD

**THE GARDNER CUP AND PRIZE  
FOR GUITAR**  
WARWICK CREWE-BROWN

**THE HALL PRIZE FOR THE  
HIGHEST MUSIC GRADE**  
RAE FRANKLIN

**THE MUSIC PRIZE FOR  
PROGRESS**  
HOLLY ADAMSON

**THE JAMES MORRISSEY-  
CROUCH MUSIC AWARD**  
WILLIAM STONEHAM

**THE JAMES HALL MEMORIAL  
PRIZE FOR RS (GCSE)**  
JACK BROWN

**THE JAMES HALL MEMORIAL  
PRIZE FOR RS (A LEVEL)**  
WILL SMITH

**THE BIOLOGY PRIZE FOR GCSE**  
LOLLY DISCOMBE

**THE BIOLOGY PRIZE FOR A  
LEVEL**  
DANIEL MBATA

**THE CHEMISTRY PRIZE FOR GCSE**  
MARCUS HOBSON

**THE CHEMISTRY PRIZE FOR A  
LEVEL**  
SHARON UMAHI

**THE PHYSICS PRIZE FOR GCSE**  
TAÍS AMOS

**THE PHYSICS PRIZE FOR A  
LEVEL**  
LISA HUANG

**THE STAMPER PRIZE**  
REUBEN HILL

**THE MAYNARD PRIZE FOR THE  
BEST GCSES**  
THOMAS CONNELL AND  
MARIA-BISILA DOUGAN

**THE POWELL CUP FOR JUNIOR  
SPORTSMAN**  
THEODORE VON HALASZ

**THE JUNIOR SPORTSWOMAN**  
TAYLOR-MAE MULLER

**THE ROY FARQUARSON  
TROPHY FOR SENIOR  
SPORTSMAN**  
FOLAHAN PETERS

**THE PIPPA BLACKMAN  
TROPHY FOR EXCELLENCE IN  
ACADEMIC PE**  
FREDDY BREWER

**SENIOR SPORTSWOMAN**  
GEORGINA HILL

**KIRKBRIGHT CAPTAIN'S CUP**  
FREDDIE PORRITT

**THE ANTHONY CLARKE  
MEMORIAL TROPHY**  
(FOR COURAGE)  
HAMZAH ATTA

**THE RICHARD ASHLIN PRIZE**  
(MIDDLE SCHOOL – FOR  
KINDNESS SHOWN TO OTHERS)  
ZEESHAN MUNIR

**THE ROBERT COUPLAND PRIZE**  
(FOR ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL  
PROGRESS)  
FRASER RIDGEWELL

**DUKE OF EDINBURGH GOLD  
AWARD WINNERS**

ISABEL ALTENDORF  
HAMZAH ATTA  
WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM  
JAMES GOLDING  
WESSEL HAMMAN  
JOSHUA HILL  
DANIEL MBATA  
LAUREN MCQUEEN  
ELLA PORTEOUS  
FRASER RIDGEWELL  
LUCINDA WHITE

**THE FENECH CUP**  
(FOR BEING COMPASSIONATE  
AND CONSIDERATE)  
KLYDE MORADEYO

**THE ALEX MARKS TROPHY FOR  
ENDEAVOUR**  
JAMES GOLDING

**THE TIMOTHY SEDGEWICK CUP**  
(COURAGE IN THE FACE OF  
ADVERSITY)  
ROBERT MILES

**THE ROSS TURNBULL PRIZE**  
(FOR SERVICE TO THE  
COMMUNITY)  
JOSHUA HILL

**THE JESSEL SHIELD FOR THE  
WINNING HOUSE**  
ROBERTS

**THE WILLIAM RUZZAK  
MEMORIAL PRIZE THE DEPUTY  
HEADS OF SCHOOL**  
WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM AND  
LAUREN MCQUEEN

**THE EDWARD HAYWARD  
MEMORIAL PRIZE THE HEAD OF  
SCHOOL**  
SEAN EVELEGH



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