

AWARDS & REPORTS

CUPS

Sports Day

Junior Winners	Ashburnham
Intermediate Winners	St. Peter's
Senior Winners	Crescent
Overall Winners	St. Peter's

Rugby

Seniors	Bromham
Colts	Bromham
The Heald Cup (best player in the 5 th XV)	Tsz Kiu Ho
John Carter Place Kicking	Oli Burgess, Bromham

Swimming

House Swimming	Paulo Pontine
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Water Polo

Ashburnham

Rowing

Senior Indoor Rowing	Paulo Pontine
Junior Indoor Rowing	St. Peter's

Fives

Senior House Fives	Crescent
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Badminton

Junior House Badminton	St. Peter's
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Shooting

House Shooting	Ashburnham
Best Shot in the House Shooting	Tom Hine, Ashburnham

RUGBY REPORT

from **Mr Hinkins, who has had an excellent first term as Director of Rugby**

After the first set of matches on Saturday 6th September, it seems strange to think we have now completed over 200 fixtures and are at the end of the campaign. There were moments of brilliance and anguish aplenty, with the overall balance of results just about in Bedford's favour.

However, it is not all about the statistics and all the boys will have had the common goal to develop as players and people. They will have learnt about the game but more importantly they have learnt about themselves and each other, to ultimately grow stronger in body and mind individually and collectively.

Psychological strength was no more evident than in the U14 A team. A difficult run of games challenged their playing ability and resolve, and many would have forgiven them had they given up. However, collectively they stayed determined and pushed harder to raise performance levels. The final fixture at St. George's (Harpenden) loomed - three years unbeaten, an intimidating outfit. Every player had to dig deep and approach the game with maturity and confidence. They duly did -and produced a fitting way to end the term. This strength of team spirit was, in fact, echoed by all U14 teams during the season.

The U15s demonstrated a strength in depth with the U15B team winning an impressive 9 out of 12. Furthermore, many regular B team players stepped up to the A squad for a significant number of the regular fixtures and a good run in the Nat West Cup. At the Langley Festival in the October half term, a first game 'blip' was quickly brushed aside as the squad raised their game as the tournament progressed, to end with a win in the plate final, to provide a highlight to their season.

The Colts enjoyed a very successful term as a year group. Development as squads was the key and this was evident from the start to the end. Players had a self and collective confidence that allowed them to progress and challenge their abilities. It was therefore fitting that the Colts B matched the playing record of the Colts A team, both only losing one game each, out of a total of 24.

The senior 3rd team followed a similar path to the U14 A team and produced an outstanding performance to beat an exceptionally strong Abingdon team in their penultimate game, in an otherwise frustrating campaign in terms of results.

The 1st XV faced tough opposition throughout the season and every game was played like a cup final. A final record of 19 played, with 11 wins and a draw, in regular fixtures, festivals and cup games, was probably a fair reflection of the campaign. The final game against Stowe was arguably the highlight. After an excellent first half in attack, the XV put in a monumental defensive display to hold out a highly rated Stowe team and close out a very physical and tight match - just reward for a team who favour ambition over caution, a trait that will stand them in good stead in the future.



SPORTS REPORT

from Mr Burgess, Director of Sport

The term has also been an incredibly busy one for all the minor sports. In addition to the 204 Rugby matches played, there have been over 50 fixtures in eight different sports across the term. These statistics accurately reflect the breadth and depth of sport at the school.

The victory over Bradfield in the final of the National U17 Cup was a great way to start the term and end another outstanding Cricket season.

Swimming and Water Polo go from strength to strength under the guidance of Miss Rubio and Tim Whitwam. There were excellent performances by both A and B swimmers at the Stowe Relays and in the home gala against Warwick. In the National Schools Water Polo competition, the U16's played very well to win two matches out of four and the U18 team qualified for the next round, which will be held in January.

This year was the inaugural year of futsal, which was open to all year groups for the first time. The opportunity to sign up was quickly taken by many boys, with maximum capacity reached quickly. With 13 weeks of excellent coaching the boys can look forward to reaping the rewards in our fixtures next term.

In Squash, the 1st team remained undefeated in school block fixtures – but narrowly lost to the staff team! The ever improving George Allen won the County closed tournament – a significant achievement.

Having defeated St Joseph's, Ipswich, this term, the HMC Golf team qualified for the quarter final of the HMC Foursomes competition, where they will play New Hall School in the New Year. In the ISGA Matchplay tournament the team defeated Oundle to make the semi-final, which will be played against Radley next term.

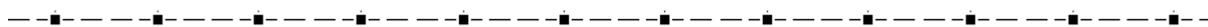
The Basketball team had three close matches this term and recorded, two wins and one loss. There is an enthusiastic and rapidly growing group of able players.

The Fives team played BMS, Oundle, Rugby, Cambridge University, the Jesters and Derby Moor during the term. Ably lead by Manu Ratnayake the boys have made steady progress and their game is improving and growing in confidence. The recent win against Derby Moor was the first win in a number of years against them and bodes well for next term.

Once again, we hosted the East Indoor U18 & U16 Hockey tournament. In the U18 event, an injury hit squad finished 3rd for the second year running, narrowly missing out on qualifying for the National Finals. The boys have been excellent all term and played extremely well on the day. The U16s played some excellent indoor hockey and if they had taken chances at crucial times a 5th place outcome would have been significantly better. With the majority available again next year we will be hoping for a higher place finish next year.

The rowers have had a promising start to the year, with several wins at local 'Head' races, the highlight being a 10 second victory over the Modern School 1st VIII at the Star Regatta. They will look forward to building towards the National Schools' Head next term.

And finally, to return to rugby, the Bedford School German rugby team played and defeated a Bedford School England team last week in an epic international fixture in front of a packed and animated crowd!



COLOURS

Major Sports

Rugby

Ist XV Honours Caps

(these are awarded to boys for two years of outstanding service to the Ist XV)

Paddy McDuell, George Furbank, Ajay Momi, Josh Wellington, Angus Gill, Michael Morris.

Ist XV Colours

Tunde Adewale, Simon Beal, Oliver Burgess, Andrew Bywater, George Cave, Ben Clarke, Charlie Clarke, Nick Cowen, Jake Carter, James Herriott, John Hunt, Julian Kitson, Rufus Ollerhead, Ben Slawinski, Aidan Swain.

2nd XV Colours

Tom Blakemore, Jack Lewsley, Andrew Lakin, Oliver McLoed, Tom Hall, Jack Harvey, Ben Garrett, Tim Matthews, Hans Christian-Preyer, Max Smith, Dom Kharzaliya, Jack Matthews, Philip Cooper, Luke Riddell, Jayan Chander, Alex Stammers, Dan Frossell, Ewan Weed, Toby Clarke, Ben Clarke.

Rowing

Major Sports Colours

James Winder

Cricket

Ist XI Major Sports Colours

(principally for being part of a national championship winning team, but also for service to the Ist XI)

Ajay Momi, George Furbank, Jake Duxbury.

Minor Sports

Badminton

James Zhang, Andrew Zhu.

Squash

George Allen, Josh Selvey, Rob Salvesen, Arjun Vainganker.

Swimming

Oliver Winder

Water Polo

Tom Stewart, Philip Gebbing.

MUSIC REPORT

from Mr Sanders, Director of Music:

It's been an extremely active term for the musicians of the school. We seek to offer a varied diet of styles to suit all tastes. On the traditional music front we had our annual St Cecilia's Day Concert with all of the major ensembles performing including a highly entertaining piece from the Percussion Ensemble. We held our first Open Mic Night as well this term, which offered a platform for boys (and girls from the Girls' School) to perform both original and cover songs in a contemporary context. Singing is very much at the heart of what we do as a school, varying from the excitement of the annual House Singing Competition in October, to the most recent Carol Services in the Chapel. In each arena I have been very impressed with the standards achieved. The one 'stand-out' event for me this term was the Creative Arts commemorative event for the start of World War I in November. This was a truly collaborative event and included contributions from the Music, Drama, Art and English departments, with poetry readings, songs, choral music, drama tableaux, film screenings and an art exhibition. Thank you to all boys for participating so willingly and to such a high standard.

Also on Music from the Head Master:

We have had some wonderful chapel services this term, from the Founders and Benefactors Service, via a moving Remembrance service through to our end of year Carol Services. The Chapel Choir have been magnificent throughout – and indeed have simply grown in stature week by week. Their performance at the Carol Services has received unanimous praise, and rightly so; very well done to them. As one of our governors wrote afterwards:

“My wife and I were thrilled by last night's singing by the School Choir. Our congratulations go to all concerned. I imagine it was a great introduction as the new Head Master to a major choral event. By chance I met a former PwC partner after the service. She has connections with Manchester Grammar and was heading back North to tell them that their choir needed to up its game!”



DRAMA REPORT

from Mrs Swidenbank, Head of Drama:

Every term is busy in the theatre and this one has been no different. Quite apart from hosting six professional touring companies, there have been three major extracurricular school productions; all three have included girls from Bedford Girls School.

In October, the Removes presented an expertly abridged version of 'Othello'. The play featured a strong and accomplished cast, led admirably by Teepee Princewell in the eponymous role and Ethan-Chappell-Mason as the evil Iago.

Hot on the heels of the World War I commemorative evening followed the senior production of 'Inherit the Wind'. It was a powerful and thought-provoking drama, performed by an exceptionally

talented cast. There were no weak links and each and every cast member was integral to the success of the production but special mention must be given to Logan Jones, Jacob King and Adam Selvey for their truly remarkable performances.

The Modern Languages department make a welcome contribution to extracurricular drama every year by mounting at least one production in a foreign language – which is no mean feat. This week we were treated to a play in Spanish, translated as “the key in the attic”; Mr Huxford and his team, plus the actors: Frank Kupshik, Tom Lousada, Manu Ratnayake, Tom Smith and Adam Swain are all to be warmly congratulated on an outstanding performance.



ART REPORT

from Mr Croker, Director of Art

A number of Gilbert Lloyd lectures have taken place this term, including:

- 'Crisis of Brilliance' by David Boyd Haycock talking about WWI artists. A well-constructed and enlightening lecture about the group of artists including Nevinson, Carrington, Bomberg, Gertler, Spencer and Nash who were at the Slade together and how the war subsequently impacted on their work
- Andrew Graham Dixon talking movingly about the war artist Paul Nash, a brilliant and thought provoking lecture with excellent attendance for a Saturday evening
- An all day Sunday Masterclass with visiting artist Jeanette Barnes

We also undertook an Art study tour to Amsterdam, with the boys then going on to produce their own exhibition of the high quality sketch work they had undertaken whilst out there.



CHARITIES REPORT

from Mrs Medley and Mrs Syropoulos:

This term the Upper School community raised £21,460 for various charities.

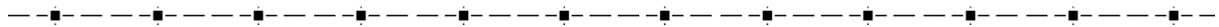
The highlights were:

- The magnificent World War I Arts Evening helped to raise £1,374 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

- The annual Movember campaign, which made £9,990, to raise awareness of men's health issues. This figure made us the top school in the country and the 22nd highest fundraising team of all, behind a number of major corporate groups.
- The Ice Ball raised £5,000.
- The Day Boy and Boarders Carol Services raised £1,250 for Bedford Foodbank and St John's Hospice Moggerhanger.
- Both mufti days were well supported and raised £2,500.

Over the last seven and a half years, Bedford School boys, led by the boy Charities' Committee, have raised just £2,000 short of £200,000 for charitable causes.

Mrs Spyropoulos, who masterminded the hugely successful Movember campaign, commented that what she was really most proud of was the way that the boys communicated the Movember message about Mens' Health to so many people - to other boys at school, at the Prep School and BGS, to parents via their Twitter site and to the general public in Bedford Park, through selling their boy-produced magazines. They did it all with a well-balanced sense of seriousness and fun. Hopefully, she says, it is a good example of non-curriculum based, 'general education'!



SCHOOL MAGAZINES

The annual Ousel publication has just come out. Once again, this is a hugely impressive edition, carrying on the tradition of Ousels which travel back to 1876. I know it is eagerly awaited by all, and our sincere thanks must go to the indefatigable Mrs Murray and her excellent team.

This term also saw the launch of a new school magazine, the MDLII; all articles are written by boys and the magazine is driven entirely by a pupil editorial team and overseen by Mrs Garratt. It gives a genuine insight into the interests of the boys and is an outstanding addition to our publications.



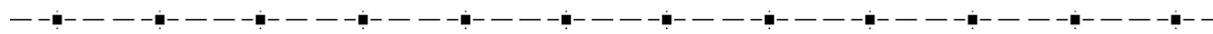
DUKE OF EDINBURGH

from Mrs Maidstone

There are now 153 boys taking part in Duke of Edinburgh; this terrific number, about which we are delighted and proud, needs staffing and we have been hugely fortunate with the number of teachers volunteering to be involved in this activity. Many schools staff Duke of Edinburgh trips almost entirely

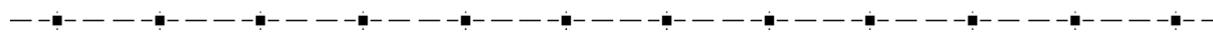
with outside staff; our staff's presence on the trips makes them perhaps uniquely enjoyable. Highlights have included:

- A Bronze training day in September where over 60 boys undertook basic First Aid training.
- A Silver practice expedition in the October half term to the Peak District, where the boys were excellent even with a weather warning!
- A Gold training weekend in September and then a very good practice expedition in the second week of term to the Brecon Beacons.



OLD BOYS EVENTS

These have abounded, including a Rugby Sevens tournament, various lunches, the Annual London Dinner and, most recently, a gathering at Twickenham where no fewer than four Bedford School Old Boys were representing Cambridge University in the Varsity Match. This, surely, is a record for any one school.



ACADEMIC MERITS

No. of Merits *	No. of boys in year	Average number of merits per boy*	Position
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4th FORM				
Bromham	271	18	15.1	1st

REMOVE FORM				
Sanderson's	123	6	20.5	1st



5th FORM				
Redburn	183	9	20.3	1st

LOWER SIXTH				
Talbot's	162	13	12.5	1st

UPPER SIXTH				
Pemberley	63	9	7.0	1st

OVERALL HOUSE TOTALS				
Redburn	537	41	13.1	1st
Sanderson's	265	25	10.6	2nd
St Peter's	776	75	10.3	3rd

COMBINED DAY AND BOARDING HOUSE				
Paulo Pontine	1224	116	10.6	1st
St Cuthbert's	1193	119	10.0	2nd
Bromham	1010	106	9.5	3rd

*minus warnings

And on the individual front, the top five boys in the school for Academic merits, in reverse order, were:

5th Jasper Tsao (39 merits)

4th Charlie Gee (40 merits)

3rd Lewis Cramp (41 merits)

2nd Sachin Chambers (43 merits)

1st Charlie Hicks (44 merits)

Very well done to those boys.