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# WELCOME

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Towards the end of the school year I was asked many times, "How have you enjoyed your first year as Headmaster?" My answer: it has been simply exhilarating! Being Headmaster of a school as wonderful as Bethany is simply tremendous. I am blessed to have a supportive parent body, superb pupils as well as a professional and dedicated staff body.

When I reflect on the past twelve months, needless to say there have been highs and lows but the highs have most definitely outweighed the lows. Two particular events stand out for me. The first was the trip to France last December. 26 pupils travelled to Montpellier and were unable to return due to the heavy snow and the closure of Gatwick airport. The first available flight home for the group was Boxing Day! Eventually the group returned by train and our parents demonstrated a true "Dunkirk" spirit with a convoy of 4x4's collecting the staff and pupils in the small hours of the morning at Ashford and Ebbsfleet stations. The whole experience brought out the best in everybody and I felt deeply proud to have been part of that operation.

My second highlight was the whole school Parent Survey. This was a source of immense pride for me as it provided invaluable information, confirming the School's strengths and reminding us of what needs to be fine-tuned for further improvement. I am very appreciative to all the parents who took the time to respond.

I am a passionate believer in an all-round education. As you know, at Bethany we place great emphasis on the extra-curricular life of the School, including areas such as art, drama, music and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, amongst others. The breadth of talent displayed by so many of our pupils on a consistent basis is awe-inspiring.

Of course, academic progress is also essential and I am delighted with the A Level and GCSE pass rates. This year we had the highest proportion ever of

A\* and A grades at GCSE. Bethany has a richly deserved reputation for supporting pupils who need support but we certainly challenge the more able and our own internal analyses show that pupils of all abilities are appropriately stretched; this was also borne out by the ISI inspection in 2010.

I was delighted to receive such positive feedback about Speech Day. The audience appreciated the tighter timing of events, the personal comments made about each prize winner, as well as the quality of the speeches. The trouble with getting it right the first time is that one will be expected to do even better second time round!

Bethany is truly an international school, not just in the range of pupils we attract to study here, but also in the range of countries our pupils visit. In the past year there have been trips to New York, Austria, France, Spain, South Africa and Iceland. Our staff and pupils are always great ambassadors for the School.

Bethany has always been well served by its Board of Governors, which is currently being superbly led by Andrew Pengelly, son of Kenneth Pengelly, Headmaster of Bethany 1948-1970. All strands of Bethany School, from Governors to staff, parents and pupils share the same commonality of purpose and it is this which makes Bethany such a wonderful place.

I would like to thank you all for making my first year as Headmaster so memorable and I hope that you will enjoy reading about many of the events that have shaped the school year. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to this magazine and Alicia Houghton, our Marketing Manager, in particular for overseeing its publication.



**Francie Healy**  
Headmaster



# OLD POPLARS



It was all change in Old Poplars at the start of the year. We had said our farewells to Mrs Healy as she moved to The Firs and we welcomed Mrs Wareham and her family into our community.

It was an extremely busy year from the word go. Starting with the sponsored walk where we raised over £1500, half of which went to the Children of Hope, an orphanage in Cambodia.



Later on, Old Pops celebrated with a very festive Christmas Party which was a great way to end the Autumn Term and also to say our goodbyes to Miss Willsher. However, every cloud has a silver lining and Miss Wood joined us. It was clear at first she was somewhat shocked by our odd customs, but she quickly adapted to our ways and introduced some new activities; exercise nights with Miss Wood is a memory that will remain with me!

After a snowy Christmas, the pressure was on for "Bugsy Malone". I was thrilled to see so many girls from Old Pops taking part, especially some of the new Year 7's. It was a great way to help them get settled in. The end result after all the hard rehearsals was phenomenal! Thanks to everyone who contributed.



After a busy term it was great to have an amazing night at the Easter Dinner. All the girls looked lovely and it was a wonderful event. The evening began with quizzes and mini eggs and finished with entertainment from a magician, called Robert Pound, who was also a former Bethany pupil.



For a very long time all the girls in Old Pops had been asking for the House to be refurbished, and over the Easter holidays it finally happened! The result was wonderful! Everyone was extremely pleased with the new bathrooms and grateful to all those who helped make it happen, especially the maintenance team.

With so many girls in Old Pops there always seems to be a birthday to celebrate and with birthdays comes cake! On behalf of all the girls I would like to thank Mrs Wareham for her baking skills, not to mention the extra pounds we have put on over the course of the year! This wasn't helped either by the movie and pyjama nights with Miss King, who brought over films for us to watch while we stuffed our faces!



At the end of term the whole House enjoyed the barbeque and assault course. The boarders also had a great trip to Cosmo Restaurant to bid farewell to the girls who were leaving, including myself and Mrs Shier. So lastly we would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Shier who is leaving Old Pops, but not Bethany. It has been a lovely three years; she has been a very supportive and caring second House Assistant and we are extremely sad to see her go but of course we will see her around in School. On behalf of all the girls I would like to thank Mrs Wareham and all the staff for their help and support throughout the year.

**Ruth Semmens**  
Head of House



# TODMANS

Another year, another year of change... 2010-11 saw Miss King leave us for Old Poplars. We were sad to see her go, but delighted to welcome the enthusiasm and joie de vivre of Monsieur Mourey, who took on one of the two new Year 7 tutor groups. He proved a fine addition to the tutor team and quickly built excellent relationships with his tutees.

Happily, we retained the services of Mr Cooper, Mrs Worby and Miss Rayner, who have continued to give the boys all the support it is possible to have.

The year started successfully and profitably with a very well supported Charity Walk around Bedgebury, which raised the fantastic total of £904.25 to split between the House and our three chosen charities; the Kent Air Ambulance, Steps (a charity which supports families of children born with hip disorders) and Cancer Research. The Common Room itself benefited from some of the Sponsored Walk money, and pupils are now able to play pool on a table that doesn't fall apart as soon as you look at it, in addition to attempting to beat me at table tennis on the Wii (hasn't happened yet...). Perhaps the next project should be the table football, which could definitely do with updating.

All year, the staff were ably assisted by our excellent team of Captains and Vice-Captains; Max Kelly, Theo Rimmer (Captains), Connor Knapp, Jamie Cook and Jack Rodaway (Vice-Captains). They took

on the roles very well and were a constant source of entertainment and amusement, as well as setting an excellent example to the rest of the House. The boys are all pictured below with "Elivs" our Todmans mascot.



The bad weather and heavy snow scuppered our Christmas Party plans, which was a great shame. However, Mr Cooper organised a splendid summer party to make up for this and the pupils played a variety of games, enjoyed a somewhat bracing swim and warmed up with a BBQ, cooked to perfection by Mr Roberts, our caretaker.

The list of Todmans' mascots was added to with the arrival of Anna Cooper, which happy event has led to the frequent consoling of Mr Cooper as he tries to come to terms with being outnumbered three to one at home.



All in all, this proved to be another successful year in settling a new batch of pupils in to life at Bethany and preparing a batch of Year 8s for life in the big wide world of Year 9. I would like to offer my thanks to my team of tutors and offer them the happy thought that we get to do it all again next year!

**Simon Davies**  
Housemaster





# THE MOUNT

The first words you hear when inducted into the Mount are "Carpe Diem", Seize The Day. Those three words sum up this year in the Mount!

The Mount has had an international flavour this year with England, France, Belgium, Hong Kong, Vietnam, New Zealand and Russia represented amongst both its staff and pupils. All have done the House proud and there's been a great atmosphere. Who will ever forget welcoming the Taiwanese exchange pupils to the House by passionately singing Jerusalem, accompanied by the brass fanfare and Mr Stubberfield.

We've enjoyed outings to the cinema to watch the new Harry Potter and Pirates of the Caribbean films. We also raised £1000 on our Charities Day, of which, £500 was split between the SmileTrain and Macmillan Cancer charities. We had our Christmas party which included a cracking good curry and then somewhat under-rehearsed sketches, performed by each Tutor Group. At the end of the Spring term there was a full boarder's meal; a truly fantastic evening, with live music performed by pupils and staff, followed by a memorable stage magician, Robert Pound, pictured below.



Association Time has been a new highlight for The Mount, with the boarders splitting into three vertical teams; Golds, Campbell and Hunter. Each team has competed in events such as quizzes, crazy frisbee and football. It's been enormous fun participating in mixed year group events.

The Mount Monitors consumed far too much food at Cosmo, and enjoyed the legendary Khan BBQ along with Mrs Khan's amazing banoffee pie. At this event Phil Woodhead managed to play football for two hours, without actually touching the ball. The final Mount House assembly saw the Monitors serenade the rest of the House with their very own House song to the tune of 'God Save the Queen'; filling hearts with fond memories of bygone days.

It was great to end a memorable year with the boarders' bowling trip followed by a meal at Frankie and Bennys. Of greater interest than the food were the free refills of cola. One of our younger boarders managed to consume 12 glasses of cola along with fried chicken wings, burger with bacon, cheese and onion AND fries!

There are too many recollections to recount on this single page; everyone has their own memories of The Mount that will stay with them for years to come.

Thank you Mr Khan for being a fantastic Housemaster and leading from the front in all that we have experienced and achieved.

Finally, we are all sad that after seven years of dedicated service Mr Briggs, wearer of the high cut dressing gown, has decided to leave us. He moves to Edinburgh to pursue that most mysterious creature; love. Mr Briggs has given much to The Mount and has passed onto a generation of Mount pupils his passions for music, cycling, tennis and bad jokes. Good Luck Mr Briggs.



**Josh Chant**  
Head of House







This year has been a special year for Kendon for many reasons. Sadly it has been the last year for four very influential members of staff but more of that later.

With pupils from Germany, China, Russia and even Egypt amongst us, the House has had an international flavour. They brought with them their charm, jokes and interesting foods! Some have come and gone, such as two German exchange pupils Simon and Joshua. Simon was following in the footsteps of his brothers who spent time at Bethany.

On the sporting front a select few of our Year 11s broke through into various 1st teams. Tristan Smith was selected to start for the 1st XV rugby team. Dominic Williamson for the 1st XI hockey team. Freddie Raishbrook and Jake Sauvage were picked for the 1st cricket team, but due to summer exams were unable to play in most of the matches. Well done to them all!

Our Year 9s were all new to the School. Edward Horn proved to have a charismatic and enthusiastic personality; Gregory Bykanov, from Moscow, has a cheeky and comical character; Jerry Lai brought intellectual brilliance from Macau and Victor Yau and Matthew Cheung brought cultural knowledge from Hong Kong! All fitted in well and contributed to Kendon superbly. I am sure that they all have a bright future ahead of them at Bethany.

The highlights of the year were the traditional Christmas Cosmo (all you can eat Chinese) meal, which ended up with various eating competitions, the re-design of the Kendon lounge and the introduction of SKY Plus!!

But all of this paled into insignificance as we all know that the real highlight of the year is Kendon vs. Pengelly! Two titanic teams (Pengelly not so much) met in the annual football match. Kendon went into the match with a strong side brimming with talent. Straight away Pengelly realised what they had got themselves into! At the final whistle, a triumphant Kendon had won the match for the second year in a row, making it the fourth win in five years! Luke Kavanagh debuted for Kendon and scored. Nat Marshall in his second appearance also scored, and captain (war horse) George Roberts, who has been in the Kendon team since Year 9, showed his experience with a Man of the Match performance and two goals to his name! Keep the victories going Kendon!

The Lower Sixth will be moving to The Orchard, and characters will be missed! Senna Osman will be sorely missed for his different look on life, Freddy Carboni for his antics and Ali Saeed for his impressive one-liners. Leo Sprueth, is returning to Germany and we will miss his constant quotes from *Scrubs* and 'How I Met your Mother' and German soups! We also will miss Justin Chow's generosity (he always shares his noodles)!

House tutor, Mrs Martin, is leaving after three years as she is retiring at the end of the Summer term. Mr Thomas and his family are moving to another house



on campus after eight years of boarding house duties; luckily enough he will stay on a day a week next year! A big thank you to Kevin and Karen for their hard work to keep Kendon in tip top shape! Mr Cullen has been a dedicated assistant in Kendon for 20 years and has seen three different Headmasters! He is retiring at the end of the summer term and will be greatly missed.

Finally, Mr Hollman, some know him as the 'human hovercraft,' others as the 'night hawk'. He has been Kendon's Housemaster for 24 years and has created by far the best boarding house in the School, and arguably one of the most well respected Houses. He is a tremendous Housemaster, as well as a highly respected member of the School community. From the whole of Kendon House, thank you for your dedicated service and we wish you and your family the very best for the future!

**Callum McConnochie**  
Head of House





# PENGELLY



It has been an eventful year! We've done it all – inside bowling, going out to bowl, cinema trips and paintballing. I know what you're thinking, 'Wow! How did they fit all this into one year?' Well none of this would have happened without our Housemasters, Mr Macdonald, Mr Payne, Mr Sheppard-Burgess and last, but not least, Mr Williams.

At the beginning of the year we started off with in-house bowling, which took place in our luxurious common room with balls and pins provided by Mr Macdonald. The friendly competition brought the house together. Even though my team didn't win it was great fun.

Then came Christmas. For our Christmas event we had to choose between Air Soft and Paintball. The vote was close but we chose Paintball. To get to the arena where the paintballing took place we had to walk but thankfully it wasn't far and we all walked together. Once there we were split into two teams. One team consisted of Mr Sheppard-Burgess, Mr Williams, me, Mike, Henrick, Darius and James, whilst in the other team were Mr Macdonald, Denis, Ben, Max, Asher, Luke and Simon. There was plenty of fearless fighting from both sides but in the end I think it's fair to say that it was a draw. Some of us had some paintballs over and we went to the shooting range to use them up. At the end of the term Simon returned to Germany, Christmas came and went and we soldiered on without him.

Changes were afoot in the House and Mr Payne took over the reins and brought with him some new board games! Other new activities were introduced into the House and Mr Williams started a pool tournament. We also had a House outing every other week. Our first outing was to the cinema to see 'I Am Number Four'. It was fun and brought the whole house together, especially as we stopped for Kebabs on the way home. As we left the kebab shop we noticed that Deniz had double what he had ordered. He later confessed that he had sweet talked (in Turkish) his way into getting himself a free battered cod and chips! The second trip, that I unfortunately missed, was bowling and from what I have heard it was an exciting evening out, with a few strikes here and there!



Before we knew it, the legendary Kendon vs. Pengelly football match was on our doorstep and there was much preparation to be done. Kits had to be ordered and players had to be picked, this match would change our lives! Unfortunately Pengelly lost with only one quality goal from Giles Greenhalgh. On the up side after the game we had a BBQ in Pengelly's garden that the whole House enjoyed.



We had a crazy end of year trip to Hastings and descended on the Crazy Golf on the seafront for two rounds of putting. It's safe to say that Tiger Woods has no need to feel too threatened. Some of the boys found it quite challenging and took a little while to master the art of putting rather than sending the ball towards the sea. For dinner of course we had fish and chips on the seafront. As you've probably already gathered, Deniz is quite partial to fish and chips and so he was very upset when a cunning seagull swooped in, catching him off guard, and snatched his fish in one. It was a great trip and a brilliant way to round off an eventful year.



As I move into The Orchard, on behalf of all the boys, I would like to thank everyone who has helped keep us on the straight and narrow this year including all the Housestaff, Mrs Humphreys, our Matron, and our cleaners and maintenance staff.

**George Todd**  
Head of House



# THE ORCHARD



So the time had come for us to move into the Upper Sixth and into The Orchard. For some of us this had been a six year wait and we were ready to face new challenges. There were opportunities for responsibility; for some this came in the form of Prefect appointments, for others a chance for self control in terms of working in our rooms during our 'study periods'. For everybody, especially the boys, the greatest challenge of all was the dreaded laundry room and having to do our own washing and ironing!! This baffled even the most astute Bethanian and so the year commenced.

With the Autumn term came the Charity Night Walk and after a curry at the famous Taj of Kent, we set off for Bedgebury Forest, warmly attired and in our walking gear. We completed several circuits in the forest and thanks go to Mr Scholedge for taking on the important role of navigator and to the Sixth Form Tutors for not losing any of us (no matter how hard they might have tried).

In December the Annual Prefects' Dinner provided a welcome excuse for a night off. The tradition of fancy dress was continued and to mark Ms Bicheno's retirement, the theme this year was anything beginning with B, I, C, H, E, N, or O! We had everything from Hercules to a Nurse, from an Egyptian to Mr Blobby. My personal favourites were Mrs Presland dressed as a Care Bear and Mr Healy as an Indian, an interesting change from his usual suit. I would like to thank Miss Bicheno for a highly entertaining evening as well as for all her work in training the Prefects, she will be sorely missed.

December's Orchard Christmas outing took place at an Italian restaurant in Tunbridge Wells and was yet another opportunity to enjoy some good food, whilst the 'Secret Santa' gifts organised by the Social Committee certainly brought some humour to the evening.

Fortunately January did not offer a repeat of December's snowy days, so the attention of the House focused fully on the modular January exams. At half term the Business Studies and Media Studies pupils were jetting off to New York where we had a great time. The rest of the Spring term passed quickly and before we knew it the boarders were getting ready for the end of term formal dinner, where one of our quiz teams 'The Orchard Kebabs' (with a small amount of help on the history questions from Mr Kilbride) won first prize in several quizzes. Later in the evening, Mr Khan had organised a magician for our entertainment, which was a great way to end to the term.

The attention of the entire House and especially the Upper Sixth turned to the forthcoming exams at the start of the summer term. However just before half

term came the annual Leavers' Ball at High Rocks. This was a fantastic evening and all had a great time. Then the exams hit and before we knew it they had come and gone.



The Prefects had a great evening at Mr & Mrs Gale's brai (a South African barbecue) the day before Speech Day and then came Speech Day itself which for most of us was the end of our time at Bethany. The day kicked off with Mrs Presland's infamous Champagne Breakfast. The Leavers' Service in Chapel was a very moving occasion, from where we headed to the Upper Dining Room for the Leavers' lunch. The prize giving and formal speeches rounded off the afternoon.

All in all it was a great year! It falls to me to thank everyone involved in life in The Orchard; our cleaners Angie, Beatie and Jean, Lesley our Matron, Mrs Gale, Mr Davies, Mr Macdonald, Mr Hart-Dyke and all of the sixth form Tutors for their help throughout the year, Our final thanks go to Mrs Presland for everything she has done this year. As she retires from Bethany we wish her, and her husband, all the very best in Peru. Thank you!

**Patrick Culliney**  
Head of House





# YOUNG ENTERPRISE



## YOUNG ENTERPRISE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

In May Bethany was delighted to be recognised as a "Young Enterprise Centre of Excellence". This prestigious award is only given to a select few schools that show "outstanding commitment to the promotion of enterprise and entrepreneurship education for their young people and engage in a wide variety of activities". Only two schools in Kent have to date received this accolade. Bethany offers an outstanding company programme, with multiple companies regularly competing. We host a variety of events such as County YE finals, and run other YE standalone days such as "Learn to Earn" for Year 9's and the "Entrepreneurship Masterclass" for Year 12's. Bethany's link teacher, Anthony Khan, who started the scheme at Bethany fifteen years ago, was delighted to receive the award at the County final at the University of Greenwich, on behalf of the School.

This year marked the 15th anniversary of Young Enterprise at Bethany. Once again pupil interest was high, meaning there were two companies, which as usual created some healthy competition!

'Clockwork' had a very successful year, led ably by Senna Osman. In the autumn term they took their time starting slowly, spending quality time planning their objectives. Indeed for a while one wondered whether they would ever start! However, the planning bore fruit as they sold refreshments successfully at the winter concert, became a franchise for Burt's Bees beauty products, and sold high quality Bethany cufflinks. I was delighted they were able to reward their shareholders with an impressive 30% dividend.

'Quantum' also started slowly but surely and was led with much patience by Eleanor Raishbrook. This company had a personnel reshuffle in February, with Conrad Cserjen becoming Managing Director. Their first big event was a junior 'Valentine's Disco', which was a notable success. They then turned their attention to individual school photographs. Whilst this proved profitable, the company at first underestimated the level of organisation that was required, as well as issues such as quality control, record keeping and supplier reliability. Despite this, Quantum did superbly well financially, and rewarded their shareholders with a whopping 50% dividend.

One other event in the year was the Young Enterprise National Competition, Ashford Area Heat, which took place in March. Bethany hosted this event; both companies were outstanding on the night in the three judging criteria of trade stand, presentation and report, and gained much from the experience. Quantum were delighted to finish runners up, whilst Clockwork deservedly won the award for best presentation.

Congratulations to Eleanor Raishbrook and Senna Osman for jointly receiving the award "Young Enterprise Bethany Achiever of the Year" at Speech Day.



I think the 12 members of Clockwork had a very successful year. I have learnt how to lead a large team, having to consider others opinions and the importance of making sure tasks are allocated fairly, then following them up. The hardest thing has been to motivate people, and sometimes enforce consequences when things aren't done. It has though, been a fantastic experience.

**Senna Osman, MD Clockwork**



Quantum did really well financially, and we are very proud to have paid a 50% dividend. We did experience difficulties and I have learnt that a successful business relies on all members of the team contributing. However, judging the company by profit, we did very well. I was also very proud of the way team members pulled together in the company competition, which resulted in us finishing runners up.

**Eleanor Raishbrook, MD Quantum**



## ENTREPRENEURSHIP MASTERCLASS

In July Bethany once again hosted an Entrepreneurship Masterclass. All our Year 12's attended along with pupils from three other schools.

There were three excellent guest speakers, and a number of interactive workshops. John Lovering brought a wealth of experience and gave a superb lecture on leadership, being an entrepreneur and the necessity to always be willing to change, both as an organisation and as an individual. John was a notable keynote speaker and we were privileged to hear his advice. Kieran Renihan talked about his newly formed company, Chocolutions. He brought samples of 'real' chocolate, which quite surprised the pupils with its bitterness. He spoke with great enthusiasm about how to expand a small business and in particular about what it means to be a social entrepreneur. Pupils enjoyed his interactive session on branding and selling their own chocolate creation. The third speaker was Oliver Mustoe-Playfair, a self-made entrepreneur who together with his business partner runs Deramores, an online wool and knitting company which has seen incredible growth in just one year of trading. Oliver talked about being an Entrepreneur and spotting an investment opportunity. Pupils enjoyed taking part in the activity "which firm would you invest in", based on £100k to spend, but only one business to choose from.

In all it was a really interesting day, more so due to the diversity and range of the three speakers, who all brought and shared something quite different with the audience.

**Mr. A. Khan, Link Teacher**



# PENGELLY SOCIETY

As the secretary of the Pengelly Society, it has been a pleasure to record this year's Society events.



On the evening of the 232nd meeting, the guest speaker was an Old Bethanian called Simon Slinn, who is pictured here with the Headmaster, Mr Healy, and Mrs Gale who chairs the Pengelly Society. Simon, who suffers from Multiple Sclerosis discussed the disease, an illness which attacks the central nervous system. Simon amazed us all by explaining that after overcoming the disease, he set off on sponsored bike rides in Vietnam, Cambodia and Jordan.

The 233rd Pengelly Society meeting was a night of great entertainment. Chris Mathewman, a comedian and self-confessed love and relationship expert, proposed a hilarious but often moving overview of life itself. The Society was impressed by Chris' ability to provide a humorous outlook on the complexities of human relationships.

The guest speaker for the 234th meeting was a Governor of the School called Steve Hiscock. Mr. Hiscock explained that in his long working life he had served as a diplomat in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Africa, South America and Australia. As well as his career in Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service, he also became the director of the Commonwealth Boxing Council. Mr. Hiscock impressed the Pengelly Society with his wealth of knowledge and his tales of foreign lands which sparked the imagination.

Our next guest speaker was Mr. Steve Jenkins, the father of a pupil at Bethany and an expert on the break up of Yugoslavia. Mr. Jenkins fascinated the members of the Society with his knowledge of the conflict in that region and gave us all new insights.

For the last Pengelly Society of the School year, the Society hosted three guest speakers. First Mandy Cornick who provided a valuable insight into taking Gap Years after finishing school. Then Nigel Kimber spoke on the behalf of The Bethanians' Society. He explained the importance to this organisation of helping Bethanians to carry on the friendships made at School into later life. Finally ex-pupil, David Rider, discussed his Gap Year adventure to India, an experience which he said he would never forget. David, along with three other Bethany pupils had benefitted from a donation towards his Gap Year travels from the Skene Catling Trust, which is administered by the Bethanians' Society.



At this final meeting we also had to say goodbye to Mr. Cullen who has been associated with the Society throughout his 20 years at Bethany. On behalf of all the members of the Society, I would like to thank Mr Cullen for his commitment to the Society; he is pictured here receiving a small gift from Mr Healy.

On a personal note, I must mention again the honour of being the Pengelly Society Secretary. Each meeting has helped me to think about the challenges that come with leaving school and I have no doubt that the Pengelly Society will go from strength to strength in the future.

**George Tanton**  
Secretary of the Pengelly Society

# APPRENTICE CHALLENGE



The Bethany Apprentice Challenge is now an established part of the Year 12 calendar. This year the role of Lord Sugar was taken on by Mr Davies, ably supported by Karen and Nick (our "Gappies", Katie and Jake). 29 Year 12's signed

up and were split into four teams for the first task, "Magazine Moguls". They had to create and sell a magazine to a specific year group. The teams were judged on the quality and appropriateness of the magazine as well as the number of sales made. One group made a profit of £21, whilst another made just £1.

Lord Sugar dispatched the shirkers and time-wasters in his usual brusque style and 17 pupils were reshuffled into three teams for the second task, "Make a Million". Each team was given £60 with which to raise as much money as possible. Excel raised £229 from cake and sweet sales. Logo raised a less impressive £79, however the innovative idea to sell members of the team to a member of staff was impressive and provided much humour in the staff room. The third team lacked leadership and suffered the most firings.



For Task 3, the nine remaining candidates were asked to bring in a product worth up to £300 and give a three minute presentation to a purchasing specialist. They were asked questions about their product and how they would market it. Our expert was impressed with the quality of the pitches and the way the candidates handled the questions. Examples of products included a cabinet made from recyclable wood, a transparent toaster and a phone app for the expert's own store.



Five candidates progressed on to Task 4 for which they were given £50 with which to organise an event for Year 7 or Year 8 pupils. They were allowed to invite back two of the "fired" candidates to help. One group organised a successful BBQ and soccer shootout for Year 7

and the other group organised various events such as "Sponge a Teacher". The teams were judged on their planning, organisation and numbers attending the event. In addition they had to cope with a last minute change of day and it was interesting to see how they coped with this pressure.

The final task for the three finalists (Ellie Raishbrook, George Roberts and Senna Osman) was a series of interviews. Three high powered interviewers from the world of business tested the candidates' ability to perform. The interviewers were impressed with the intelligence and quality of the candidates but their final decision was based on the candidates' performance in all four tasks as well as the interviews themselves.

George Roberts was the worthy winner. Thanks go to all who took part; to Mr Hart Dyke for once again organising a superb event; to Mr Davies for taking on roll of Lord Sugar so successfully and to Miss Berry and Jake and Katy, our "Gappies" for their time and support.



# THE LITERACY SECTION

The Hunter Essay is a Year 12 essay writing competition designed to broaden horizons and develop research of topical issues, skills which are required by employers and universities alike.

## HUNTER ESSAY: CANNABIS VS ALCOHOL

Which is the greater of the two evils, cannabis or alcohol? It is fair to say that while very different in their legal status both of these substances have a dramatic and potentially very damaging affect on society.

There seems to be great misconception about cannabis, with the associated dangers often shrouded in mystery, many people view cannabis as a 'safer' alternative to tobacco smoke and do not think that it has a particularly damaging effect on human health. Indeed many of the early medical journals published on the subject during the 60's and 70's go a long way to supporting this view, however, the reliability of such early material in modern day society is highly questionable at best. One only has to spend a few minutes time researching the subject to realise that our scientific understanding of cannabis and indeed the nature of the substance itself has changed greatly over this time. The general consensus between scientists and health specialists alike is that the cannabis on European streets today is far more potent and dangerous than that which was available 40 years ago.

So what exactly are the risks associated with smoking cannabis? This has proved a highly controversial subject with the views of different scientific organisations and campaigners varying dramatically, from those who claim that it can be more than twice as damaging as tobacco smoke to those who believe that the drug should be

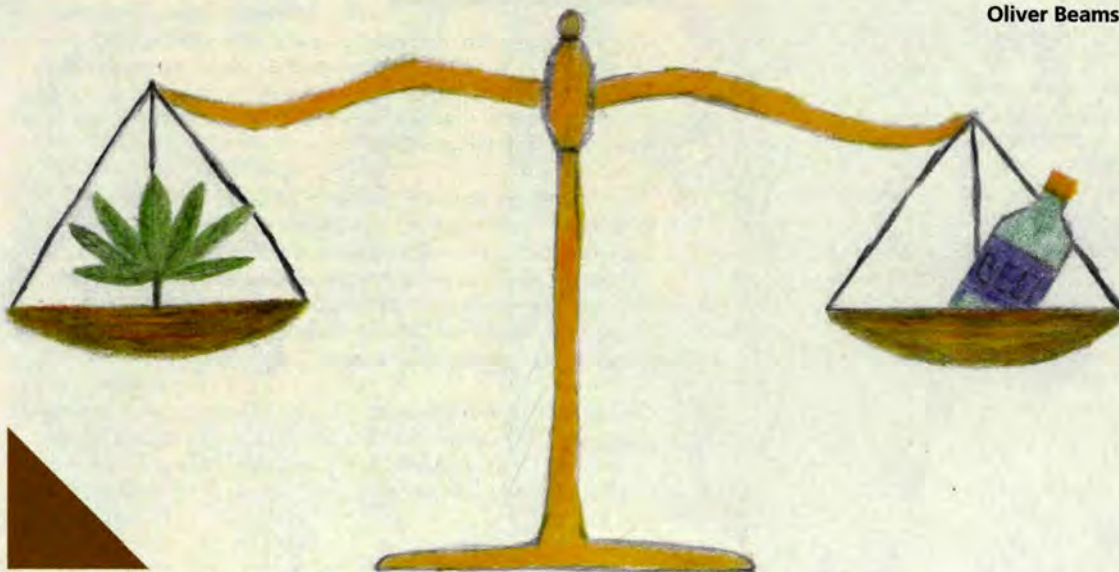
decriminalised in the UK. The main risks of cannabis are thought to be respiratory damage including damage to the bronchial mucus membrane and acute episodes of chronic bronchitis, also a reduction in the effectiveness of the body's immune system, an increased risk of mental health problems including schizophrenia and finally the damage caused to society by the antisocial behaviour and even violence often associated with the drug. Many of these fears are backed up by some fairly damning statistics from many of the world's leading research institutions. For example in a journal recently published by the British Lung Foundation it is suggested that smoking just 3-4 cannabis cigarettes a day can cause as much damage to the bronchial mucus membrane as smoking 20 tobacco equivalents. The same document also claims that the tar deposits of which 4 times more are deposited by cannabis than an unfiltered tobacco cigarette contain the same carcinogens as tobacco but 50% more concentrated.

Perhaps most disturbing is a closer analysis of the effects of alcohol, indeed it carries many of the same attributes as cannabis and yet this is a legal, socially accepted substance in widespread use throughout most of the world. The direct and indirect affects on both human life and society are well documented for alcohol, far more so than cannabis yet people still chose to drink it and far too often in excess. Alcohol is clearly linked with liver damage, depression, self harm or suicide, interference with the immune system a reduction in mental dexterity and also in extreme cases (at least 30 units a day for several weeks) psychosis. Not to mention

the huge antisocial behaviour problems linked with excessive alcohol consumption. Again these problems are supported by many thousands of published statistics, over 40% of patients admitted to A&E are diagnosed with either alcohol related illnesses or have had alcohol influenced accidents. It is also believed that alcohol plays a part in 65% of suicides and is linked with 50% of self harm cases. All rather worrying when you compare these problems with those associated with cannabis.

So this really does beg the question which is the most damaging, well there are many levels at which this question could be answered. It could be addressed on a social level, a health based assessment or on statistics. Indeed I believe that society views cannabis as by far the worst of the two and indeed its current legal status as a 'class B' drug would support and promote this view. I believe that many people view cannabis as a very minor problem when compared with alcohol and indeed far more people drink alcohol than smoke cannabis, although a recent survey found that 44% of 16 to 29 year olds in the UK had tried cannabis at least once highlighting that perhaps the problem is bigger than often perceived. The real difference comes in the quantities of the substances which are required to cause these problems. The key word with almost all of the alcohol related problems is 'excess', in moderation these problems very rarely arise if at all. Cannabis on the other hand can have disastrous effects even in tiny quantities, the British Lung Foundation believes that smoking cannabis just once increases chances of schizophrenia by 40%.

Oliver Beams





The C.A.R.E. Essay has been generously sponsored and judged by former Bethanian, Eric Adler, for more than two decades. It is an essay writing competition for pupils in Year 9 targeting the skills of communication, articulation, relation and expression and must contain 50% dialogue and 50% narrative.

## C.A.R.E. ESSAY: FRIENDSHIPS

The words go round and round in my head, all the comments, and looks and everything that has happened to me this week. I no longer know how to react, what to say back. They crowd in on me, a mass of weights, and a further burden for me to bear. There is one solution clear to me. I close my eyes and jump.

At the beginning of the week I had gone into school happy. Lizzie was off sick, so I didn't have to worry about her. I walked into technology, my first lesson, and felt the room go silent. I couldn't escape the feeling that they were talking about me. I went and sat down next to Louise, but she turned her back and started a loud conversation with Rosa about meeting up at the weekend, obviously shutting me out. I worked hard all lesson completing all the work and my prep as I had nothing to distract me, no one to talk to. In French, I was looking forward to talking to my best friend Peter, but he just gave me a 'sorry' look and then ignored me, like everyone else was doing.

Break was a relief. I walked over to the wall where we all hang out at breaks and lunchtimes. The noise consumed me, and I let it, just listening to each conversation:

"What did you do this weekend? I had so much prep, and then I was out at my Uncle's party, it was such fun there was so much food..."

"Did you go on Facebook? Did you see the comment on Charlotte's wall? I couldn't believe it, how could she..."

"Hey, how are you? I haven't talked to you since last week!"

"Did you hear what Charlie and Harriett are saying about Rosie? Everyone believes them, and is going along with it, it's like they want her to move away..."

The last comment caught me by surprise and I snapped out of my reverie, and turned to face Tom, who had spoken.

"What are they saying about me?"

"Well, I'm not really supposed to tell you, they will kill me if they find out you know..."

"Tell me please, it might explain why everyone is ignoring me, 'coz it is really upsetting me."

"Fine – all weekend Harriett and Charlotte have been on Facebook telling people what a complete reject you are, how you need to grow up, get a life and how our lives would be much better without you so we should try and get you to leave and stuff like that."

"What, and people are just going along with it?"

"Yeah, they are saying that if people don't join in they will make their lives miserable too. No one really wants to do it, if that's any consolation."

It wasn't. I couldn't believe that the people I had called my best friends, the people who I told all my secrets to, would be doing this. The feelings rose up inside me; confusion, anger, helplessness and loss amongst them, all conflicting to be on top. What should I do? How should I react? The easiest way was to pretend nothing was wrong, but I didn't know if I could. I settled for saying nothing. I glanced at Peter, and gave him an evil stare, but he didn't see. I was hurt that he would choose their side as well. It just strengthened the growing fear inside that no one wanted me.

The rest of the day passed in a blur, as did the week up until Thursday, when people started talking to me again. Wherever I went, everyone would say,

"Hate you."

"Get lost."

"Loner."

"You have no friends."

"No one wants you, just leave."

I began thinking I had preferred it when no one said a word to me, but Charlotte and Harriett had obviously decided that their original tactics weren't working. However, I wouldn't let them show that they had got to me, so I held my head high and didn't reply to the words following me around like sheep. They had got to me though. Whenever I was alone, I was fighting to hold it together and not break down and cry. A million times a day I had to remind myself that they weren't worth it. I wasn't going to give them the satisfaction.

Yet, there was a thought at the back of my mind that was begging me to fight back, to somehow show that I was better than them. Every evening as I waited for sleep to take me these were the thoughts that filled my mind, conflicting with my usual peaceful way of sorting everything out. On Friday, I walked into music and the whispers started, but I ignored them; I was



used to them now. At break I walked over to the wall, only to find, scrawled across it in charcoal, the words 'ROSIE IS A REJECT', and on the top of the wall Charlotte and Harriett sat, laughing. I turned around and walked away, searching for a quiet place, but they followed, laughing after me,

"Awww, did little Rosie get upset by seeing the truth?"

"Come on you fat, ugly, spotty cow that will never find anyone who likes her, let alone a boyfriend, turn round and face us, or are you too chicken?"

The words burnt me – each one was a burst of flame licking against my skin leaving a permanent mark. I led them to the top of the science building where there was a balcony that pupils could use in the spring and summer. Thankfully there was nobody there. It was perfect.

All the words go round and round in my head, all the comments, and looks and everything that has happened to me this week. I no longer know how to react, what to say back. They crowd in on me, a mass of weights, and a further burden for me to bear. There is only one solution clear to me. I close my eyes and jump.

I am happy now. They have stopped.

Ruth Marsden



THIS YEAR ALL PUPILS IN YEARS 7, 8 AND 9 WERE INVITED TO LOOK CLOSELY AT A PICTURE. THEY COULD RESPOND TO THIS IMAGE IN ANY WAY THEY LIKED. WHETHER THEY CHOSE TO DESCRIBE THEIR FEELINGS, WRITE A SHORT STORY, A POEM, OR WHATEVER MIGHT SUGGEST ITSELF TO THEM, IT WAS ENTIRELY THEIR OWN CHOICE.



### The Last Ice Cream

The truck was parked up just over there  
With gallons of ice cream ready to share.  
Then it started to gloop, to drip and to drain  
And all of the people went insane.  
There was jumping and screaming and  
killing and death  
First one, then another, then "There goes  
Beth!"  
As I licked the last ice cream in joy  
They all looked at me and then shouted,  
"Oi!"  
A herd of them then ran after me  
(Which was not the nicest thing to see).  
They screeched with their pitch forks,  
scissors and knives.  
Fathers, grandpas, sons and wives.

I needed somewhere to get away –  
Somewhere high where I could stay.  
I saw my chance and climbed a tower.  
Where I planned to hide for at least an hour.  
But the people tried to rock it to and fro  
And my body was shivering from head to  
toe.  
Then the tower fell and I fell too  
Right into the gloop which stuck like glue.

Joel Wise

### Ice Cream, Ice Cream

Ice cream, ice cream  
What happened to you?  
I always thought you melted  
Now the van's gone too!

Ice cream, ice cream  
Why did you have to go?  
I loved the soft and creamy taste  
Of your ice cream so.

Ice cream, ice cream  
All high in a mound.  
I love you, I love you

But you're no more around!

Eleanor Firth

### I Scream!

"Hey, Matt. Want an ice cream?" called Lily.  
"I'll have a FAB, please," Matt replied  
politely.  
"FAB, FAB, FAB!" said the thing inside the  
van.  
"Are you alright?" asked Lily.  
"FAB, FAB, FAB!" the thing repeated. Then  
it spun round and started to spark.  
Then the van itself started to melt!  
"Move!" screamed Lily.  
It smelt like burning cream.  
"Ugh!" exclaimed Matt his feet stuck in  
warm, sticky mess.  
"I thought motor vehicles were made out of  
metal," said Lily.  
"I thought your money was too," said Matt.  
"Look!"

Isabella Hobson

### News Report

"We are live from Church Road where an ice  
cream van appears to have melted."  
Jennifer While smiles falsely into the camera.  
No one is sure how it happened but I have  
with me the first person to find the melted  
van. The camera shuffled over to a large  
boy stuffing his face with a Mr. Whippy and  
chocolate sauce running down his chin.  
"I have with me Jake Brattle. Jake, what  
happened?"  
Jake looked up and sighed. "Well, I was  
like buyin' an ice cream, yeah? And I always  
order a double Mr. Whippy with chocolate  
and strawberry sauce and three flakes. So I  
like bought my ice cream and the guy only  
gave me like two flakes. And he drives off,  
yeah? And I like chase after him and I turn  
down this road and I see this like – yeah?"  
He turned to the pile of melted ice cream  
van. "Do you like fink I'll get another flake  
then?" He stuffed some more ice cream  
into his mouth and looked up at Jennifer.  
Jennifer looked at the camera in disbelief.  
"Well, you heard it here first, folks! I'm  
Jennifer White. Now, back to the studio."  
No one knew but above them was a . . .

Emily Raj

### Kiddies' Nightmare

The last of the ice cream spilled over the  
gutter and down, down into the blackness  
of the drains. The one toddler's tears  
streaked mercilessly down his plump,  
fleshy cheeks. Then the screams of  
hundreds of despairing children echoed  
along the dark alleyways and through the  
depths of the city.

Josh Bassett

### Ice Cream Van Melts – Children Dismayed.

Some very downcast children were seen  
staring and staring as an ice cream van  
melted and slowly disappeared down the  
drain. What had happened to this travelling  
delight? All that delicious, cold, brain-  
freezing gourmet delight gradually slipping  
away. Dozens of children stood in silence  
and stared in dismay at this terrible tragedy.  
The ice cream van starts to lose its colour in  
the sunlight. Pink, orange, blue – so many  
colours all steadily draining away. What has  
happened? Did this happen on its own or  
did someone purposely start it off? No one  
will know.

Sam Butler

### The Ice Cream Disaster

After years of trying scientists believed that  
they had eventually completed the edible  
ice cream van. It was the hottest day for  
centuries and the ideal opportunity to test  
their invention. Nervously the head scientist  
went forward and took a lick. "It works!"  
he exclaimed with glee. But from then on it  
all went wrong. First a queue formed which  
was literally a mile long. Then . . .  
"You there. Yes, you. You only paid for  
five licks, not twenty. That will be an extra  
pound," demanded the head scientist of a  
small, fat boy. Then, as the boy reached for  
the extra money, his hand went all floppy.  
The boy looked as puzzled as the scientist  
and then, without warning, the boy melted  
away altogether. Then dozens of people  
started screaming and melting all over the  
place.  
"What the blazes . . ." began the one  
scientist but before he could finish his  
sentence he too began to melt.  
"Someone help us!" exclaimed the scared  
head of science. "Quickly before it's too  
late!"

Alex Wareham

### Ordinary to Blissful

It began as an ordinary sunny day. I was just  
laughing with my friends when we came  
across an odd sight. Everybody knows that  
the sun makes ice cream melt but not the  
van itself! That's what we saw, though.  
Tons of melted van spread like butter across  
the road. We thought it was only street art  
until Danny stepped in it. As he lifted his  
foot out the stuff stuck like glue. Real ice  
cream! We ate and ate running around like  
crazy people. As the sun set we lay in the  
gooey mass full and covered from head to  
toe. It was a blissful day.

Lizzie Stuart



## Tombstoning

I leapt from the cliff, twisting and turning in the air. I tumbled quickly towards the rocks. Several emotions slid through my mind. Terror, exhilaration and . . . uncertainly. As I fell I remembered how I had got here.

It was a beautiful Thursday morning and I was stuck in the car. Admittedly I was heading to the beach and a holiday but it was a three hour drive. When we arrived at the hotel a young man greeted us. He was wearing blue shorts and a white t-shirt with a black skull on it. He asked me slyly, "Would you like to try the local sport?" I was a sucker for sports so I said, "OK, I'll give it a go."

While my parents were in reception he led me to a cliff. That was when I started to have forebodings. "What's this sport again?" I said.

"Tombstoning," he muttered. A shiver went down my spine.

"What do I do now?" I asked.

We were at the very edge of the cliff and for an answer he pushed me.

And then I was falling through the air. The water hit me so hard I thought I had hit the rocks. I struck upwards breaking the surface of the water. My first words were, "Can I go again?"

**Bill Hutt**

## Splash!

SPLASH! The water shouted as I belly flopped into it. It was our first day on holiday and I had been waiting for weeks to get back to the crystal clear sea and forty five degree heat.

The water was warm and the sun was bright. All I could think of was that I was here. I was actually here! Back after five years and I felt I was at home.

As I swam far out into the deep sea I started to admire the little fish and the lovely golden sand. All of a sudden the sun began to fade. I rose to the surface and surveyed the scene. It was all above me. It was an electric storm!

**Sam Bates**

## The Surf

Today was the day. It was the Billabong Surf Competition. The winner would get a sponsorship and a chance to enter the X Games. It was a perfect day on the coast of Hawaii and Nura beach was packed. My time came. I knew this was the one. I started paddling but then I saw it . . . a cribber, a twenty foot wave! Before I knew it I was in a tunnel being rolled around and around. I knew exactly what had happened but I was helpless. Oh, well. Perhaps next time!

**Sam Robinson**

## The Huge Wave

Two years ago I had a terrible experience while on a fishing boat with my parents. It left me scarred both mentally and physically. Both my mother and father died that night and I would have died too had I not grabbed that mast when I did. I also lost my home and all my worldly possessions when the wave smashed through everything.

I am now forced to live in the slums with people who don't care whether I live or die. But when I am old enough I will flee back to the village of my ancestors. I know where my parents hid their money and I will buy a fishing boat and overcome my new-found fear of water. I have survived the past. I am determined to survive the future.

**Felix Paffard**

## The Hidden Island

I was at sea on a boat with my family and I fell off but my parents didn't know. The boat carried on going because they couldn't hear me shouting. Luckily I found a log to lie on and I fell asleep on it. When I woke up I was on an island. I found somewhere to sleep and got food and water. Then I made a smoky fire in the hope of attracting attention. Then I made a raft which I tied together with vine. I realised that no one was coming to find me so I put some food on the raft, pushed it out into the water and jumped on. As the water was getting choppy and choppy by the second I started to think this was all a bad idea. Then I woke up and my mum said, "Get ready for school."

**George Reed**

## The Catashark

Catching and killing.  
Attacking whatever it can.  
Tearing off bits of flesh  
And crunching up bits of bone.  
Scary and fierce.  
Half catfish and half shark,  
Acting like a fish,  
Rising from the water like a dolphin,  
Killing like nothing you have ever seen.

**Charlie Clarke**

## Swirling Round in Spain

It was my first day in Spain. I had gone straight to the beach but the waves were so big! Timidly I set out into the crystal-clear water which looked so inviting when suddenly I was swept up and under. I was completely helpless. I was beneath the wave and I was swirling round and round just as if I was a piece of clothing in a washing machine. Slowly I was drowning.

**Phoebe Mills**



## The Lucky One

I was thrown into the sea. Slowly I floated up to the surface but I didn't want to hear what was waiting for me. When I finally got to the surface the screams were terrible. People were shouting out for help. I quickly did a body check. "Not a scratch!" I was the lucky one.

**Angus Blewett**

## Flying Through the Water

Gliding gracefully through the gentle water  
The waves licking and lapping around me.  
The sand smoking and shifting under me  
The waves swarming and swirling above me  
Blowing bubbles in front of me.  
Splashes and splashes all around  
Bumping and banging into other people.  
Coughing and choking I rise  
For the first breath of excellent,  
exhilarating air.

**Jamie Cook**

## Terror Grows

I flew through the mist, my body stabbed with a thousand knives. My cuts burned agonisingly as I tumbled to what I thought was the ground. But I was still afloat! I snatched and gasped in desperation but the strength in my heart felt loose and blood burst from my veins. The terror grew and my mind weakened. A blank sheet covered my thoughts.  
I stopped trying. Let go. I shouted out frantically but my voice was drained by sorrow and fear. My life had been a fairytale but now it was over . . .

**Eden Fort**



## Admiring the Night

The full moon and the night. I've been standing here for over two hundred years. The surroundings and the noises fill the atmosphere. I'm the only one left standing. Many have rotted away or been sawn down. I don't think I'll be here much longer because they want to turn this countryside into a town. I'll be the next and I will never again be able to see the full moon and the night.

**Amelia Page**

## The Tree

She was walking through the forest. It was a shortcut. She decided to stop and look at the moon. It was a full moon and it contrasted with the blood-red sky. She decided to take a picture and the flash lit everything up and brought everything alive. The tree with its entwining fingers crept up from where it was. She started to feel fear creeping up on her neck. The tree's branches were coming closer to her – closer and closer. It seemed to be speaking, saying that it was hungry and it wanted her for dinner. She decided to take a video of this weird creature of a tree. But as she reached for her camera she briefly took her eyes off the tree. The tree made a quick, sharp movement. She froze. Her body was plunged into a state of shock and, before she knew it, her blood was flowing out of her body. It was blood-red like the sky. The tree crept back, back to its place. Once again the panoramic view awaited its next victim.

**Amelia Brett**

## The New Walkers Label

So there I was sitting at my desk at five in the morning with four hours left to create something special for Walkers' new label. I needed something more inventive and scary for our new flavours Roast Zombie, Pickled Vampire and Fried Werewolf. I then decided to look out of the window for some inspiration and found that the sky was just perfect. The moon was an exact cylinder with a yellow tinge perfect for the crisp on the packet. Also there was a faint pink circle around it which would represent the ribbon. Then all I had to do was put the Walkers label and the crisp packets on and then I would be done. Success!

**Ryan Askew**



## A Peaceful Place

The moonlit sky brightened to a crimson pink as the misty clouds faded away. At a certain point the moon almost looked bright yellow. A tall, bare tree stood firmly in front of where I was standing. It shadowed the yellow moon into something beautiful. Then the sky and the moon brightened and the crimson pink turned almost to a red colour with the moon a gleaming light. I moved away from behind the tree and saw two shadowy birds glide across the face of the moon. This is exactly how a peaceful place should be.

**Milly Clark**

## Dead World

I run, faster than ever before, yet I still hear the snarl of demons behind me. I look to see their blood-red eyes from hell. The echo of chaos grows ever nearer. I can see the village lights but I am starting to tire, my feet slowing and my heart pounding in my ears. The demonic trees and other shadowy hands clutch at my clothing as the moon guides me through this dark labyrinth. Suddenly I falter and the creatures are upon me. A devilish claw rips at my back and blood spurts out. Another slashes at my face as my very being is ripped apart in a spectacular explosion of blood and guts. My cries of agony are unheard as I sink down to drown in my own blood – the torn and broken remains of a human being once living, now dead.

**Luke Hosking**

## The Werewolf

The night was quiet until it was shattered by an inhuman snarl. In the town they had cornered the werewolf. The men threw torches at it and thrust their pitchforks and other makeshift weapons aggressively towards it. Then it dashed forward, ripped through the men and tore across the town hoping to escape without having to take more life.

As it turned into the lane leading to the forest a man stepped out. He started to shout but in a moment of uncontrolled ferocity the wolfman flew at the figure with its jaws open to the fullest extent and its aim direct for the throat. The figure thrust a pitchfork through the chest of the creature just as it transformed back into its human form. Then the man looked down at the dead creature's body and saw his father's face. The father he had thought to be dead!

**Jack Whitaker**

## The Sun

The sun it rises from the trees,  
Coming from a place no one sees.  
Creating colours as it goes.  
Taking away all our woes.  
A bright new day appears  
Clearing away our worries and fears –  
Bringing hope for the rest of the year.

**Elle Osmond**



## Uncaged

When the moon and the sun collided the sky was turned dark red. The human race lived in fear of what it did not understand and took cover deep beneath the earth. All except one.

The screaming man, the mutant, the monster. The creature caged by his brothers woke up. A beam of red light fell across his face. With bleary eyes he looked up into the light . . .

**Frederick Carter**

## Should I Jump?

I sat and watched the huge golden ball staring at me – at millions of people in the world. I was alone, alone on this cliff face, alone in the world. No one recognised me anymore. I didn't recognise myself for that matter. Why had it come to this? Why me of all people? I watched the birds fly across the evening sun with such grace and a sense of jealousy came over me. Those birds had each other but I had no one. Should I jump? Should I put myself out of this misery and dive towards the light? Plunge towards the warmth of not having to be me anymore? Yes, that's what I want. Here I go.

**Frankie Holmes**

## The Perfect Shade of Sun

We sat there in each other's arms,  
Having our hands locked palm to palm,  
Watching the beautiful setting sun.  
This ever-passing day seemed far from done.  
Then, suddenly, it seemed that time had stopped,  
And the sun with its radiance was being dropped.  
Behind the dark tree it finally flopped  
As she whispered those three words –  
My feeling couldn't be topped.

This was when I was finally woken  
And my heart-felt dream was totally broken.

**Asher Mirsadeghi**



# ART & DESIGN



Thomas Robertson Yr9 ▲

The quality of work produced in the Art Department continues to go from strength to strength and the 100% A\*- C pass rate at GCSE, A/S and 'A' Level this year is a testimony to the hard work and creative flair of all our examination groups.

The strength of the Department has always been in the variety of work pupils are able to produce. The opportunity to interpret ideas in Fine Art, Textiles, Ceramics and Photography allows pupils a wealth of artistic experience from which to select their own means of creative expression.

Our three School 'Art' Prize winners enjoyed phenomenal Public Examination success with their 'A' level studies. Photography Prize winner, Camilla Levett achieved 3 A\* grades (Art, Textiles, Photography), Art and Design Prize winner, Xi Wen Zhang 2 A\* grades (Art, Textiles) and Textiles Prize winner Dorothy Leung 2 A\* grades (Art and Textiles).

Work from across the year groups was exhibited at our own Parents' Day Exhibition in June and the annual John Downton show at Maidstone Town Hall. The Textiles group visited the 'Knitting and Stitching' show at Alexandra Palace, Year 11 resourced a History of Art project at the British Museum, the Sixth Form attended a series of lectures by eminent professional artists including Anthony Gormley in London and the Photographers went to the World Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition at the Natural History Museum and the Taylor Wessing Portraiture Exhibition at the National Portrait Gallery.

The Parents Day Fashion Show was a great success and not only gave spectators the opportunity to enjoy the work Mrs Kelly produces with her pupils here, but also raised £415.00 for the Weald of Kent Hospice. Miss Rayner continues to get the best out of our Ceramics pupils and Mrs Alexander has again enhanced the quality of work our Photographers are able to produce.

P. Norgrove  
Head of Art



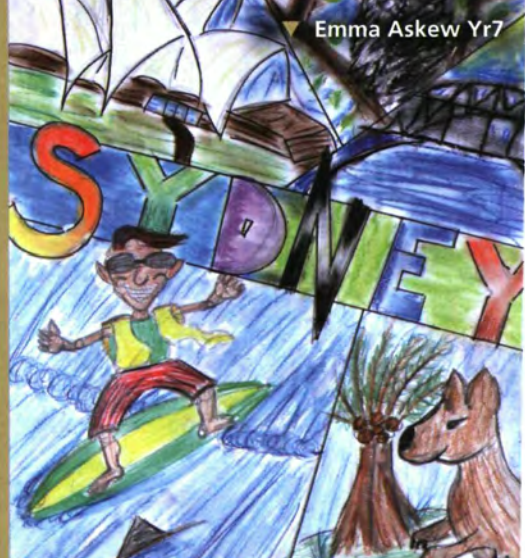
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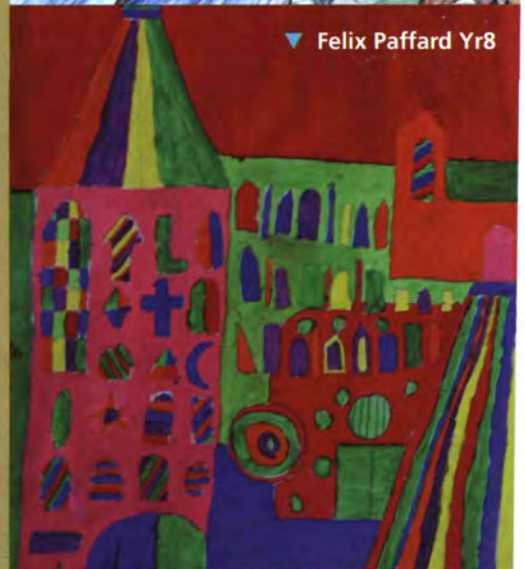


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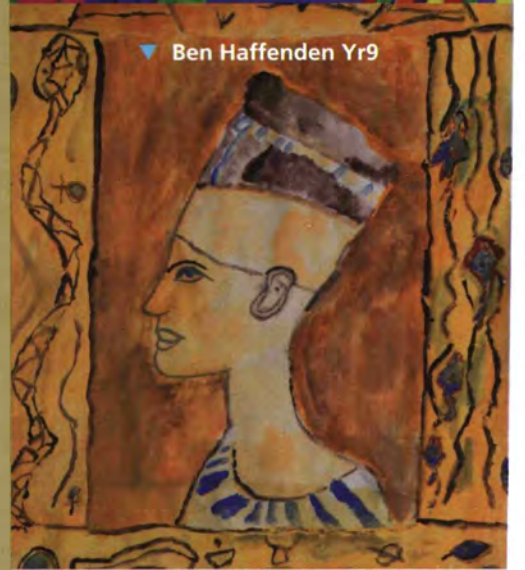




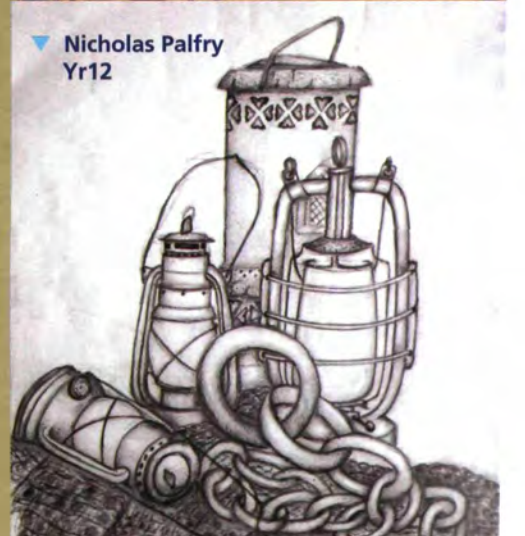
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▼ Nicholas Palfry Yr12



▲ Antonia Brattle Yr9



▲ Joe Reddy Yr12 Photography



▲ Anna Burnham Yr10



▲ Xi Wen Zhang Yr13



▲ Lucy Paffard Yr11



▲ Piers Muiry Yr10





▲ Ellie Porter Yr11



▲ Bethany Ward Yr10



▲ Callum Griffiths Yr11



▲ Camilla Levett Yr13 Photography



▲ Lawrence Zhang Yr11



▲ Dorothy Leung Yr13 Textiles

▼ Jack Yang Yr12





# DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

OUR DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY PUPILS ACHIEVED SO MUCH ONCE AGAIN THIS YEAR. THE DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT OF ALL WAS EXCELLENT AND THIS CAN BE SEEN IN THE FANTASTIC PRACTICAL PIECES THAT HAVE BEEN PRODUCED AT BOTH GCSE AND A LEVEL. MANY UTILISED THEIR PRIVATE STUDY PERIODS AND LUNCH BREAKS TO PUSH PROJECT WORK FORWARD. DEDICATION, AS EVER, WAS THE KEY TO SUCCESS.

Marcus Norman  
Head of Design & Technology



▲ Edward Dewing Yr11



▲ Isabella Healey Yr11



▲ An Vu Yr11



▲ Oliver Donovan Yr12



▲ George Raw Yr13



▲ Alan Chung Yr11



▼ Jamie Hagerty Yr11



▼ Brandon Begg Yr13



▼ Georgia Jackson Yr11



▼ Georgie Marland Yr11



▼ Hugo Winwood-Paine Yr11



▼ Jonathan Whittome Yr11



▼ Molly Clement Yr12



▼ Lucy Paffard Yr11





# FOOD TECHNOLOGY

This year's Master Chef final was between Emma Askew and Oliver Craggs, both from Year 7 and Daniel Katwala from Year 9. The three young chefs were asked to prepare a two course lunch, in 90 minutes, suitable for serving in the VIP suite at Wimbledon.



The guest judges were Richard Hards, Chef/ Patron of Montrose Restaurant in Tunbridge Wells and his business partner, Ainsley Moore, himself a former Bethany pupil who left in 1998 and they are pictured with the contestants.



The judges were very impressed with the quality of the dishes that were produced and complemented all three chefs on their composure under pressure. Daniel was declared the winner having cooked Maryland Chicken with cornbread and roasted tomatoes followed by steamed rhubarb with crème fraiche and crumble.



During the year the Food Tech pupils benefitted from visits from professionals such as Alastair Jessel, owner of Taywell Ice Creams, who offered advice to the AS pupils on the suitability of their products for the retail market. Tim Johnson, chef/ proprietor of Apicius in Cranbrook also visited to demonstrate various techniques in a masterclass for A level pupils.



# MATHEMATICS

## MILLENNIUM MATHS DAY

In June Bethany hosted the Maths Roadshow organised in conjunction with the Millennium Maths Project at the University of Cambridge. The aim is to show maths in a slightly different light with an array of puzzles and brain teasers. Problem solving and perseverance were the name of the game for pupils in Years 7 to 9 and the feedback from pupils and staff was very positive.



## TOWER CHALLENGE



Year 9 pupils were divided into teams and tasked to build a tower out of newspaper. This may sound easy, but the teams were only allowed 10 sheets of newspaper and 50cm of sellotape, which isn't very much! To ensure their tower was sturdy, it had to support a golf ball for a minimum of 10 seconds. Very little time was spent in planning; practical trial and error was preferred. Towers grew and fell. Ambitious groups added extra sections to increase the height of their tower – with disastrous consequences. The winning tower was a staggering 132cm high.

## MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE

The top pupils in the two national Mathematics challenge competitions were:

### Intermediate Challenge

#### Silver certificates

Alexander Clayden-Spence  
(Best in School)  
Ruth Semmens  
An Vu

#### Bronze certificates

Alan Chung  
Max Foot  
Alice Healy  
Alvin Lam  
Nat Marshall  
Freddie Raishbrook  
Dominic Williamson

### Junior Challenge

#### Bronze certificates

Max Kelly (Best in School)  
Sophie Marland

## UK MATHEMATICS TRUST



The UKMT Team Challenges aim to promote mathematical dexterity, team working and communication skills and give pupils the opportunity to compete against pupils from other schools. The UKMT organises the Team Challenge for pupils in Years 8 & 9 and the Senior Challenge for pupils in Years 11, 12 and 13. In the Team Challenge in February, Bethany was represented by Matteo Bonini, Jacob Hill, Daniel Katwala and Jack Whitaker. In the Senior Challenge in November our team included Justin Chow, Victoria Coombs, Andrew Lockwood and Michelle Wang.



# INCREIBLE ICELAND



Just before the start of the Easter holiday, 37 pupils and four members of staff set off for Iceland. After a two and a half hour flight we arrived to cool, crisp sunshine and were promptly whisked off to the beautiful Blue Lagoon. While the rest of Bethany pupils were in the Headmaster's end of term assembly, we were in the 40° geothermal waters having a spa treatment! Later that evening while we were strolling by the sea, we were thrilled to catch a glimpse of the awesome Aurora Borealis, the Northern Lights. We all felt very lucky and privileged to see them, especially on our first day.



Over the next three days we were treated to a wealth of wonderful experiences. On day two we visited the Hellisheiði Geothermal Power Plant and Thingvellir, where we walked through a rift valley above the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates, which are pulling apart at a rate of 2cm a year! It was then on to the Stokkur Geyser (right), which erupts every 5-7 minutes! Finally we experienced the spectacular Gullfoss waterfall (below) that plunges into a rift valley in two stages. The day ended a round of mini golf and a meal in Reykjavik.



If that wasn't enough, on day three we saw Eyjafjallajökull volcano (the 'Icelandic' volcano which gave us the travel chaos) and had the opportunity to collect some of its ash. Before lunch we experienced the Seljalandsfoss waterfall which drops 60m over a cliff. Everyone felt the full force of this amazing waterfall, with only the bravest going down to the plunge pool! The afternoon was topped off with a phenomenal glacier walk on the Solheimajökull glacier, led by expert instructors. During the walk we were treated to beautiful views to the coastline, as well as witnessing the worrying effects of climate change on our glaciers. In the evening, despite a clear sky, the Northern lights were only faintly visible. It was only after everyone was asleep that three staff members got to view them in a spectacular show.

On the final day we visited the magnificent black sand beaches near the coastal town of Vik. Everyone was impressed with the perfect hexagonal shaped basalt columns along the beach and in the caves, particularly Mrs Digby! In the afternoon, once we had put on as many layers of clothes as possible we were driven up onto the Myrdalsjökull ice cap which lies over Katla volcano. A slope had been cleared of snow – perfect for sledging! Once back on solid ground everyone was treated to a hot chocolate with marshmallows. The final evening was spent in Reykjavik with a meal and one last swim in the geothermal pools.

What a way to spend the start of the Easter break!



G Simmons and Mrs K Lindsey



# MUSIC



## CURRICULUM

The year was an exciting one for our Year 11's being the first cohort to complete the new GCSE course. Their study programme, devised by Mr Briggs, was both thorough and entertaining, with carefully designed solo and ensemble opportunities throughout. Learning for the listening exam was presented in a highly entertaining way, with plenty of practical examples, detailed questions and that ever-sharp Mr Briggs' humour. I joined in too with the Composition sessions and all our Sibelius programmes were running at full stretch. Their efforts were richly rewarded with the whole group achieving A\*-C grades and their "value added" was the second best in the whole School.



A-Level composers enjoyed a rich variety of opportunities, including two recording sessions of film music with local instrumentalists. The performers played along, silent movie style, to the given film excerpts. These included I Robot, The Notebook and Twilight. AS composers also had opportunity to perform their variations in public throughout the year giving them ample opportunity to hear how their ideas evolved through

performance work. Performance highlights included an excellent recital by Rebecca Knight and the challenging Grand Duo Concertante for clarinet played by Jason Pan. During the course, Tim Ellis was also accepted for piano at the Royal Academy of Music, meaning he had to turn down Trinity's offer of a place to study French Horn.

Year 7 pupils focussed on musical structures, including the challenging concept of Sonata form. The highlight of their studies included a special trip to the Barbican to take part in a concert with other schools. The aim was to perform a unique piece designed to demonstrate how Sonata form works through the concept of Sprechstimme. The impressive end result aptly illustrated the rounded nature of the form, giving all who took part a perfect example of how the structure works. The Year 7's also took part in the Autumn concert singing with the School Orchestra.

Pupils in Years 8 and 9 had the opportunity to explore the computer program Sibelius in their composition work. Projects included recording 12-bar blues improvisation, learning to hone melodies from given chord patterns and writing a cross between Dubstep and the Mario theme! Excellent solo work was richly rewarded by strong ABRSM and LCM results from those who were entered. Those more experienced in instrumental playing were able to participate in several workshops led by Mr Andrew Keeping, one of our guitar teachers. Particularly moving was their rendition of Fever to a gathered audience of Year 9 pupils.



The Year 9 Music Curriculum afternoon gave the whole year group the opportunity to explore music for film in greater detail than ever before. One group spent the afternoon working on an orchestral version of "Pirates of the Caribbean". The end performance combined beginner violinists, guitarists, two drum-kits, orchestral cymbals and even a student playing the school organ for the first time. It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

## THE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Symphony Orchestra took a year off playing for production this time, rather focussing on a wide range of music written specifically for their genre. Starting with Bach's Overture BWV 1068 and moving to such classics as The Dambusters March, they covered various moods from sombre and menacing through to light hearted and playful. The Cello section in orchestra has been particularly strong this year, reflecting the excellent work of Jonathan Chapter with our pupils.



## THE LIZARDS REACH DOUBLE FIGURES!

As Mr Briggs took over leading the Lizards in its tenth year, he widened the style and horizons of the band. For the first time in several years pupils from Years 10 and 11 joined the band: Ruth Semmens' powerful vocals, backed by Jessica Leaper's sweet tones have made a great team. Will Scott's excellent guitar work gave the band a new vitality, with his versatility of styles and professional approach to all details. Alex "Egg" Clayden-Spence ensured his drumming kept everything really tight and neat. Even I made a guest appearance with the band, playing a mean bass line or two!

## THE SCHOOL CHOIR

The School Choir continued its unique contribution to school life, particularly through the main services of the year. Composers included Bob Chilcott, John Rutter and Harold Darke. It was good to see the growing number of harmony singers again in the choir, adding a far richer sound to it than previously.



## JAZZ BAND

The jazz band spent the year expanding their improvisation skills through a series of works by Pete Churchill, including Curtain Call Blues, Dishwasher Rock and Granite City Blues. Particularly memorable was their rendition of "We Three Kings" in a Brubeck-style 5/4 arrangement. Aibly kept together by the rhythm section, the Carol Service had a real sense of swing in the middle section! The Jazz band is now available for social events – this year they made a key contribution on open mornings and was present at the Young Enterprise area competition.



## THE NEW PIANO

I spent much of the Christmas holidays trying out new grand pianos (it's a tough job, but someone's got to do it). I selected a hand-built Yamaha S6 grand piano for the Upper Dining Room. I first played the piano in Yamaha's Milton Keynes workshop, selecting one that speaks well for our hall, before it was shipped to the School. The piano is now in situ and is being "warmed up" before being given its first setup by a London based music technician. It already sounds warm and projects well; with final adjustments it will serve as the School's main keyboard instrument for many years to come.

The Steinway, now at least 140 years old, has been moved back down to the Music School. It is happier there, as it appreciates a higher level of humidity, and it is beginning to sound far better again. This will allow for more lunchtime recitals in the Music School next year.

## LANG LANG CONCERT

Timothy Ellis, as well as getting in to The Royal Academy of Music this year, also performed with the world's best in the Royal Festival Hall. As part of Lang Lang's piano concert series, he invited 50 pianists to perform in a massed piano recital. Playing a brand new grand piano and in charge of a section of eight pianists, Tim was crucial to the success of the project, which was an audience sell-out.



## GUITAR CIRCUS

Will Scott has been invited to join Guitar Circus, the country's leading ensemble for young classical guitarists. This is an outstanding achievement and demonstrates Will's commitment and musicality. Good luck to Will for the future tour.

## CHANGES IN STAFFING

Our instrumental staff have been as dedicated as ever, with many of them participating in concerts, both with their players or performing in our larger ensembles. Particular thanks go to Mr Chapter (cello), Miss Slowgrove, (piano and voice), Miss Steventon (voice), Mr Tonbridge (guitar) for their work at concerts. Thanks also to Mr Ellingworth (clarinet and saxophone) for supplying new ideas for before Jazz Band. Mr Keeping has been a regular supporter of curriculum days and guitar workshops. Mr Stockwell has ensured our drummers are highly inspired and has been a wonderful assistance in updating our percussion section. Mr Fish has been so popular in his brass teaching that some pupils want lessons twice as long as normal! New in this year are Mr Wolfe, who has fitted violin teaching in around his professional conducting engagements in London, and Mr Fagg, who has stretched and challenged our most able pianists.



Sadly, the end of the year marked the end of an era for the Music School. Mr Briggs' announcement that he was to leave for Edinburgh caught us all by surprise. His unique approach to music learning will be very sadly missed by a whole raft of pupils, particularly all brass players. As we wish him well in his future role, we are also delighted to welcome Music Animator and Administrator, Miss Suzy Johnson, who will be joining us from September.

**Gareth Stubberfield**  
Director of Music



# DRAMA AND THEATRE STUDIES

2010/2011 was another busy year in the drama department. Preparations for the school musical began on the first day back in September with auditions. These are, as always, gruelling, simply because Bethany has so much talent! We had chosen to do the 1970s written musical, 'Bugsy Malone'. This was a popular choice as many of the pupils had already seen the film or a stage performance. It is one of my personal favourites and I very much enjoyed the first read through, seeing the excited faces of the pupils that hadn't any prior knowledge of the show and the questioning that ensued from this introduction. "So it's about Gangsters Miss?" "Do we get to have guns Miss?" Also, "...Will we have real custard pies?" Everyone seemed very pleased with the choice we had made.

The play has a myriad of characters so, despite being a marathon to cast, this meant that I was able to give everyone a speaking part, or at least a few lines. Bugsy Malone was played by James Cameron (Year 12), and Ruth Semmens (Year 11) was his leading lady, Blousey Brown. Together the pair had a wonderful stage presence and Ruth's beautiful voice stole the show. Charlie Barratt adopted the character of Fat Sam from the word go and I couldn't see anyone else in the role after that. Catherine Snow boldly took on the role of Tallulah, originally played by Jodie Foster in the movie. Catherine once again proved herself to be an accomplished actress. She knows how to make an entrance, and the audience were transfixed on her as she swaggered across the stage. The show was a great success, and much fun was had by all, including me as I was "splurged" in front of the audience. Shaving foam does not taste nice, I can assure you!



## SCHOLARS PERFORMANCE EVENING

No sooner had the musical finished, when the scholars were immediately in rehearsal for their performance evening. This was an evening of music and drama to showcase our scholars' talents. Some of the extracts performed were from the following plays: 'Chapter Two' by Neil Simon; 'Minuet and Trio' by J Hayden; 'Teahouse of the August Moon' by John Patrick; 'Staggs and Hens' by Willy Russell; 'Lunch Hour' by Jean Kerr; 'The Gingerbread Lady' by Neil Simon; and 'Dracula' adapted by David Calcutt. It was a very successful evening, and showcased the talent and dedication of Bethany's drama department. One particularly successful pairing was between Lucy Paffard (Year 11) and Dorothy Beales (Year 7). Lucy played an irresponsible mother with an alcohol problem and Dorothy was her devoted teenage daughter. Both were able to create a truthful performance that communicated complex emotions – it was truly heart warming.

## EXAM PERFORMANCES

Overall the GCSE results were great this year. The five Year 11 performances on the theme "change" were: 'Mirror Mirror on the Wall'; 'The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll'; 'Dracula - The Fallen God and his Dark Angels'; 'Harrison and Velma - The Woman in Him'; and 'Scrooge Today'.

Instead of performing, three of the pupils from Year 11 elected to study a technical unit in disciplines such as set design, sound and lighting. One pupil gained exceptional marks for his sound design project.

The sixth formers had their equal share of success this year with both the A5 and A2 pupils achieving 100% A\* to C passes. The performance work of both year groups was of a very high standard. Year 13 devised a fantastic piece called 'What Would Man Do?' that secured them sound grades to enter into the final written examination. The success of their performance must partly be attributed to the help of some of their peer group who were cast in minor roles and attended the rehearsals giving up their free time.





I directed a successful production of the play 'Haunting Julia' by Alan Ayckbourn in order to fulfil the Edexcel AS requirements. It's a dark but humorous play about a young dead musical prodigy called Julia Lukin and the questions that surround her apparent suicide. I am pleased to say that one member of the cast gained an 'A' grade for his performance. I did in fact go to see the professional version in the West End the week after the examination, and I believe our production was a more exciting version of the play, thanks to all the special effects created by the crew. One member of the audience that attended the examination commented that it was the scariest thing that she had ever seen. This was of course our intention.... to scare our audience!

## LOWER SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Once the examination performances were out of the way it was time to begin rehearsals for the Junior Shakespeare production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. Some of the pupils were initially a little reluctant to audition but once they had a better understanding of this wonderful story, they embraced it wholeheartedly. Rehearsals were underway shortly after Easter with James Cameron (Year 12) successfully taking on the role of Assistant Director.

I decided that I wanted to set the play during the Edwardian period, as I had a vision of the play being set in a beautiful Folly on the edge of an enchanted wood. Set in the traverse, the audience were able to watch the tale unfold from various perspectives. The final artistic designs were created by a team ably led by Mrs Brett, and consisted of Victoria Combes (Year 12) and Natasha Brattle (Year 10).



I was also grateful to Thea Marshal (Year 10), my Rehearsals' Assistant and Costume Attendant, as without her mature attitude backstage would not have been quite so well organised. She is a natural contender for the role of Assistant Director once she reaches Year 12. There were many commendable performances, not least Jack Wood as Oberon and Amy Tucker as Helena, who both made light work of Shakespeare's language. Amelia Page created a wonderfully feisty character for Hermia, and the fight scene between the girls captured all the right nuances, while making the audience squeal with excitement. I was most pleased with the show and was overwhelmed by the thanks and farewell wishes from the pupils on the last night.

I have very much enjoyed working at Bethany School, and I hope that I leave you with some fond memories. Thank you!

**Claire Matthews**  
Acting Head of Drama





# UPPER SIXTH LEAVERS 2011



**BENJAMIN ASHWORTH (2009)**  
Biology, Business Studies, Media Studies, BTEC Sport  
Prefect  
Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award  
1st XV Rugby Captain, 1st XI Football, 1st XI Cricket  
Bournemouth, Events Management



**JOHN COCKCROFT (2004)**  
Biology, Chemistry, Maths, Physics  
Prefect  
Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award  
Gap Year followed by Medicine at university



**BRANDON BEGG (2004)**  
Design & Technology, Drama, Media Studies,  
BTEC Sport  
Deputy Head of School, Head of Roberts  
1st XV Rugby, 1st XI Cricket Captain,  
1st XI Hockey Captain  
Portsmouth, Media Studies & Entertainment



**OLIVER COOTER (2004)**  
Biology, Food Technology, Geography, Media Studies  
Prefect  
Sheffield, Food & Nutrition



**JAMES BILLSON (2006)**  
Business Studies, Geography, History, Media Studies  
Prefect  
Reading, Archaeology & History



**PATRICK CULLINEY (2006)**  
Business Studies, Drama, History, Media Studies  
Deputy Head of School  
Surrey, International Hospitality Management



**OWAIN BLUNKETT-EVANS (2004)**  
Business Studies, Chemistry, English, Physics  
Prefect  
Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award  
1st XV Rugby  
Glamorgan, Chemistry



**COURTNEY DELIEU (2006)**  
Applied Business, Drama, Media Studies  
Head of Speakers  
Hockey Captain, 2nd Netball Captain  
Winchester, Events Management



**MILLICENT BRYAN (2006)**  
Media Studies, Photography, Textiles  
Gap Year



**TIMOTHY ELLIS (2006)**  
Design & Technology, Geography, Music, Photography  
Prefect  
Royal College of Music, Diploma



**WILLIAM CAIRNS (2009)**  
Biology, Business Studies, Media Studies  
Prefect, Head of Kiplings  
Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award  
1st XI Hockey  
Gap Year followed by university



**IAIN FERGUSON (2006)**  
Art & Design, French, Media Studies, Photography  
Hertfordshire, Film & TV Production



**RITA CHUNG (2009)**  
Business Studies, Chinese, Maths, Physics, Textiles  
East Anglia, Accounting & Finance



**ALEXANDER FIELDS (2006)**  
Chemistry, Drama, History, Physics  
Prefect, Head of Speakers  
Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award  
1st XV Rugby, 1st XI Hockey  
Gap Year followed by university



**CLARA CHUNG (2009)**  
Arts & Design, Chinese, Business Studies, Maths,  
Textiles  
West London College, Art Foundation



**SPENCER GARRETT (2004)**  
Biology, Chemistry, Geography, History  
Prefect  
1st XI Rugby  
Gap Year followed by university





**PATRICK GENTLE (2005)**  
 Biology, Design Technology, Food Technology,  
 Photography  
 Prefect  
 Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award  
 Tesco management training



**CAMILLA LEVETT (2006)**  
 Art & Design, Photography, Textiles  
 Head of Roberts  
 Gap Year, then Middlesex University, Photography &  
 Fashion



**KATIE HARRINGTON (2007)**  
 French, Media Studies, Photography, Religious Studies  
 Kent, Health & Social Care



**ZOE LIN (2009)**  
 Chinese, Food Technology, Maths, Media Studies  
 Hertfordshire, Communication Studies



**DANIEL HEAYSMAN (2005)**  
 French, BTEC Sport, Spanish  
 1st XV Rugby  
 Gloucestershire, Sports Strength & Conditioning



**KANE LUCAS (2004)**  
 Applied Business, Geography, Media Studies  
 Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award  
 Gap Year followed by university



**GEORGE HOLKER (2005)**  
 Biology, English, Geography, Religious Studies  
 Prefect  
 Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award  
 1st XV Rugby  
 York, Philosophy



**EDWARD MALAN (2006)**  
 Business Studies, Geography, History,  
 Religious Studies  
 Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award  
 East Anglia, Philosophy



**REBECCA KNIGHT (2004)**  
 English, History, Music, Religious Studies  
 Prefect  
 Kent, History



**REBEKAH MARSHALL (2004)**  
 Drama, English, History, Religious Studies  
 Head of School, Head of Kiplings  
 1st Netball Captain 1st XI Hockey, 1st Rounders  
 Canterbury Christ Church, Occupational Therapy



**HUSSEIN LAMPTEY (2004)**  
 Business Studies, French, History, Physics  
 Prefect  
 Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award  
 1st XV Rugby, 1st XI Football  
 Sussex, Engineering with Foundation Year



**AMELIA MECKLENBURGH (2006)**  
 History, Media Studies, Photography, Textiles  
 Prefect  
 Canterbury Christchurch, Art Foundation



**MICHAEL LEES (2006)**  
 Business Studies, Maths, BTEC Sport, Spanish  
 Prefect  
 1st XI Football, 1st XI Cricket  
 Hull, Business Studies



**RICHARD MILLS (2005)**  
 Applied Business, BTEC Sport, Photography  
 Head of School  
 Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award  
 1st XV Rugby, 1st XI Cricket, 1st XI Hockey, Senior  
 Tennis  
 Bournemouth, International Hospitality Management



**DOROTHY LEUNG (2009)**  
 Art & Design, Chinese, Maths, Textiles  
 West London College, Art Foundation



**JENNIFER NEWTON (2006)**  
 Biology, English, Religious Studies, Spanish  
 Prefect  
 1st XI Hockey  
 Sheffield, Criminology



## UPPER SIXTH LEAVERS 2011

**CEM OSMAN (2006)**

Applied Business, BTEC Sport  
 Prefect  
 1st XV Rugby, 1st XI Football, 1st XI Cricket, Senior  
 Tennis Captain  
 Working in family business

**JOSHUA STANBRIDGE (2004)**

Business Studies, History, Physics, Religious Studies  
 Prefect  
 Kingston, History

**ROMAIN OSSORGUINE (2009)**

Business Studies, French, Spanish  
 1st XI Football  
 Studying in Paris

**GEORGE TANTON (2004)**

English Literature, Geography, History, Religious  
 Studies  
 Prefect, Pengelly Society Secretary  
 Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award  
 1st XV Rugby  
 Canterbury Christ Church, History

**JASON PAN (2009)**

Chemistry, Chinese, Maths, Music, Physics  
 1st XI Hockey  
 Royal Holloway, Computer Science

**NATHAN TAYLOR (2006)**

Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Maths, Spanish  
 Reading, Accounting & Management

**DAVID PETERS (2004)**

Applied Business, Physics, Religious Studies  
 Northampton, Accounting & Finance

**ISOBEL THOMAS (2004)**

Drama, Media Studies, Photography, Physics  
 Deputy Head of School  
 Vice Captain 1st Netball, Captain 1st Rounders team  
 Glamorgan, Observational Astronomy

**GEORGE RAW (2004)**

Art & Design, Business Studies, Design & Technology,  
 Photography  
 Prefect  
 Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award  
 Royal Agricultural College, Property Management

**MAX THOMPSON (2005)**

Biology, Media Studies, Religious Studies, BTEC Sport  
 1st XI Cricket  
 Sheffield Hallam, Politics

**JOHN ROBINSON (2009)**

Business Studies, Maths, Physics  
 Gap Year followed by university

**IVAN VERGUN (2009)**

Applied Business, Maths, Religious Studies, Russian  
 1st XV Rugby  
 London Metropolitan, Sports Management

**ALEXANDER SMITH (2004)**

Biology, Chemistry, Food Technology, Geography  
 Prefect  
 Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award  
 St Mary's Twickenham, Geography

**DORIAN VETRILA (2009)**

Chemistry, Maths, Physics, Russian  
 Liverpool, Mechatronics

**CALVIN SO (2009)**

Business Studies, Design & Technology, History  
 East Anglia, History & Business Studies

**PETER WEI (2003)**

Applied Business, Chinese, Maths, Music  
 London Metropolitan, Business & Economics

**XI WEN ZHANG (2007)**

Art & Design, Chemistry, Chinese, Food Technology,  
 Textiles



# INTER-HOUSE COMPETITIONS

The tension builds each year as the three Houses battle it out for the Jessel Shield. Kiplings and Roberts were neck and neck in the run up to Speech Day but, with excellent results in the Reading Challenge and Masterchef, Roberts swept to victory. Brandon Begg and Camilla Levett, the joint Heads of Roberts, were presented with the Shield on Speech Day. Thanks as ever go to Mrs Digby, our Director of Competitive Houses, who organises all the inter-house events throughout the year.



## TUG OF WAR

The ever popular inter-house Tug of War competition took place towards the end of September. The event fell on an own clothes day, raising money for the victims of the floods in Pakistan. The overall winners were Roberts but well done to all involved.

## BETHANY'S GOT TALENT

The eagerly anticipated "Bethany's Got Talent" show took place in November. Twelve acts took part, four from each House. We were pleased to welcome back Caroline Turvey, a trained soprano, who made a superb head judge. She was joined by local stage director, Bob Murray, and his wife, Carolyn, who has also directed many productions. A wide variety of acts performed and, while the judges deliberated, there were two highly entertaining staff acts. The delighted winner was Ruth Semmens from Year 11, representing Kiplings, who sang "When I Look at You".



## RED NOSE DAY

Almost £1500 was raised for this year's Comic Relief. On Red Nose Day itself there was an inter-house fancy dress competition (won by Kiplings), judged by one of the School's Governors and everyone, including the staff, entered enthusiastically into the spirit of the day. Some of the outfits were superb. Pupils raised over £200 by voting for a member of staff they wanted to see sponged and then paid to "sponge" either Miss Wood or Mr Mourey! A raffle of arts and craft work raised £520 and cake sales at break time in the run-up to Red Nose Day raised £150. A great effort all round!



## SOME OF THE OTHER RESULTS DURING THE YEAR WERE:

- Public Speaking - Roberts
- Library Quiz entries - Kiplings
- A Question of Sport - Roberts
- Participation in Production - Speakers
- Charities Day, most sponsorship raised - Roberts
- Art competition - Kiplings
- Junior Maths Challenge - Kiplings
- Intermediate Maths Challenge - Roberts
- Spelling Bee competition - Kiplings
- English Reading Challenge - Roberts
- Hunter Essay - Speakers
- Apprentice Challenge - Speakers
- Masterchef - Kiplings
- Total number of merits - Roberts



## GRAVITY KART COMPETITION

This competition ran for the second time with great success in June. Ten karts were entered by Kiplings and Roberts (hopefully Speakers will enter again next year). Due to the rain the competition took place in the Sports Hall and although there were a few mishaps along the way, all in all it was great fun and well done to Kiplings.



# SPORT

## NETBALL

### 1ST VII

The 1st VII kicked off their season with some exceptional wins against Dover College 20-5, Gad's Hill 22-7, Ashford 15-7 and Lingfield Notre Dame 20-14. They held their own against a national player from King's Rochester and gave 100% throughout the season. They have been a committed group of players, attending lunch time practices and they have gelled well as a team. The team improved significantly throughout the season and most players were nominated player of the match, which is a demonstration of the depth of talent. Captain Becky Marshall led by example and gave her all and therefore receives player of the season. The most improved player was Lucy Paffard.

#### S King

### 2ND V11

The seconds started the season well with a win against St Emunds 9-3 and then a draw 2-2 against Dover College. This was followed by a convincing win against Gad's Hill 14-1. Unfortunately we lost the next two matches 3-9 against King's Rochester and 5-14 against Ashford. In the Granville League Tournament the girls played well but we had some tough opponents and came third in our section. Due to some lack of focus and concentration we lost our remaining matches and therefore to improve the team must aim to practice together more often, so that they can learn each other's strength and weaknesses.

Played 8 Won 2 Drew 1 Lost 5

#### E Cornell

### U15A

Squad: Theresa Brattle (Captain), Natasha Brattle, Rosie Wood, Sophie Aldis, Lauren Garrett, Alice Healy, Fab Valentine-Hosein, Emily Smith.

This team enjoyed a very successful season thanks to their enthusiasm and team spirit. All the players deserve a mention for the effort they put into every match. Sophie Aldis had a fine season as GK playing with perseverance and accompanied by Rosie Wood in defence, they proved a force to be reckoned with, as Rosie let very little get by her. Lauren Garrett was a tenacious and determined WD and with captain, Teresa Brattle's powerful and terrier-like commitment to win the ball, they made another strong combination. Fabienne Valentine-Hosein and Emily Smith shared the position of WA and both proved to be agile and dedicated players. Natasha



**1st VII Netball**

**Back Row:** Miss King (Coach), Charlotte Bainbridge, Izzi Thomas  
**Front Row:** Lucy Paffard, India Parry, Rebekah Marshal (Captain), Vanessa Lucas, Lauren Clark

Brattle played GA and went from strength to strength throughout the season with her accurate shooting and attacking play. Her counterpart in the circle was Alice Healy who was skilful in her shooting and rebound playing. Well done to all the girls.

Played 8 Won 5 Drew 1 lost 2

#### E. Cornell

### U15B

The U15b team struggled to find form at the beginning of the season and it took them a while to organise the best positions and tactics. Nevertheless by half term, the lunchtime training sessions started to make a difference and the team found winning form. There were wins against St Edmund's, St. Lawrence and Ashford and a narrow defeat against Lingfield Notre Dame by 1 goal. The girls should be very pleased with their progress and this enjoyable season of netball.

#### S King

### U14A

The U14a team had a phenomenal season and this is due to their individual talent as well as their ability to play as a team. They really came together as a group and with three new players this season this was not an easy task. They trained well as a group and gelled well as friends and team mates. They have transferred their knowledge on to the court and played to the best of their ability. They secured notable wins against Ashford 'A', St Gregory's 'A' & Beechwood 'A'. All in all this was an outstanding team effort and a team with great potential for the future.

#### S King

### U14B

The U14b team had a successful season winning all their matches all be it only four. The most notable win was against Beechwood where the team really gelled and played some good netball with fluid passes by the centre court and accurate shooting by Frankie Holmes. We won 12-1. Paige Goodger captained well, encouraging the team throughout the season and both Izzy Carpenter-Calcutt and Milly Clark proved valuable members of the squad. Ruth Marsden improved throughout the term and Claire Snow, a late addition to the team, gave her all. Mia Hope and Emily Bristow were both reliable and conscientious team members..

Played 4 Won 4

#### E Cornell

### U13

The season started well with a draw against Skippers Hill. This was followed by a convincing win against Benenden 12-2. The rest of the games showed a marked improvement as the players gradually learnt to know each other's roles within the team, but unfortunately the next three games were losses. Due to the adverse weather conditions the final two matches had to be cancelled but the squad continued to work hard to improve their play and I look forward to the next season.

Squad: Sophie Marland, Rachel McDermott, Phoebe Mills, Alex Tate, Cheyenne Walker, Daisy Barron-Bligh, Grace Hebblethwaite, Sarah Young, Rosie Ward.

Played 5 Won 1 Drew 1 Lost 3

#### E. Cornell



**2nd VII Netball**

**Back Row:** Amanda Hill, Jessica Peters, Luca-Francine Wocken, Aurelie Tack, Isabella Healey  
**Front Row:** Jess Leaper, Megan Knapp, Charlotte Hemmings, Yasmin Gordine, Courtney Delieu



# GIRLS HOCKEY



## Senior Girls Hockey

**Back Row:** Lucy Paffard, Amanda Hill, Rebekah Marshall, Vanessa Lucas, India Parry, Mrs Wareham (Coach)  
**Front Row:** Ruth Semmens, Yasmin Gordine, Jess Leaper, CJ Delieu (Captain), Lauren Clark, Megan Knapp, Jenny Newton

## SENIOR

The senior team improved with every match. At first, they were still adapting to a new coach, new team mates and a different formation, but over the season, they began to really gel. Our matches were well fought games, with the girls demonstrating real grit and determination, even when they fell behind. Solid defence from Amanda Hill, Alice Marland and Yasmine Gordine helped our excellent goalkeeper, Jenny Newton, who was always keen to come off her line and take to the ground in order to prevent the opposition from scoring. Ruth Semmens, our trainee goalkeeper, also made some fine saves in addition to playing on pitch. The team was ably captained by CJ Delieu, assisted by India Parry, whose good hardworking ethics and excellent distribution of the ball kept the opposition guessing. Vanessa Lucas, Georgia Jackson, Jess Leaper and Becky Marshall all demonstrated a good ability to penetrate the attacking half, with Lauren Clark, Lucy Paffard and Megan Knapp backing them up from midfield. This was a good season, with the promise of more to come next year.

Match results: 1 win, 2 draws and 3 losses.

### J A Wareham

## U15

The Under 15's had a good season, developing well as a team. Their skills progressed throughout the season and everyone played to the best of their ability, giving their all.

The first match of the season was against Gad's Hill. After Izzy Dowse bravely agreed to play in goal, the match got underway and the team began to gel. With more lateral movement of the ball we built pressure in the opposition D, with Jemima Harris scoring the first goal. A few minutes later, we managed to force further mistakes and Theresa Brattle scored our second. The second half started quite well, although we had to absorb a lot of pressure and work hard. After a great counter attack, Thea Marshall found herself in the perfect position and scored. The final result was a well-deserved 3 – 0 win for Bethany (Player of the match: Jemima Harris).

The next matches were away against King's Rochester and Cobham Hall. King's always puts a strong team out and it was a great match, with chances to score on both sides, but the 'keepers were on fire, preventing any goals being scored. A 0-0 draw was a satisfying result. The match against Cobham Hall started well, but an unfortunate defensive error put Cobham in front and they scored again early in the second half. We

played on with determined defence, breaking away from our goal line and attacked with a vengeance, Au-Nais Fort scoring a great goal. With a few seconds remaining we broke away again, Fab Valentine-Hosein scoring a well worked goal. The final score: 2-2.

The season continued with a 7-a-side match against Beechwood. We succumbed to early pressure and allowed Beechwood to score but then settled, preventing many attacks from being converted into points. We allowed Beechwood two further goals before getting one back. The second half was much better, although Beechwood scored two more without reply. The final score of 5-1 was not a true representation of the outstanding effort that the whole team made. The next match was against Ashford. Often a challenging fixture, the team was up for it and the first half started well, with Lauren Garrett and Jemima Harris each scoring in reply to Ashford's three. Unfortunately, Ashford scored another two goals without reply in the second half, taking the final score to a 2-5 loss.

The final matches of the season were in the Granville League 7's tournament hosted by St Lawrence. Our first match against Gad's Hill ended in a frustrating 0-0 draw. After an extremely close match against Ashford, with the single goal being scored by Lauren Garrett, the final score was 2-1. Against King's Rochester, Lauren scored again and Theresa Brattle scored too, for a 2-0 win. We then beat Dover College 3-2. The last, and probably the most exciting, match was against St Lawrence who scored three goals in response to Lauren's single goal, but was so closely contested that we felt that we could have won. Relishing the fact that we were the only team to beat the eventual tournament winners, Dover College, we were pleased to finish a respectable fourth in the tournament.

The team can be proud of their performances (Played 12, Lost 5, Drew 4, Won 3) and should look forward to joining the senior squad next season.

Player of the season: Jemima Harris  
Most improved player: Rosie Wood

### D Macdonald

## U14

The U14 team took a while to get themselves together this season. We had some new players and a change in formation, which the girls took time to

adjust to. However, they worked well through practice sessions and matches to come together as a team, rather than just as individuals. The defence, Ciara Reddy, Frankie Holmes and Ruth Marsden really started to be a force to be reckoned with. Amy Tucker, solid as always, assisted by Milly Clark and Evie Davies, began to distribute the ball across the pitch. New goalkeeper Connie Dervish-Hussein took on this role admirably and looked as if she has been playing there for years! Captain Toni Brattle and her vice, Milly Page, both showed real maturity on and off pitch, developing their leadership skills, whilst still playing a good level of hockey at all times. Kate Luxford added speed and stamina to the team and shows the promise of being a useful goal scorer in the future. Both Bobbie Dervish-Hussein and Claire Snow worked hard and showed steady improvement and greater confidence as the season has progressed. Match results: 1 win, 2 draws, 2 losses.

### J A Wareham

## JUNIOR

The Year 7 and 8 girls made great progress this season; from starting out with some shaky games and uncertainty, they proved themselves and came together well. The games were mainly 7-a-side, with various substitutions to ensure all the girls had a game and were in the best position. We have been extremely grateful to both Georgia Langley and India Hoad, our two goal-keepers, who were new to this position and kept us out of trouble very well. Our defence, consisting of Grace Hebblethwaite, Lizzie Stuart, Rosie Ward and Sophie Marland, all worked solidly, making good attempts to defeat any attacks. In the midfield, we were ably supported by Captain Rachel McDermott and Vice-Captain, Rowan Beaumont, who proved themselves hardworking, with Rowan managing to come through in our last game to score some well deserved goals. Our front line players, Eden Fort, Emma Askew and Cheyenne Walker all gave great commitment, with Eden's speed up the wing giving us a positive advantage. Poppy Sadler, Daisy Barron-Bligh, Ellie Firth, Halina Markiewicz and Alex Tate all played for the school team too, enabling us to have substitutions and to change the team system, when necessary. All in all, this has been a most pleasing season for all and although we lost all our games, we have now learned how to score ourselves! Well done!

### J A Wareham



# SPORT

## ROUNDERS

This was a short season for all the girls' rounders teams, due to the length of the term and the added pressure of public exams. However, all the teams enjoyed a couple of matches and all girls improved over the season. Highlights of the season include a senior win over Ashford, 17 ½ - 11, the U15's competitiveness at the Granville League tournament, the U14's win over Buckswood, 13-9, the U13's narrow win against Beechwood, winning 17 ½ to 16 ½ and the U12's win against Gad's Hill U13 team 14-11.

Greatest contribution to Senior Rounders:  
Yasmin Gordine & India Parry

Greatest contribution to Junior Rounders:  
Jemima Harris

Johnson Trophy (for the most rounders scored):  
Yasmin Gordine

**S. King**



### Senior Girls Rounders

**Back Row:** Lucy Paffard, Vanessa Lucas, Rebekah Marshall, Izzi Thomas, India Parry  
**Front Row:** Courtney Delieu, Lauren Clark, Megan Knapp, Yasmin Gordine, Jess Leaper

## TENNIS

The senior tennis team had a very successful winter league campaign this year. Led by squad captain, Cem Osman, they displayed some exquisite play and defeated teams including, Harvey Grammar School, Bexhill College and St. Bede's on the way to winning their league, and progressing into the second round of the knock out stages. A second round defeat ended a fine run, but credit to the team who had done so well. Cem Osman was ably assisted by James Hirst, Richard Mills and Joe Reddy during the campaign. The senior team also played well in a number of summer fixtures, most notably against Buckswood School, Bethany winning in straight sets, and St. Lawrence School when the result came down to the final match and a tie break at six games all. George Allen, Oliver Donovan, Dominic Williamson and Angus Sutton played their part throughout the summer season.



### Senior Boys Tennis

**Back Row:** Will Cairns, George Raw, Joseph Reddy  
**Front Row:** Dominic Williamson, Oliver Donovan, Cem Osman (Captain), Hussein Lamphey, George Allen



The highlight for the Bethany junior tennis teams was the annual Kent Schools tournament when both boys and girls had a very successful day. Both the boys and girls progressed through a tough group of 5 teams, reaching the knock out stages. The boys' team of Sam Hewes, Caper Gill, William Marshall and Jake Martin were knocked out in round 1 of this stage while the girls' team of Jemima Harris and Olivia Douglas reached a very commendable round 3 at this stage.

The tennis season came to a close with a trip to the All England Tennis Championships, Wimbledon. The sun was shining, the ground immaculate, the strawberries and cream ample and the crowds buzzing with excitement. The pupils enjoyed a fabulous day of tennis seeing some of the biggest names in the game and experiencing the unique atmosphere that is Wimbledon.





# RUGBY

## 1ST XV

A season full of surprises and players performing beyond expectations was very much the tale of 2010. A squad which was not blessed with depth, particularly in the forwards, was going to be challenging. Nevertheless Captain Ben Ashworth and Vice-Captain Callum McConnochie galvanised the squad, built belief and led them in every match with committed performances.

After a trial match against Willmington Grammar, when Ivan Vergun crashed onto the scene with two tries in the final trial session to secure a win for the 1st XV, St Bede's arrived at Bethany. A classic match was edged by St Bede's but many players, especially Sam Helesfay and Alex Fields cemented their place in the 1st team with a performance of strength and commitment. The performance spring boarded the squad into a comfortable win against Lingfield Notre Dame and a battle royal in the Daily Mail against Sir Roger Manwood's. A performance of togetherness, determination and bright rugby was the highlight of the season as Bethany secured a 13-12 win. Losses to Kent College and Maidstone Grammar were to follow, however performances were always credible. A significant win against Ashford was well deserved and a number of squad players contributed well. A big performance against Duke of York's was noteworthy with Tristan Smith coming of age. A strong finish to the season was achieved with a 51-5 win against Sutton Valence 2nd XV. It was a game of exquisite running lines, swift ball handling skills and continuity between backs and forwards.

A great season overall and many individuals not already mentioned deserve applause for outstanding efforts: Owain Blunkett-Evans, George Holker, George Tanton and Brandon Begg.

**M Payne**

## U15

The U15's did not win as many matches this year as maybe they deserved. As the season progressed the team grew into a group of players that put everything on the line for each other. At times the defensive tackling from Tee Jay Dervish-Hussein, Luke Kavanagh, Deniz Dogan and Dan Blewett was mesmerising. A number of players have shown that they are almost ready to take on the challenge of playing for the 1st XV next year.

**J Sheppard-Burgess**



### Rugby Squad

**Back Row:** Spencer Garrett, Hussein Lamptey, Cem Osman, Patrick Jenkins, Josh Chant, Tristan Smith, Thomas Difford

**Second Row:** James Cameron, Owain Blunkett-Evans, Alexander Fields, Brandon Begg, Richard Mills, Jamie Hagerty, Ivan Vergun, George Tanton, George Holker, Marcus Woodhouse

**Front Row:** Mr S Davies (Coach), Daniel Heaysman, Callum McConnochie, Benjamin Ashworth (Captain), James Found, Sam Helesfay, Mr Payne (Coach)

## U14

The U14's first match was against Gravesend Grammar on a sunny Saturday morning in September. A strong performance was displayed and new additions to the side, Josh Leaper at scrum half, Josh Burford in the back row and Chris Urie at full back, all settled well and added strength to the performance. The matches against Lingfield Notre Dame, Chatham Grammar and St Bede's were all very competitive but the U14's failed to secure a win. James Lauth always led from the front as captain and Adam Ranson had a good season at number 10. Joe Holland and William Watters also played well in the back line. Duke of York's followed after half term along with Homewood School and Buckswood School. The team played its best rugby in the final matches of the season and a 27-10 win against Homewood School included strong individual play from Adam Ranson and Josh Burford, but most notably excellent linking play between the forwards and backs to create space for the wingers to score in the corners. The momentum continued and although a competitive performance against Duke of York's resulted in a loss, the winning streak was reignited against Buckswood. Adam Ranson scored a brace of tries and Tom Robertson scored in the corner after the move of the match. The final result was 38-7 and well done to the whole team on a good finish to the season.

**M Payne**

## U13

This was a very difficult season for the junior rugby team, with three difficult games being lost to the opposition and two potentially easier games being lost to the weather. Strong forward performances

from Ossian Plummer and Jake Hardy kept us in matches we should have lost more heavily and excellent running and tackling from the backs, notably Theo Rimmer, Tom May and Tobias Vij, created chances and kept the opposition at bay.

The season started with a bang, literally, against Ashford as Ollie Craggs dislocated his shoulder in the first tackle of our first match. As he was taken off to see William Harvey, the rest of the team put in a good first half performance and pulled away to a 12-3 lead. However, a disjointed second half followed and the team rarely controlled the ball for any length of time. Nevertheless, Bethany still led 12-10 into the last minute, but then a remarkable Ashford try from deep within their own half, encompassing eight phases and lasting several minutes, won the game.

This last gasp defeat seemed to suck the confidence out of less experienced members of the team and disappointing defeats followed against Gad's Hill and Duke of York's. There were encouraging signs in all of the games, but this promise never held together for long enough for the team to achieve the desired results. The heavy snow late in the term meant there wasn't a chance to try to put this right as games against Chatham Grammar and St. Lawrence had to be cancelled.

The team put in a huge effort and should be very proud of their work-rate, especially Ossian Plummer, who was named Player of the Season for his tackling (which was technically excellent and often painful for the opposition), strong running and try-scoring.

**S. Davies**



# SPORT

## FOOTBALL

### 1ST XI

With new players from Year 11 joining the 1st XI, the team took a while to re-build but, as the season progressed, their performances became more and more assured, culminating in a magnificent performance on the final day of the season.

Early season results were patchy at best; a 5-0 defeat at the hands of Eastbourne was unsurprising as, due to exam commitments, no less than seven second team players had to be drafted in to face strong opposition. This was followed by a very good performance, but ultimately disappointing 1-1 draw, at home to Sutton Valance – Cem Osman getting on the score sheet with a well-taken penalty. A good 6-2 victory against Gad's Hill provided an opportunity for some of the fringe first teamers to show what they were capable of but this was followed up with an inexplicable 6-0 defeat away to Brighton College. We dominated possession for long spells and made only six errors in the entire match – Brighton managed to score from every one!

From this point onwards the team was able to play with a more-or-less settled line up and the performances reflected the growing confidence and understanding that was building up throughout the squad. A 1-1 draw at home to Buckswood should have brought victory but was notable for a magnificent solo goal from George Allen who collected the ball in his own half and dribbled past four opponents before smashing the ball into the roof of the net. This was followed by another draw, 2-2 away at Lingfield, which really should have ended in victory but for Lingfield equalising with almost the last kick of the game – this was another match in which we dominated from start to finish, Hussein Lamptey and Cem Osman both scoring with cool finishes, but two defensive lapses cost us dear.

Two matches against strong opposition came next and both ended in unfortunate defeat. A 4-0 loss at home to Cranleigh (easily the strongest opponents we played all season) saw an outstanding performance from our defensive rearguard who were under pressure from start to finish – quite simply we were undone only by their height advantage, as all four goals came from set pieces. This was followed by a 1-2 defeat in the return fixture against Eastbourne – a feisty match was marked by a splendid 30 yard half volley from George Roberts which looped over their keeper and actually gave us the lead before they scored two goals late on to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat.



**1st XI Football**

**Back Row:** Michael Lees, Romain Ossorguine, Benjamin Ashworth, Cem Osman, Mr J Vickerman (Coach)  
**Front Row:** George Allen, James Found, Callum McConnochie, George Roberts (Captain), Hussein Lamptey, Thomas Difford, Toby Lansdale

The final match of the season was away to Sutton Valance for another "second leg" match. We were simply superb on the day; dominating from start to finish but, this time, we made our chances count and ended with a thoroughly deserved 4-2 win. Sutton Valance surprised us by taking an early lead with their first attack of the game but George Allen equalised with a good turn and shot minutes later. Cem Osman was unlucky to see his penalty saved before half time but, as the second half commenced, we really turned on the style; Hussein Lamptey gave us the lead minutes into the half with a rasping shot and, moments later, doubled his tally as he seized on a mistake from their keeper to score off the post. Sutton Valance managed to pull one back against the run of play but our cushion was restored after outstanding work from Mikey Lees on the right wing led to a cool tap in for Romain Ossorguine. A great way to end the season!

Outstanding performers came from captain George Roberts, vice-captain Mikey Lees, and defensive lynchpin Callum McConnochie. Top honours, though, go to player of the season George Allen.

**James Vickerman**

### U15

The U15 football team had a mixed season of results. Steady progression in their play saw their passing and moving improve as they began to perform as a team. This allowed for smooth interplay and chances were created more frequently. This fluent football led to a great performance against Lingfield Notre Dame, winning 5-1, and rectifying the 2-0 loss to the same team at the beginning of the season. Goals from Jordan Monks, Nat Marshall and Dan Blewett throughout the season gave the opposition teams something to think about and visiting teams knew they were in for a match when they came.

Player of the season – Dan Blewett,  
 Top goal scorer – Jordan Monks

**J Sheppard-Burgess**

### U14

The U14 team began the season slowly with some early losses. After putting in some hard work in training and better team play the performances improved and results began to come. There is still room for better team cohesion and passing football if the U14's wish to compete at a higher level. Goals from Adam Ranson and support play from Josh Leaper and Daniel Yussuf gave the team a solid backbone.

Player of the season and top goal scorer  
 – Adam Ranson

**J Sheppard-Burgess**

### U13

Due to a busy start to term the team began the season with only one training session behind them. As a result, the match had the feel of a Community Shield fixture. Despite narrowly losing, Bethany played well at the end of the match when all first team players were on the pitch.

The team continued to tour Kent and Sussex, moving onto Linfield Notre Dame. Unfortunately the team struggled to cope with the windy conditions, slipping to a disappointing loss. However, this seemed to galvanise the team and leading players such as Declan Robinson and James White began to take charge.

The next two fixtures saw younger players such as Harry Brushett and Ephraim Perry-Baylis shine through. The team narrowly missed out on making the quarter finals of a five-a side tournament, losing in the longest and most dramatic penalty shoot out ever seen!

As the season progressed the team welcomed back key striker, Theo Rimmer, who had been the missing link in Bethany's neat approach play. Bethany notched up two outstanding wins against Dover and the return fixture against Lingfield. The season concluded with a hard fought win against St. Lawrence. Special mentions go to Year 8 who have helped the team succeed over the last two years, and to the younger players who have shown that they are capable of leading the team next season.

**J Austin/R Briggs**



# CRICKET

## 1ST XI

The 1st XI came up against some strong opposition this summer and coupled with losing a large chunk of the squad last year it made for a difficult season. The Year 11's stepped up and filled the gaps well and became integral to the team's set up. With close games against King's Rochester and Dover College it was a shame the boys could not record a win after getting themselves into winning positions in the match. In the annual match against the Forty Club the boys had a great experience and as usual the opposition was very impressed with both their conduct and sportsmanship throughout the day. Notable performances with the bat this season came from Cem Osman, with a good 50 against King's Rochester, and with the ball Mikey Lees and Max Townley. Hopefully with the influx from a strong U15 team and development in the current squad a more successful season will be had this coming summer. With a newly laid grass wicket, the excitement of the upcoming Cricket tour to Barbados in 2013 and a big drive on winter nets after Christmas, there are many positives for the future of cricket at Bethany.

### J Sheppard-Burgess

## U15

The U15's had a very successful summer with convincing wins against good opposition. With wins against the likes of King's Rochester, St. Lawrence and Lingfield Notre Dame, the boys set a solid foundation for a hugely positive season. A strong performance in the King's Rochester 6's tournament led to a second place finish with the boys only just missing out on the winning spot. Stand out players were Dan Blewett, Jake Martin, John Pearson and Sam Hewes with their bowling, Adam Ranson (playing up a year), Dan Blewett, Ollie Kemp and Fred



**1st XI Cricket Team**

**Back Row:** Mr Sheppard-Burgess (Coach), Cem Osman, Max Thompson, Richard Mills, Tom Frank, Freddie Raishbrook  
**Front Row:** George Allen, Patrick Cotter, Sam Helesfay, Brandon Begg (Captain), James Found, Max Townley, Michael Lees

Roberts with the bat and Billy Daus with fine displays of wicket keeping. Other notable performances came from Bud Hedges with the ball and Rory Wilson in the field. Many, if not all from the team, will be contenders for places in the 1st XI next season and I hope they can continue their development during the off season to prepare for this.

### J Sheppard-Burgess

## U14

The U14's had a very good season, winning all their games. Adam Ranson and player of the season, James Lutch, shone through, particularly against Buckswood School when no wicket was lost as the boys scored an unbeaten opening partnership of 112 runs. Both players were again in fine form against Lingfield Notre Dame School scoring an opening partnership of 96 runs. Both bowled and fielded very well illustrating their excellent all round cricket abilities. They were supported superbly throughout the season by both Jack Wood and Ryan Askew, particularly in the bowling and fielding side of the game. Josh Leaper grew in confidence and ability as the season progressed, taking wickets in the final game with some fine bowling and was the best new comer. Lots of promise and the boys look forward to a busy cricket season as U15's next season.

### M Payne

## U13

This season's U13 team enjoyed a successful campaign with many convincing triumphs alongside a few defeats where the whole team battled hard. Every player involved in the team this season showed much improvement and a great team spirit was quickly established and maintained. Highlights of the season included an outstanding score of 67 by Henry Olnier, Jake Hardy taking five wickets in a match on more than one occasion, one handed catches in the field by Thomas May and superb leadership by team captain James White. The mention of these four players should not take away from the efforts of the other players who represented the team well, performing with great commitment and fair play. The U13's proved their ability when they challenged the U14's to a match, which resulted in a draw. I am certain that if the members of this team continue to train and play in the manner they did this season there will be much to look forward to next summer.

### J Austin





# SPORT

## BOYS HOCKEY



**1st XI Hockey Team**

**Back Row:** Mr Macdonald (Coach), Dominic Williamson, Tristian Smith, Harry Street, Jason Pan, Justir Chow, Dominic Gasson, Oli Donovan

**Front Row:** Martin Richards, Richard Mills, William Cairns (Vice Captain), Brandon Begg (Captain), Alexander Fields, Jake Sawage, Senna Osman

## SENIOR

The Senior Boys had a very busy 2011 Hockey season. They played nine matches, including some very exciting 7-a-side matches at the Granville League Tournament. The team improved continually, although this season struggled in vain to secure a win. The senior players in the squad have led by example, working extremely hard in both matches and practices and in some cases putting their bodies on the line for the team. The new members of the squad certainly put in the effort to ensure that they kept their places in the team. Our top scorer was Senna Osman with two, ably supported by Brandon Begg, Will Cairns, Conrad Cserjen, Ollie Donovan and Richard Mills, all with one goal each. Overall, it was a very enjoyable season, despite our dubious record of no wins. Well done to the entire squad. Won 0 Lost 8 Drew 1

### D Macdonald

## U15

It was a relatively short season for the Under 15 team this year. We played four matches and one seven-a-side tournament, with mixed success. The team placed fifth overall in the seven-a-side tournament, a reasonable result, especially as we were the only team to beat the eventual winners of the tournament. The rest of the season was not as positive, with some close losses and some slightly more convincing defeats! The team played well together, making progress with each match and developing into a competitive side. Our leading goal scorers were Ollie Kemp (5), Nat Marshall (2), Jack Smith (1) and Rory Wilson (1). Well done to all members of the team for their enthusiasm and 'never-say-die' attitude.

### J. Sheppard-Burgess

## U13

The U13 boys had a flying start to the season, beating Ashford School 5-1. Ethan Marshall, Nick Myrsep-France and Charlie Dean added strength to an already accomplished squad which included James White, Charlie Ryder, George Reed and the ever improving Theo Rimmer. St Lawrence proved a sterner test but we matched them in all areas of the pitch. Oliver Craggs made an excellent debut in goal while George Reed and Druce Roberts held firm at the back. The match was heading for a deserved draw when St Lawrence scored from a deflected effort and we lost 1-0. The squad then travelled to St Lawrence for the Granville tournament and a third place finish overall was just rewards for a good afternoon's work with a win against Dover and draws against St Lawrence and Gad's Hill. A return Match against St Lawrence followed the week after and an in form Theo Rimmer scored a hat-trick as we dominated the match and won the game 3-0. King's Rochester was always going to be the most difficult game of the season. Theo Rimmer continued his good form scoring an early goal but Rochester did take a 3-1 lead before James White converted in the final minutes and the game finished with a 3-2 loss. Nick Myrsep-France had a fantastic match in the midfield and the team deserve great credit for a good performance against a very good hockey school. Unfortunately the season came to an end two games short but nevertheless, the squad were very competitive in all matches, a pleasure to work with and showed great promise for the future. Well done to all!

### M Payne

## SCHOOL COLOURS

### Full Colours

Netball	Rebekah Marshall C J Delieu
Girls Hockey	C J Delieu Jenny Newton, Rebekah Marshall
Rounders	Yasmin Gordine India Parry
Rugby	Ben Ashworth Callum McConnochie
Football	Cem Osman
Boys Hockey	Brandon Begg Will Cairns

### Half Colours

Netball	Isobel Thomas Vanessa Lucas Lauren Clark Lucy Paffard Charlotte Bainbridge Jessica Peters Charlotte Hemmings Yasmin Gordine
Girls' Hockey	Lauren Clark Amanda Hill Georgia Jackson
Rounders	Jessica Leaper Lucy Paffard Ruth Semmens
Rugby	Brandon Begg George Holker Owain Blunkett-Evans George Tanton Tom Difford Marcus Woodhouse
Football	George Allen Michael Lees Callum McConnochie George Roberts Hussein Lamptey
Boys Hockey	Justin Chow Conrad Cserjen Richard Mills Jason Pan
Tennis	James Hirst

### House Trophies

Russell Shield:	
Rugby	Kiplings
Warner Cup:	
Football	Kiplings
Boys Hockey	Speakers
Netball	Speakers
Girls' Hockey	Speakers
Athletics Sports	Kiplings
Swimming Sports	Speakers



# SPORTING AND HOUSE AWARDS

**Damien Lee Jones Memorial Cup:**  
Overall contribution to school sport  
– Callum McConnochie

**The Roy Farquharson Trophy:**  
Senior Sportsman – Brandon Begg

**The Powell Cup:**  
Junior Sportsman – Daniel Blewett  
Anthony Clarke Trophy – Richard Mills  
Senior Sportswoman – Rebekah Marshall

**The Green Cup:**  
Junior Sportswoman – Lauren Garrett

**Pippa Blackman Trophy for Academic Excellence in P.E.:** Michael Lees

## RUGBY

**Lawrie Mann Trophy:**  
Greatest Contribution to 1st XV Rugby  
– Brandon Begg

**The Halfhide Cup:**  
Most improved 1st XV player  
– Patrick Jenkins

**Stubbs Trophy:**  
Greatest contribution to Junior Rugby  
– Luke Kavanagh

## FOOTBALL

**Ambrose Rogers Cup:**  
Greatest Contribution to Football  
– Michael Lees  
Top Goal Scorer – Hussein Lamptey  
Most improved 1st XI player – James Found

## CRICKET

**Nigel Kimber Cricket Cup:**  
1st XI – Michael Lees

**Ray Richard Cup:**  
All-Round Achievement in Junior Cricket  
– Daniel Blewett

**Jack White Trophy:**  
Best Bowling Average – Michael Lees

## NETBALL

**Pippa Blackman Trophy:**  
Contribution to Netball  
– Rebekah Marshall  
Junior Netball – Theresa Brattle

## GIRLS' HOCKEY

Hockey Most Improved Player  
– Amanda Hill

Hockey Player of the Season  
– Yasmin Gordine  
Greatest Contribution to Junior Hockey  
– Jemima Harris

## ROUNDERS

Senior Rounders Award  
– Yasmin Gordine & India Parry  
Junior Rounders Award – Jemima Harris

**Johnson Trophy:** Most Rounders  
– Yasmin Gordine

## ATHLETICS

Wing Cup for Intermediate Boys Victor Ludorum – William Scott  
Greenhill Cup for Junior Boys Victor Ludorum – Druce Roberts  
Intermediate Girls Victrix Ludorum  
– Rosie Wood  
Junior Girls Victrix Ludorum – Emma Askew

## JUNIOR AWARDS

Marriott Junior Boy Performance & Commitment Award – Theo Rimmer  
Marriott Junior Girl Performance & Commitment Award – Rachel McDermott



**P.E. Department Staff**

**Back Row:** Mr M Payne, Mr S Davies, Mr C D Macdonald, Mr J Sheppard-Burgess  
**Front Row:** Mrs J Wareham, Miss S King, Mrs F Johnson



## SPORT

## ATHLETICS RESULTS



## BOYS

U13 100m	D Roberts (K)	13.22
U14 100m	C Urie (K)	13.80
U15 100m	N Marshall (R)	14.22
U18 100m	G Allen (K)	13.00
U13 200m	T May (R)	30.72
U14 200m	T Billson (K)	37.69
U15 200m	T Dervish-Hussein (S)	28.50
U18 200m	P Jenkins (S)	27.12
U13 400m	H Brushett (K)	1.16.31
U14 400m	R Askew (K)	1.14.06
U15 400m	W Scott (K)	1.02.00
U18 400m	A Clayden-Spence (R)	1.06.38
U13 800m	T Vij (K)	3.04.87
U14 800m	J Leaper (S)	2.44.75
U15 800m	J Smith (S)	2.37.28
U18 800m	G Roberts (R)	2.29.09
U13 1500m	S Farrell (K)	6.18.72
U14 1500m	H Woollam (S)	6.09.50
U15 1500m	S Hewitson (R)	5.43.44
U18 1500m	F Raishbook (R)	5.05.50
U13 Relay	Roberts	1.00.93
U14 Relay	Kiplings	1.00.74
U15 Relay	Speakers	56.75
U18 Relay	Roberts	51.65
U13 Shot	D Roberts (K)	8.25m
U14 Shot	R Askew (K)	7.30m
U15 Shot	L Kavanagh (R)	9.10m
U18 Shot	C McConnochie (K)	9.80m
U13 Javelin	C Deane (S)	25.20m
U14 Javelin	A Ranson ((R)	22.88m
U15 Javelin	J Martin (R)	21.56m
U18 Javelin	R Mills (R)	34.14m
U13 H Jump	N Pearson (K)	1.35m
U14 H Jump	L Shaw (K)	1.30m
U15 H Jump	J Smith (S)	1.55m
U18 H Jump	A Clayden-Spence (R)	1.55m
U13 L Jump	T Rimmer (R)	3.60m
U14 L Jump	T Baldwin (S)	3.35m
U15 L Jump	W Scott (K)	4.65m
U18 L Jump	P Jenkins (S)	4.90m

## GIRLS

U13 100m	R Beaumont (K)	16.66
U15 100m	K Luxford (K)	14.88
U18 100m	M Knapp (S)	16.25
U13 200m	E Askew (K)	36.12
U15 200m	A Page (R)	34.41
U18 200m	I Parry (K)	34.37
U13 300m	A Deveau (K)	1.06.25
U15 300m	R Wood (R)	56.59
U18 300m	G Jackson (K)	1.05.34
U13 800m	H Markiewicz (K)	3.04.87
U15 800m	J Harris (S)	3.36.22
U18 800m	C Bainbridge	3.36.92
U13 1500m	I Hobson (K)	9.34.28
U15 1500m	L Garrett (R)	6.53.93
U18 1500m	L Clark (R)	7.10.69
U13 Relay	Kiplings	1.09.24
U15 Relay	Roberts	1.03.22
U18 Relay	Speakers	1.06.43
U13 Shot	G Hebblethwaite (S)	5.85m
U15 Shot	H Marsden (K)	6.10m
U18 Shot	Y Gordine (S)	6.35m
U13 Javelin	R Ward (S)	10.00m
U15 Javelin	J Nightingale (S)	12.18m
U18 Javelin	C Snow (R)	12.76m
U13 H Jump	S Marland (R)	1.15m
U15 H Jump	A Porter (R)	1.35m
U18 H Jump	E Raishbrook (R)	1.30m
U13 L Jump	E Askew (K)	2.46m
U15 L Jump	K Luxford (K)	3.54m
U18 L Jump	V Coombs (R)	3.12m

## SWIMMING RESULTS

1L Free U13 B	H Olnor	15.24
1L Free U13 G	R McDermott	18.15
2L Free U15 B	R Askew	30.90
2L Free U15 G	I Dowse	34.99
1L Breast U13 B	O Plummer	18.16
1L Breast U13 G	E Askew	21.16
2L Breast U15 B	T Litton	55.03
2L Breast U15 G	N Brattle	44.16
1L Back U13 B	G Reed	17.09
1L Back U13 G	I Hobson	21.34
2L Back U15 B	S Hewes	40.12
2L Back U15 G	T Brattle	43.70
4 x 1 Free U13 B	Speakers	68.50
4 x 1 Free U13 G	Kiplings	63.68
4 x 1 Free U15 B	Speakers	62.60
4 x 1 Free U15 G	Speakers	68.80





# DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD



This was another very successful year for DofE at Bethany with 45 Year 10's embarking on their Bronze Award, 30 Year 11's continuing with their Silver Award and 28 pupils preparing for their Gold Award.

This year marked the end of an era with the retirement of Phil Johnson, who has worked tirelessly to make the D of E at Bethany the success that it is. I must confess to a degree of trepidation as I stepped into his shoes.

This year saw us continuing to develop our use of the eDofE system that participants use to record their progress through their chosen Award. The system has developed during the year and, although it is now more user-friendly, it has caused some

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

Expeditions for the Bronze Award participants included a practice and a qualifying expedition in the Surrey Hills. The Silver Award candidates spent four sunny days in Dorset for their practice, but the weather for their qualifying expedition in the Peak District in September was less accommodating. Despite this, they all successfully completed the expedition.



The Gold Award is of course meant to be a challenge and it certainly was with two practice expeditions to Snowdonia and the Lake District. Both areas are recognized for their episodes of extreme weather and the Lake District provided some valuable lessons in waterproofing their kit and the implementation of emergency procedures in gale force winds and driving rain.



As always, Bethany would not be able to offer the D of E to our pupils without the tremendous support of a large number of the staff, who give up their precious weekends and holiday time. I would like to give particular thanks to Sue Thorpe, for her support and hard work; she has made a significant contribution to the success of the introduction of the eDofE scheme at Bethany.

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

**Dave Schooledge**



# SOUTH AFRICA

On 13th July 15 pupils, from Years 11 & 12 along with four members of Bethany staff and our True Adventure leader began their journey to South Africa and Lesotho. The three week expedition involved a week long community project in the mountainous region of Lesotho, trekking in the South African Drakensberg as well as rest and relaxation in Durban, Hluhluwe and St. Lucia.

Using the first day to recover from the flight and to organise kit and supplies, we then embarked on our five day trek to the beautiful Drakensberg Mountains, to walk the Giant's Cup Trail (as you can see from the photos the scenery was breathtaking). Sleeping in huts and rondavels (traditional huts) but with no electricity, we went back to basics, cooking on Trangias and reading by torch light. With some challenging hills but in high spirits we completed our trek at Bushman's Nek. The following day we replenished our supplies and prepared for our day long pony trek, across the border, into Lesotho. In this remote part of Lesotho, we were welcomed into the community, where we completed a week long project. This was certainly a highlight of the trip for many members of the

group. We built a water tower, painted three classrooms, entertained the young children and mixed with the elders in the village. After an abnormally large snowfall (the most for 20 years), we were evacuated from our project site and continued our journey through the mountains to stay in a backpackers' hostel with several other groups who had also been evacuated. The following day brought a challenging walk through the snow and strong winds, until our descent to lower ground and through the border control.

This left us with a few days for rest and relaxation which included a river tour to spot hippos and crocodiles, a safari at Hluhluwe-Umfolozo Game Park and a cultural evening at Veyane village where we





saw demonstrations of traditional Zulu life. We flew home on 4th August for a well deserved rest, with many stories to tell and richer for the experience.

Once again, True Adventure provided a very professional and friendly service. Lorraine Leavers was a very experienced and knowledgeable leader.

It was a fantastic experience for all those that took part and provided memories and friendships which will last a lifetime.

A gallery of larger photos is available on our website; we hope you enjoy viewing them as much as we did taking them!

**Miss S King**





# STAFF MOVES

## SUE BICHENO



Miss Bicheno, Miss B, Miss Cappuccino, the lady of several names, retired in December 2010 after seven years of dedicated and wonderful service.

Little did we know what we were getting when Sue Bicheno first arrived for interview. As a matter of fact she was late. There was a supper for all the candidates the evening before the formal interviews and due to traffic congestion, Sue was late in arriving but, nevertheless, made a very positive entrance.

Her warm and engaging personality ensured that all those who came into contact with her had their spirits raised. Ms Bicheno was incredibly popular with the pupils at Bethany and formed a particularly good relationship with the Prefect body. In her time at Bethany she was also synonymous with many much-enjoyed expressions, for example: 'act with decorum', 'synchronised swimming smile', 'close of play'. She had such a warm personality, that many pupils, in their hour of need, would go to her to share their concerns and seek advice. Ms Bicheno, alongside her senior role in the school, also taught PE/Games, Maths and ICT.

Sue was particularly good at supporting pupils of weaker ability; she always knew the right words to boost confidence and enhance self esteem. Around campus Sue wore a smile on her face and saw the best in everyone; she had the innate skill of being able to jolly along even the most downbeat pupil!

Sue Bicheno was involved in so many areas of school life that it is impossible to recount them all. They included the Carol Service, Easter Service, Speech Day, Remembrance Service, End of Term Staff events and many other events that involved parents, food and wine!

As a colleague on the Senior Management Team, Sue was unfailing in her loyalty and ability to help out in a crisis, indeed she was never too busy to help a colleague and often did so quietly and with the utmost

professionalism. The greatest compliment that she can be paid is that her enthusiasm and rapport with the young people was as fresh the day she left as the day she started teaching which, on her own admission, was many, many moons ago.

Sue was a unique teacher and person; she contributed richly to the lives of so many during her time at Bethany and will be fondly remembered, for many years, by all those who came into contact with her.

**Francie Healy**

## JOHN CULLEN



John Cullen joined the Bethany staff as an English teacher some 20 years ago. Of course, John was much more than just a mere English teacher. He decided to lead the Public Speaking side of Bethany shortly after arrival and,

regularly coached, our pupils to victory in various Public Speaking competitions such as Young Enterprise, Tenterden Rotary Club and internal Competitive House competitions. He also ensured that pupils who were required to speak or read at Bethany events such as the Carol Service and Speech Day rehearsed well in his presence and were properly prepared. In addition John was a Tutor in Kendon House for every one of the twenty years spent at Bethany and in recent years his mastery of the spoken and written word made him a natural choice to help oversee the production of the School magazine, The Bethanian.

Within the staff body John was valued as a quick-witted personality who had the knack of summarising situations and challenges with accuracy and perceptiveness. We particularly enjoyed occasions when John spoke and demonstrated his own talent as an excellent public speaker; often finding ourselves reduced to tears of laughter! His memorable role as a 'dog' in the staff pantomime was delivered with much hilarity and excellent timing and the pupils clearly enjoyed to see his unveiling! The quality of his end of term reports for the pupils that he taught were simply superb. Whenever one read a subject report written by John, one could immediately imagine the pupil in the class doing exactly what John had penned in the report. He has an enviable talent whereby he writes as other people see.

John's cheery presence around the School is sorely missed. His insightful and profound commentary on topical events, be it within the School or nationally, was always enlightening. John always left a lasting impression when he put his mind to it. I clearly remember the day several years ago, on a Red Nose Day, when John came to school dressed as the Devil and promptly sat next to Nick Dorey in the Staff Meeting that evening. Only John could do that and get away with it!

Not only was John an English teacher, he was a very good English teacher and the pupils he taught regularly achieved results above their abilities. John, no doubt, will seek fresh challenges in his retirement and I am sure that whatever he does it will involve humour and fun.

**Francie Healy**

## ANNE PRESLAND



Anne Presland joined Bethany eleven years ago as Head of EFL. She quickly got involved in numerous aspects of School life and moved on-site after a year to become an assistant in The Orchard and a sixth form tutor. After five

years she was promoted to the position of Housemistress. In this role she accompanied Mrs Dorey on a recruitment trip to Hong Kong and, on numerous occasions, drove the Gold Duke of Edinburgh pupils to Chamonix and acted as invaluable support to Mr Johnson as a driver and as a caterer. She also came on numerous theatre trips to the theatre in London and organised trips to many places, including France, the cinema and to the supermarket for the boarders in her house.

The word that is most commonly used by Orchard pupils to describe her was 'kind'. Her catering and cakes were legendary. The EFL pupils saw her as a surrogate aunt and she went out of her way to make it home from home for them, baking cakes on their birthdays, arranging meals at Cosmo and Japanese restaurants, trips to Canterbury, strawberry picking down the road and much more. Then there were trips out with the Taiwanese pupils and working at strange hours to read through a piece of coursework or UCAS application to get the English just right.

I will really miss her friendship and her ability to sort the wheat from the chaff.

**Tim Hart Dyke**



## PHIL JOHNSON



When Phil joined Bethany in 2000 he was responsible for introducing the new Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme. In the years that followed he continued to increase the participation by our pupils in the Award, resulting in approximately two thirds of our Year 10 pupils starting the Award at Bronze level, with a considerable number advancing to the Silver and Gold awards.

Over the years, he continued to develop links with local organisations and introduce new locations for expeditions at all levels of the Award, including Gold expeditions to Chamonix in the French Alps.

Phil's commitment to the Award Scheme was recognised nationally with invitations to a Royal Garden party and to act as a marshal at a Gold award ceremony at St James' Palace.

Always appreciative of the assistance that he received from other members of staff, Phil led by example and his contribution to the development of D of E at Bethany cannot be understated. We wish him a long and happy retirement.

### D Schooledge

## HELEN KIRK



### Helen's song, sung to the tune of "Summer Nights"

Guys and Dolls, Oliver too,  
The Wind in the Willows, to name but a few.  
Theatre trips all of the time  
Even Michael's learnt how to mime!  
Drama School, always so cool  
When Helen Kirk's in School.

Tell me why, tell me why  
You've decided to leave?  
Tell me why, tell me why  
All those actors deceive!  
(Riff – Munchkinland, Munchkinland,  
Munchkinland, Munchkinland)

In Pengelly not long ago  
All the boys their affection would show.  
But just now, she's moving on,  
So they'll sing a different song.  
Acorn to Oak written 'bout that old bloke  
And all of Bethany School.

Tell me why, tell me why  
Leaving's always so hard.  
Tell me why, tell me why  
You performed Sheherazade?  
(Riff – Half a car, half a car, half a car, half a car)

They were good now, she took them on tour  
Out to Southborough, band on the floor.  
She continued, battling through show;  
Her commitment they'd truly know.  
Their high grades – best wear those shades  
The dazzling pupils in tow.

Tell me why, tell me why  
Do we ever see Grace  
Tell me why, tell me why  
That Grimm mask on your face  
(Riff – Clowning here, clowning there,  
clowning her, clowning there)

Ed to Mountview, Aaron Eastenders,  
No more bands with ear defenders  
CJ calling out from the crowd,  
Brandon's jokes that get very loud  
Director's chair, dance screamed through the air  
But Oh, we'll get the show right.

Tell me why, tell me why  
Swanny's late on the stage,  
Tell me why, tell me why  
Patrick's got in a rage!

(slower)  
No more Bouncers, Wizard of Oz.  
Joseph's over, Jo just says "soz".  
Now she's got Maddie to care  
Family days – your joy is our prayer.  
Sad for us – you've made the call right  
And so, we miss you tonight.

**Gareth Stubberfield**

## ROBERT BRIGGS

As Assistant Director of music, Robert Briggs made a unique and energetic contribution to the life of the School during his seven years at Bethany. His love of music in all forms has tumbled out of him with great enthusiasm. Be it his excellent piano playing, his cornet tone, or his varied and enthusiastic teaching approach, pupils have been attracted to music through his own inimitable style. Everything about Mr Briggs focuses on music – identifying the note of a light fitting, singing the Coffee Machine music (don't forget the rest) or connecting part of the school with a musical style (who can walk past the Atonal Forest unmoved?). Instrumental teaching flourished under his direction, with many pupils going on to excellent individual results. More recently, he has been responsible for establishing the new GCSE curriculum. The first cohort illustrated his success at his task, all achieving one grade higher than predicted!



In addition, Mr Briggs will be remembered for all his care in the Mount boarding house. With his flat at the end of North Wing, even when not on duty he was a welcome support to all the pupils. They and Mr Khan were very sad to hear of his departure. In between all this, Robert still found time to develop his other passion in life – cycling. A regular in the school gym and in local cycling competitions, he spurred others on to greater sporting achievement in their own fields by his own positive approach. As he moves to Edinburgh, we wish him well for a musical and cycling future!

**Gareth Stubberfield**



## STAFF MOVES

### SARAH MARTIN



Sarah Martin has retired as Head of DLS at Bethany after 37 years in the teaching profession. DLS aptly describes Sarah's approach to teaching – **Dedicated, Loyal, Supportive.** From the age of 16, when Sarah spent time

in a prep school before deciding to teach, through to outreach with the Dyslexia Institute, as Head of Learning Support at Dulwich Prep for 11 years and as Inclusion Manager for vulnerable children in St Leonards, to her final position at Bethany, Sarah has shown these qualities.

Sarah has dedicated herself to ensuring that the dyslexic pupils in her care reach their potential. She has been loyal to the ideals and methods used to teach dyslexic pupils and has been loyal to the schools and organisations she has worked for. She has been supportive to the staff in the DLS department, to the Learning Support Assistants and to all the pupils she has taught.

Sarah has spent the last three years working tirelessly to ensure that the endless paperwork that Entrance Assessments, statemented pupils and Individual Education Plans generate, was completed. Her knowledge, expertise, experience and efficiency have allowed us all to gain further insight into the wider spectrum of support that Bethany pupils require.

Sarah has shown great care for each and every one of her tutor group and has been prepared to try a varied selection of activities, always putting the needs and concerns of the pupils first. Sarah is a consummate professional who will be sorely missed. Her family's gain is Bethany's loss and we wish her a healthy and happy retirement.

**Fiona Johnson & Sharon Thompson**

### JO BRETT



Jo joined the Design and Technology Department over six years ago after another member left suddenly due to illness. Jo had very little time to prepare before she was expected to hit the ground running, and

thankfully for the School, this she did with great skill and dedication.

Throughout her career at Bethany Jo put so much time into her lesson preparation and she was often in school many hours after the rest of the DT Staff had left. I was once told 'There are three things to remember when teaching: know your stuff; know who you are stuffing; and then stuff them elegantly, Jo certainly knew how to do this extremely well.

Jo spent the majority of her time in the Design and Technology department but she also put her heart and soul into Art, Drama, Textiles, the School Productions and she helped with pupil support on occasions. Her dedication to Bethany was outstanding and I think Jo has always been that last little puzzle piece in the timetabling jigsaw of the School and once gone the School will really miss her ability to fit into many departments.

Jo will always be remembered for her love of recycling and an aspect the department will miss is Jo sifting through our large wood scrap box and removing material for her log burner each week. We would quite often see her with her head at the bottom of the box collecting whatever was down there.

When Jo started talking about moving on I was secretly hoping she would stay but at the same time I was encouraging her to leave as I know she wanted to investigate so many more things in life. Many things have surprised us about Jo, one being her love of Kite Surfing and Belly Dancing and we all hope she has much more time to pursue these and other new adventures.

Jo's enthusiasm and dedication will be missed and we wish her all the luck in the world and remember "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."

**Marcus Norman**

### ALISON DONELAN



Alison Donelan joined us as Registrar in September 2006 following the closure of Bedgebury School. Alison came to Bethany highly recommended and we were not disappointed. She

has played a pivotal role in the recruitment of pupils to Bethany and took a genuine interest in their well-being thereafter. She had a wonderful telephone manner and managed to sooth many an anxious

parent. I have lost count of the number of times that visiting parents have told me how impressed they were with Alison and how helpful she was to them. Alison was invariably cheery and upbeat and this positive attribute was also beneficial to those with whom she worked.

Alison has many interests and hobbies, which no doubt will take up more time in her retirement. Of course the arrival of her first grandchild and the fact that she has agreed to assume childcare responsibility in fact means that far from retiring, Alison is simply swapping one job for another! I trust that when her grandson reaches secondary school age, he will be directed towards Bethany!

Alison will, no doubt, keep in touch with the many friends that she has made at Bethany and we all look forward to regular reports about her career change.

**Francie Healy**

### CLAIRE MATTHEWS



Claire Matthews came to Bethany in 2010 as a maternity cover teacher for Helen Kirk, our Head of Drama. She quickly established herself as a dynamic and energetic director of ensemble and whole school productions. Claire

enjoyed encouraging the pupils to express themselves and run with their ideas. Her A level classes' devised drama pieces were innovative and often original, with a creative use of sound and light. Claire had a busy schedule of rehearsals for major school productions, including 'Grease' and 'Bugsy'. 'Godspell' and 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' were her chosen pieces for two junior productions held at the end of her first and second years respectively.

Claire will also be especially remembered for writing and producing Bethany's first ever staff pantomime. From Mr Cullen's memorable 'Fido' to coaching Mr Sheppard-Burgess as Buttons, Claire managed to mobilise a good number of her colleagues to produce a wonderful piece of theatre which was a real highlight of the end the autumn term calendar. Perhaps her most striking achievement in that event was to persuade the Headmaster to dress up as the fairy godmother! We wish Claire well as she continues her teaching, rehearsing and performing in Kent.

**Paul Kilbride**



# POSTCARDS FROM ...



## MONTPELLIER

In December 30 pupils from Years 9 to 11 went on a five day trip to Montpellier. Unprecedented snow in the south east meant that their return journey was far more eventful than had been anticipated.



## SEVILLE

The 2011 Spanish trip for pupils in Years 9 to 11 was both fun and educational. The group was based in Ronda but enjoyed day trips to Seville and to the sunny coast of Puerto Banus.



## NEW YORK

During February half term 40 Business Studies and Media Studies pupils enjoyed an action packed trip to New York which included visits to the Federal Reserve Bank, the Sony Wonderlab, a New York Knicks basketball game and the musical "Wicked".



## ANNABERG

Also during the February half term a party of 25 pupils and staff ventured to Annaberg, Dachstein West in Austria for a skiing holiday. The scenery was sensational and the weather made for some tremendous skiing conditions.



## GIJON

In March a group of A level Spanish pupils enjoyed five days in Gijon in northern Spain staying with host families and working on their language skills ahead of impending exams.



## PARC BAGATELLE

The Year 7's had a very soggy day out at the Bagatelle theme park near Le Touquet in June. The rain didn't deter their spirits as they made the most of the all the rides.



# SPEECH DAY



Speech Day started with the new look Summer Fayre on the Headmaster's Lawn. There was a wide variety of stalls, musical entertainment from the Jazz Band, other musicians and soloists and there were plenty of refreshments.

The annual fashion show raised over £400 for the Hospice in the Weald. Girls from Years 7 and 8 modelled 40 pieces of work produced by senior pupils, all of which were of a very high standard. Rachel Holwegger, Head of Fundraising at the Hospice spoke about the importance of this kind of event for the Hospice. As always Mrs Wood and her team produced delicious canapés and drinks for guests. There were also impressive displays of work in both the Art School and the DT Workshop.





At noon the Upper Sixth Leavers assembled in the Chapel for the Leavers' Service which was followed by lunch for them and their guests in the Upper Dining Hall. The rest of the School picnicked in the various Houses. By 2.30 pm everyone was seated in the Sports Hall for the speeches and prize giving.



The Chairman of Governors, Andrew Pengelly, welcomed everyone. He declared the School to be in good shape. He thanked the pupils, the staff, the parents and the Governors saying: "All in all, Team Bethany is doing well". He acknowledged that Francie Healy had achieved greater success in his first year as Headmaster than anyone could have anticipated and said that the Board of Governors should be congratulated for making such an excellent appointment.



He went on to say that as far as the future is concerned, change is inevitable and the financial climate remains challenging. He announced that the Governors plan to review the school uniform and that a committee of parents, staff and governors will be formed to carry out this review.



The Headmaster's speech focussed on the changing world and he opened with a quote from Charles Darwin: "it is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent. It is the one that is the most adaptable to change." Therefore we must equip our pupils with the tools to cope and adapt. It is no longer the norm to teach children for specific jobs, we need to teach them key skills such as problem solving, teamwork, managing information and communication so that they can meet the challenges that lie ahead and secure the jobs that do not yet exist. Mr Healy went on to say that change can be an opportunity, as well as a threat, and children need to be in a position to take advantage of that opportunity. The challenge for Bethany is to ensure that by the time our pupils leave us they have received an education which will equip them for life in a changing world. Mr Healy concluded by paying tribute to the staff who were leaving at the end of the academic year and welcoming the new members of staff present. His closing words were: "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

This year's guest was the Rt. Hon. Greg Clark, MP for Tunbridge Wells who presented the prize winners with their awards before making his address. He told the audience that he was delighted and honoured to be part of this special

celebration of the past year. He promised to keep his speech short saying: "the brain can't retain what the backside can't endure!" He reflected on his own school days, concluding that much of the advice he had been given had not been good. He encouraged pupils to think for themselves and not to follow the crowd, to trust their own judgement and make decisions based on their own point of view. Mr Clarke has long held an interest in statistics. His speech concluded with reference to the statistician Francis Galton who in 1906 carried out an experiment at a country fair. Approximately 800 people guessed the weight of a butchered ox. When the individual guesses were averaged, the result was closer to the ox's true weight than the individual estimates of most crowd members. The implications of such results have a bearing on politics – together people recognise reality so trust in your own views and don't be pushed off course.

The Heads of School, Rebekah Marshall and Richard Mills, thanked Mr Clark for his wise words and for taking the time to address the school community and they hoped that the audience had been better behaved than the one he is used to addressing in the House of Commons. They reflected on their time at Bethany; the friendships, the trials and tribulations, obstacles overcome and achievements celebrated and many other memories that they will take with them. As they presented Mr Clark with some token gifts (acceptable for the Parliamentary register!) they thanked him for reminding everyone about the important things in school life and encouraging everyone to reflect on them with fondness.

The day drew to a sunny close with tea in the Dining Hall, where the School community was joined by members of The Bethanians' Society, who had held their AGM during the afternoon.

**Alicia Houghton**







# THE BETHANIANS' SOCIETY

ALL FORMER PUPILS BECOME MEMBERS OF THE BETHANIANS' SOCIETY ONCE THEY LEAVE THE SCHOOL. MEMBERSHIP IS FREE AND THE SOCIETY'S COMMITTEE AIMS TO ORGANISE A VARIETY OF SOCIAL EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

## REUNION DAY 2011

Reunion Day 2011 took place on 25th June and as ever was well supported. Following lunch in the dining Hall, the TBS AGM took place in the Upper Common Room and Nigel Kimber was re-elected as President for a second year.



## GEOFFREY BURTON, AGE 99 – POSSIBLY OUR OLDEST BETHANIAN



We have recently had the pleasure of being put in touch with Geoffrey Burton who was at Bethany from 1921 to the end of 1928. We were keen to "capture"

his fascinating recollections of his time at school. If you would like to receive a transcript of Geoffrey's reminiscences, the full transcript is available by email from Alicia Houghton at [ahoughton@bethanyschool.org.uk](mailto:ahoughton@bethanyschool.org.uk)



Geoffrey wearing his Bethany School cap. Photo taken c1921. He started school at Bethany aged 9 years.

## ANNUAL DINNER

The Society's Annual Dinner took place in October 2010 at the Brew House Hotel in Tunbridge Wells. It was attended by more than 60 Bethanians, along with Bethany's Headmaster, Francie Healy, and his wife, Frances, and the five Heads and Deputy Heads of School. It was a great evening which was rounded off with an entertaining wine tasting session.



## SUMMER SPORTS

The cricket match scheduled for 3rd July did not quite go according to plan as confusion reigned as to who was playing and, in fact, whether a match was actually on or not. A small group of enthusiastic players turned up but sadly not enough for a match. However, the barbecue food was ready and waiting and as it really was a beautiful afternoon Robin Toop and Nigel Kimber donned their aprons and cooked the burgers and sausages.



## FAREWELL TO MICHAEL SHARVELL-MARTIN, "MAY YOUR GOD GO WITH YOU"



Many of you may remember the genial actor who appeared alongside Dave Allen in "Dave Allen at Large" from 1971 to 1979. What you may not know is that Michael Sharvell-Martin was a former Bethany pupil from 1956 – 1961 and indeed Head Boy during his final year. Michael sadly passed away in October 2010 aged 66. For more than 20 years he was a regular on British TV, most often seen in various television sketches alongside many comedians. A number of Bethanians attended his funeral along with theatre and television colleagues, including Martin Clunes and William Gaunt.

## PENGELLY SOCIETY

Bethanian Simon Slinn spoke to the Pengelly Society meeting in September 2010. He is pictured here with Roger Kimber and Robin Toop. Later in the school year, TBS President, Nigel Kimber, also addressed the Society emphasising the importance of carrying on friendships made at school into later life. Nigel took the opportunity to encourage the Sixth Formers to become active members of the Society when they leave school.



## 20 CLUB

The 20 Club met for dinner in London in March. 22 Bethanians enjoyed an evening of banter and discussion, mostly about Bethany.



# PRIZES & AWARDS 2011

## **The J.J. Kendon Prize for Effort**

Year 7 Elizabeth Stuart  
Year 8 Max Kelly  
Year 9 Amy Tucker  
Year 10 Alice Healy  
Year 11 An Vu

## **Special Mentions**

Year 7 Jessica Daubeny, Dorothy Beales,  
Emma Askew, Maddy Todd  
Year 8 Matteo Bonini, Connor Knapp,  
Isobel Sherlock, James Cook  
Year 9 Ruth Marsden, Frederick Carter,  
Nicholas Brockwell, Alexander Fuller  
Year 10 Sam Hewes, Rosie Wood, Oliver Kemp,  
Jenny Nightingale  
Year 11 Ruth Semmens, Jonathan Whittome,  
Beth Parrott, Francesca Kenney

## **THE KILBY PRIZE for Junior Art**

Nicholas Brockwell

## **THE DOUGLAS PRIZE for Senior Art**

Xi Wen Zhang

## **THE TEXTILES PRIZE**

Dorothy Leung

## **THE MICHAEL WILLIAMS PHOTOGRAPHY CUP & PRIZE**

Camilla Levett

## **THE STOBART PRIZE for Business Studies**

James Billson

## **THE HOOPER'S APPLIED BUSINESS STUDIES PRIZE**

Cem Osman

## **THE YOUNG ENTERPRISE ACHIEVER OF THE YEAR**

Ellie Raishbrook  
Senna Osman

## **THE NOTLEY PRIZE for Craft**

Nicholas Brockwell

## **THE SAMUEL KENDON PRIZE for Craft & Design**

George Raw

## **THE BREACH PRIZE for Innovation**

Brandon Begg

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

Oliver Cooter

## **THE SENIOR FOOD TECHNOLOGY PRIZE**

Chloe Houghton  
Lydia Healy

## **THE MASTER CHEF WINNER**

Daniel Katwala

## **THE ROCHE PRIZE for Drama**

James Cameron

## **THE JUNIOR DRAMA PRIZE**

Frederick Carter

## **THE CHELMSFORD HALL CUP & PRIZE**

Joseph Holland

## **THE HELEN MEMORIAL CUP & PRIZE**

Beth Parrot

## **THE HUNTER ESSAY PRIZE**

Oliver Beams

## **THE McLAREN ENGLISH PRIZE**

George Tanton

## **THE JUNIOR ENGLISH PRIZE**

Nicholas Brockwell

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

Ruth Marsden

## **THE HENRY HOWARD PUBLIC SPEAKING PRIZE**

John Cockcroft

## **THE MEDIA STUDIES PRIZE**

Brandon Begg

## **The E.F.L. PRIZE**

Ivan Vergun

## **THE MICHAEL DALZIEL GEOGRAPHY PRIZE**

for GCSE Geography An Vu

## **THE HUMPHREY MAXWELL MEMORIAL PRIZE**

for Senior Geography George Holker

## **THE ROGER KIMBER PRIZE for effort in 'A' level Geography**

Alex Smith

## **THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF St GEORGE**

Junior History Prize Tom Frank  
Senior History Prize Hussein Lamptey

## **THE LORD STAMP MEMORIAL PRIZE**

for GCSE Mathematics An Vu  
for 'A' level Mathematics Michelle Wang

## **THE MASON PRIZE for French**

Amanda Hill

## **THE SPANISH PRIZE**

Jessica Leaper

## **THE FINCHAM CUP & PRIZE for Strings**

Dorothy Beales

## **The GARDNER CUP & PRIZE for Guitar**

Tony Nguyen

## **THE HALL PRIZE for the highest music grade**

Emily Bristow

## **THE LUSTED PRIZE for Woodwind**

Claudia Lam

## **THE CHRISTOPHER MONEY CHORISTERS CUP & PRIZE**

Patrick Cotter

## **THE MUSIC PRIZE for progress**

Alvin Lam

## **THE JAMES MORRISEY-CROUCH MUSIC AWARD**

William Scott

## **THE PRIZE for Brass**

Emily Bristow

## **THE THORNTON CUP & PRIZE**

Timothy Ellis

## **THE JAMES HALL MEMORIAL PRIZE for Religious Studies**

for Juniors Ruth Marsden  
for GCSE Amanda Hill  
for 'A' level Rebekah Marshall

## **THE BIOLOGY PRIZE for GCSE**

Ruth Semmens

## **THE BIOLOGY PRIZE for 'A' level**

John Cockcroft

## **THE CHEMISTRY PRIZE for GCSE**

An Vu

## **THE CHEMISTRY PRIZE for 'A' level**

Nathan Taylor

## **THE PHYSICS PRIZE for GCSE**

Hugo Winwood-Paine

## **THE PHYSICS PRIZE for 'A' level**

Jason Pan

## **THE STAMPER PRIZE**

Tom Difford

## **THE MAYNARD PRIZE for the best GCSEs**

Andrew Lockwood

## **THE TENNIS SHIELD**

Cem Osman

## **THE POWELL CUP for Junior Sportsman**

Daniel Blewett

## **THE JUNIOR SPORTSWOMAN**

Lauren Garrett

## **THE SENIOR SPORTSWOMAN**

Rebekah Marshall

## **THE ROY FARQUARSON TROPHY**

for Senior Sportsman Brandon Begg

## **THE PIPPA BLACKMAN TROPHY**

for excellence in Academic PE Michael Lees

## **THE ANTHONY CLARKE MEMORIAL TROPHY**

Richard Mills

## **DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S GOLD AWARD WINNERS**

Benjamin Ashworth, Owain Blunkett-Evans,  
William Cairns, John Cockcroft, Alexander Fields,  
Patrick Gentle, George Holker, Hussein Lamptey,  
Kane Lucas, Edward Malan, Richard Mills,  
George Raw, Alexander Smith, George Tanton

## **THE AMY DONELAN AWARD**

Yasmin Gordine

## **THE RICHARD ASHLIN PRIZE**

Alan Chung

## **THE CHALLENGE CUP FOR GOOD CITIZENSHIP**

Jenny Newton & Oliver Cooter

## **THE ROBERT COUPLAND PRIZE**

Toby Lansdale

## **THE FENECH CUP**

George Tanton

## **THE ALEX MARKS TROPHY for Endeavour**

Cem Osman

## **THE TIMOTHY SEDGEWICK PRIZE**

Elle Osmond

## **THE ROSS TURNBULL PRIZE**

Patrick Culliney

## **THE JESSEL SHIELD for the winning House**

Roberts

## **THE WILLIAM RUZZAK MEMORIAL PRIZE**

The Deputy Heads of School  
Patrick Culliney, Brandon Begg & Isobel Thomas

## **THE EDWARD HAYWARD MEMORIAL PRIZE**

The Heads of School  
Richard Mills & Rebekah Marshall





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