

# the Bethanian

2011/12

Nicholas Palfrey  
*CHARLOTTE*  
*BAINBRIDGE*  
 SOCIETY enlightenment  
*Alice Marland*  
 prospects **Roberts**  
 1866  
 design & tech  
**SPEAKERS** George Roberts  
 EXPERIMENTATION  
**Gareth Humphreys**  
 Winnie Chung  
 Oliver Beams  
 James Cameron  
 Freddy Carboni  
 Ellie Raishbrook  
 Kiplings  
 Tim Ferid  
 creativity  
 Molly Clement  
 Tom Difford  
 Tom Dufford  
 creativity  
*Holly Heifbron-Flades*  
 entertainers  
**KIKO ZHOU**  
 Toby Lawson  
**JAMES HIRST**  
 Rendon  
**CHHO**  
 Charlotte Hemmings  
 Justin Chow  
 Oliver Donovan  
 146 YEARS  
 Bethan Gadd  
**sports**  
 BECKY GENTLE  
 friendly  
 Joe Reddy  
**MUSIC**  
 DRAMA  
**trailblazers**  
 GILES GREENHALGH  
 SARAH HANCOCK  
 visionaries  
 Callum Curtisden Green  
 McConnochie team  
 Miles Smith  
 Victoria Coombs  
 Yasmine Gordinie  
 Patrick Jenkins  
 THE ORCHARD ANALYSTS  
 Andrew Lockwood  
**PENGELLY**  
 Michelle Wang  
 explorers  
 The Mount James  
 Todmans  
 Still  
**FUN**  
**BETHANY**

Savouring Memories  
Since 1866



# OUR TEAM

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS

### Chairman

A Pengelly, *MA, FRCS*  
Mrs R Bates  
D Boniface, *MA, MSc*  
Miss C Bonnet  
Mrs A Carboni, *MA (Cantab)*  
Mrs A Culley, *CertEd*  
J M Fenn, *LLB*  
M L Hammerton, *BSc, MBA*  
Dr R Hangartner, *BSc, MB BS, MBA, FRCPath*  
R M Harmer, *BA*  
Mrs W Hedges  
S Hiscock  
D Jackson, *MA (Oxon), ACMA*  
N Kimber, *BSc, FCA*  
R J Pilbeam  
G Radford

### Bursar and Clerk to the Governors

S J Douglass

## SENIOR STAFF

### Headmaster

M F Healy, *BSc, HDipEd, NPQH*

### Deputy

P Kilbride, *MA*

### Assistant Head, Academic

Mrs D Gale, *BSc*

### Assistant Head, Pastoral

A Sturrock, *BA*

### Chaplain

The Reverend P Bentham, *MA*

## SCHOOL OFFICIALS

### Heads of School

Ellie Raishbrook

### Deputy Heads of School

Giles Greenhalgh

George Roberts

### Prefects

Charlotte Bainbridge

Oliver Beams

James Cameron

Joshua Chant  
Victoria Coombs  
Oliver Donovan  
Tim Ferid  
Dominic Gasson  
Becky Gentle  
Yasmin Gordine  
Holly Heilbron-Eliades  
Charlotte Hemmings  
James Hirst  
Gareth Humphreys  
Patrick Jenkins  
Andrew Lockwood  
Alice Marland  
Callum McConnochie  
Senna Osman  
George Todd  
Philip Woodhead  
Joshua Worby

## TEACHING AND HOUSE STAFF

Mrs S Alexander, *BA*  
R Allen  
Miss K Berry, *BA*  
Miss S Boyle, *MDrama*  
Mrs E Chrysanthou, *BA*  
Mrs D Coley, *MA*  
C Cooper, *MSc*  
Mrs E Cornell, *BEEd*  
C Coupland, *MA*  
S P Davies, *BA*  
Mrs J Digby, *BSc PGCE DipSEN*  
Dr A Ducoulombier, *PhD*  
M Grant, *BSc*  
Mrs K Harper, *BSc (Hons), QTS, PGCE, SpLD*  
T Hart-Dyke, *BA*  
Mrs F Healy, *BA*  
Mrs A Hodges, *BSc*  
Mrs G Hollman, *Cert Ed, PG Dip*  
M W Hollman, *BSc*  
Mrs F M Johnson, *Cert Ed (PE), PG Dip*  
Mrs A C Kelly, *BA*  
A A Khan, *BA*  
Miss S King, *BA*  
Mrs K Lindsey, *BSc*  
D Macdonald, *BSc*  
Mrs P Macdonald, *BSc*  
J Marks, *BSc, PhD*

G Mourey, *MA*  
Miss N Nixon, *BA*  
P Norgrove, *BEEd*  
M D G E. Norman, *BEEd (Hons)*  
M Payne, *BSc*  
Mrs C Price, *BA*  
Miss R Rayner, *BA*  
S Richard, *BA*  
Ms C Romero, *MA*  
Miss Z Sanger, *BA*  
D Schooledge, *BSc*  
J Sheppard-Burgess, *BSc*  
Mrs D Shier, *MSc*  
G Simmons, *BSc*  
G Stubberfield, *BA*  
M Thomas, *PhD*  
Mrs S Thompson, *BA*  
G Thorpe, *BA*  
Mrs S Thorpe, *BA*  
J Vickerman, *BSc*  
Mrs J Wareham, *BEEd (Hons)*  
Mrs A Wood, *BEEd*  
Miss C Wood, *BA*  
Mrs S Wood, *BA*  
Mrs S Worby, *MA*

## NON-TEACHING STAFF

J Bourne  
**Groundsman**  
Mrs C Betts  
**Fees Clerk**  
B Chapman  
**Estates Manager**  
Mrs J Clark  
**Housematron**  
Mrs S Collins  
**Librarian**  
Mrs G Colquhoun  
**Admissions & Alumni Assistant**  
P Crafter  
**IT Technician**  
Mrs J Daw  
**Senior Housekeeper**  
Mrs A Enticknap  
**Science Technician**

Mrs F Fillery  
**Senior Science Technician**  
Mrs A Houghton  
**Marketing Manager**  
Mrs S Humphrey  
**Housematron**  
Mrs L James  
**Housematron**  
M James  
**Assistant Bursar (Accounts)**  
Mrs J Jarrett  
**Human Resources Manager**  
Miss S Johnson  
**Music Animater & Administrator**  
Mrs K Lane  
**Housekeeper**  
M Levett  
**Design Technology Technician**  
Mrs L Lovelace  
**Headmaster's Secretary**  
G Parker  
**Catering Manager**  
A Roberts  
**Caretaker**  
Mrs F Saunders  
**Registrar**  
Mrs C Sender  
**Marketing Manager**  
Mrs J Stapleton  
**Housekeeper**  
Mrs N Stevens, *RGN (ICU)*  
**School Sister**  
Mrs P Thompson, *RGN*  
**Assistant Medical Centre Nurse**  
Mrs D Vince  
**School Secretary**  
G Williams  
**Network Manager**  
Miss L Wilsher  
**Art Technician**

**Acknowledgements:** Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to this magazine in everyway. To Merchant Soul for the vibrant new design, and Edward Kendall, Upper Sixth, for his role as Assistant Editor.



I hope you enjoy the new format of The Bethanian. The layout is quite different from previous editions and I hope that you feel this reflects the vibrancy that exists at Bethany.

As ever, The Bethanian allows one to reflect on the previous twelve months and I remember fondly

# WELCOME



many great events such as the Year 13 Pantomime on the last day of the Autumn term, our six Taiwanese

Exchange Programme pupils who came to stay with us in January who before leaving for the airport had a snowball fight with each other and their hosts and didn't want to leave! I also thoroughly enjoyed the humorous evenings at The Firs with our boarders.

I recall our Charities Day and, of course, the emotional Leavers' Ball held in May. Another fond memory is the "Bethany in the Pink Day" where virtually everybody in the School community wore pink in aid of Breast Cancer Care; I now believe pink suits some people better than others!

The two highlights, however, were the Sixth Form Run the School Day and the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. I decided to let the Sixth Form run the School for a day in late March, including teaching lessons. They did this with maturity and gusto and my abiding memory is the quotation from one of the Sixth Formers, "there is a bit more to teaching than winging it for 50 minutes in front of a group of pupils". I am a great believer in that the more you expect from young people the more they will deliver and our Sixth Form delivered some outstanding lessons that day and the educational experience for everybody in the community was greatly enriched as a result.

I felt that Bethany, being an Independent School in England, should appropriately celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The Queen is an outstanding Head of State and none of us in our lifetimes will probably see another Diamond Anniversary of that ilk. I invited all of the boarders to the garden at The Firs and we had a tea party on Thursday, 31 May and on Friday, the start of half term, our caterers offered

a quintessentially English menu which included Fish & Chips, Bangers & Mash, Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding, Strawberries and Cream etc.

I was delighted with the academic results as once again all of the hard work of the pupils and the dedication of the staff bore fruit. The Sixth Form had the highest proportion of A\*-B grades ever and more of our leavers got into their first choice of University than ever before. At GCSE, our results were, once again, well above the national average, although our pupil profile is average. Religious Studies, led the field with all of its pupils getting A\*, A and B grades.

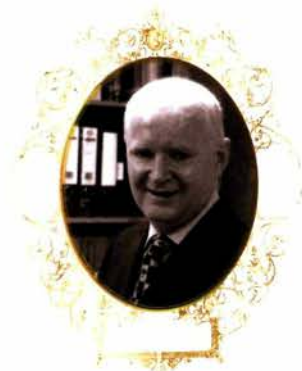
As ever, the real strength at Bethany is the all-round educational experience it proudly delivers to its pupils and the extracurricular activities remain varied, educational and fun. We continue to support those who need this and challenge those who need that extra push in all walks of school life, including Art, Drama, Music, Sport, Duke of Edinburgh's Award etc.

Being an Olympic year, I was delighted with our Speech Day Guest of Honour, Andy Cassell who, as you may remember, was a Gold Medal Paralympian.

The broad international base of Bethany pupils continues to expand with new pupils from Korea and Nigeria joining the School.

I would like to recognise the Board of Governors who are so generous with their time. I would like to thank them for their support, as well as their ability to challenge me and be my critical ally on all matters. There is a great unity of purpose at every level of the Bethany School community from the Governing body, the Staff body, pupils and, of course, parents.

I would like to thank you most sincerely for your continued support and I hope that you will enjoy reading the many articles in this new format. I would particularly like to thank all of the contributors, as well as our Marketing Manager, Mrs Clare Sender, for co-ordinating the publication so well.



*Francie Healy  
Headmaster*

## ● CONTENTS ●

HOUSE REPORTS: TODMANS 04	KENDON 06	THE MOUNT 08	OLD POPLARS 10	PENGELLY 12	THE ORCHARD 14
◆ INTERHOUSE COMPETITIONS 16	👉 UPPER SIXTH LEAVERS 18	◆ LITERACY REVIEW 22	➤ DEPARTMENT ROUND UP:		
MATHS 26	SCIENCE 27	◆ MUSIC 28	DRAMA & THEATRE 30	ART & DESIGN 32	DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY 36
TEXTILES 40	FOOD TECHNOLOGY 42	👉 SIXTH FORM ACTIVITY: YOUNG ENTERPRISE 43	APPRENTICE CHALLENGE 44	PENGELLY SOCIETY 45	
➤ SPORT: GIRLS' HOCKEY 46	ROUNDERS 47	NETBALL 48	RUGBY 50	FOOTBALL 51	CRICKET 52
BOYS' HOCKEY 53	BASKETBALL 53	SPORTS DAY 54	SPORTS AWARDS 55	👉 OUT AND ABOUT: ACTIVITIES WEEK 56	DUKE OF EDINBURGH 60
POSTCARDS FROM 62	◆ NEWS ROUND UP: STAFF MOVES 64	FRIENDS OF BETHANY SCHOOL 67	SPEECH DAY 68	JUBILEE 70	6TH FORM RUN THE SCHOOL 72
SCHOOL COUNCIL 73	BETHANIANS' SOCIETY 74	PRIZES & AWARDS 75			





# TODMANS

---



Another year passes by and another batch of Year 8 boys leave us, ready and raring to go to life in one of the senior houses. This year has certainly been an eventful one, with the annual Charities Day walk at Bedgebury a good way to start. Each tutor group was given a list of things to find and were also instructed to film themselves 'doing something entertaining' as they went (the mind boggles...).



<b>NO. OF PUPILS:</b>	61
<b>HOUSE VICE CAPTAINS:</b>	Alex Wāreham, Steven Farrell, Oliver Craggs, David Williams & Sam Butler
<b>HEAD PRÉFECT:</b>	Joshua Chant

---



The results were brilliant, ranging from Miss Sanger's tutor group dancing and singing Living on a Prayer to Jack Wells being 'assaulted' through the medium of contemporary dance, to Adam Sigward deciding to walk all the way backwards, to Ephraim Perry-Baylis' memorable squat over a horse's deposit, to a spectacular Spitfire fly-past just for us (who needs Will and Kate?) by Alex Monk's Dad.



The Todmans boys raised a magnificent £1050, which was split between our three chosen charities; Kent Air Ambulance, Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust and Cancer Research.

After the initial excitement of the walk, the boys settled back into the ordinariness of School life, enhanced somewhat by the new wall-mounted TVs, X-Box with FIFA 2012 and racing games, football table and – most excitingly – a new bag rack.

### PARTY TIME

The Christmas Party was another hugely entertaining occasion, with the tutors manning different games that the boys moved around in turn, following a magnificent Christmas lunch put on by Mr Parker and his team. The whole thing ended with a splendid relay race in which the students bobbed for apples and then dipped for jelly babies hidden in flour, which I can now recommend

you 'dough' not do at home. As with the Bedgebury walk, the whole thing was filmed for posterity and has been viewed on several occasions since, always inducing laughter.



My team of Captains have done a brilliant job of organising the boys and have set an excellent example and I would like to thank them all: Alex Wareham, Steven Farrell, Oliver Craggs, David Williams and Samuel Butler. We have also been lucky in having a very good team of monitors, led brilliantly by Joshua Chant in Year 13, who has opened the Common Room for the boys every morning at 8.15 come rain or shine.

As in previous years, each tutor group has put on several assemblies with wide-ranging topics. We also had a visit from Richard, a paramedic with the Kent Air Ambulance, who gave an interesting talk on its work.

On Speech Day, the now legendary 'Todmans Tombola' reappeared, along with a new recruit, the Chipping Challenge, which was damned as 'far too hard' by most who attempted it and will need tweaking before next year! The tombola was its usual successful self, with the Todmans parents dutifully queuing up to hand over their money, hoping desperately not to win back the same prizes they'd donated. All in all, we raised £319 to go towards new goodies for the Common Room next year, a great total.

### FUNDRAISING

TODMANS RAISED

**£1050**

SPLIT BETWEEN  
THREE CHARITIES



**KENT AIR AMBULANCE**

**SAMANTHA DICKSON  
BRAIN TUMOUR TRUST**

**CANCER RESEARCH**



### THANK YOU

And so we reach the end of the year, bidding a fond farewell to Mrs Worby, who leaves us to become Head of Science at St. Michael's. I'd like to say a huge 'thank you' to Mrs Worby for all her work over the three years I've been Todmans Housemaster, as well as thanking my other tutors – Mr Cooper, Miss Rayner and Miss Sanger – for their efforts this year. I look forward to doing it all again next year!

*Simon Davies  
Housemaster*





# KENDON

---



he year started with a considerable change in the House with the departure from Kendon of two long-serving staff; Mr Hollman (24 years as Housemaster) and Mr Cullen (Assistant in Kendon for 20 years). Kendon also saw Mr Thomas moving out and into other school accommodation.



<b>NO. OF PUPILS:</b>	58
<b>MONITORS:</b>	William Seys, Martin Richards, Alistair Yiu
<b>HOUSE CAPTAIN:</b>	Freddie Raishbrook

---



We welcomed new faces; Mr Sturrock taking over as Housemaster and Mr Coupland as resident assistant. Together with the new students and several new boarders, an almost unrecognisable House took shape for the new academic year. However Kendon traditions and values remained in the old school building to make for a successful and enjoyable year with notable achievements from academic highs to sporting success.

The diversity that is ever-present within Kendon remained the one constant. We welcomed boarders from China, Hong Kong, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Russia, Italy and the 'Home Nations'.

Kendon's very own William Seys casually made it through to the Kent finals of the Young Enterprise public speaking competition, fending off other speakers despite competing in his second language. William, together with Angus Sutton, An Vu and I made it through to the fourth stage of the Apprentice Challenge where we made a cake in Kendon kitchen. A massive thank-you goes to Mrs Sturrock, her help and advice was invaluable.

It was also pleasing to see Kendon lead the way in school sports. We enjoyed seeing Luke Kavanagh making huge progress on the rugby field, Angus Sutton leading the way with the bat in the cricket team, Martin Richards showing off his stickwork on the Hockey pitch and many of the younger boys featuring as key players in the sports teams this year. The most prominent sporting performance for me was the Kendon v Pengelly football match with Kendon retaining the crown as the best boarding house .... but was that ever in doubt?



## ❧ VICTORY ❧

The side held the lead from an early goal with memorable performances on the pitch from Daniel Blewett, Samuel Helesfay, Angus Sutton and Joshua Leaper and more than memorable off the pitch vocals from Mr Coupland! The side was well managed by Mr Sturrock who was relieved to have won and to have kept alive the Kendon tradition of success in this annual fixture. It was a great occasion and our thanks go to Pengelly for their sporting spirit and for losing with grace!



Every aspect of my final year in Kendon has been fantastic. For me it has been a mixture of challenges, opportunities and achievements. Kendon though would be nothing without the collective efforts of the House Team. A huge thank you is owed to the housemasters, Mr Sturrock, Mr Coupland and Mr Thomas; the tutors, Dr Marks and the house staff, Karen and Kevin for everything they have done and their support to both day and boarding boys in Kendon. We also wish the best of luck to Mr MacDonald, who left Kendon in January to return home to south Africa.

It has been a amazing year for me. I will miss Kendon life but will always consider myself to be a Kendonite.

*Freddie Raishbrook  
House Captain*





# THE MOUNT

---



**T**he Mount has had a very good year with some truly great events for boarders. In the spring term the boarders went to see the school production of 'Our House', which was put on at Southborough Theatre. The entire show was highly enjoyable, as there were many members of the Mount in the cast, both boarders and day pupils, on stage and backstage.



<b>NO. OF PUPILS:</b>	59
<b>HEAD OF HOUSE:</b>	Max Penn-Hughes
<b>DEP. HEAD OF HOUSE:</b>	Tee Jay Dervish Hussein
<b>HOUSE CAPTAINS:</b>	Jude Campbell, Felix McCoy, Samuel Robinson & Luke Shaw

---





## THE TAJ

However, a house isn't just about its fixtures and fittings, there has been a great atmosphere this year, and no occasion highlighted this more than the Christmas Party when the entire house visited "The Taj" at Marden for a fantastic curry, then returned to the Upper Dining Room for a truly memorable show by an "illusionist". It would be fair to say that at one point a sixth former really did think he was about to lose his hand!

So in conclusion I think I can safely say that the entire year has been a great one for the Mount.

*Max Penn-Hughes  
Head of House*

In the final weeks of the summer term we had the Mount party where the boarders were invited into the Khan's garden for a BBQ. Unfortunately Mr Khan was struck down by the flu on the day which led to some hasty organisation, pulled off with great skill by Mrs Khan and the tutors at the last moment. The party went smoothly, the bouncy "energiser game" enjoyed by all, but especially some of the teachers (Mr Mourey!). The monitors' trip to Cosmo was also greatly enjoyed, not least by Patrick who won the unofficial profiterole eating competition!



## UPGRADES

The Mount house has seen many upgrades to its facilities this year, and would like to thank the Governors for their generosity towards our house funds. Improvements include the games room having a massive turn around with a new TV, two new state of the art games consoles, a new set of pool balls and some sofas. The common room has benefitted from a new 3D TV (leading to some great movie nights), a new sound system and sofas.

The Mount locker room at the centre of school has had a facelift with paint and a new carpet. But only now can it truly be a locker room, as the old lockers which didn't work have been replaced by state of the art huge wooden ones which the students are taking very good care of. It has also had new sofas, a pool table and the table football from the games room.

## HOUSEMASTER NOTE

It really has been a hugely enjoyable year and thanks to my monitors especially for all the time they put into the house. Farewell and good luck to Mrs Johnson, Mrs Chrysanthou and Mr Allen; you will all be hugely missed.

*A Khan  
Housemaster*







# OLD POPLARS

---



**T**he start of this year was all change for all the girls in Old Pops as we settled into our new routines without the girls and teachers from the year before. We welcomed new teachers into our Old Pops family such as Miss Boyle who, as the year has gone by has become an asset to Old Pops with her much loved bubbly ways, and we as the older girls grew into our new roles in the house.

---

**NO. OF PUPILS:** 21  
**HEAD OF HOUSE:** Yasmin Gordine  
**VICES:** Au-Nais Fort & Lauren Garrett  
**HOUSE CAPTAIN:** Thea Marshall

---





Right from the beginning it was all systems go, as we went straight into the sponsored walk in September 2011 where we raised £1000, which went straight to Aarti Home. We have also been updating our locker room on the school campus and we now have a docking station and two sofas, thanks to some generous parents, and currently a Year 10 pupil is painting the back wall.

### ❧ FESTIVITIES ❧

After this we got set for Christmas and what better way to start the festivities than with our very own Christmas party! Thanks to the incredible efforts of Mrs Wareham we had a Christmas party to be remembered, complete with a sit down dinner and then topped off with Miss Wood and Miss King's dancing which was the most hilarious sight!

After a much needed holiday we came face to face with the live performances of 'Our House' and

after much anticipation the show went amazingly. The number of Old Pops girls that had the courage to take part was phenomenal and all of them should be extremely proud of themselves.

After this came the Easter dinner, and all the girls got dressed up beautifully and were the epitomy of glamour! The theme for the Easter dinner was a 'Barn Dance' and so we had an excellent time dancing to the band that was hired for this special event.



### ❧ FAREWELL ❧

And then finally at the end of the school year Old Pops went to La Zia Maria for a final end of year meal. This gave us the chance to bid a final farewell to the leavers of Old Pops before they all went their separate ways, whether it be to a different school or to the Sixth Form house 'The Orchard'.



I have been living in Old Pops for 5 years, so I have been there to see a lot of changes within the house, whether it be the people that live there or the rules that are set. There is one thing that I know will remain constant when I'm not there, and that is the friendships you make while you live in close proximity which will be with you forever. So although this was my last year in Old Pops and I am sad to leave, I can safely say that the memories I have made in Old Pops and the friends I have gained will always be there for me.

*Thea Marshall  
House Captain*

OLD POPS RAISED

**£1000**

FOR AARTI HOME

▲▲▲





# PENGELLY

---



**“Oh What a beautiful Morning, Oh what a beautiful day!”**

**S**urely someone should have pointed out the dangers of appointing the Director of Music as the Housemaster of Pengelly? Morning duties would never be the same again, with a regular rendition of the Rogers & Hammerstein classic rolling out of the windows of the House and across to the main School buildings. Of course, sometimes more of the song was required than other times (no names here, but you know who!) but such a musical start to the day brought a smile to many faces...



**NO. OF PUPILS:** 59  
**HEAD OF HOUSE:** James Loxley

---



And the musical theme of the house did not end there, with the recent move of the Housemaster's office to the West end of the building there was an opportunity to install a music practice room at the East end. Soon, keyboard students benefitted from the extra rehearsal opportunity (Alvin, we really appreciate those rich chords, especially when you sing along!), drummers were able to supply a keen rhythm and guitarists made full use of the small (but loud enough) amp alongside.

These were not the only changes to Pengelly, though. After being just a weekly house for the last year, it returned to full boarding. The removal of the partition with the study area allowed for a greater sense of community and the inclusion of the new 3D surround sound television made for some excellent cinema nights.



Community was definitely the name of the game on Tuesday evenings. Mr Stubberfield was quick to introduce a series of house games. All under the title of "the Eggs Factor", boarders had the opportunity to pit their wits against each other in teams. Activities included eggs parachuting off the Assistant Housemaster's fire escape, building towers and bridges out of an assortment of materials, a couple of legendary quiz nights and the inevitable music competition. The series ended with a bowling night and the grand finale, where the day students joined in at the Pengelly Christmas party.

The annual sponsored walk allowed members of Pengelly to demonstrate its support of Kent Air Ambulance. Fundraising was the name of the game, and our two best fundraisers, William Scott and Samuel Bates, were taken to Marden to meet the crew and sit in one of the helicopters.

### 🎲 HARD LUCK 🎲

More famed for our basketball playing than our football prowess, we were seriously outgunned by our illustrious opponents from Kendon. Although there were several great attacking moves and determined play by our whole team, they were ignominious in defeat and made up for it by digging into the barbecue, supplied by Kendon, with equal determination.

### 🎲 CHANGE 🎲

With bowling, paintballing, cycling, shopping, basketball sessions and many, many other happenings, the year flew by. After several years as a worthy, active and much loved Assistant Housemaster, Mr Sheppard-Burgess stood down from his role at Christmas. His sense of fun, active approach and wicked sense of humour was much appreciated by the boys and we were grateful he was able to stay on for the rest of the year as a Year 11 tutor in the House before leaving for Dubai in July. Personally, I really appreciated the support from Mr S-B

when I started off as Housemaster and his words of encouragement during what turned out to be a full-on year. As he explores new directions in his teaching career we wish him all the best, knowing he is able to adapt Darwinian style, to whatever he experiences next.

Who would be able to replace him, enter Mr Grant, whose experience of boarding roles and enthusiasm for football and general fitness training was an immediate hit with our students.

Thanks to Mr Cooper for supplying knowledge, experience and a healthy sense of humour to the House. His skills as Third Assistant have been acknowledged for the coming year by appointing him as Assistant for all the Houses in the School, allowing new flexibility in our boarding staff arrangements. A huge thanks also to our Tutor team who were an incredible source of strength for all the students.

Although I was only able to be Housemaster of Pengelly for the year, it has been a year of great privilege for me. I'm very grateful for the welcome all the boys gave me and in particular James Loxley who was Head of House for the last two terms and was able to help me "keep my ear to the ground". As I hand on to Mr Hughes, I have some questions to ask: will students continue to be woken by singing each morning? Will the basketball players suddenly find themselves in the second row? Will the House, when I return as Third Assistant in House on a Wednesday evening, be ready to quiz the night away?







# THE ORCHARD

---



**O**ur time has now come to an end with some of us moving into the Upper Sixth and some of us moving on to university, a gap year or job. For all of us it has been an eventful and emotional year in The Orchard; with our hard-working 'study periods' and great taste in movies, like Mary Poppins where we decided to sing along to most of the songs.



<b>NO. OF PUPILS:</b>	66
<b>HOUSE COMMITTEE:</b>	Alice Marland, Victoria Coombs, Joshua Chant

---



The Autumn term started with our Charity Day, creating a variety of events which all of The Orchard community got involved with, from night walks with Callum McConnochie's and Jamie Hagerty's brilliant singing skills, to planting daffodils just outside The Orchard and a day walk where, thanks to the tutors, no one got lost (although I'm sure they tried).

### ❧ PREFECT'S DINNER ❧

In December the Annual Prefect's Dinner presented the prefects and some of the teachers with some great food and cheerful chatter. We dressed in our best to impress, covering the entire colour spectrum from black to white.



Finally, Christmas and the end of term arrived and with the peculiar winter weather came The Orchard Christmas outing to 'Cosmo' in Tunbridge Wells. The dinner was superb and so was the annual tradition of secret Santa. Gifts were exchanged with some surprising and jokey gifts being received and given. All in all, a wonderful and memorable evening.

Fortunately, January was not too snowy. It saw the artists amongst us on a trip to New York City in the half term, and what fun we had! The rest of the spring term passed very quickly ready for the Easter formal dinner with an original Cowboy theme. Although the western dancing which followed was nothing like we thought it would be, everyone joined in, and some very 'special' dancing from some of the boys ensued!

### ❧ LEAVERS' BALL ❧

With the exams season starting for all in The Orchard, attention was turned to studying to attain the best possible grades. As the term went on, the house became quieter! A well earned break came with the Leaver's Ball at a beautiful venue, with a meal, live band and most of the night spent dancing. Thank you to all the teachers who helped in the organisation and special thanks has to go to Mr Davies and the brilliant band!



We were approaching the end of the year and the end of our time in The Orchard. Another Prefect Dinner was arranged by our Head of School, Ellie Raishbrook, with a very motivational speech from Mrs Gale and a final drink together as the prefect team.

Leaver's Day arrived and our unforgettable Leaver's Service with photographs showing what truly went on behind the curtains. So, finally, what the whole day had built up to, the Prize Giving; final goodbyes were said and the formal speeches rounded off the day.



From the excitement of Charity Day to the Leaver's Service, this year has been a full year where no minute has been wasted. Now it falls to me to thank everyone involved in Orchard life; our wonderful cleaners, Matron, Mrs Gale, Mr Davies, Mr Hart-Dyke and the sixth form Tutors for all their help throughout the year. Our final thanks go to Mr Payne for everything he has done for the House this year. Even though this is Mr Payne's first year as Head of The Orchard, we believe he has done a sterling job and wish him all the best for next year with the new Upper Sixth. Thank You!

*Victoria Coombs  
House Committee*







# INTER HOUSE COMPETITIONS

Every pupil is a member of a Competitive House and we strive to encourage a competitive but supportive environment; this allows pupils to develop team and leadership skills and also have a lot of fun. We have a full programme of events throughout the year, some you will see reported below, and others appear in other sections of the magazine such as the Apprentice Challenge, Masterchef, Junior Maths Challenge and The Hunter Essay.

---

## Tug of War

The annual Jessel Shield challenge was officially launched with the Tug of War competition. Each House was represented by teams of four boys and four girls in every age group, including the Sixth Form and staff teams. This is always a roof lifting competition, the noise levels are a clear indicator that the KRS competitive spirit is alive and well at Bethany. The winners were Speakers.



## Public Speaking

This took place on 4th October and we were thrilled to welcome an audience of parents, teachers and pupils to watch the proceedings. There was a mixture of old hands and newcomers and team captains (Ellie Raishbrook, Callum McConnochie and George Roberts), did a sterling job in talking up their nervous team members, fielding questions and ensuring a smooth competition.

The speeches themselves ranged in subject matter from sport, history, a philosophical look at the wisdom of age, the present and what it means to be popular, the future in the form of gap years, to the age old problem of wasps! An incredibly diverse and interesting selection of ideas and research delivered with a very high degree of confidence and aplomb. Roberts were the deserving winners.



## The Head's Challenge

The Headmaster ran a competition for pupils in Years 7 to 9. He asked them to write an article about the Weald of Kent. The winning entry, titled "Quintessential Wealden Scenery", was written by Nathaniel Pearson, age 14, in Year 9. His prize was a book token as well as points for his competitive house, Kiplings. This piece was subsequently published in our local magazine The Wealden Advertiser, well done Nathaniel.



## DLS Board Game

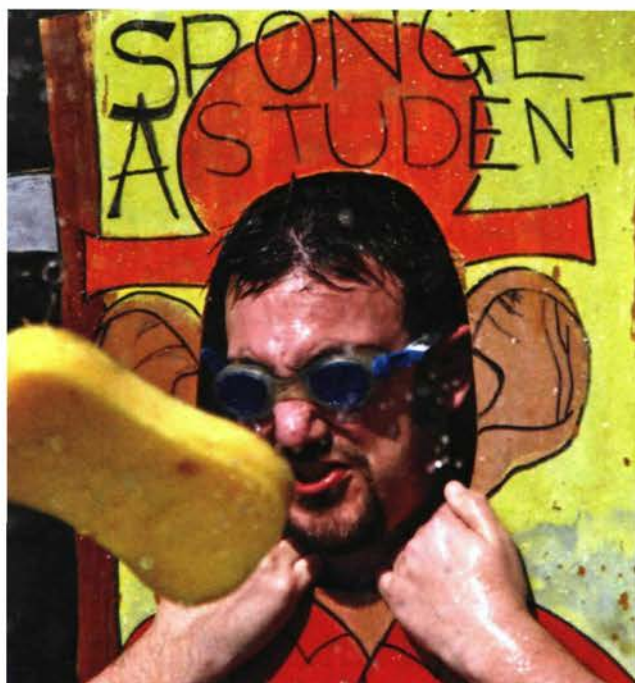
The aim was to design a learning board game to suit an age range between 5 and 10. From the many entries a select few of the games were played and the following pupil was chosen as a worthy winner: Adam Sigward (Kipling's) – Match of the Day Mania – which was age appropriate, playable, and very good fun with a clear learning aim.





### Sport Relief 2012

The staff and pupils entered enthusiastically into the spirit of Sport Relief with over £600 raised as everyone paid to wear sports related fancy dress. The costumes were judged before three brave members of staff were "sponged". Pupils paid to vote for the member of staff they wished to sponge and then again for the privilege of throwing the sponges. In the run-up to the day cake sales had also been held during break times.



**£600**  
RAISED FOR SPORT RELIEF  
▲▲▲

### Year 9 Science Competition

Following their summer exams the Year 9 pupils undertook project work for the KRS Science competition. They were given the topic "Micro and Macro" and were given free rein to do any project under this heading. The standard of submissions was incredibly high. 1st place went to Bill Hutt (Speakers), who produced a wonderful scale model of Mrs Shier's laboratory and the sheer attention to detail was a marvel to behold!



### Bethany's Got Talent

Over 50 acts attended the auditions where no-one is booed off the stage or reduced to tears by the judges! Four acts are selected by the Senior House officials to represent each House in the final which is held in front of parents, students and invited judges.



This year we were delighted that TV Producer, Peter Urie, our former Head of Drama, Helen Kirk and TV personality, Nick Bateman from Big Brother were able to join us as judges. The acts included soloists, a magician, pianists, and a very dramatic illusion of 'cutting a man in half'. The winners, representing Speakers, were Antonia Brattle and Frederick Carter. Antonia sang "Jar of Hearts" while Frederick accompanied her on the guitar. There were also a couple of surprise acts from the staff. Mr Cooper, Mr Fisher, Mr Mills and Mr Sheppard-Burgess made a hugely entertaining 'boy band', and we videoed this for posterity!

### Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal

A big thank you to everyone who took part in this. We collected 86 in total which we sent to children who would not normally receive anything at Christmas. In addition £114 was raised to help the boxes on their way. A House point was awarded for every shoebox brought in. Congratulations to Kiplings who were awarded 30 House points, Roberts 20 points and Speakers 10.



**THE HOUSE THAT CLAIMED MOST POINTS  
OVER THE YEAR AND THEREFORE WON  
THE JESSEL SHIELD WERE KIPLINGS**





# Upper Sixth Leavers



**CHARLOTTE BAINBRIDGE**

A Levels: Art, Textiles, Photography  
 Awards: The Douglas Prize - Senior Art, The Textiles Prize, Full Colours - Netball  
 Prefect  
 DofE: Gold  
 Next: Loughborough, Art Foundation



**OLIVER BEAMS**

A Levels: Physics, Chemistry, Business Studies  
 Awards: GCSE Biology Prize, The Physics Prize - A Level, The Stobart Prize - Business Studies  
 Prefect  
 Next: Oxford Brookes, Engineering



**JAMES CAMERON**

A Levels: History, Religious Studies, Drama  
 Awards: Drama Prize, Singing Grade 7, The James Hall Memorial Prize - Religious Studies  
 Prefect, Head of Roberts  
 DofE: Gold in progress  
 1st XV Rugby, 2nd XI Football  
 Next: Reading, Ancient History

**If schools were coal blocks, Bethany would be a diamond. I loved it! ”**



**FREDDY CARBONI**

A Levels: Photography, Food Technology, Geography  
 Awards: The Roger Kimber Prize - Geography  
 Next: Cardiff Metropolitan, Food Science



**JOSHUA CHANT**

A Levels: Music, Media Studies, English Literature  
 Awards: The Christopher Money Chorister Cup & Prize  
 Head of Todmans, Head of Music, Prefect  
 1st XV Rugby, 1/2 colours Rugby  
 Next: Falmouth, Digital Media



**BILLY CHO**

A Levels: Applied Business, Physics, Chinese  
 Awards: The Challenge Cup - Good Citizenship  
 Basketball  
 Next: Kent, Business Finance



**JUSTIN CHOW**

A Levels: Applied Business, Maths, Physics  
 Awards: Senior Maths Challenge  
 1st XI Hockey  
 Next: Nottingham, Finance Accounting & Management



**WINNIE CHUNG**

A Levels: Applied Business, Textiles, Chinese  
 Next: Royal Holloway, Management with Accounting



**MOLLY CLEMENT**

A Levels: Art, Geography, AS Textiles  
 Next: University of Creative Arts Canterbury, Art Foundation



**VICTORIA COOMBS**

A Levels: Maths, Textiles, Photography  
 Head of Orchard, Prefect, House Official (Roberts), Rounders  
 Next: De Montfort, Art Foundation

**A unique experience I will never forget. ”**



**THOMAS DIFFORD**

A Levels: Photography, Media Studies, BTec PE  
 Awards: The Halfhide Cup - Rugby, The Anthony Clarke Memorial Trophy - Courage, Full Colours - Rugby, Half Colours - Football  
 DofE: Bronze  
 Next: Bedfordshire, Sports Science & Personal Training





### OLIVER DONOVAN

**A Levels:** Art, Photography, Textiles  
**Awards:** Tennis Colours  
**Deputy of Todmans, Mount Monitor, Prefect**  
**DofE:** Gold in progress  
**1st XV Rugby, 1st XI Hockey, 1st Tennis**  
**Next:** Central Arts Canterbury, Art Foundation



### YASMIN GORDINE

**A Levels:** BTEC PE, Applied Business, Media Studies  
**Awards:** Full Colours - Hockey & Netball Hockey Player of the Season, The Snr Sportswoman Prize, The Pippa Blackman Trophy for Excellence in Academic PE  
**Prefect, Head of Speakers, Head of Old Poplars**  
**1st Netball, 1st XI Hockey, 1st Rounders**  
**Next:** Working in office administration

**I always felt part of something at Bethany. ”**



### TIM FERID

**A Levels:** Applied Business, Maths, Physics  
**Prefect, Deputy Head of Roberts**  
**DofE:** Gold in progress  
**Next:** Portsmouth, Business Economics & Business Law



### GILES GREENHALGH

**A Levels:** Photography, Media Studies, Drama  
**Awards:** The William Ruzzak Memorial Prize, The Michael Williams Photography Cup & Prize, Half Colours - Hockey  
**Deputy Head of School**  
**Next:** Hertfordshire, Film & TV Production



### BETHAN GADD

**A Levels:** Photography, Textiles, Media Studies  
**Awards:** Senior Media Prize  
**Head of Roberts**  
**Next:** De Montfort, Art Foundation



### SARAH HANCOCK

**A Levels:** English Lit, History, Business Studies  
**DofE:** Gold in progress  
**Next:** Bangor, English

**This school will teach you to think fast and have more pride in your origins. ”**



### DOMINIC GASSON

**A Levels:** Religious Studies, History, Spanish  
**Awards:** GCSE Spanish and French  
**Prefect, Deputy Head of Mount**  
**1st XI Hockey**  
**Next:** Kent, History & Politics

**Fun times, enjoyed with a great group of people. ”**



### HOLLY HEILBRON-ELIAIDES

**A Levels:** Art, Textiles, Photography  
**DofE:** Bronze  
**Next:** Loughborough, Art Foundation



### BECKY GENTLE

**A Levels:** English Lit, Art, Photography  
**Prefect**  
**Next:** Gloucestershire, Primary Education



### CHARLOTTE HEMMINGS

**A Levels:** Applied Business, Photography  
**Awards:** Full Colours - Netball  
**Prefect**  
**Next:** Gloucestershire, Events Management





### JAMES HIRST

**A Levels:** History, Religious Studies, Business Studies, Media Studies

**Awards:** Tennis Shield, Tennis & Rugby Colours

**Prefect, Captain of Tennis**

**DofE:** Gold in progress

**1st XV Rugby, 1st XI Football**

**Next:** Oxford Brookes, History



### ALICE MARLAND

**A Levels:** Business Studies, Biology, Food Technology

**Awards:** 1/2 Colours - Hockey, The Food Technology Special Achievement Prize  
**Prefect**

**Next:** Harper Adams, Animal Management & Welfare



### GARETH HUMPHREYS

**A Levels:** French, Geography, History

**Awards:** The Mason Prize - French

**Prefect**

**Next:** Aberystwyth, Physics with Foundation Year



### CALLUM McCONNOCHIE

**A Levels:** Applied Business, Media Studies

**Awards:** Lawrie Mann Trophy - Rugby, Roy Farquarson Trophy - Senior Sportsman, Full Colours - Football

**Prefect, Captain 1st XV Rugby, Vice Captain 1st XI Football**

**Next:** Gap Year, Employment

**I came as a boy  
and am leaving  
as a man. ”**



### PATRICK JENKINS

**A Levels:** Geography, History, English Literature

**Awards:** C.A.R.E. Award, Brass Award, 1/2 Colours - Rugby

**Head of Speakers, Prefect, Mount Monitor  
1st Cricket, 1st XV Rugby, 1st XI Football  
DofE:** Gold in progress

**Next:** Keele, Geography & Sociology



### SENNA OSMAN

**A Levels:** Applied Business, Design Technology

**Awards:** The Hooper's Applied Business Studies Prize, The Samuel Kendon Prize - Craft & Design, Half Colours - Hockey  
**Prefect**

**Next:** Greenwich, Business Management



### TOBY LAWSON

**A Levels:** Applied Business, Media Studies

**Next:** Working in family business



### NICHOLAS PALFREY

**A Levels:** Art, Textiles

**DofE:** Gold in progress

**Next:** Central St Martin's, Art Foundation



### ANDREW LOCKWOOD

**A Levels:** Chemistry, Physics, Maths

**Awards:** All round GCSE, Maths for GCSE, Chemistry Prize for A Level, The Ross Turnbull Prize - Service to the Community

**Prefect**

**Next:** Southampton, Chemistry

**A lovely experience  
with a dedicated and  
personable teaching  
body. ”**



### INDIA PARRY

**A Levels:** Photography, Textiles, Media Studies

**Awards:** Most improved hockey player 2011, Full Colours - Netball & Hockey, Pippa Blackman Trophy - Netball, Senior Sportswoman Prize

**Honorary Secretary - Pengelly Society, Rounders, Captain Netball & Hockey**

**Next:** University of Creative Arts, Art Foundation





### ELLIE RAISHBROOK

**A Levels:** History, Business Studies, English Literature

**Awards:** The Edward Hayward Memorial Prize, The McLaren English Prize, Half Colours - Netball

Head of School, Prefect,  
Old Poplars Monitor  
DofE: Gold  
1st Netball

**A Levels:** East Anglia, History

**I leave Bethany confident and mature having gained from a wealth of experiences at this School. ”**



### JOE REDDY

**A Levels:** Applied Business, Photography

**Awards:** John Downton Gold Award

**Next:** London College of Communication, Art Foundation



### GEORGE ROBERTS

**A Levels:** History, Business Studies, Geography

**Awards:** Winner Junior Apprentice, Royal Society of St George - Snr History, Ambrose Rogers Football Cup, The William Ruzzak Memorial Prize - Deputy Head, Full Colours - Football

Deputy Head, Prefect,  
Captain of 1st XI Football

**Next:** Kent, History



### MILES SMITH

**A Levels:** Applied Business, Geography

DofE: Bronze

**Next:** Portsmouth, Geography



### JAMES STILL

**A Levels:** Geography, Media Studies, Photography

**Next:** Plymouth College of Art and Design, Graphic Design



### PATRICK THOMPSON

**A Levels:** Maths, Physics, Spanish

**Awards:** James Morrissey Crouch Prize

**Next:** Nottingham, Physics with European Language



### GEORGE TODD

**A Levels:** BTEC PE, Photography, Drama

**Awards:** The Roche Prize for Drama

Head of Pengelly, Prefect

DofE: Gold in progress

1st XV Rugby, Hockey, 2nd Football

**Next:** Chester, Popular Music Performance



### MICHELLE WANG

**A Levels:** Music, Maths, Physics, Business Studies, Chinese

**Awards:** Maths Prize, The James Morrissey-Crouch Music Award

Old Poplars Monitor

DofE: Gold in progress

**Next:** Bristol, Economics & Finance



### PHILIP WOODHEAD

**A Levels:** Physics, DT, Maths

**Awards:** Helen Prize, Effort prize, The Timothy Sedgewick Prize - Courage in the face of adversity, The Breach Prize for Innovation

Prefect, Mount Monitor

**A Levels:** Brunel, Aerospace Engineering



### MARCUS WOODHOUSE

**A Levels:** Applied Business, Food Technology

**Next:** Surrey, Business Management



### JOSHUA WORBY

**A Levels:** Biology, Business Studies

Prefect, Mount Monitor

DofE: Gold

**A Levels:** Writtle, Horticulture



### KIKO ZHOU

**A Levels:** Maths, Applied Business, Chinese

**Next:** Queen Mary, Business Management



## HUNTER ESSAY PRIZE WINNER 2012:

**From literature you have studied, with which character do you most identify and which least? Why?**

To answer this question I could compare myself to characters from some of the greatest works of literature such as Jane Eyre or Elinor Dashwood but instead I have chosen to identify with Harry Potter. This is not because I feel that I have special powers or because I think I am the chosen one but because like Harry Potter I have to face my worst enemy at the end of every school year.

Firstly I feel that I have to justify my choice of Harry Potter as a work of literature because many people would not consider it to be one. According to the Oxford English Dictionary however it would be considered literature because it defines literature as 'written works, especially those whose value lies in beauty of language or in emotional effect.' The popularity of Harry Potter also proves that it is highly regarded literature, it is so popular that it has been translated into more than 60 languages and it is estimated that over 300 million copies have been sold all over the world. Therefore, I personally consider all seven Harry Potter novels to be literature and I believe that J.K. Rowling is a truly amazing author for whom I have great respect. I also think that regardless of the fact that I have never actually studied a single Harry Potter novel at school that I am still qualified to write an essay related to them due to the countless times that I have read them, I have effectively studied them in my own time.

Each Harry Potter novel follows Harry through a year at school where he has to deal with normal school life but alongside this he also has to face his enemy, the evil Lord Voldemort. In every year at school he gets involved in various adventures which gradually build up to a final confrontation with Voldemort and each year this gets progressively more difficult for Harry. This is how I relate to Harry Potter because I also have to face my worst enemy at the end of every year but rather than being an evil wizard my worst enemy is exams. For me every year starts fairly slowly then suddenly gets harder and harder as exams get nearer. It all builds up to exams and these exams for me are the equivalent of a 'full on' battle with Voldemort. Similarly to Harry Potter and his fights with Voldemort, exams also get progressively harder each year which isn't very comforting because when you find exams particularly difficult you realise that next time it will be even more difficult.

Exams are my worst enemy for many reasons and mostly just because they are challenging, stressful and important. These reasons seem fairly insignificant in comparison to the reasons why Voldemort is Harry's worst enemy. For example exams never killed my parents and if I don't defeat exams then evil won't conquer good. Although Harry may have more legitimate reasons for having an enemy, I still consider exams to be evil and that is what myself and Harry Potter have in common; the fact that we both have to defeat our evil enemies at the end of each school year in a final showdown to which the entire year has been leading towards.

In contrast, the character who I least identify with would have to be Dumbledore. Dumbledore is a genius and therefore he would breeze through any exam he had to take. Also, if I compare exams to Voldemort again then Dumbledore would again have an advantage because he is the only wizard who Voldemort was ever afraid of who had powers to match his own. So effectively Dumbledore is so amazing that exams are scared of him rather than the other way around, this is a quality which I could never possess because I will always be terrified of exams. Another reason why Dumbledore is the character who I least identify with is because he is so naturally intelligent, he would never have to revise for an exam. I have to work hard all the time, then extra hard in preparation for an exam. I wish I could identify with Dumbledore as it would be wonderful to have such instinctive and extensive knowledge but unfortunately exams still scare me and I don't scare them!

These are the characters which I most and least identify with from literature. I would love to say I also identify with Harry Potter because I have magical powers (that would have made this essay more interesting!) but unfortunately I don't. Instead I just have to face the fact that I have to do exams at an equivalent time to when he fights evil. Unfortunately, as I write, the next set are looming all too fast.

AMANDA HILL  
Year 12



## THE CHALLENGE:

My name is Nero. I am a gladiator.

I have been in here, fighting for years now and never losing a single battle. I have a new tournament today and they say they have something exciting for me to fight. A slave, maybe? I had never fought a slave but it seemed too easy for the likes of me. No, not a slave.

As I wield my armour I hear the roaring outside as my colleague murders yet another lion. I don't like killing animals, especially when they kill one in such an inhumane fashion. Not that I'm allowed to voice my opinions. Finally it's my turn. As I step into the arena the crowd burst out screaming and shouting. I've obviously made myself popular with my skills.

To my surprise, they have brought on a slave. I have a feeling the Emperor Caligula is making a mockery of me. He always has been a bit deranged. To please the crowd, I circle the measly scrap for a while. Then finally he gives in and starts trying to fight me. The crowd roars with appreciation. They are sick people. I let him pelt me with rocks for a while and then run at him with my spear.

CRASH! I knock him to the ground and give him an apologetic look before taking his life. As I withdraw my spear, the crowd suddenly goes silent. What was up with them? And then I turn around. A giant grotesque figure screeches at me.

What in Hades was that thing?

It had huge bulging black eyes that sucked out your very soul. It had the posture of a kangaroo and its seemingly grimy black scaly skin reflected the sun that was beating down. It had pincers for hands. And the horns, oh the horns were twisted and mangled like mangrove roots. It had two sets of teeth which you could see very clearly when it opened its oversized mouth, almost like a black hole. Its feet had toes three hundred and sixty degrees around its feet, each one armed with dagger like claws that threatened to rip you apart. Overall it looked like something that had come from the underworld.

As the creature galumphed towards me, I'm tempted to drop my spear and run. But the crowd had gone silent and they were enjoying every ounce of this so I gripped my spear and ran at the beast and took a jab at its leg. But its armour was too tough and my spear smashed in half. What sort of sick joke was this?

Before I knew it, the unnamed creature lifted its foot up and it descended down onto my comparatively puny body. The pain was excruciating, like my whole body was being made into paste. And that's when the sweet embrace of death swept over me, the pain was nothingness now. In fact I couldn't feel anything.

My name is Nero, I was a gladiator.

MADELINE OWEN  
Year 8

Written as part of the Creative Writing Competition run by the English Department in November 2011. It scored the highest mark in the year group (100%).



## CARE ESSAY:

The humming grew louder and the almost invisible blot in the sky grew ever nearer as the Chinook helicopter chosen for the job of dropping the six man royal marine squad sent to eliminate the local Taliban leader came in to land. I turned behind me to see my spotter, Sergeant King, kneeling, his eyes also turned towards the sky, scanning for the tell-tale swirl of dust that showed the Chinook was descending. In front of me was the four man escort sent with us to keep us safe as we carried out the job we had to do.

"She's coming down," said Captain Jones, raising his voice above the now loud droning of the rotor blades. As the wheels touched down on the baked, dusty ground of Helmand province, Afghanistan all six men rose as one unit and filed into the belly of the elegant long-bodied chopper. After the initial lurch of take off the hull grew silent as everyone began gulping down water and replenishing their bodies with the fluid the Afghan desert so quickly drains out of you.

"I've never been in action before," I said breaking the silence.

"How is that possible? This is our second month on tour," questioned King

"All I've done is stay guard in the towers back at Camp Bastion." I remembered the long hours spent back at the P.O.B behind my rifle gazing out into the sand looking for any unusual behaviour.

"It's the same for me," said one of the previously silent members of our escort. "I've only done the routine patrols, no action at all."

"Are you scared?" I asked.

"I'm just trying not to think about it," he replied

"Of course you're scared, everyone is the first time," King said. "After that it's routine, trust me, it's just first time nerves. Everything is going to go fine and we'll be back at Bastion enjoying a nice cold beer in no time."

"Just stay cool, keep focused on the job in hand and if anything goes wrong remember training and use common sense." Jones, as the senior officer had to make sure everyone was working to the best of their ability.

"Five minutes to drop zone," the voice of the co-pilot said over the intercom.

"Alright everybody check your parachutes and stow your kit." said Jones as he stood up and shouldered his pack. We lined up ready to make the leap. I was fourth in line and as I shuffled forwards I felt the cool air flow over my skin, rolling over my arms, filling me with calm and blowing away my hesitations.

"Jump!" I looked up and saw no one left in front of me, without a moment's pause I threw myself clear of the chopper and felt myself falling without anything between me and the parched ground. The jerk of my parachute billowing open above me brought me to my senses, I knew I had no more time for thought and had to focus.

"Everybody to cover!" Jones yelled. We all ran to the cover of a rock face and knelt down.

"Where are we boss?" asked a private.

"Two miles east of the target, that's a short walk then a climb to the spot that's been chosen. When we get there I want everybody spread out under cover and a clear view in all directions, our job is to make sure the Sniper does his job undisturbed and then we can get out." Jones looked up and then rose to his feet and began a slow walk forwards, after a few paces the man behind him did the same and so on until all six of us were spread out and moving as one in a way only the 32 weeks of training that turn you into a commando can achieve.



"Any sign of movement yet? We've been waiting at least an hour by now." complained one of the privates.

"Not yet," I said reluctantly peering through my scope.

"Wait I think I may have visual on our target," said my spotter. "I'm not sure though, I need confirmation he's left his house, can someone get a connection with our man on the ground and check it's definitely him?"

"I'm on-," the voice of the private was cut short as a burst of gunfire shot out from behind a cluster of rocks and a hail of bullets thudded into his chest sending him careering to the ground.

"Contact, return fire and keep their heads down. We have to get out of here just nail the target and move!" yelled the Captain.

"I'm not sure it's him; we can't shoot a civilian," replied my spotter, "I need to know it's him."

"We've already lost one man, how many more do you want dead?"

An intense volley of fire erupted and I ducked my head. I looked up to see my spotter; Sergeant King slumped over the rocks, seven red patches rapidly expanding on his back.

"Get your man, now," urged the Captain.

I looked through my scope and saw the man, wearing a red and white kafiyah talking to a stall owner, I knew the outrage a civilian death would cause and how it would affect the Afghan local's loyalties. A small child tugged at his robes and then it dawned on me that this man had a family who would miss him if he died. I knew I had to isolate myself from a target but what if this wasn't the right man? Could I live with an innocent man's blood on my hands?

"Get a move on we're getting a beating here, we have to move or we'll all die."

I knew I had to make a decision: pull out or pull the trigger, there was no time left. I felt the cool trigger against my finger, pulled the stock tightly onto my shoulder and sucked in a deep breath.

"We have to go, we can't hold them anymore, just pull the trigger."

"I know what to do."

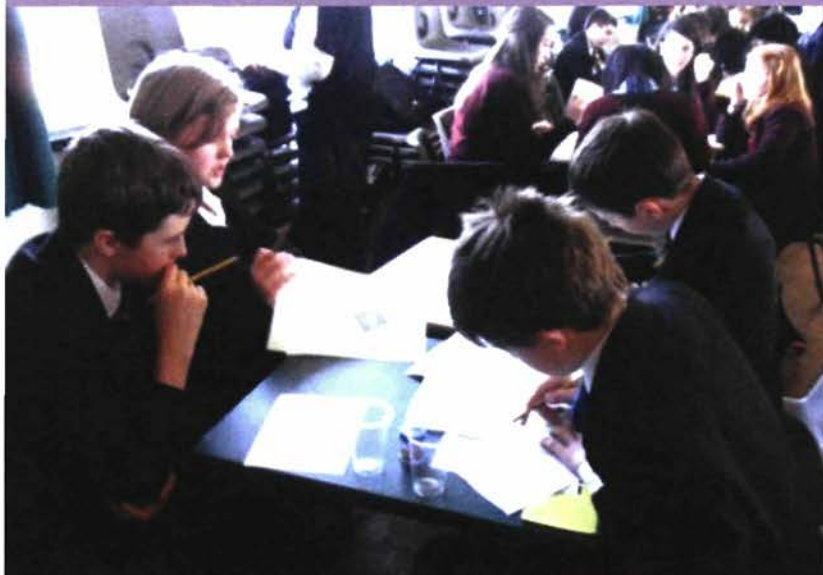
I closed my left eye and squeezed.

**NATHANIEL PEARSON**  
Year 12



# Maths

## Rising to the Challenge



On 21st March, a team of Four pupils from Years 8 and 9 took part in the Team Mathematics Challenge in Tonbridge. There were four rounds including a cross-number puzzle and a relay, which involved racing around a large hall clutching solutions to mathematical problems and was very much the high point of the competition. The team had been well prepared with many strategies to help them succeed and participated with enthusiasm and skill. We didn't win but Mrs Thorpe would like to thank Tom Healy, Lizzie Stuart, Max Kelly and Connor Knapp for making the whole outing so enjoyable.

The Mathematics department once again challenged Year 8 to make an innovative box for a small Easter egg. The pupils had to make a box which would hold an egg securely, with the egg visible. The results proved very imaginative. The entries from: Halina Markiewicz, Emily Raj and Jacob Gould were highly commended. Congratulations to all who took part.

- ① Steven Lee
- ② Isabel Hobson
- ③ Oliver Lane

## Maths Challenge

In April, 32 pupils from years 7 and 8 entered the Junior Maths Challenge. The questions were very challenging this year but we are delighted to announce that 3 students achieved a Silver Certificate and 5 students achieved a Bronze.



However, everyone who took part added an extra point to their house total. The overall result was Roberts first, Kiplings second and Speakers third.

Bronze certificates are awarded to: Edward Simmonds, Alex Wareham, Adam Wilkinson, Oliver Craggs and Fraser Ridgwell.

Silver Certificates are awarded to Tom Healy, to Lizzie Stuart who also gets a certificate for "Best in Year" and to Reuben Hill who also gets certificates for "Best in Year" and "Best in School".



## Year 9 Competition to make the Tallest Newspaper Tower

On the 15th June, at the end of a week of school exams, all the pupils in year 9 took part in a Maths competition.



They were divided into teams and their task was to build a tower out of newspaper. The teams were only allowed 10 sheets of newspaper and 50cm of sellotape and their tower had to be free standing and capable of supporting a golf ball for a minimum of 10 seconds. The pupils had not been given any planning time beforehand and this resulted in some disastrous attempts and a few teams gave up far too quickly.



However a team from Mr Hollman's maths class showed that it really could be done very easily. They built a tower which stood 154cm high and put many others to shame. The winners who built this mini-Shard were Thomas May, Charlie Dean and Jamie Cook. Congratulations also go to Guillermo Sallas Cebolla, Tim Kulin who was visiting for the day and Roman Vergun for the second highest tower of 146cm. Lloyd Roberts, Samuel Bates, Louis Tack and Harry Manser were also Highly Commended.





## ❧ The Salters' Festival ❧



Just before the half term break, 4 students travelled up to London to compete in the 2012 Salters' Festival of Chemistry at Queen Mary, University of London.

Reuben Hill and Lucinda White in Year 7, and Emma Askew and Sam Butler in Year 8 had to complete several practical tasks. Using the results they had to come up with a solution to the complex problem which had been set and produce a full written report on their findings. They also got to watch a variety of spectacular and fun Chemistry demonstrations. There were competitors from a vast number of schools at the event and, although the Bethany team performed admirably, they were just narrowly beaten to the top places. However, all four of the pupils worked fantastically well and did themselves, and Bethany, proud.

## ❧ Science Technician Award ❧

I joined Bethany School in June 2007. The weekend before the Monday that I was due to start my role I had a phone call from the head of the science department to tell me that most of the department, including all of the laboratory equipment, had burnt down!

The next 18 months were a real baptism of fire, pardon the pun. We had prefabs sited on the car park and the prep-room was a good distance away. There were many bad hair days due to the walk up to the labs in all weather.

In the picture to the right you can see me sited in our wonderful new prep room, and I was put forward, by my head of department James Vickerman, for The Gratnells Technician of the Year Award.

The company Gratnells started this award 3 years ago to give recognition to science technicians. They have nominees put forward from science department heads and thousands of technicians are nominated from all over the country. They are whittled down to a final 14. There is a first, second and third prize, and I won the second prize. I feel very honoured, as there are many good science technicians that are never recognised for the work they do.

I am off to the National Science Learning Centre in York, to receive my award, with James Vickerman on 5th July, which I am really looking forward to.

*Margaret Fillery  
Senior Technician*

## ❧ Launching the big one! ❧

Bethany School Science pupils have taken Science to higher levels this year by taking part in a national competition that will showcase science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). To mark their first giant step into the project, the young scientists have decided to launch the 'Big One' - the king and queen of all water rockets into the air.

In the STEM competition, the young scientists have chosen a path to make contributions to technological designs and experiments that are largely biased towards physics. This is a great initiative to push the boundaries of what the pupils learn in the classrooms, and it gives the pupils the chance to showcase their creativity. "The Chinese scientists docked on their space centre, CERN has claimed the discovery of the Higgs Particle and we launch the big one", said one of the Bethany scientists.





# Music Report

## Curriculum

The Year 7 students were treated to a rare opportunity this year, with School star bass player, Mr Davies, teaching them for the first time. This allowed Mr Stubberfield and Mr Davies to explore new ways of presenting form, structure, dynamics and basic notation to the year group. The result allowed a heady mix of performance on keyboards, voice, percussion and even a bit of guitar work. Highlights of the year also included presentations by our instrumental teachers, developing students' understanding of a variety of instruments.

The Year 8 and 9 curriculum extended this year to include, for the first time, guitar lessons. Mr Kilbride and Mr Stubberfield introduced the basics of chord playing to enhance students' understanding of how to perform and compose music in different settings. The resulting blues project for Year 8 and the enhanced Song project for year 9 gave students a new level of motivation not previously present in these sections of the course. The ever-popular Music Curriculum days gave opportunity to develop film scores and detailed rhythm understanding under the excellent guidance of Miss Johnson, Mr Keeping and Mr Kilbride.

Working from the springboard of last year's GCSE results, Year 11 worked frantically to better the excellent standard demonstrated by the previous cohort. Topics covered included a friendly theatre ghost, a dream wedding and another trip down the Yellow Brick Road. More traditional pieces were also generated using Sonata and Ternary form, allowing each musician to adapt a piece ideally suited to their own instrument and then record it. Some pieces appeared on a bigger stage, including William Marshall's Train Journey being performed at Prize Day and Will Scott's Sahara Soul making an outing with Kent County Youth Jazz.



A-Level students continued their high standard of performance work, with Joshua Chant producing a stunning recital programme of late English romantic songs, rivalled by Patrick Cotter's interpretations of some show tune classics. Michelle Wang enjoyed the full benefits of the new Yamaha grand piano, executing a programme of Chopin and Liszt. In direct contrast, Alex Clayden-Spence's BTEC recital unit gave the opportunity to demonstrate a wide range of drumming techniques in a 30-minute recording session. With no string quartet at her disposal, Amanda Hill skilfully adapted a string ensemble for herself under the guidance of her cello teacher, Mr Chapter.

## School Orchestra

Returning to the role of Pit Band for the school production of *Our House* proved both rewarding and challenging. With a carefully arranged score to fit the needs of the players, the whole ensemble squeezed into the pit at Victoria Hall Southborough to take their vital role in the Madness-inspired show.

## Lizards, Geckos & Other Creatures

The Lizards found a new staff leader in Miss Johnson, whose inspiration on the bass even led to a breakaway Gecko group in the first term. The band's youngest regular member ever, Frederick Carter, ensured a lively approach to guitar sections whilst the old guard was represented by Mr Stubberfield filling in on Drums at the last concert.

## The School Choir

The Choir faithfully fulfilled its traditional duties early in the School year, with key involvement in the annual Remembrance Service at Marden Parish Church. Highlights of the year for the Choir were Peter Gritton's *Follow That Star* and Gary Barlow's *Sing*, the latter rounding off a wonderful evening in the Summer Concert. Miss Johnson has been inspirational in her choice of music and next year promises to be the start of a choir expansion for the School.





### 🎷 Jazz Band 🎷

Jazz Band has become smaller this year, working on such standards as *Ain't Misbehavin'* and *Killer Jo*. The resulting sound has allowed greater freedom for improvisation, allowing Alvin Lam and Amelia Brett in particular time to develop these all-important jazz skills.

### 🎺 Brass Ensemble 🎺

It has been delightful to welcome Miss Johnson into this group, who meet when needed to hail the important events of the School year with fanfares. Taking over from last year's leaver, Tim Ellis, she has slotted into all the important French Horn parts, demonstrating again her versatility as a musician. The trumpet section remains strong, bolstered by two senior trombones (thanks Mr Bristow and Mr Kilbride!) to ensure a fair balance of sound.

### 🎹 Recital by Timothy Ellis 🎹

Back from the Royal Academy of Music, Tim gave an excellent recital on the new School Yamaha, putting the instrument fully through its paces with pieces by Chopin, Liszt and Bach. Not willing to make things easy for Mr Stubberfield, however, he finished with Grieg's *Piano Concerto*; an orchestra not being readily available, Mr Stubberfield was called upon to play the orchestral parts on an

electric Stage Piano. Not only did it demonstrate the technical prowess of both players, but also gave an ideal opportunity to compare the tone of a real instrument with a quality version of its electrical cousin.

### 🎸 Guitar Recitals 🎸

Will Scott continues to impress the classical guitar world with his dedication and commitment to his playing. He has recently taken part in two public recitals, one in East Kent and more recently at the musical hotbed of Frant Church. This, along with his work with the esteemed Guitar Circus, ensures he is one to watch in the future. His teacher, Mr Keeping, has been busy working out fingering patterns to help perform duets successfully. William has also become an expert at accompanying lute songs.

### 🎻 Instrumental tuition 🎻

Miss Johnson, in her role as Music Administrator, has coordinated the ever-challenging instrumental teacher timetables with energy and understanding. This has enabled us to continue to offer a smoothly running timetable, despite increasing pressures through controlled assessment and other commitments students have in a busy school day.

Our instrumental staff have been very supportive of our concerts, with appearances by Miss Slowgrove, Mr Chapter, Miss Steventon and Mr

Tonbridge. Preparation of events and examination material has also been undertaken by Mr Fish, Mr Wolfe, Miss Barrett, Mr Ellingworth, Mr Fagg and Mr Stockwell. All students entered for individual practical exams have passed again this year, with 45% at distinction level.

It is with particular sadness that we say goodbye to Miss Barrett at the end of this year. Miss Barrett is going to "do my old job" (or at least half of it) at Bennett Memorial School this coming year, and we wish her well in this busy role. Miss Barrett's flute teaching has always been inspirational and our students have benefitted greatly from being taught by her.

*Gareth Stubberfield  
Director of Music*



# DRAMA & THEATRE

## SCHOLARS EVENING

Knowing the great talent available to me I wanted to direct a fresh, fun and feel-good musical! I stumbled across 'Our House' and was instantly gripped by the characters, the storyline and of course the music by Madness! Casting was difficult due to me being new to the school and also because of the wealth of talent auditioning.



Nevertheless we got there after a week or two with Patrick Cotter being cast as Good Joe, Freddie Raishbrook as Bad Joe, Jessica Leaper as Sarah and Thea Marshall as Young Sarah. These are challenging roles with plenty of complex emotion needing to be expressed sensitively to the audience alongside some powerful vocal numbers. Our fabulous four did it of course and were sensational in their roles! Joe and Sarah's friends were played by Charlie Barrett, Deniz Dogan, Natasha Brattle, Antonia Brattle and Ciara Reddy, who each brought the necessary gusto and comic energy to the role! Joe's parents were played by George

Todd and Jessie Sharp who had a wonderful on-stage relationship, communicating the demise of their marriage and love for their son with the poignancy and humour required. The cast demonstrated incredible commitment, putting in the hours necessary to make the show a success. Alongside the forty-six performers were an additional nine students who were such a help backstage, plus nineteen musicians who literally brought music to our ears!

## PANTO TIME

During the winter months the prefects and I met in secret to prepare an end of term performance for the whole school. The code word was 'UCAS' and we crept to the former Todmans building most lunchtimes in order to ensure the performance was both high quality and entertaining. The storyline centred on sibling rivalry, with the North Pole being stolen by Leonard Claus (played by George Todd) from his brother, Nick Claus (Joshua Chant). Whilst Nick Claus was devastated by his loss of the North Pole, his good wife Mrs Claus (played by Giles Greehalgh) inspired her Elves to cheer up Santa. Together, they sang and danced for him which did the trick and motivated him to take back Christmas! With thanks to the prefects for their hard work, creativity and Christmas spirit!

## LAMDA EXAMINATIONS

Having introduced LAMDA Examinations at my previous school, I was keen to do it here. Over the academic year eighteen students were entered for and successfully passed their LAMDA exams, racking up eight distinctions, seven merits and three pass grades and a total of 240 UCAS points. Long may LAMDA continue at Bethany School!





## SCHOLARS EVENING

The Drama Scholars performed a wonderful mixture of monologues, duologues and script excerpts. Jack Wood and Alex Fuller started the evening with a comic performance entitled 'Sammy Carducci's Guide to Women,' where Jack's character advised his friend on how best to understand the opposite sex. This was followed by a monologue from Dorothy Beales which earned her an impressive distinction grade for her LAMDA exam. Frederick Carter and Brendton Theunisson performed an ambitious duologue from 'Lord of the Flies' which conveyed the required sense of urgency with great skill. Jack Rodaway and Louis Beneventi portrayed the contrasting characters from 'Blood Brothers' excellently. Daniel Davis and Sean Evelegh delivered their fantastic LAMDA duologue which also earned them distinction grades. The evening ended with our upper school Scholars: James Cameron, Patrick Cotter, Henry Felton-Smith and Thea Marshall performing an excerpt from Steven Berkoff's 'Metamorphosis', using the impressive vocal and physical skill needed to convey the essence of scene. This was one of the many times when I felt incredibly proud to be a drama teacher here at Bethany School!

## EXAM PERFORMANCE

In February the Year 13 students performed 'The Obituary' as part of their Exploration of Dramatic Performance unit. Inspired by a variety of sources including work by Frantic Assembly, the novel 'One Day' and the 'Life and works of Sarah Kane', the group produced a mature, challenging and sophisticated performance. James Cameron, Giles Greenhalgh and George Todd each assessed top band criteria for this performance, with the Moderator commenting that the 'work produced was reflective of a thorough grounding in drama', and was 'an excellent piece of physical work'.

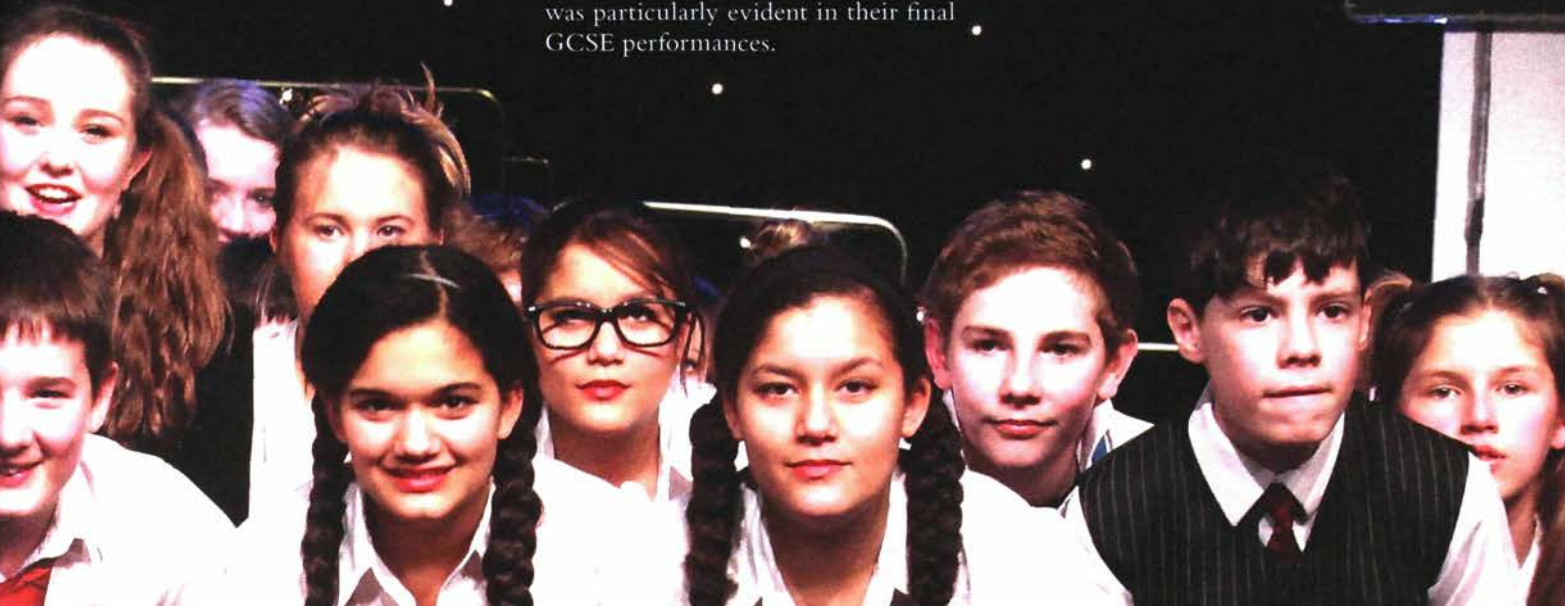
After previewing their work to their parents, the GCSE students performed three scripted plays to our visiting Examiner. The examination began with 'Blackout' by Daye Anderson which is a dramatisation of a true story and was performed by Isobel Dowse, Henry Felton-Smith, Jessie Sharp and Uther Hendrickse Vaglivello. This was followed by a comic and energetic performance of Berkoff's 'Metamorphosis' by Natasha Brattle, Deniz Dogan, Au-Nais Fort and Bethany Ward. The evening ended with a heart-wrenching performance by Toby Litton, Thea Marshall, Sam Sunderland and Fabienne Valentine-Hosein focusing on the effects of anorexia. Although I taught this group for just nine months, they each made incredible progress which was particularly evident in their final GCSE performances.

The Drama examination season ended with Year 12 who each performed either a monologue or duologue and a group play, enabling them to show a range of skills to our visiting Examiner. The group performance was of 'Bronte'. The performance was a huge success with the lowest grade awarded being a B. Congratulations to Patrick Cotter, Jessica Leaper, Amelia Stott and Jenny Waters for their hard work which clearly paid off!

## LOWER SCHOOL SHOW

Having been impressed with the level of skill in Years 7-9, I decided to take on abridged versions of Shakespeare's Hamlet and Romeo and Juliet in order to give a greater range of principal roles. Thirty-nine students performed across two nights in July and I left wanting each and every one in my GCSE classes in the future! Learning Shakespearian language whilst in the lower school is no easy task, however, they each gave a faultless delivery of their lines. With special thanks to Jack Wood and Amelia Page in year 10 for taking on the role of assistant directors!

Claudia  
Cocktail





# ART & DESIGN

The new academic year was heralded by another outstanding set of public examination results. The 100% A\*-C pass rate at GCSE, A/S and 'A' Level Art was once again, a testimony to the hard work and creative flair of all our examination pupils and set the pace for the new year groups. Our three 'Arts' Speech Day prize winners, Camilla Levett, Xi Wen Zhang and Dorothy Leung secured an impressive 7 A\* 'A' level grades between them for Art, Textiles and Photography.



Work from across the age range was exhibited at the annual John Downton Show at Maidstone Town Hall and our own Parents' Day Exhibition. The Textiles group visited the V & A and exhibited at the Royal Ballet School in London and at Cranbrook Library. Year 10 resourced a mixed media project at the London Aquarium 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 undoubted highlight of our 'off campus' visits however, was a Year 12 and 13 trip to New York. Fundraising for this started early in the year and a raffle of Art work donated by past and present pupils and staff helped raise over £1,200 towards the trip. Over the Easter break a packed itinerary saw our 17 pupils visiting the Guggenheim, The Metropolitan, The MOMA and the Museum of Arts and Design. To balance all the Art based activities the group enjoyed the Empire State Building, a 'Mets' baseball game, the Staten Island ferry and a production of 'Ghost' on Broadway. An amazing, but tiring time was had by all!

The Parents Day Fashion Show was another great success and not only gave the audience the chance to enjoy the work Mrs Kelly's students produce, but also raised £350 for the Weald of Kent Hospice. The variety and quality of the Department's Ceramics work continues to flourish under the watchful eye of Miss Rayner.

Our 6 exchange students from Taiwan enjoyed their time in the Department producing some effective still life studies in the short time they were with us. The Scholars' evening provided another opportunity for our talented pupils to showcase their work to a larger audience.

Public examination results aside, the success of the year as a whole can be reflected in the fact that ten of our Art, Textiles and Photography candidates are due to move on to arts based courses next year at a variety of colleges which include Central St Martins, Canterbury, Loughborough, De Montfort and The London College of Communication.

*P. Norgrove  
(Head of Art)*





Art College Entrants

---



Charlotte Bainbridge

---

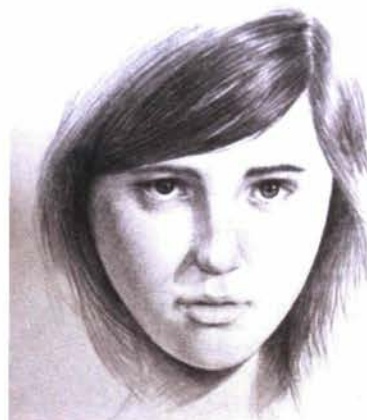
YR 13



Ellie Porter

---

YR 12



Lawrence Zhang

---

YR 12





Sean Evelegh

YR 7



Martha Teverson

YR 12



Milly Clarke

YR 10



Piers Muiry

YR 11



Molly Clement

YR 13



Henry Beams

YR 8



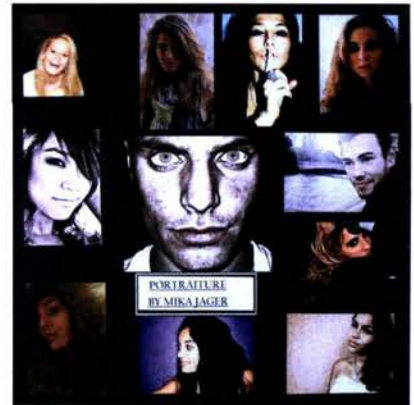
Holly Heilbron-Eliades

YR 13



Mika Jager

YR 12



Mika Jager

YR 12



Karlie Cheng

YR 11



Au-Nais Fort

YR 11





Joe Reddy

YR 13



Francesca Holmes

YR 10



Hande Coskunvardar

YR 12



Cheyenne Walker

YR 9



Heather Armstrong

YR 8



Isabel Petts

YR 7



James Still

YR 13



Izzy Carpenter-Calcutt

YR 10



Ciarra Reddy

YR 10



Charlie Clarke

YR 9



Bethany Ward

YR 11

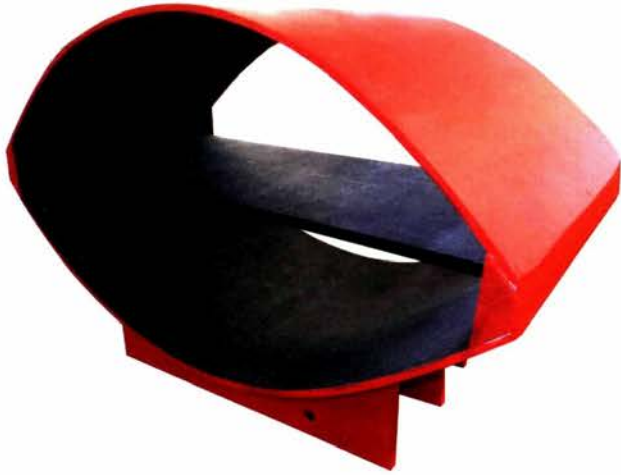


# DESIGN AND TECH- NOLOGY

We have had a fantastic year in the Design and Technology Department. It has been exceptionally busy with such a large but hard working Lower Sixth group as well as the GCSE and A2 students. A large variety of projects have again been produced including many electric guitars. New skills have been taken on board and put into good use as can be seen by the variety of fascinating coursework pieces displayed here. It is always a great feeling for pupils and students when their projects can be seen and admired by others.

*M Norman  
Head of Design and Technology*





**James Carpenter**

YR 12



**Jamie Hagerty**

YR 12



**Laurence Zhang**

YR 12



**Joe Hoskin**

YR 11



**Anna Burnham**

YR 11



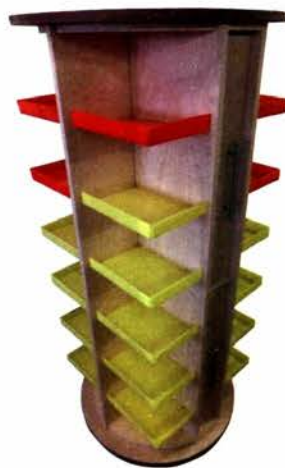
**Kim Woo**

YR 12



**Jordan Monks**

YR 11



**Jonathon Whittome**

YR 12



**Tom Maynard**

YR 12





**William Seys**

YR 12



**Sergey Medvedev**

YR 11



**Sophie Aldis**

YR 11



**Oyinda Alajogun**

YR 12



**Mike Chui**

YR 11



**Rosie Wood**

YR 11



**Senna Osman**

YR 13



**Max Foot**

YR 12



**Samuel Olutula**

YR 13





Rory Wilson

YR 11



Fergus Walker

YR 12



Chloe Wang

YR 12



Toby Lansdale

YR 12



Emma Penny

YR 11



Georgia Jackson

YR 11



David White

YR 12



Harry Gawler

YR 11



Elliot Hughes

YR 12



# TEXTILES

This year has been a busy one for the Textiles Department. We started off with a useful visit to the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. We went to see 'The Power of Making' about contemporary craft and then students were able to visit galleries appropriate to their research topics. In October, our students were fortunate enough to participate in a group exhibition with the Royal Ballet School in London. Eight schools were invited to contribute to the show and the work was of an exceptionally high standard. Our Bethany students did themselves proud, as you can see in the photo.

Coursework projects can be demanding and time consuming but well worth the effort when our students are given the opportunity to display their work in a public setting. The Year 12 group had their Chinese inspired hangings on display for four weeks at the Cranbrook Library Gallery in March. The work looked excellent and garnered much praise.



Examination topics were commenced after Easter and this was topped off by a final display of work for moderation and the Fashion Show on Speech Day. The quality of work this year has once again been strong and 7 out of 8 of our Textiles students are continuing their studies on Art Foundation courses.

They have secured places from Central Saint Martin's in London, De Montfort in Leicester, Loughborough and UCA Canterbury.



Royal Ballet School in London



Installation in Cranbrook Library



Victoria Coombs

YR 13





**Nicola Richmond**

YR 12



**Oliver Donovan**

YR 13



**Winnie Chung**

YR 13



**Lydia Healy**

YR 12



**Georgia Jackson**

YR 12



**Bethan Gadd**

YR 13



**Fashion Show**



**Fashion Show**



**Ellie Porter**

YR 12



# Food Technology

## 🌀 Magnificent Seven 🌀

As part of the primary research component of the AS Food Technology project, Year 12 students went on the road. They visited a large apple farm near Horsmonden which supplies a leading supermarket chain. They also visited Orchard End Farm Shop near Hurst Green, to identify typical customer target groups and preferences.



The Year 12's had great fun making sausages at Sizzlers Butchers in Goudhurst and enjoyed sampling ice-cream after a visit to the Taywell Ice Cream Factory at Paddock Wood. They also identified a range of intriguing new food products during a trip to a Waitrose supermarket. Back at school the pupils conducted an in-depth product analysis on their interesting purchases. All of these off site activities helped raise awareness of seasonality, the historical and current agricultural setting in Kent & Sussex, and local business opportunities linked with food. Each pupil went on to present their final prototype product to a visiting entrepreneur, Mr Alastair Jessel, who assessed the viability and market potential.

## 🌀 Uni Gourmet 🌀

This 7-8 week course is offered to Year 12 and Year 13 students. The concept is to encourage (usually non-cooks) to learn how to prepare a range of simple suppers which are healthy and economical. Students learn how smart dietary choices can help brain power and soon realise that eating well does not have to mean endless hours in the kitchen. On completion of the course, students will be presented with a certificate of achievement and a cook book which contains all their recipes for use when they leave home and move on to further education or employment.

## 🌀 Cooking up a Storm 🌀

As part of the activities that our pupils can choose, Chef School is a popular choice, pupils have 50 minute sessions once a week for one term. During Chef School there are Bethany Masterchef heats and the winner of each heat goes through to the next round.



The day of the Masterchef grand final dawned and there were 3 pupils going head to head for the prestigious title - Lucinda White and Jude Campbell from Year 7 and Oliver Fielder Year 8.

**The task the budding chefs had to complete in 1 ½ hours was:**

To prepare a starter and main course OR main course and dessert to be served at the London Olympics Competitors Banquet to celebrate the end of the 2012 London Olympic Games.



The original dishes included an innovative take on a British classic - Jude Campbell's, Shepherd's Pie with a twist, which contained exotic spices with a sweet potato topping with Feta Cheese crumbled over the top. Oliver beautifully presented his flavoursome chicken dish which had a delicious honey glaze and perfectly cooked vegetables.

Guest Judge - Head Chef Scott Smith from the Star & Eagle in Goudhurst said, "The judging proved very hard as each contestant produced great

quality dishes with a finesse and attention to detail way beyond their years, any of them would be welcome to come and work with me".



The Bethany Masterchef 2012 Crown went to Lucinda White. Her menu included a delicious Spicy Caribbean Chicken with Jamaican Rice and Peas and a dessert of strawberries flavoured with elderflower cordial topped with crumble, popping candy for texture and real Gold Leaf - a true celebration of Gold for Britain!



The runners up Jude and Oliver only narrowly missed out on the title so well done to all 3 of our budding chefs.



# Young Enterprise

## Optimise

With such a large, excited company things were not as easy as the team first thought. With the company set up and each position chosen we started off with William Seys leading the way. Early business initiatives included football tournaments as well as pool competitions. However, we knew that we could do more. The motto of Young Enterprise is, "learning by doing", but we actually learnt by not doing! Poor sales forced us to have a serious rethink, and we decided to split up into three different teams, distributing the tasks better and hopefully in the long run creating more revenue. After Christmas, Jamie Hagerty took over the company; and with two new products the team finally started to make substantial profits. Help from Simon Jordan our business adviser steered us in the right direction and the selling of the Wonka Bars was a huge success. It was an eventful and enjoyable year that the team won't forget. We want to say thank you to Young Enterprise and all of the staff and advisers.



This has been a super year for Young Enterprise, with two extremely capable companies operating, with a degree of competition! I don't think I can remember a year when two companies developed such a high profile around campus. I was very proud of both at 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. Both teams picked up awards on the evening.



Special mention too for William Seys, who represented Bethany at the YE public speaking competition, winning his area heat and finishing runner up at the County final.

Finally, we have been lucky to have had the support of two brilliant advisors this year, who look set to remain with us. John Evans and Simon Jordan are both hugely appreciated and brought much to the boardroom table!

## Underdog

What an awesome year. Young Enterprise has definitely been one of the best things and what I have learnt personally has been colossal. Looking back, calling ourselves naïve would be an understatement. However, we have learnt quickly and what we have learnt is invaluable; such as working as a tight team, learning each other's strengths and weaknesses and playing to them. This became apparent in a fanatical climax at the end of the year when, with the help of the parents at speech day, we managed to raise a grand total of £624 for Hospice in the Weald through our charity, sealed bid auction. Leaving on such a high will make me always remember the excellent experience our company had in Young Enterprise. Massive thanks go to our main men, John Evans and Mr Khan, who not only advised us, but gave us direction throughout Young Enterprise enabling us to achieve best company report and speech.

## Entrepreneurship Masterclass

In July Bethany Lower Sixth pupils took part in an Entrepreneurship Masterclass, and pupils from Wilmington Grammar and Kent College also attended. There were three excellent guest speakers; Jim Hunt from 'The Purple Edge Marketing', Belinda Raitt from 'About Talent Ltd' and Simon Jordan from 'Simon Jordan'. Three very different speakers, giving thought provoking talks on their personal careers, what it means to be an Entrepreneur, planning for the future and motivation. I found the day absorbing, as did the Lower Sixth, who asked lots of questions and showed amazing qualities; Bethany definitely has budding entrepreneurs!



**£624**

**RAISED FOR HOSPICE IN THE WEALD**





# APPRENTICE CHALLENGE

• 2012 •

Our enthusiastic Apprentices went head to head during 5 gruelling challenges. After each task they had to face our very own Lord Sugar – Simon Davies, which must have been nearly as scary as meeting the big man himself! All the judges were very impressed with the innovative ways our Lower Sixth pupils tackled the complex tasks which are listed below, so congratulations to all the participants.

## TASK 1: Governors' Arrival

Create a name and a slogan for your team, tackle the 30 minute task set upon entry into the Meeting Room, create a 5 minute presentation for the governor and answer questions.

## TASK 2: Double your Money

You have a £60 float to be used to raise as much money as you can. Use your initiative. Keep receipts and produce financial records by 3.30 pm on Tuesday 12th June. Well done to them all as they raised a magnificent £300 for Breast Cancer.



## TASK 3: Make that Cake

A member of staff has a birthday. You have to make the cake, decorate it and sell it for a profit in the staff room on Friday 15th June at 10.40 am. You have to persuade staff to bid for it. Bake the cake on Thursday 15th in your boarding house but you must get permission from your house staff. You must purchase all your ingredients from Mrs Wood in Food Technology on Wednesday 13th between 12.45 pm and 1.45 pm.



Make that Cake

## TASK 4: Making a Good Impression

You are required to bring in a product and give a 4 minute presentation to 3 purchasing representatives from a large department store. You will all have exactly 3 minutes to make your pitch and then you will have one minute to answer questions on the product. You make up all the details.

## TASK 5: Prepare for an interview

On Monday 19th June you will be asked questions by 2 tough interviewers on your involvement in the challenges, your strengths and weaknesses and why you should win the competition. You may get a few more questions too!

Well done to the overall winner Amanda Hill for beating off the strong competition, impressing all the judges and not being intimidated by our own Lord Sugar!



Second place went to Jamie Hagerty and third equal were Jessica Leaper and Lydia Healy. Amanda received £70 and Jamie £25.



"You're fired" - Our very own Lord Sugar



# Pengelly Society

Five evenings a year, the Pengelly Society meets; a tradition started in 1971 and now attended by the majority of our Sixth Formers who enjoy the eclectic range of guest speakers. The 237th meeting had the privilege of being addressed by a dynamic woman, Felicity Aston, who a couple of months later set a world record as the first woman to trek solo across Antarctica, a distance of 1700 km! She eloquently described a previous Antarctic expedition where she led eight women with no prior experience on a 911km trek, with some of the women never having seen snow before and having to ski 12 hours a day. Her passion, determination, strength of character and leadership skills were inspiring.



## Night One

An international best-selling author living in Goudhurst, Matt Lynn provided an interesting account of his ghost writing experience and gave a reading from his first novel called *Death Force*.



It was fascinating to learn how he went about researching his subject and the structure he uses for his gripping novels. With many of the Society purchasing his first book, they looked forward to the sequels. This rare insight was particularly enjoyed by our avid readers and writers in the Society.

## Night Two

With a talented board of governors at Bethany, the Society invites a governor each year to give an account of their background and their role in the School. Andrew Pengelly, our esteemed Chairman of Governors had a rapt audience with his talk entitled: 'Bladders, Bethany and Board Meetings'. As the son of a previous Headmaster, Kenneth Pengelly, he described his journey from a Bethany pupil to an NHS surgeon. He revealed his passion for the NHS and how it is the 5th largest employer in the UK. When asked how he would run the NHS he explained that he would introduce competition, close hospitals that give persistent poor care, use that money to save good hospitals and rein in the health and safety regulations. On his role as a governor, he explained that he 'steers the rudder and doesn't get involved in the engine, "that is Mr Healy's job!"'

## Night Three

Tom Hart Dyke joined us again to give an entertaining account of his terrifying ordeal being captured in Columbia while on a trek. He was presumed dead after being missing for three months, but by some luck,



they were released by their teenage kidnapers who had tormented them with automatic weapons. To keep up his spirits, while being held hostage, he designed the World Garden which he has now made into reality at his family home, Lullingstone Castle. His enthusiasm for gardening and plants especially appealed to Joshua Worby, a keen botanist in the year group.

## Night Four

The Chairman of The Bethanian Society, Nigel Kimber and enthusiastic members Tor Harmer and Robert Pilbeam described the role of 'TBS' and encouraged the Upper Sixth pupils to join. They described the benefits of maintaining friendships, networking and keeping in contact with the School. Robert introduced the Skene Catling Trust which is a trust fund provided by a long serving and dedicated Bethany teacher. The aim of the trust is to support students on their gap year. Students apply in writing and describe the nature of their intended adventure and voluntary work. Mandy Cornick gave the Society food for thought on what to consider to make the best out of a gap year.

As we look forward to the next exciting line up of speakers, I must thank India Parry, our Pengelly Society secretary for taking and reading minutes so efficiently, as well as the catering staff for providing the much loved canapés at the end of each evening.

*Delahle Gale,  
Chairman*







# SPORT



## GIRLS' HOCKEY

### 1st Team



This has been a really encouraging season for our 1st team girls. We started off with enthusiasm and skill as the girls re-grouped, having not previously played together. Joint Captains Yasmin Gordine and India Parry worked well together and we looked well organised and professional. Our strength in defence shone through, with goalkeepers Natasha Brattle and Yasmin Gordine determined not to let many goals past. With help from Alice Marland, (who needs a special mention for improving this year) and the consistent Amanda Hill, combined with Yasmin Gordine (sweeper when not in goal), they were a daunting set up.

Our midfield players, Lauren Garrett, ever mobile, with her dogged determination to gain the ball; Olivia Douglas, always fighting to claim possession; Fabienne Valentine-Hosein and Georgia Jackson, both working well to distribute the ball and most improved player this season, Megan Knapp with her tenacious attitude, kept the opposition on their toes.



Up front, our forwards, India Parry, Jemima Harris (our top goal scorer), Jessica Leaper, Rosie Wood, and Au-Nais Fort all provided us with some great goals. Izzy Fatah also gave us some great support.



Most memorable games were our draw against King's Rochester at the tournament, our 5-1 win against Maidstone Grammar School and our 4-1 win against St. Lawrence at the end of the season. This game summed up just how hard the girls have worked and how they have come together as a team.

Some of our squad will be leaving us at the end of the year; we will be sorry to see them go, but thank them for their dedication over the years and wish them well.

*J A Wareham*

### U15

The Under 15's have had a tough season, playing 7 matches, winning one and drawing one. Despite having to work so hard against strong and motivated opposition, the team gelled relatively quickly with glimpses of talent evident each time they played. Two highlights were a 3-1 win against Buckswood, and coming fourth overall in the Granville League 7-a-side tournament played at St Lawrence. The team should be congratulated on their efforts and enthusiasm.

*C D Macdonald*

### U14


This was a mixed season for the U14's, but they demonstrated a great determination and commitment to all practices and matches.

Our defenders, including new goalkeeper Grace Hebblethwaite, aided by Rosie Ward and Sophie Marland, ensured the opposition were always going to find it hard to score.

Midfield players Rachel McDermott, newcomer Kate Marshall and Phoebe Mills worked tirelessly to move the ball around the pitch.

Our forwards, Cheyenne Walker, top goal scorer Alex Tate and Eden Fort all worked hard to create chances and to put us in the lead. Isobel Sherlock also gave us great team support and her determination is to be commended.

Our most notable games were our great wins against Marlborough House and Dulwich at the start of the season.

 **Player of the Season**  
**Eden Fort**

 **Most Improved Player**  
**Grace Hebblethwaite**

*J A Wareham*





# ROUNDERS

## GIRLS' HOCKEY

### Junior

The Year 7 and 8 girls have made great progress this season; from starting out with some shaky games and uncertainty, they have proved themselves and have come 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. India Hoad has gained in confidence over the season, proving herself to be an intimidating goal keeper, with solid support at the back from Lizzie Stuart, Georgia Langley and Emily Raj. We have demonstrated our ability to move the ball around the pitch, with increasing confidence and credit should go to Captain, Rowan Beaumont, Vice-Captain, Eleanor Firth and Heather Armstrong for their determination in the midfield. Up front, we had the ever diligent, Emma Askew and Lucy Laister, committed and putting the other goalkeepers under pressure. Full credit must also go to our Year 7 players, Jessica Nicholls and Lucinda White, who have improved over the season and have been enthusiastic and flexible regarding positions. Well done to all – we look forward to next year!

 **Player of the Season**  
**Emma Askew**

 **Most Improved Player**  
**Heather Armstrong**

*J Wareham*

Up front, we had the ever diligent, Emma Askew and Lucy Laister, committed and putting the other goalkeepers under pressure. ”

## U15

The U15 fixtures were hounded by the wet weather, with 3 games and the Granville




League tournament cancelled, so we struggled with our concentration and focus. However the girls managed to play 4 games and these were fairly close with a win over Ashford 9 – 5 and a narrow defeat against Ashford 7½-6½. Joint captains Amelia Page and Antonia Brattle both played and undertook their roles well. Francesca Holmes bowled exceptionally well and fast to make it difficult for the opposition to score. Amelia Clark played well on 1st post linking well with Amelia Page at Backstop. Kate Luxford's blistering speed around the pitch made her a force to be reckoned with and she scored the most rounders in the U15's for the season. Other squad members included Ciara Reddy, Hannah Marsden, Amy Tucker, Emily Bristow and May Teverson.

## U14

Due to the adverse weather during the first half of term we only managed to play 1 incredibly close match losing by just half a rounder to Gads Hill 13-13½. In this match there was good ball play demonstrated by Rosie Ward and Rachel McDermott on 1st and 2nd post respectively. In the second half of term we played Buckswood where we won by ½ rounder with Sophie Marland and Kate Marshall being our highest scorers. In the last match of the season we amalgamated with some of the year 8's to play a triangular match against Skippers Hill and Cottesmoore. This turned out to be an enjoyable afternoon even though we lost both matches with Pheobe Mills making the catch of the season. Special mention should go to Eden Fort as deep fielder and


to Grace Hebblethwaite as back stop. Also playing in this squad were Alex Tate, Immy Oakes, Cheyenne Walker, Poppy Sadler and Sarah Young.

 **Player of the Season**  
**Rachel McDermott**

## U13



In a wet and unpredictable summer the U13 squad had a very successful season. They played 5, won 3, drew 1 and lost 1. They played in the Granville League tournament at Dover College coming a very respectable 3rd, narrowly losing against Ashford and St Lawrence College by 1 rounder and 2 rounders respectively. Emma Askew was an excellent and consistent bowler, with Lucy Laister 'the model rounders captain', leading by example both in her play and team talks. Rowan Beaumont played exceptionally well throughout the season demonstrating strong fielding and excellent batting. Making their debuts in the U13 team, Mia Mallion, Jessica Nicholls and Heather Armstrong are pupils to watch in the future, bringing strength and understanding to the side. Contributions to the successful season also came from Isabella Hobson, India Hoad, Georgia Langley, Lizzie Stuart and the determined Maddy Todd.

 **Player of the Season**  
**Rowan Beaumont**



# NETBALL

## 1st Team



With less than half of the squad from last year, the 1st team had a very different set up this season. Many of the 2nd team players stepped up into the 1sts, playing to their full potential throughout the season. The team demonstrated a good tactical understanding as they played in the Granville League, changing positions to change their game plan.


Charlotte Hemmings and Amanda Hill were shooting well from under the post, Jessica Leaper and Megan Knapp were creating good links between defence and attack. Our defensive players Georgia Jackson, Ellie Raishbrook, and Yasmin Gordine, marked and defended well, never giving up. Our reliable Goal Defence, Charlotte Bainbridge, had another excellent season playing particularly well in both the Granville League and at King's Rochester. She is awarded the most improved player of the season. India Parry captained the side well, and demonstrated her versatility by playing several positions throughout the season. As a result she has been awarded 'Player of the Season'.

*S King*

the season and everyone played an important part in the team's success. Some notable results were a 16-2 victory against St Edmund's, a 19-7 victory against St Lawrence College and wins against Combe Bank 35-28, Dover College 12-5 and a 13 all draw against King's Rochester.

The U16's rounded off the season with great determination and flair at the Liddington Tournament. They won their first two games 7-2 and 7-1 followed by two hard fought draws. In the second round we performed better with two further wins, 11-1 and 9-1 and a narrow 5-6 defeat which can be put down to a momentary loss of concentration. In the final the girls really pulled out all the stops and played some excellent netball, resulting in a 5-5 draw which put us in third place. Congratulations to all.

Squad members: Sophie Aldis, Natasha Brattle, Theresa Brattle (C), Olivia Douglas, Lauren Garrett, Alice Healy, Fabienne Valentine-Hosein, Rosie Wood.

 *Player of the Season*  
**Rosie Wood**

*E Cornell*

## U16



It was decided that the team would remain unchanged and not

amalgamate with Years 12 and 13. The term started with a tournament at Kent College in which we came fifth. Our centre court players gave their all but found it hard in the Goal Keeper and Shooter positions due to their lack of height. Rosie Wood was awarded player of the tournament. The girls then took part in the Kent U16 Netball Tournament. 53 teams took part and the girls did exceedingly well by coming in the top three schools of their pool, winning all but two of their matches which allowed them to progress to the knockout round. Finishing in the top 14 was a great achievement as we were undoubtedly one of the smallest schools to enter. The girls played consistently well throughout

**The U16's rounded off the season with great determination and flair at the Liddington Tournament. They won their first two games 7-2 and 7-1 followed by two hard fought draws. ”**



### U15 A



The U15 A netball team had a very successful season. As talented individuals we held high hopes for this squad of players and they did not disappoint. Whilst it took them a few sessions to settle into their games and pick up from where they left off last season, their statistics speak for themselves. Scoring 82 goals for and 58 against, they won 3 and lost 3.

Shooters, Ciara Reddy, Milly Page and Francesca Holmes played well together throughout the season. Demonstrating a good understanding of movement in the D, they continue to work the ball around in order to get closer to the post, where they succeeded in scoring numerous goals. As Wing Attack, Milly Clark had a phenomenal season, always in the right place at the right time demonstrating her athletic ability. In defence not even an injury would stop a determined Amelia Porter from playing throughout the season. She displays controlled aggression to regain possession of the ball and has continued to improve. Amy Tucker continued to be a very influential player on court, demonstrating her ability to read the game and anticipate the interception. Kate Luxford was very versatile, playing all defensive positions, but settling as Goal Defence. Due to her improvement she has been awarded the most improved player of the season and I hope to see more of the same next season. Antonia Brattle captained the side well throughout the season, leading by example and giving 100% in every match. She consistently received the honour of player of the match, showing excellent skills, determination and an outstanding understanding of the game, ultimately receiving Player of the Season.

**Player of the Season**  
**Antonia Brattle**

### U15 B

This season the team gained a great deal both in terms of team spirit and skills. They started the season well with an 11-1 win over Dover College, this was followed by a loss against Combe Bank's U14 A team. We took part in the Granville League where we came fourth playing some good netball against St Lawrence College, King's Rochester and Dover College's A teams. Two further games resulted in a 4-4 draw against Ashford and a 12-21 loss against King's Rochester.

Squad members: Emily Bristow, Evie Davis, Paige Goodger (C), Hannah Marsden, Ruth Marsden, Claire Snow, May Teverson.

**Player of the Season**  
**Paige Goodger**

*E Cornell*

### U14

The U14's were only able to play a few games as many other schools play their fixtures in this age group on a different day of the week, however, this situation will change next year.

The first match of the season was against Buckswood where the A's won 5-4 and the B's lost 1-4. This was followed by a match against Benenden in which the standard of play improved with a 7-4 win by both teams. The season ended with a 6-6 draw against Combe Bank. The girls all enjoyed taking part and having the opportunity to represent the School.

Squad members U14 A's: Grace Hebblethwaite, Sophie Marland, Rachel McDermott (C), Phoebe Mills, Alex Tate, Cheyenne Walker, Rosie Ward.

Squad members U14 B's: Ellie Chung, Amelia Deveau, Eden Fort, Kate Marshall, Poppy Sadler, Isobel Sherlock, Sarah Young.

**Player of the Season**  
**Rachel McDermott**

*E Cornell*

### U13

The first three matches of the season were losses as the team took some time to gel. However they won the next four.

Emma Askew shot well in the matches making a great improvement in her accuracy as the term progressed. Jessica Brown proved a conscientious Centre with good movement down the court accompanied by Lucinda Laister ready to feed the circle. Jess Nicholls's confidence grew with each match and she proved a valuable member of the team.

Squad members: Emma Askew, Rowan Beaumont, Jessica Nicholls, Lucinda Laister, Jessie Brown, Isabella Hobson, Jessie Daubeny, Georgia Langley.

**Player of the Season**  
**Emma Askew**

*E Cornell*

### U13 B

This team had a mixed season yet they came together quickly to form a strong second team. However, with the inevitable absences from the A team in a long term, we occasionally lost our games due to stronger players playing in the A's. When playing as a full squad we fought hard through the centre court with Isabel Petts making a real impact in her first netball season at Bethany. In defence India Hoad made good improvement, intercepting any loose balls that would have resulted in the opposition scoring. Emily Raj and Halina Markiewicz shot well throughout the season with very encouraging wins against Gads Hill and Buckswood. Well done to all who played this year and we look forward to seeing your further progress next season.

Squad members: Emily Raj (C), Halina Markiewicz (VC), Maddy Todd, Isabel Petts, Lucinda White, Lizzie Stuart, Georgia Langley, India Hoad and playing two games, Emilia Wyllie.

**Player of the Season**  
**Isobel Petts**

**Most Improved**  
**Halina Markiewicz**

*S King*



# RUGBY

## 1st XV

The team approached the new season with energy and determination



to be as successful as possible. The squad did not have the depth and experience of previous seasons, but nevertheless they performed superbly well in all matches. Callum McConnochie led by example, was consistently the best player on the pitch and was often congratulated and admired by the opposition coaches. Josh Chant grew into the season and led a very youthful pack with passion and strength from the front row. Tom Difford, Oliver Donovan and Patrick Jenkins also had strong final seasons in the back line. Luke Kavanagh was pick of the young players and developed fantastically well, while Tristan Smith had a very good season on the back row. Samuel Helesfay was a rock in the centre and Fred Roberts was one of the most improved players, rocketing to 1st XV standard and ending up as a first choice front row player in the second half of the season.

The commitment to defence was the team's strongest facet all season alongside the togetherness they built and played with when on the pitch.

A number of the players have dedicated themselves to Bethany rugby for many years and will now move on; we wish them well, and thank them for all their efforts over the years.

*M Payne*

## U14

The first meeting saw only 13 players turn up. By the last game 24 players had willingly represented the team. Some powerful runners allowed us to pick up some wins along the way while playing some fairly ragged rugby. However, as the squad developed they started to produce some good team spirit. The defence was well organised and the whole team had an awareness of what they were trying to collectively achieve. A well deserved 15-5 win ended the season on a high and the boys can take great pride.

*A Sturrock*

## U15



The U15's had a very positive season with good wins against some decent opposition. Starting the season with a heavy defeat to Gravesend Grammar School was a blessing in disguise. The match highlighted the commitment and level at which the team would need to train and perform if they were to gain anything from the season. With some very good sessions the boys were able to turn things around and went on a strong three match unbeaten run with wins against Lingfield Notre Dame, Ashford and Dover College. Noticeable performances in the forwards came from James Lauth (Captain) and Joshua Burford. In the backs Joseph Holland and Joshua Leaper stood out.

*J Sheppard-Burgess*

## U13


Time and again this season we would play fantastically well through phase after phase, building momentum, pressure and field position, only to lose the ball in a ruck or maul and then have opposition backs who had started shaving two years ago pick up and run the length of the field to score. This happened during our best performance of the season, against Ashford: we scored three excellent team tries through Henry Lucas, William Cunningham and Ethan Pearson and dominated the game, but ended up on the wrong end of a 38-19 scoreline because Ashford possessed a centre who was big, quick and strong and scored five solo tries.



Other stand-out performances came against Wilmington Grammar, in which the team played magnificently against yet more huge opposition, and against Dulwich Prep, which ended in a 31-29 defeat only after a last-gasp try and conversion.

Our sole victory in a hard season came in a close game against St Lawrence College. With the game in its last minutes, another drive finally put us in reach of their try line and Adam Thompson just about squeezed the ball over for a try, with Gabriel Baxter kicking a superb conversion, just as he had done all season. The defence held out for the last few minutes for a 7-5 victory and the sense of relief was huge.

The team can be immensely proud of the way in which it played, especially the forwards, who spent game after game shunting much bigger packs all over the pitch. David Williams, Adam Thompson and Oliver Fielder were particularly impressive and will be the cornerstone of the Bethany teams as they move through the School. In the backs, Steven Farrell and Nicholas Myrsep-France were constantly brave in tackling people bigger than their coach, and Hamzah Atta made a superhuman appearance in the final game of the season, decimating the opposition every time they made the foolish mistake of trying to run past him.

 **Player of the Season**  
**Ethan Pearson**



# FOOTBALL

## 1st XI

This was always going to be a tough season having lost several important players last year.



Over the course of the season there were many fine individual performances, notably from Callum McConnochie, Tom Difford, James Found (who was joint top scorer with Tom Maynard), Daniel Blewett, Samuel Helesfay and, in particular, team captain George Roberts. Unfortunately, all too often, they failed to play well as a team and a lack of firepower up front, together with some costly mistakes at the back, meant that they finished the season winless. However, there were still some bright spots which give optimism for next year, the pick of these being James Found's 30 yard goal of the season away to Cranleigh, and the tremendous second half performances in the same game and at home to Sutton Valence.

*J Vickerman*

## 2nd XI

This team have worked exceptionally hard this term with tough



fixtures against Worth School, Cranleigh School and Sutton Valence. The best game was against Sutton Valence where Bethany won 3-1 away. The return leg had local derby written all over it and the whole game was as entertaining and thrilling as expected from two local schools with the result being 2-2. Player of the season goes to John Pearson who worked exceptionally hard at Left Back. Another mention goes out to Harry Kelf who stepped up from Year 10 to play in goal for 2 games and really showed that he has the goalkeeping ability to play at a higher level of football.

## U15

The U15 team had a tough season. They deserve credit for perseverance and commitment to training and they produced a notable win against King's Canterbury, 4-1. Key player for the season was Adam Ranson.

## U14



The U14's team had a frustrating season. Their inability to work as a team was the reason many results went against them. The team was scattered with many talented players who produced some moments of individual brilliance, though these moments were not enough to produce positive results. Jake Hardy pulled off some heroic saves in goal, George Douglas could open up an opposition with some positive running and Henry Olnier helped to tighten up a leaky defence. Player of the season was team captain Adam Kirkbright for his positive attitude and work-rate even when things were against us. His ability to follow instruction and give 100% saw Ben Cox as the team's most improved player.

*Player of the Season*  
**Ben Cox**

## U13



The U13 football team started their campaign full of optimism. The squad had many good Year 8 players who had played last year for Bethany plus some new Year 7 additions. The first 4 games went well with some very good performances, wins of 6-4 and 5-3 showed more strength in our attack than defence. Full of confidence the team entered the Dover 6 a-side tournament in which they only conceded 1 goal and were eventually knocked out on penalties 6-5 in the semi-finals. The teams last remaining games produced varied levels of performance in which many new players were given the opportunity to represent the school.

*J Austin*



# CRICKET

## 1st XI



The 1st XI played limited matches this season due to the weather. The team lost to King's Rochester, won against Dover College and drew a very close match against Buckswood School. Angus Sutton batted well alongside Fred Roberts at the top of the order with Connor Kirkbright and Sam Hewes chipping in with runs further down. Pick of the bowlers were Daniel Blewett, Jake Martin and John Pearson. Against Dover College Angus Sutton (30) and Adam Ranson (57 not out) played some nice shots to secure an excellent win against a well drilled Dover team. In a season where Adam Ranson and James Lutch played up a year from the U15's and with no 1st XI players above year 12 the signs are for a positive few years to come for senior cricket. Well done to James Found for his first season as Captain and to Angus Sutton for winning Player of the Season.

*J Sheppard-Burgess*

## U15

The U15's struggled to complete their fixture list due to the weather. Some matches did take place, and against Gads Hill Adam Ranson took control with the bat and scored an unbeaten century alongside Jack Wood with 57 not out. The bowlers, Joshua Leaper, Christopher Urie, Ryan Askew, James Lutch, Adam Ranson and Jack Wood kept pressure on the opposition batsman, eventually bowling Gads Hill out for 57. In their only other fixture this term the U15's took on the rest of the Granville League in the King's Rochester sixes tournament and were eventual runners up after a thrilling final against King's Rochester. Player of the tournament was Adam Ranson, with other noticeable performances from James White and James Lutch. For Adam Ranson's century against Gads Hill, his first ever, Adam receives a special award from the school towards a new bat.

*J Sheppard-Burgess*



## U14

The U14's season was unfortunately a bit of a wash out, however some matches were played and there were glimpses of a strong team developing at U14 level with some fantastic individual players at this age group. Five matches were cancelled due to the weather, and three went ahead. The season finally started with a very competitive match against Battle Abbey School. Declan Robinson was the stand out player for Bethany scoring 33 not out. In a thrilling finish, Battle Abbey scored 2 runs from the last ball to secure a win. The boy's then played Claremont School and found their form. Bowling first they restricted Claremont to 71-5 from their 20 overs. Bethany chased down the total in 9.3 overs without any real problem and won with a dominant display. This form continued into the match against Buckswood School with another good fielding and bowling display restricting the opposition to a total of 92-3 from their 20 overs. Bethany set about the total and scored 93 for no loss of wickets from 11 overs, James White scoring an impressive 48 not out. The future looks promising and we hope for better luck with the weather next season.

*M Payne*

## U13

The U13's suffered narrow defeat to King's Rochester, Dullich and New Beacon. However, all the players who have been involved can be proud of their efforts, giving 100% in each game. Matthew Page led the team well in his first season as Captain, keeping wicket and contributing with some valuable runs. Ethan Pearson was at times devastating with his aggressive batting, hitting many boundaries with his Mongoose Bat. Harry Brushett was the team's most consistent Bowler and in the St Lawrence College six's showed he can score runs when needed.

*MJ Austin*



# BOYS' HOCKEY

## 1st Team

After a difficult first match against Ashford School the squad did well to recover their composure and showed their potential in a 3-3 draw with King's School, Rochester. Mixed results then followed but the team saved the best to last in an outstanding 2-2 draw against Dover College. Senna Osman was the most consistent player through the season and was rewarded with the most Man of the Match awards.



## U15

The U15 Hockey team played two matches winning one and losing the other. The squad was made up of players from Year 9 and Year 10 and had limited training together so their performance was very creditable. A number of the younger players stood out with Henry Olnier and James White deserving a mention.

## U13

The season started with a long journey to St Lawrence College in Ramsgate. The team started to show their potential in the second half and followed this with some impressive victories. Most notably a great win against Maidstone Grammar School at home and a win away to King's, Rochester. The season ended with a strong performance against Dulwich Prep but the team did not complete the opportunities to score and the result was a 0-1 loss. Nicholas Myrsep-France captained the team well with Will Smith standing out as player of the season.

*Player of the Season*  
**Will Smith**

**Most notably a great win against Maidstone Grammar School at home and a win away to King's, Rochester.** ””

# BASKETBALL

## 1st Team

The Basketball team had a good season with excellent performances against Maidstone Grammar, Cranbrook School and Ashford. The team played with enjoyment and committed fully to their basketball this term. The boys were always very competitive with narrow losses to all three opponents. Tee Jay Dervish-Hussein and Henrik Prenzlin were the pick of the players and Billy Cho must be congratulated on his passion and leadership in the basketball arena this term.



*J. Sheppard-Burgess*







# SCHOOL COLOURS



## RUGBY

FULL

Thomas Difford

HALF

Joshua Chant  
Samuel Helesfay  
Patrick Jenkins  
Tristan Smith

## GIRLS' HOCKEY

FULL

Yasmin Gordine  
India Parry

HALF

Jessica Leaper  
Megan Knapp  
Lauren Garrett  
Alice Marland

## FOOTBALL

FULL

George Roberts  
Callum McConnochie

HALF

James Found  
Daniel Blewett  
Thomas Difford  
Samuel Helesfay

## CRICKET

HALF

James Found  
Daniel Blewett

## NETBALL

FULL

Charlotte Bainbridge  
Charlotte Hemmings  
Yasmin Gordine  
India Parry

HALF

Rosie Wood  
Lauren Garrett  
Jessica Leaper  
Georgia Jackson  
Ellie Raishbrook

## BOYS' HOCKEY

HALF

Giles Greenhalgh  
Senna Osman  
Martin Richards

## ROUNDERS

FULL

Jessica Leaper

HALF

Fran Kenny

## HOUSE WINNERS

ATHLETIC SPORTS

Speakers



# SPORTS DAY

Bethany School Athletic Sports afternoon finally took place on Friday 1st June after suffering cancellation due to the ever present rain! Kiplings, Roberts and Speakers were all very keen to take the title of Athletics Champions 2012 and all the athletes involved performed exceptionally well. In one of the closest matches in recent history it came down to the relays to decide the winner. With the tension building and the crowds cheering, Speakers eventually took the glory with the narrowest of margins.



The atmosphere was as usual, electric, and all involved were a credit to the School. It was lovely to see so many students involved and trying their hardest for their team and importantly the amount of support and encouragement everyone who took part received from other students.





# SPORTS AND HOUSE AWARDS



## RUGBY

**LAWRIE MANN TROPHY**  
*Greatest Contribution to 1st XV Rugby*  
**Callum McConnochie**

**THE HALFHIDE CUP**  
*Most Improved 1st XV Player*  
**Luke Kavanagh**

**THE STUBBS TROPHY**  
*Greatest Contribution to Junior Rugby* **Joseph Holland**

## HOCKEY

*Most Improved*  
**Megan Knapp**

*Player of the Season*  
**Yasmín Gordine**

*Greatest Contribution to Junior Hockey*  
**Amelia Page & Amy Tucker**

## FOOTBALL

**AMBROSE ROGERS CUP**  
*Contribution to Football*  
**George Roberts**

*Top Goal Scorer*  
**James Found/Tom Maynard**

**THE HALFHIDE CUP**  
*Most Improved 1st XI Player*  
**Tom Difford**

## NETBALL

**PIPPA BLACKMAN TROPHY**  
*Contribution to Netball*  
**India Parry**

*Contribution to Junior Netball*  
**Antonia Brattle**

## CRICKET

**NIGEL KIMBER CRICKET CUP**  
*1st XI*  
**Angus Sutton**

**RAY RICHARD CUP**  
*All-Round Achievement in Junior Cricket*  
**Adam Ranson**

**JACK WHITE SHIELD**  
*Best Bowling Average*  
**Daniel Blewett**

## ROUNDERS

*Greatest contribution to Senior Rounders Award*  
**Fran Kenney**

*Greatest contribution to Junior Rounders Award*  
**Amelia Page**

**JOHNSON TROPHY**  
**Rowan Beaumont**

## ATHLETICS SPORTS

**GORDAN WING CUP**  
*for Intermediate Boys Victor Ludorum*  
**Christopher Urie**

**PETER GREENHILL CUP**  
*for Junior Boys Victor Ludorum*  
**Leo Rossouw**

*Inter Girls Victrix Ludorum*  
**Kate Luxford**

*Junior Girls Victrix Ludorum*  
**Mia Mallion**

## JUNIOR AWARDS

**MARRIOTT JUNIOR BOY AWARD**  
*Performance & Commitment*  
**Harry Brushett**

**MARRIOTT JUNIOR GIRL AWARD**  
*Performance & Commitment*  
**Emma Askew**

**DAMIEN LEE JONES MEMORIAL CUP**  
*Overall Contribution to School Sport*  
**Samuel Helesfay**



# activities week

## Lower Sixth

### Year 7

#### Day 1

We started activities week with an intensive session. Staff offered advice in dealing with paperwork and skills that will be beneficial in terms of our future prospects. We had instruction from Mr Thorpe on filling in our personal details on the UCAS web-site. The staff also provided further assistance to our group in completing personal statements. Meanwhile, the other group were targeting job interview skills and writing CVs and mock application letters. Miss Berry silently judged the group on their group interview skills while Mr Hart-Dyke proved to be a formidable interviewee for the face to face interviews.

#### Day 2

The next morning the whole year gathered to watch The Social Network; no doubt a subtle ploy by Mr Khan to inspire our entrepreneurship in readiness for what was about to follow. We then had lectures by three business coaches, this filled our budding entrepreneurs with motivation and enthusiasm. Our next presentation was from Gad Mimran, as Director of Plan My Gap Year. His inspiring talk highlighted the benefits of taking a gap year; how it can broaden our horizons, be affordable, and make a lasting impact on the lives of others. I am certain the presentation convinced many of our Sixth Form to pursue this path.

#### Day 3

On Wednesday the majority of the year took a coach to Thorpe Park where they made themselves dizzy, putting their lives on the line while speeding through the air at breakneck speed, at a considerable height, and frequently upside down! Their bravery astounds me!

#### Day 4

The next morning we were given lessons in managing money and financial planning. By the end of the session we were authorities on accounting, investing and book-keeping. It just remains to be seen whether any of our Lower Sixth will take heed of the important advice they received, or will they end up in a debtor's court! In the afternoon both staff and students took part in a series of very demanding and exhausting fitness exercises in the Upper Dining Room. Afterwards we were entertained at The Orchard with tea and cake provided by the teachers, which more than compensated for the energy lost during the afternoon's exercise.

All in all this was a very informative and fun week and we thank the teachers for making all this possible.

by Edward Kendall

#### Day 1

This morning we were all impatient to get stuck in to the team building challenges. The first thing we did in our groups was to make a shield to represent each person. We then went to the squash courts where we completed some more fun activities. In the afternoon we enjoyed a treasure hunt where we had to go around school finding questions and answering them. I think we had the most fun during activity time; we were split into four groups and told we had to get across the sports field on three pieces of carpet!

#### Day 2

We were split into four groups, each representing a different person or group of people from the Battle of Hastings. During the morning we watched a video about the Battle, then each group was given a set of interview questions to prepare for. The interviews were filmed and we all gave clear answers to the historical conundrums put to us. In the afternoon we went to the battlefield to act out all of the events. Everyone really enjoyed acting dead or pretending that they had won the battle.

#### Day 3

Today we went to Bedgebury Pinetum where we had to navigate using a compass and a map. However, I think all of the groups got lost at some point during the day. In the afternoon we completed the Emmaus walk and did some Ecology Art. The best picture won a prize - unsurprisingly, this was Sean.

#### Day 4

The finale of our fun week of activities was spent at Howletts Zoo. When we got to the zoo we were divided into groups and given a crossword to complete. Despite a few easy questions the crossword was a real brain teaser. After we had walked all the way around the zoo seeing the huge variety of animals, and getting lost a few times - it was time to go to the gift shop!

by Jessica Nicholls





## Year 8



### Day 1

There was a buzz of excitement in the room as we completed registration. Our first task was to write a timeline of London on a toilet roll and decorate it! The pressure was high, but we covered the period from Roman London to the current preparations for the Olympics. It was a really fun task and we learnt a lot about the history of London. We then went to chapel to watch a film about all the ghosts that haunt London which was suitably spooky!



### Day 2

Today was all about team building, these exercises were hard, and teamwork was essential in order to complete them. During the second part of the day we completed some fun exercises such as using Google Earth to find the shortest route and see how long it would take to walk it.



### Day 3

This morning we brought our overnight bags and headed to Marden station. It was so exciting; we were talking about all the different things we were going to see and do. When we got off the train we went to HMS Belfast – what a huge battleship. Other highlights were going to the top of The Monument, which we discovered was topped with gold. We also went to the Bank of England Museum and each of us held a bar of gold, which was very heavy. At the end of a busy day we returned to our accommodation aboard HMS Belfast; it was easy to see what a hard life the sailors might have had.

### Day 4

After breakfast on board we then enjoyed the Tate Modern and a trip to Borough Market. We are all very grateful to have experienced these fun activities with our amazing teachers this week.





# activities week

## Year 9

### Day 1

A fun day was had when we visited the Observatory Science Centre in Hurstmonceux. Upon arrival, the students were allowed to roam free through the centre and experiment with all the different gadgets and devices on display. This seemed to occupy and interest every student, so much so that when we set off to see the telescopes, it was near impossible to pull them away. Many gasps of awe could be heard when the students went to see the Thompson Refracting Telescope, and the dome which held it, and the students seemed to find the history and inner workings of the telescope very interesting. An educational day of science was enjoyed by all.

### Day 2

What an energetic day out at Scotney Castle! We started with a scenic walk of 4 miles through the woods and fields of the Scotney Estate. Our local rangers and guides explained to us how they manage the woodland to produce sustainable wood chip fuel and promote biodiversity. Students also practised their artistic skills by sketching the famous Scotney Castle and surrounding beautiful rolling landscape. In the afternoon we had a team treasure hunt which involved us recognising important local plants. It was a very wet and misty day but the students enjoyed themselves despite the mud and rain!

### Day 3

This was a very intensive (and a very humid!) day developing a better knowledge of basic financial planning and budgeting, as well as financial reality; in other words, learning about "the real world". Most discovered that they would not earn enough to own a Ferrari by the age of 26! They also underwent mock job interviews both as interviewers and interviewees, and asked each other some quite searching questions!

### Day 4

A visit to Chatham Historic Dockyard gave our Year 9's the opportunity to witness some of our maritime history. Activities included making a gas powered cannon and a propeller powered boat. Having made and raced our boats, the Armada spirit took over and we watched as our fascinating constructions took on water and sank. The take home message was clear; speed and seaworthiness are the best combination. The afternoon was spent looking into three beautifully preserved ships. HMS Ocelot, is a submarine left over from the cold war, and is not recommended for those with claustrophobia. The Gannet is a Victorian steam and sail powered sloop, which protected British trade and was used to combat slavery. We finished with a look around the very impressive HMS Cavalier, which was the Navy's last operational WW2 destroyer, which spent its twilight years in the warm waters of the Far East.







## Year 10

Day 1  
We started by heading towards the science lecture theatre to learn about the importance of presentation skills, during which we were offered expert advice by an outside specialist, Suzanne Bowe. Our thanks go to Mrs Wareham who spent much time in organising this event. After lunch we then split into groups to play a team sport of our choice, either football or rounders.

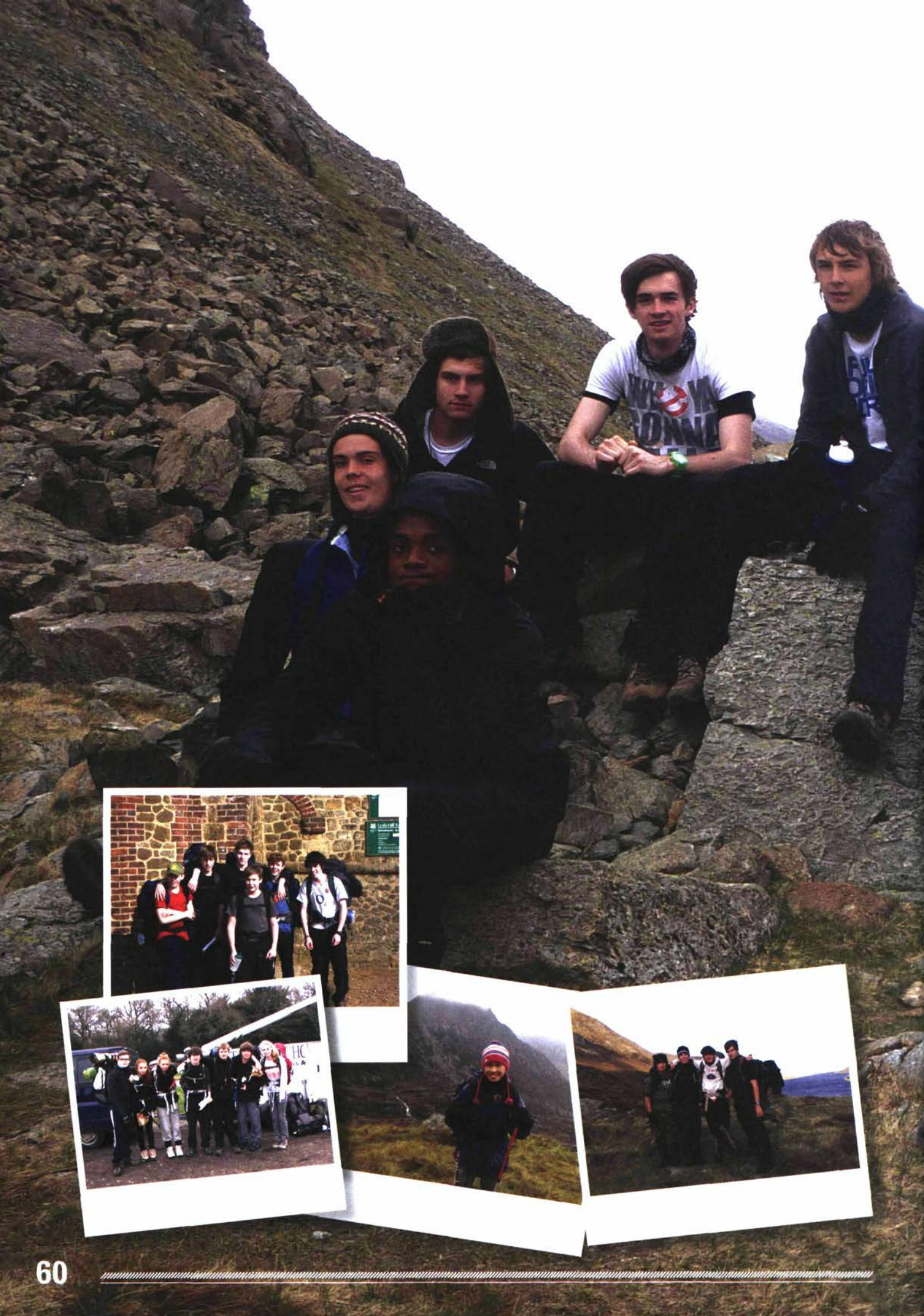
Day 2/3  
Today we travelled to Bewl Water to complete both water sports and team exercises. We were split into smaller groups and the first task was to cross from one area to the other using 3 planks and not being able to touch the ground. We were told there were sharks in the gap and that Indians were chasing after us! We had a few attempts and each time learned how to improve. Finally, with one minute to spare, we all completed it triumphantly. Next we had to scale a 2 ½ metre wall with the whole team. We laughed a lot as we had to re-start again after nearly dropping one of our team mates. Next came an afternoon on the water. With all our different wet weather gear on, we closely resembled chilli peppers in our full red wetsuits and helmets for canoeing. There were quite a few hairy moments as we entered the water, but once we got into the swing of it, there was no stopping us! We managed to retrieve many different items whilst falling in a couple of times. All in all, the day was great fun and the instructors were both helpful and funny.

Day 4  
Today was based around the Olympics, a group of people came into our school and we were again split into teams and had many different challenges ahead of us. They ranged from trying to work out how many slices of cake you could get with 5 straight slices, to keeping the hula hoop going for 30 seconds and keeping all the nails balanced on one single nail. There were some real challenges such as the cube that we somehow had to get our whole team through every gap whilst scoring the highest score.

The whole week was great fun and we really felt that we learned so much from this out of the classroom experience.









# D.O.F.E. 2012

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

In a remarkable coincidence, exactly the same number of students in 2011-12 participated in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award as in 2010-2011 and, with almost 50% of eligible students taking part, this is a clear indication of the success of the Award at Bethany School.

My personal highpoint of the year was the successful qualifying expedition for 11 of our Gold award candidates in challenging weather conditions, with three of these students going on to fully complete the award before completing year 13. In total, 14 students, past and present, completed their Gold award this year and will have the experience of collecting their certificates in a presentation ceremony at one of the royal palaces.

This year also saw the continuation of our growing understanding of the electronic DofE system that participants use to record their progress through their chosen Award, allowing us to more easily assist our candidates with recording the necessary evidence to achieve their awards. The system has seen a number of changes during the year, making it easier to monitor the progress of our students. 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 in the Surrey Hills and a very wet qualifying expedition in the Ashdown Forest. The Silver Award candidates spent four sunny days in Dorset for their practice, but the weather for the 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 expeditions to Snowdonia and the Lake District. Both areas not only provide a serious physical challenge, but also some 'interesting' weather.

As always, Bethany would not be able to offer the DofE to our students without the tremendous support of a large number of the staff, who continue to give up their precious weekends and holiday time. I would like to give particular thanks to Sue Thorpe, for her support and hard work; she continues to make a significant contribution to the success of the DofE programme at Bethany.

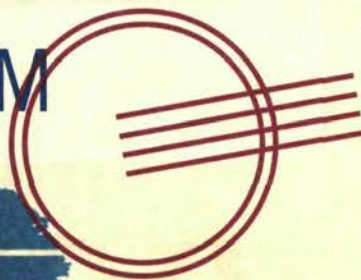
Finally, I would like to thank the students for their tremendous effort and enthusiasm.

*Dave Schooledge*





# POSTCARDS FROM

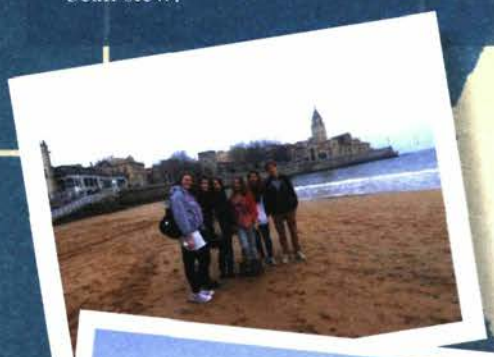


## Trip to Spain

Sixth Formers went to Gijon, Asturias in northern Spain where they immersed themselves in the culture through nine hour Spanish lessons, by staying with host families who only spoke Spanish and eating sea urchin, octopus and traditional bean stew!

## Art & Design trip to New York

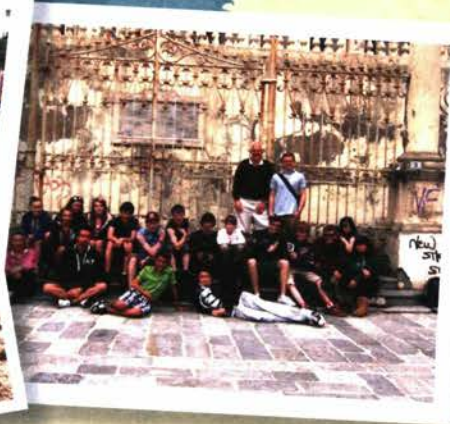
Sixth Form Art, Textiles and Photography students visited the Big Apple; taking in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art, and the Guggenheim to use as a resource for their assessment exhibitions. They also had a little time for Strawberry Fields in Central Park, the Statue of Liberty, Ground Zero, The Empire State Building and a Mets Baseball game.





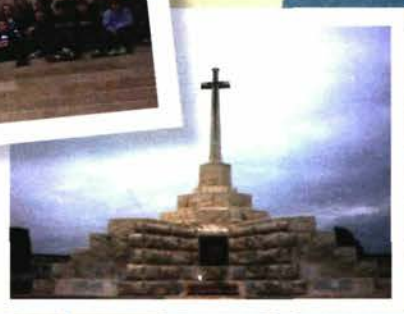
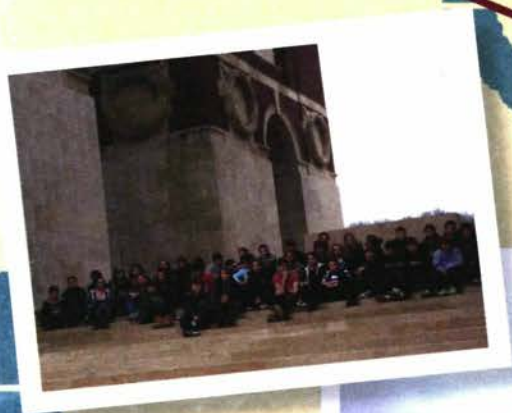
### Trip to Cannes

To help improve their command of the French language pupils' visited Cannes, where they immersed themselves in the culture and the delights of French cooking. Highlights included a tour of the wonderful L'Île Sainte Marguerite, the picturesque Italian town of San Remo and the Gorge de Verdun.



### Trip to Berlin

After a 16 hour coach journey Year 11 and 12 students delved into the history of Berlin with a walking tour of 'Berlin under the Swastika'. Highlights included the controversial Jewish memorial, the Checkpoint Charlie Museum, Hitler's bunker and the concentration camp Sachsenhausen.



### Trip to the Great War Battlefields

Year 9's visited the Great War battlefields, where they took in the trenches at Sanctuary Wood and Wellington Quarry, where Allied miners made preparations for the attack of 1917. The pupils also visited Thiepval, the memorial to soldiers of the Somme with no known grave. It was a sobering experience for the pupils to find the names of Old Bethanians both at Tyne Cot and Thiepval.



## • STAFF MOVES •

### Fiona Johnson

**F**iona Johnson was a valued member of staff at Bethany from September 1995, thus dedicating some 17 years to the School and how that time has flown. She thrived in her various roles; with Housemistress, Head of Girls PE, DofE Coordinator with her husband Phil, Director of Activities and a popular DLS teacher all strings to her bow.

There was never a dull moment and one great memory was several years ago, when we took a group of pupils cycling

around Bewl Water. Fiona led her group clockwise and I took my group in the opposite direction. We came across a shop and I

thought it would be a good idea to let my group buy an ice cream and unbeknown to me Fiona thought otherwise. My group were inside, I had my head buried in a freezer and Fiona came to the door and sternly announced that no one was allowed in the shop, you can imagine her look of surprise when I raised my head!

Fiona was a truly great servant to Bethany, her dulcet tones are sorely missed and the place is not the same without her. We wish Fiona all the best for the future and thank her from the bottom of our hearts for her tireless service to the School down through the years.

*Francie Healy*



### Dougan Macdonald

**I**n December 2011 Dougan Macdonald left Bethany School to move back home to South Africa with his wife, Paula, and their newborn son, Hayden. Hayden was born in October and, when Paula and Dougan were expecting, they understandably felt that the time was right to move back closer to their parents.

Dougan started working at Bethany in September 2005 and, in the six and a half years he was here he contributed a colossal amount to the School: he taught Biology, Chemistry, Physics, ICT, Rugby and Hockey; he was Pengelly Housemaster, Head of Biology, Acting Head of Games, Work Experience Co-ordinator, Activities Co-ordinator, and he was heavily involved in the Duke of Edinburgh and the Himalayas expeditions, to name just some of the roles he undertook. In fact, there was very little he didn't do (!) and he did an absolutely fantastic job in every single

role. He left some very, very big shoes to fill, both figuratively and literally.

Although Dougan might be described as something of a gentle giant, his reputation preceded him as far as the students were concerned; they were all well aware that there was a very strict line that should never be crossed with him, and they respected him greatly for this. They also knew that he cared deeply about the welfare of everyone in his care and that he was incredibly dedicated to them, and to the School in general.

Dougan has now commenced work in the post of Head of Biology at Kearsney College and, from January 2013, will also be assuming Housemaster duties there.

From everyone at Bethany, we wish Dougan, and his family, the very, very best of luck as he undertakes his new role back home in South Africa.

*James Vickerman*



### Paula Macdonald

**P**aula joined Bethany School at the end of 2005, moving into Pengelly House with her husband, Dougan. The Pengelly Boys were treated to delicious Pudding Nights, meeting their new Housemaster and his wife over a pudding in their kitchen was a great ice-breaker. This South African couple soon taught the boys about a braai and other South African traditions. A few months later Paula helped teach some Science lessons while a member of staff was ill and did such a tremendous job that we quickly got her to become a full time staff member in the Science Department in September 2006.

Paula is an incredibly conscientious teacher and produced some wonderful resources in the department to help her students' learning. We still think of Paula as we use her colourful and interesting worksheets in our Biology lessons. Paula enjoyed an interesting time while in the Science department with the prep room and two labs burning down and then the development of the new science centre. I still remember Paula and the rest of the department working one holiday to choose and put up the pictures around the Science Centre. Paula threw herself into the life of the school and spent many hours working tirelessly. She enjoyed taking time out to walk around the 'Continent and 'Island' – two popular walks around the area taking in the beautiful Kent countryside.

After much thought, Paula decided to show her talents in the DLS department and became a very good Learning Support Assistant, with many of her pupils benefitting from her patience and dedication. In October 2011 Paula and Dougan were blessed with their first son Haydn. In December 2011 they moved back to their roots in Natal, South Africa, living at the renowned Kearsney College.

Paula made a huge impression in the Science department and around the School and like Dougan, she is sorely missed. We wish the Macdonald family lots of happiness.

*Delia Hle Gale*



### Audrey Ducoulombier

**A**udrey Ducoulombier came to Bethany in the autumn of 2006 as Head of French. A native French speaker with a PhD in French multiculturalism and the debates it prompts, she brought an up to date and vibrant vision of French language, culture and society to Bethany. Her astute and focused manner meant that pupils made great progress both at GCSE and A level, whilst her many trips and visits to her native Pas de Calais and beyond to the warmer south gave the pupils a first class opportunity to learn lessons in situ. As a Sixth Form tutor she offered wise counsel to pupils considering higher education, both in the UK and overseas. We wish Audrey, her husband Brendan and baby George the very best of luck as she continues with life beyond Bethany.

*Paul Kilbride*

### Jonathan Sheppard-Burgess

**J**onathan arrived at Bethany in September 2009. A cricket man at heart he instantly made an impact, guiding the IST XI to an unbeaten season in his first summer.



Jonathan was a very committed member of staff and embraced all kinds of school trips including, skiing in Austria, Germany with the History

department, Iceland with Geography and a summer expedition in South Africa with World Challenge to name a few. Jonathan was not only a passionate sportsman and committed member of the PE department, he also worked as 1st Assistant in Pengelly House. Very popular with the Pengelly boys he guided many boys through their School years and was a caring supportive form tutor.

He now moves onto pastures new and takes up the role of Head of Cricket at Repton School, Dubai and we wish him well in his new venture.

*Matt Payne*

### Sally Worby

**S**ally Worby joined the Science Department in September 2009 and made an extremely strong impression from day one with her enthusiastic and hands-on approach to her teaching. She is a great believer in Science being a practical subject and all of the students she taught were regularly 'wowed' by the novel, exciting and often awe-inspiring experiments she prepared for them. She also cared deeply for the individual progress of all her students and they were very aware of this, greatly appreciating the time and attention she gave to all of them. Aside from her magnificent work in the Science department, Sally was also, a key member of the DofE team, going on several expeditions, and the members of her Bee-Keeping Club will also miss her guidance on their apiarist endeavours! Sally departs with our very best wishes as she starts her career as Head of Science at St. Michael's Prep School in Otford.

*James Vickerman*





### Emma Chrysanthou

**E**mma joined the English Department as a full-time English teacher and taught English to Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & Lower Six. She always took her role as an English Teacher very seriously and devoted a great deal of time to her planning, preparation, teaching and marking. She was also excellent at supporting her colleagues within the Department and added humour and sound educational philosophy to departmental meetings.

One of Emma's particular strengths was her ability to get on with people; she forged good, professional relationships with the pupils she taught and with their parents. These relationships proved very fruitful and her direct and honest approach, combined with her caring nature was much appreciated.

Outside her role in the classroom she was a very good tutor to her tutees and provided sound advice and support to both pupils and parents. Her genuine concern for the welfare of those she tutored made her a firm



She was also very willing to organise trips out for those she taught and visits to *The Woman in Black*, *War Horse* and *The Hunger Games* were all appreciated by the pupils.

Emma was totally loyal and reliable. When she said she would do something, you knew it would be done properly and promptly. She also gave of her time freely. It is her natural friendliness and confidence which is appreciated by all. She will be greatly missed.

*Tim Hart-Dyke*

### Alicia Houghton

**A**licia has been a committed employee of Bethany School since 1999. Initially she joined us as a part time Registrar and organised the Admission process superbly

well. She always had a keen eye for detail and order and everything that was set up was properly filed and referenced. Alicia gained a thorough



understanding of the School very quickly indeed and it was no surprise that down through the years she decided that her two daughters, Gemma and Chloe, would also benefit from the Bethany educational experience.

Having mastered the admissions process, she subsequently became Marketing Manager in 2006 and transferred her superb organisational skills to the marketing side of admissions. What had been done informally prior to her appointment was now done in a much more structured and informed manner.

When touring the School with prospective parents, she was able to give them a complete picture given that she was speaking both as an employee and a parent. Alicia's commitment was well above the call of duty and she regularly spent time outside her allotted hours to ensure that her every increasing role was always completed to her own exacting standards.

Alicia was also Alumni Co-ordinator and in the last few years knew all the key people well. She formed excellent relationships with the Committee Members of The Bethanian Society and was very keen to ensure that their profile, both within and outside continued to increase. Such has been her devotion to the cause that The Bethanian Society has decided to make Alicia an Honorary Member in recognition of her sterling work throughout the years. This is a reward that is richly deserved.

Having worked so hard and so successfully for so long, it was very understandable that Alicia decided that it was time for her to draw breath for a while.

We wish Alicia and her husband Gary well as they enter a new chapter in their lives.

*Francie Healy*

### Richard Allen

**R**ichard was with us for the two terms, helping out in various departments, and of course as assistant in the Mount. Originally though, Richard joined Bethany in September 2001. This is, in fact, his third incarnation as part of the Bethany community, hence his nickname 'boomerang' or 'Teflon'!

Three of Richard's personality traits made him an invaluable member of staff. The first was Richard's unfailing willingness to be helpful. This operated on two levels, firstly when you asked Richard to do something he would never say no, secondly, he was so good at offering help, just when you needed it the most.

Second was Richard's insatiable appetite for Mars Bars. Richard, almost single-handedly, supported the Mount tuck shop this year!

The last, which I hadn't seen until recently, was Richard's competitive streak. Just two days after cycling 54 miles on the London to Brighton sponsored bike ride, Richard quietly slipped out for a ride one evening, and rode 68 miles! When I asked him whether he had sunstroke, he explained that on the cycling app we use, I was a few miles ahead, and he couldn't have that... a huge thank you from all of us for your invaluable support.

*Anthony Khan*





# FRIENDS OF BETHANY SCHOOL



FOBS is run by a committed team of parents including the Headmaster. It has been a particularly exciting year for FOBS with a keen emphasis on giving as many parents as possible the chance to meet each other. Apart from helping out at Coffee Mornings, the Cheese and Wine evening for new parents, Open Days, productions and 'Bethany's Got Talent', the committee laid on two very successful fundraising events for the Bethany community. The well attended Murder Mystery Evening in October was entitled 'Murder at the Manor' and was run by a professional company. With wine, intrigue and keen sleuths the audience worked enthusiastically.

The popular 'Fish and Chips' Quiz Night in May was a sell out with 156 witty and wise people made up of parents, staff, governors, guests and sixth formers. Entertaining quizmaster, Gareth Stubberfield ran 8 rounds and a picture round.



Congratulations must go to the winning table consisting of Graham and Sally White, Lynn and Robert Porteous, Peter and Annabel Wyllie and Sarah and Ian Petts. The Summer Fayre as part of Speech Day was a great success thanks to the gallant efforts of the committee. The hog roast provided a tasty lunch and guests were happy milling around the stalls whilst enjoying a glass of Pimms! It was great to see so many families enjoying the relaxed atmosphere on our beautiful campus.

While continuing to support smaller projects, the main fundraising focus has turned towards raising funds for improving the School's swimming facilities. The 200 Club has continued to be popular with 18 winners drawn throughout the year sharing a prize fund of £840. Our thanks also go to Jackie Daws for running the second-hand uniform shop.

Finally, it has been an absolute pleasure working with such a dedicated committee whose sterling efforts have been much appreciated:

Lynn Askew, Claire Brett, Nicky Desperles (Secretary), Sara Fuller, Jacqui Griffiths, Francie Healy, Steve and Jannette Markiewicz, Philippa Marshall (Treasurer), Clare Miles, Nicky Page, Nicola Tucker, Sally White with Vanessa Davies and Elaine Yussuf always keen to help out too.

We look forward to the Quiz Night and the Hollywood Glamour Ball as our next fundraising events.

Thanks to those of you who are using the Giving Machine; the funds are beginning to feed in to the School's fundraising effort.

You can register online with [www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk](http://www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk) and nominate Bethany School. Then, every time you shop online with your usual retailers such as John Lewis, Amazon, eBay, Tesco and most of the large supermarkets, Next, Boots, various airlines including BA, Virgin, Singapore Airlines, in fact over 360 of the UK's leading retailers, Bethany School gets a free donation from the retailer. It doesn't cost you any more, and you don't have to buy anything you wouldn't normally buy. Just keep shopping online via [www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk](http://www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk), and at the same time you're raising money for our School. It really is that easy!

Please help us to ensure Bethany School doesn't miss out on this great opportunity for the redevelopment of our swimming pool complex.

*Delaëhle Gale  
Chairman*





# Speech Day

Speech Day 2012 dawned sunny and very windy. The organisers breathed a collective sigh of relief that the ever present rain of the last weeks suddenly evaporated for this important day in the School's Calendar, when visitors from far afield are welcome to come and celebrate the success of our hard working pupils as well as meet up with class mates from days gone by.

In the morning, our sixth form leavers with their families, members of the Bethanians' Society and staff congregated in the School Chapel for a moving Leaver's service which was full of fun anecdotes about the leavers from Mr Thorpe.



The guests were then able to enjoy the 26 stalls and activities which formed the Summer Fayre. This proved very popular with pupils, teachers, parents and our dedicated FOBS team worked hard to ensure they maximised their fundraising with a range of tempting food, drink and entertainment. Everyone was so happy that we did not have to use plan B which was our wet weather alternative and this boosted the spending power of the patrons.

Mrs Kelly choreographed a colourful fashion show which raised a wonderful £325 for the Heart of Kent Hospice. Some very high standards were maintained and the senior pupils who produced these creative and original pieces are to be highly commended. Mrs Wood and her team provided some delicious culinary delights that could be sampled by the appreciative fashion show audience. Mention must also be made of the incredible array of talent on show in the Art School and DT Workshop.

This year we were delighted to welcome two VIP's back to Bethany School to perform naming ceremonies on two of our important buildings. Firstly Mr Benians unveiled the plaque on the Benians Building, this classroom block contains Textiles, Food Technology and Modern Foreign Languages. It was named the Benians building after two former headmasters; William Alfred Benians who was academic headmaster from 1878-1916 and his son Percy Stephen Benians otherwise known as Steve



who was joint headmaster from 1916-1930. We were delighted that Stephen's son Peter Benians who is also a former pupil officially named this building.

This was swiftly followed by our previous Headmaster, Mr Nicholas Dorey unveiling the name plaque on our Science building which we are proud to call the Dorey Science Centre. This demonstrates the high regard in which Mr Dorey is held for his inspired stewardship of the School from 1998-2010.

The School then hosted a guests' and leavers lunch in the Upper Dining Room, and a Bethanians Society lunch in the Lower Dining Room both of which gave an opportunity to catch up with friends both old and new.



The Bethanians Society adjourned to conduct their AGM; and for the rest of the guests the Prize Giving began in the Sports Hall at 2pm. It was no mean feat to marshal the audience of 900 into their seats.

Chairman of the Governors, Andrew Pengelly, welcomed the audience and declared that Bethany was in good shape. He went on to say, "The last year, like all its predecessors, had its inevitable patches of turbulence but over all good things far outweigh the less good. In 2010, with a new Headmaster and an exceptionally difficult economic climate, the Board wisely devoted much thought to contingency plans for an inevitable, and possibly significant, decrease in pupil numbers. That was wise, but it was also two and a half years ago. Now, I am reminded of a Roald Dahl quote which goes like this: "my life has been full of many disastrous events, none of which have ever happened". The anticipated reduction in pupils has not occurred. Numbers are healthy. And had we been willing to lower our entry standards we could have been even fuller. This year we will continue to make a healthy surplus, from which we will increase the Christopher Jackson Endowment Fund to provide bursaries, scholarships and help if times get difficult. We shall also continue to develop our buildings."



Although he alluded to a major building project, (which some of you will know is our planned development of the swimming pool complex), he added a note of caution saying, "In the current economic climate we need a closer view of future years' finances before we can be confident we can afford to build to the high standards we require. Having said that, and with our surpluses looking healthy, I predict an announcement may not be far away."

Mr Pengelly finished by highlighting that Bethany's overall strategy remains simple and unchanging, striving to provide the best possible experience for our pupils, and then be sure the world knows about it.

The Headmaster's speech opened with the idea that, "the sky is the limit. Nothing is impossible and everything can be within your reach. You should not think you are better than anyone else, but you are at least as good as the next person." He went on to talk about the parallels between the Olympic ideals and the philosophy at Bethany. "We want and expect every child to achieve his or her personal best. We aim to adjust our teaching based on our understanding of each learner; all that we ask in return is that they try and achieve the same goal - their personal best."



This was followed with parallels between the critical elements ever present in the Olympics, and how we work with these same ideals in the Bethany community.

- The Olympics are inclusive
- The Olympics celebrate success
- The Olympics are about teamwork

He implored our leavers that above all they should keep an open mind. "Do not despise nor reject things you do not understand. Be successful, be respectful, be polite, be affable, be kind, be courteous, be confident, be adventurous, be brave, be nice but above all be true to yourselves. Use these qualities wisely and you will go far."



We were delighted to welcome this year's guest speaker, Mr Andy Cassell, a Paralympic Gold Medal winning sailor in the Atlanta Paralympic Games. Mr Cassell's speech also focussed on the key to success. He said, "Do not give up – if you have one glimmer of purpose in life focus and go for it! Focus, determination and hard work with a little bit of luck thrown in – these are the keys to success". Mr Cassell's grit and determination in the face of adversity allowed him to finally realise his dream and win his gold; and his motto, "never give up"!

The Head of School, Ellie Raishbrook said, "Now it turns to me, as Head of School, to thank Mr Cassell for speaking to us today. I, like the headmaster, wondered in Olympic year, about the parallels between the Olympic Movement and Bethany School. Of course, one is an established institution that encourages individuals to excel and to fulfil their potential whether individually or as a team. The other, is the Olympics!"

The day finished as it had started in the breezy sunshine. The guests were treated to delicious cakes and tea in the dining hall, and the chance to reflect on a day full of emotion, friendly conversation and laughter.





# JUBILEE

2012 was, of course, a momentous year in the history of this country with The Queen celebrating her Diamond Jubilee and marking 60 years of her reign. She came to the throne on 6 February 1952 and her Coronation took place on 2 June 1953. Buckingham Palace co-ordinated events for the Diamond Jubilee central weekend, which ran from 2-5 June and Bethany, of course, played its part both within school and as part of our local community. The Headmaster decided that there should be a street party for the boarders to celebrate the occasion. Thanks go out to the Maintenance Department who started off proceedings by bringing seating for 130 to The Firs' garden. There were Union Jacks aplenty and the catering staff prepared the delicious food in the kitchens and brought it over in convoy.

The pupils themselves arrived around 5.30 pm to the sound of music, played by the band Queen, which in the circumstances was appropriate. A true banquet ensued. The Headmaster made a speech extolling the virtues of the Queen and the National Anthem was played. Afterwards, the pupils had the opportunity to enjoy the garden until darkness fell. The weekly boarders from South London were also looking forward to their own street parties but in the event, due to inclement weather, some of those parties never took place, so the Bethany Tea Party was their only opportunity to officially recognise the Queen's outstanding service to her country.

The following day was the last day of summer half term and our caterers offered a quintessentially English menu. Choices included Bangers & Mash, Fish & Chips, Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding, Trifle, Strawberries, Apple Pie and Cream and Jelly. The Dining Hall was also decked out with festive bunting.



The residents of Curtisden Green formed a Committee to organise a celebration in honour of the Queen on Monday, 4 June 2012. Well over 100 people attended the event at Winchet Hall. Bethany played its part by providing practically all of the required furniture, as well as a music system. The organising Committee, of which Mrs Healy, was a member, worked tirelessly to ensure that a good time was had by all. Everyone in the community lives such busy lives nowadays that we don't always get to chat to each other and, therefore, this occasion proved to be the ideal event for this. Although the weather was inclement in practically all parts of the country, the rain held off long enough for all of us who were fortunate enough to be at the party to enjoy the afternoon's entertainment.









# 6th Form Run the School

---

---

On the 21st March 2012 the Sixth Formers had the opportunity to run the School for the day. The day started off with a full assembly eloquently led by our Head Girl, Ellie Raishbrook with a theme about everyone benefitting from participation.

The Sixth formers represented different staff members and had to prepare a detailed lesson plan before the big day to ensure that the pupils being taught had a positive learning experience. In total they prepared and delivered 120 lessons with the regular teachers sitting quietly at the back and behaving themselves!

The Sixth Formers enjoyed break time in the staff common room and a few participated in a Senior Management Meeting.

The day was an overwhelming success. Pupils taught by the Sixth Form commented on the interactive lessons, enthusiasm and how smart their 'teachers' were. Although some Sixth Formers were nervous before the lessons they really enjoyed the experience. One 'Geography teacher' said that he now realised how much effort teachers have to make to produce an interesting lesson'. The Staff at Bethany are extremely proud to see how these pupils rose to the challenge.

---

---

**We were delighted by the enthusiasm and support of both students and teachers. The reaction from the pupils was so overwhelmingly positive that it made all our hard work worthwhile, so we would like to thank the School for giving us the opportunity to experience the challenges and joys of teaching.**

”

*Ellie Raishbrook,  
Headgirl*



# School Council



*Teachers William Seys & Georgia Marland with a captive audience*



Bethany School Council was elected, convened, discussed, debated and then legislated during the past year, its first. Elections were held in early October 2011, with each tutor group electing a rep and year groups electing members of the core executive. The main business of Council was discussed during the general meetings. The range and scope of debate was broad, and the impact quickly felt. Bigger and better bins were bought and imported to prevent squirrels and crows from littering, a food committee was co-opted to represent pupil views to Pabulum, our caterers, and a representative body of Council reps met with teacher representatives to discuss teaching and learning in the classroom. The Council ended the year by promoting a day of international diversity, not only in the classroom but also in the dining hall. Our thanks go to them for their maturity and commitment.



*Nicholas Palfrey demonstrating fine art techniques*



*Alice Marland shows the boys how to cook*



*Oliver Beams providing the necessary spark in Physics*



# The Bethanians' Society



All former pupils become members of The Bethanians' Society (TBS) once they leave the School. Membership is free and the society's committee aim to organise a variety of social events throughout the year. The TBS is crucial to the School - helping members keep in contact with each other, it also allows Bethany to maintain links with past pupils and assist in its continued development. Communication is key and that is why we are rejuvenating the way in which we can keep in contact and advise members of new developments at Bethany.

We have introduced a new data management system called Potentiality which provides the ideal platform to achieve this goal. If you are a Bethanian and have not yet registered, then please register by clicking on [www.bethanians.org.uk](http://www.bethanians.org.uk) 'Login' and then go to "The Directory" tab. Updating your profile will help us to keep you informed about what is happening both at School and within the Bethanians' Society. You can also look forward to receiving newsletters by email, as we do our bit for the environment and cut down on paper and postage. We welcome feedback and look forward to the successful implementation of the Potentiality project. Please provide any comments and news to [alumni@bethanyschool.org.uk](mailto:alumni@bethanyschool.org.uk) Don't forget you can also stay in touch with the society via their facebook page [www.facebook.com/thebethaniansociety](http://www.facebook.com/thebethaniansociety)

## Welcome to our New President

It is a huge task to take over the reins from my brother, Nigel. I believe it is a TBS first for siblings to become back to back presidents!



## Annual Bike Ride

A recent leaver, Dominic Gasson is keen to promote an Annual Charity Bike Ride for both past and present pupils and staff to cycle along two selected routes, (20 miles and 40 miles) through the beautiful Kentish countryside. Please contact [alumni@bethanyschool.org.uk](mailto:alumni@bethanyschool.org.uk) if you would like to take part.

Bethanians' v School Sports at Reunion Day 2013

A cricket match for the gentlemen and a rounders match for the ladies will, we hope take place on Speech Day, June 22nd 2013 at 3.30pm (TBC). We will post details for this via Potentiality and on the School website.

## Annual Dinner

This year's Annual Dinner was held at Bethany, on a very wet October night, which luckily did not stop attendees travelling from far and wide. We welcomed over 50 Bethanians' from a range of year groups. The audience enjoyed a delicious three course dinner accompanied by lots of banter and joviality. The guests were wowed by Robert Pound's (Bethany 89-92), amazing magical tricks.

## Reunion Day 2013

A sunny and very windy day was spent at the School for the enjoyable annual Leavers' and Reunion Day in June. Many of the TBS member's return on an annual basis but one of our members had not been back to Bethany for 20 years so there were many changes for him to enjoy.

## 20 Club

The Annual 20 Club Dinner was held in the sumptuous surroundings of The Oriental Club in London, with 20 Black Tied attendees. Thanks go to Robert Pilbeam for organising the meal and arranging such a fantastic venue. If you would like to know more about the 20 Club please contact [robert.pilbeam@virgin.net](mailto:robert.pilbeam@virgin.net)

## Catling Trust

This registered charitable trust was set up 15 years ago, for selected Bethany pupils during their gap year both abroad and in the UK, awarding bursaries to help fund their trips. The Trustees are seeking individual and corporate donations (any personal donation is eligible for Gift Aid), from Bethanians to increase the financial support for this worthy cause. Ideally the trust would aim to offer one bursary a year in excess of £1,000. It will be awarded on Speech Day, to a candidate who can demonstrate how the award will be used to help benefit other young people. The successful pupil will be expected to make a presentation to the trust upon their return. To register your interest and find out more, please contact Robert Pilbeam on 01424 844365 or [robert.pilbeam@virgin.net](mailto:robert.pilbeam@virgin.net)



# PRIZES AND AWARDS 2012

## THE J. J. KENDON PRIZE *for Effort*

Year 7 Lucinda White

Year 8 Lizzie Stuart

Year 9 Max Kelly

Year 10 Amy Tucker

Year 1 Alice Healy

## SPECIAL MENTIONS

Year 7 William Cunningham, Jessica Nicholls,  
James Golding, James Tasker

Year 8 Dorothy Beales, Emily Raj,  
Emma Askew

Year 9 Isobel Sherlock, Jamie Cook,  
Sophie Marland

Year 10 Alexander Fuller, Joseph Holland,  
Hannah Marsden, Amelia Page

Year 11 Zofia Markiewicz, Rosie Wood,  
Sam Hewes, Theresa Brattle

## THE KILBY PRIZE *for Junior Art*

Ellie Cheung

## THE DOUGLAS PRIZE *for Senior Art*

Charlotte Bainbridge

## THE TEXTILES PRIZE

Ellie Porter & Charlotte Bainbridge

## THE MICHAEL WILLIAMS PHOTOGRAPHY CUP & PRIZE

Giles Greenhalgh

## THE STOBART PRIZE *for Business Studies*

Oliver Beams

## THE HOOPER'S APPLIED BUSINESS STUDIES PRIZE

Senna Osman

## THE YOUNG ENTERPRISE ACHIEVER OF THE YEAR

Lydia Healy & Jamie Hagerty

## THE NOTLEY PRIZE *for Craft and Design*

Casper Gill & Harry Gawler

## THE SAMUEL KENDON PRIZE

*for Craft & Design*

Senna Osman

## THE BREACH PRIZE *for Innovation*

Philip Woodhead

## THE FOOD TECHNOLOGY SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT PRIZE

Alice Marland

## THE SENIOR FOOD TECHNOLOGY PRIZE

Zofia Markiewicz

## THE MASTER CHEF WINNER

Lucinda White

## THE ROCHE PRIZE *for Drama*

George Todd

## THE JUNIOR DRAMA PRIZE

Jack Rodaway

## THE CHELMSFORD HALL CUP & PRIZE

*Junior dyslexic pupil*

Charlotte Clarke

## THE HELEN MEMORIAL CUP & PRIZE

*Senior dyslexic pupil*

Izzy Dowse

## THE McLAREN ENGLISH PRIZE

Ellie Raishbrook

## THE JUNIOR ENGLISH PRIZE

Isobel Sherlock

## THE HUNTER ESSAY PRIZE

Amanda Hill

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

Nat Pearson

## THE HENRY HOWARD PUBLIC SPEAKING PRIZE

William Seys

## THE SENIOR MEDIA PRIZE

Bethan Gadd

## THE MEDIA PRIZE *for GCSE*

Lauren Garrett

## THE E.F.L. PRIZE

An Vu

## THE MICHAEL DALZIEL GEOGRAPHY PRIZE (GCSE)

Emily Smith

## THE HUMPHREY MAXWELL MEMORIAL PRIZE *Senior Geography*

Sam Cornick

## THE ROGER KIMBER PRIZE

*'A' level Geography*

Freddy Carboni

## THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF St GEORGE

*Junior History Prize*

William Scott

*Senior History Prize*

George Roberts

## THE LORD STAMP MEMORIAL PRIZE

*for GCSE Mathematics*

Karlie Cheng

*for 'A' level Mathematics*

An Vu

## THE MASON PRIZE *for French*

Gareth Humphreys

## THE SPANISH PRIZE

Jenny Nightingale

## THE FINCHAM CUP & PRIZE *for Strings*

Lizzie Stuart

## THE GARDNER CUP & PRIZE *for Guitar*

William Scott

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

Jessica Leaper

## THE LUSTED PRIZE *for Woodwind*

Claudia Lam

## THE CHRISTOPHER MONEY CHORISTERS CUP & PRIZE

Joshua Chant

## THE MUSIC PRIZE *for progress*

William Marshall

## THE JAMES MORRISSEY-CROUCH MUSIC AWARD

Michelle Wang

## THE PRIZE FOR BRASS

Amelia Brett

## THE THORNTON CUP & PRIZE

Amanda Hill

## THE JAMES HALL MEMORIAL PRIZE

*for Religious Studies*

*for Juniors* Sarah Young

*for GCSE* Emma Penny & Izzy Fatah

*for 'A' Level* James Cameron

## THE BIOLOGY PRIZE *for GCSE*

Rosie Wood

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

Beth Parrot

## THE CHEMISTRY PRIZE *for GCSE*

Alice Healy

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

Andrew Lockwood

## THE PHYSICS PRIZE *for GCSE*

Piers Muiry

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

Oliver Beams

## THE STAMPER PRIZE

Zofia Markiewicz

## THE MAYNARD PRIZE *for the best GCSEs*

Amanda Hill

## THE POWELL CUP *for Junior Sportsman*

Joe Holland

## THE TENNIS SHIELD

James Hirst

## THE JUNIOR SPORTSWOMAN

Antonia Brattle

## THE SENIOR SPORTSWOMEN

Yasmin Gordine & India Parry

## THE ROY FARQUARSON TROPHY

*for Senior Sportsman*

Callum McConnochie

## THE PIPPA BLACKMAN TROPHY

*for excellence in Academic PE*

Yasmin Gordine

## THE ANTHONY CLARKE MEMORIAL TROPHY *for courage*

Thomas Difford

## THE AMY DONELAN AWARD

*for commitment to helping others*

Amy Tucker

## THE RICHARD ASHLIN PRIZE

*middle school - for kindness shown to others*

Emily Bristow

## THE CHALLENGE CUP FOR GOOD CITIZENSHIP

Billy Cho

## THE ROBERT COUPLAND PRIZE

*for academic and social progress*

Anna Burnham

## THE FENECH CUP

*for being compassionate and considerate*

Luke Blancy

## THE ALEX MARKS TROPHY

*for Endeavour*

Ross Banham

## THE TIMOTHY SEDGEWICK PRIZE

*courage in the face of adversity*

Philip Woodhead

## THE ROSS TURNBULL PRIZE

*for service to the community*

Andrew Lockwood

## THE JESSEL SHIELD *for the winning House*

Kiplings

## THE WILLIAM RUZZAK MEMORIAL PRIZE

*The Deputy Heads of School*

Giles Greenhalgh & George Roberts

## THE EDWARD HAYWARD MEMORIAL PRIZE

*The Head of School*

Ellie Raishbrook





---

Curtisden Green, Goudhurst, Cranbrook, Kent, TN17 1LB  
e: [admin@bethanyschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@bethanyschool.org.uk) w: [www.bethanyschool.org.uk](http://www.bethanyschool.org.uk) t: 01580 211 273 f: 01580 211 151  
Bethany School Ltd. - Registered Charity Number: 307937