

# The Bredonian



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## Cavendish Chairman's Welcome

A number of guests visiting Bredon have observed and commented on an incredible generosity of spirit amongst our staff.

Leadership is all about service: service to our pupils, service to society, and, from reading some of the articles in this publication, even service to the wider world. This is key to our ethos and success.

I read a wonderful poem recently by Kahlil Gibran on giving, which starts:

“You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give...”

As teachers and educators at Bredon School, we have a great opportunity to serve everyday. Whilst businesses have a brilliant ability to touch people's wallets – teachers have the ability to touch people's souls.

**Mr Aatif Hassan**

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## Headmaster's introduction

The contents of this 2016 edition of the Bredonian reflect the vast array of opportunities that have taken place during the year at Bredon.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the team that have made this publication possible, to those who have contributed and those who have participated as they continue on their educational journey.

Bredon is a thriving, vibrant school community; busy today making tomorrow's leaders.

Enjoy the read.

**Mr David Ward MA**



# Founder's Day 2015



“...to be connected with Bredon School is a dream come true for me”

Mr Aatif Hassan,  
Cavendish Education



Tayte's humorous and intelligent reflection on his personal journey at Bredon struck a chord with many, and through various stories recounted by Danielle, she eloquently captured the 'magic of Bredon', which she said allows everyone to have their chance of a special moment.

The new head students were named; with John Brown as Head Boy and Henry Darrall as his deputy, and Millie Hems as Head Girl with Lucy Robinson as her deputy.

A memorable Founder's Day – full of emotion, thanks and inspiring stories.

The Reverend Chris Moss opened proceedings with a prayer and a fond word of remembrance for the Founder of the School, Col Sharp. Headmaster Mr Ward then took to the stage to formally welcome the School's new owners Cavendish Education, the Governing body, the guest speaker, parents, pupils and staff, and then handed over to Mr Aatif Hassan from Cavendish Education.

Mr Hassan began, “I am absolutely delighted to be standing here addressing you today. As someone who is blessed with dyslexia, and who benefitted from a fantastic education with

people who understood me, to now be connected with Bredon School is a dream come true for me.”

Mr Hassan concluded by thanking the entire school staff and paying tribute to the school, describing it as an incredibly uplifting place and commenting on its ability to 'put a smile on my face.'

Mr Ward thanked parents and addressed all pupils, urging them to be limitless in their ambitions.

As has become custom, the speeches made by outgoing head students, Tayte Nickols and Danielle Tipton, were exceptionally well received.

# Awards List

## Pre-School and Years 1-6

- Mitchell Brooker Smith**  
Poetry  
Art and Craft
- Libby Bowness**  
English  
Junior Swimming
- Louis Ebdon**  
Reading  
Young Performer's Award (Drama)
- Oscar Priestley**  
Maths  
Forest School
- Leif Wilson-Palmer**  
Science  
Spanish  
Music
- Jason Au**  
Humanities
- James Checkley**  
Mystery and Meaning
- Annabelle Young**  
All Round Behaviour  
Spanish
- Matthew Cooley**  
Learning Improvement Award
- Timmy Hocken**  
Westlake Cup for Endeavour
- Nelleke Loader**  
Lucy Bliss Trophy for Perseverance
- Sky Redfern**  
The W John Trophy for Diligence
- Freddie Soosalu**  
The Happy Cup
- Xavier Portman-Pope**  
Junior Farm Cup  
Young Performer's Award (Singing)
- George Smith**  
Junior Athlete of the Year  
Junior Cross Country

## Years 7 - 9

- Tassilo Von Moreau**  
English
- Tom Hobbs**  
Mathematics
- Tim Metcalf**  
Science
- Eve Egginton**  
Design Technology (Food)
- Elizabeth Morris**  
Art  
Hockey Player of the Year - Wannemaker Cup
- Alfie Fallon**  
The Webb Happy Cup
- George Stead**  
History
- Tom Barker**  
Geography
- Alicia Kidd**  
Spanish
- Joe Birkinshaw**  
Information Technology/Computing
- Lauren Hayward**  
Religious Studies  
Drama
- Adam Egginton**  
Physical Education  
Farmer of the Year - Paddock Shield
- Charlie Wilkins**  
Special Learning Improvement
- Luke Warrington**  
Music
- Jennifer Wilson**  
Athlete of the Year
- Sophie Rees**  
Sportsperson of the Year
- Jack Ratcliffe**  
Cross Country - The Millward Cup
- Elizabeth Smith**  
Young Countryman Award
- Jude Stephenson**  
Community Service in Tyndale
- Sam Morton**  
Community Service in Dowdeswell
- Emily Graham**  
Community Service in Millicent





Years 10 – 13

- Steven Hartley**  
Art and Design
- Daisy Davies**  
Business Studies
- Alex Blake**  
CISCO GCSE
- Sam Atkinson**  
CISCO 6th Form
- Tom Bowers**  
Design Technology (Food)
- Josh Pettigrew**  
Design Technology (Wood)
- James Lewis**  
Engineering  
Young Farmer's Cup
- Jamie Drinkwater**  
English Senior
- Millie Hems**  
English 6th Form
- Jim McKinnie**  
Drama
- Lucy Robinson**  
Agriculture  
Stockman of the Year - The Corner Shield
- John Guilding**  
Geography  
History  
6th Form All Round Effort - Lewis Williams Cup
- Tristan Weir**  
Information Technology/Computing
- Baruch Heijmans**  
Mathematics Senior
- Robert D'Mello**  
Mathematics 6th Form
- Danielle Tipton**  
Media and Film  
Artist of the Year
- Callum Gray**  
Music

- Josh Wylie**  
English Endeavour
- Jamie O'Riordan**  
Outdoor Education
- Maia Hawkins**  
Religious Education and Philosophy  
Senior Cross Country – The Moprac Cup  
Swimmer of the Year – Harris Twig
- George Martin**  
Science Senior  
The Mathew Cup for Initiative  
Best Athlete on Sports Day – Victor Ludorum
- Sophie Waller**  
Science 6th Form
- Gordon Fautz**  
Modern Foreign Languages
- Billy Spurway**  
Sport
- Angus Baskerville**  
ASDAN
- Benoir Doussin**  
Community Service in Stable House
- Alastaire Messore**  
SLS
- Bertie Leschallas**  
Cricket - The Fielding Cup
- Bliss Lam**  
Senior Hockey Player of the Year - Thompson Cup
- Daniel Brookes**  
Gardener of the Year  
Talbot Trophy for Endeavour
- James Hatto**  
The Sugar Bowl
- Tom Scott**  
Clay Pigeon Shooting Best Gun
- Sam Willies**  
Laporte Pigeon Most Improved Shot
- Hanna Spilsbury**  
Odyomo Cup for Effort
- John Guilding**  
David Allen Cup Overall Achievement

House Awards

- The Houseman Cup for Greatest Contribution to House**  
  
Damaso Garbayo Sharp
- Bliss Lam Thomas
- Tom Keech Jarret
- Thomas Academic Achievement (The Thomas Cup)
- Sharp Overall Sporting Achievement (Sharp Cup)
- Thomas Overall Champion House (The Jarret Cup)

Duke of Edinburgh awards

- Bronze**
- Edward Clews
- Callum Gray
- Nathan Taylor
- Will Eamer
- Maia Hawkins
- Sam Thickett
- Stefan Evans
- Anna McIntyre
- Josh Whittaker
- Joe Farrelly
- Callum Morris
- Kaydn Windows-Stone
- Gordon Fautz
- Jamie O'Riordan
- Sam Wooliams
- Tom Finn
- Josh Pettigrew
- Josh Wylie
- Sarah Freeman
- Millie Simpkins

- Bronze and Silver**
- Ike Airhart
- James Hatto
- Sam Willies
- Jamie Drinkwater
- Natasha Walker

- Silver**
- George Martin
- Cameron Reback
- Hanna Spilsbury

- Gold**
- Daniel Brookes
- Robert D'Mello
- John Guilding
- Thomas O'Riordan

Exam results

First in mid-August 2015, it was the turn of our Sixth Form students to receive their exam results, and they once again did themselves, their teachers and their school proud!

There were some excellent results, especially in the BTEC arena where a 100% pass rate was achieved.

The overall A level pass rate (i.e. the overall percentage of grades A\*-E) was 89.5%, with 10.5% of students gaining an A\* - B grade.

- There were some great individual performances:**
- Outgoing Head Boy Tayte Nickols was awarded a Distinction and A\* in Music and a B in his extended project.
  - John Guilding received A\* for Business Studies, C in History and Geography and A in his extended project.
  - Scott Christie received A in History, D in both Politics and English.
  - Steven Hartley was awarded a C in Cisco.

There were also particular stand out performances in A-level Photography with 100% of students achieving A-B grades. For German and Art & Design, 100% of students receiving their AS qualifications secured A-B grades.

Headmaster Mr Ward said, “Bredon has a very wide-ranging curriculum offering traditional academic and vocational study options for all. I am particularly delighted this year that our Sixth Formers have received grades to progress onto the next stage of their educational studies. The whole Bredon family wishes them every success in the future”.

The following week and it was the turn of our Year 11 students to receive their results.

The majority of these students took vocational-based qualifications and the pass rate in BTEC (Levels 1 & 2) qualifications for Countryside & Environment, and also in Engineering, was 100%.

In the OCR National qualifications for ICT and Business Studies, again Bredon students achieved a fantastic 100% pass rate. For students taking GCSE qualifications, 62.4% achieved grades A\*-C.

Headmaster Mr David Ward said, “This is a fantastic set of results with many of our students exceeding their predicted grades”.

Notable individuals included Tom Scott, who achieved six GCSEs, grades A\*-B, and three A\* grades for his BTEC courses. In addition, Jamie Drinkwater, Jack Davies, Kai Gunning and Sam Willies all achieved five GCSEs, grades A\*-C, in addition to their vocational qualifications, and Maia Hawkins achieved two A grade and two B grade GCSE passes.



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# NEWS ROUND-UP

Harrison Morton-Deaville, Year 8, has had quite a year! First, in July, he passed his RSCM (Royal School of Church Music) Gold Award. Harrison had to prepare and be examined on 10 pieces of music, including Mozart's Coronation Mass.

Then, in January, he was promoted to Deputy Head Chorister of St Alphege Choir.

He has also performed solos at Truro Cathedral Evensong, Bath Abbey and at Ely Cathedral. Harrison's amazing voice can also be heard on the first professionally recorded CD to be made by his Choir.

Year 13s Max Willson made an appearance on ITVs This Morning programme with Phillip Schofield and Holly Willoughby, following his St John Ambulance 'Everyday Heroes' Award back in July.

Max, who appeared on TV alongside his father and sister Mini, was credited with saving Mini's life when she seriously injured her arm on broken glass. He was awarded the Guy Evans Young Hero Of The Year Award following a public vote.

Congratulations again to Max.

In November, Ruben Evans from Year 10, was awarded a most prestigious award with the Air Training Corps. Ruben was named 'Best Air Cadet 2015', and his Squadron Leader said that he was everything that an air cadet should be. "Ruben puts himself forward for everything and fully embraces the ATC".

Well done Ruben; your family are so proud of you - and we are too!

Kaydn Windows-Stone in Year 11 proved himself to be calm and decisive in an emergency when a Year 10 pupil suffered an epileptic fit in PE.

Kaydn made the pupil comfortable, used a coat to support their head, placed in the recovery position and raised the alarm for help. Well done Kaydn, for your clear thinking, caring and mature approach.

## Prefect course

Head Boy John Brown and Senior Prefect Stephen McIntyre attended the seventeenth Senior Prefects' Conference at Rishworth School, West Yorkshire.

In total 64 delegates, from 29 Society of Heads Schools, were in attendance where Senior Prefects reaped the rewards of a packed, yet stimulating, training programme.

The 3-day Conference was designed to encourage positive networking between the students, and to offer training sessions in both a theoretical and practical sense on the role of a Senior Prefect. Sessions included; Team Dynamics, Public Speaking, Child Protection and Conflict Management.

The Conference concluded with a formal dinner where students were entertained and inspired by a thought-provoking speech from Mr Pete Bradshaw, Head of Infrastructure Development & Corporate Responsibility at Manchester City Football Club.



## Hands-on learning in Science!

Year 8 Science students get to grips with the complex issue of bones in the Human skeletal system by using Post-it notes as labels! What a fun and memorable way to learn.

## Bredon's talented swimmers qualify as Lifeguards.

14 students have successfully passed their National Pool Lifeguard Qualification (NPLQ); a qualification that is recognised as an entry into the leisure industry.



Completing over 37.5 hours of content, the students were able to demonstrate a range of skills including: jumping/diving into deep water, swimming 100 metres continuously on front and back in deep water, treading water for 30 seconds and making a surface dive to the floor of the pool.

Well done to: Charlie Mahoney, Tom Jones, Bertie Leschallas, Emma Hobson, Nathan Smith, Gordon Fautz, Alastair Messori, Stephen McIntyre, George Botsford, Tom Bowers, Cameron Reback, Alex Jarisch, Ike Airhart and Henry Darrall.





# Rugby balls from Tewkesbury Young Farmers

The Tewkesbury branch of the Gloucestershire Young Farmers kindly donated a set of specially designed rugby balls to our Junior School. Pictured are some of the Juniors getting psyched up ready for a game with a loud team roar!



## Great Business Bake Off

Teachers Mrs Wood and Mr Crwys-Williams set the creative bar really high when they entered the Great Business Bake Off competition in Gloucester in May.

Taking on a number of other local businesses, and competing to be crowned ‘champion bakers’, the Bredon entry looked simply amazing, featuring a 3D Bredon seahorse, nicknamed ‘Sharpy’, and made up of 16 multi-coloured sponge cakes made by the students and Mr Crwys-Williams, along with lashings of buttercream and white chocolate ganache, all skillfully modelled by Mrs Wood.

When the results were announced, Bredon was victorious!

The judging panel included Gloucester Rugby player Charlie Sharples, Magician Richard Parsons and Cotswolds-based Chef Richard Craven. The recently elected Gloucester Mayor Neil Hampson presented Mrs Wood with her winners certificate, show stopper spatula and baking book.

The event was hosted by Colour Connection and was held to raise money for the Longfield Hospice.



# NEW FACILITIES CLIMBING WALL

## NEW SPORTS PAVILION AND POOL HOUSE

The PE department now has a new pavilion on site, which includes classroom space and a spectator’s veranda overlooking the bottom rugby pitches, athletics field and across to the shooting ground.

In addition, a new pool house has been installed, offering changing facilities and a classroom area.

The School’s new climbing wall and bouldering course was unveiled to students at the start of the Autumn term. This is a fantastic new facility for both students and staff to use, which as well as being great fun, provides an opportunity for personal challenge and responsibility.

Although many students were nervous of climbing to any height at the start of the year, most will now get to the top and have a great time en route! The wall has offered a chance for Years 7, 8 and 9 to progress with their climbing and Years 8 and 9 are now all independently belaying – singularly responsible for the safety of the climber.





## New buoyancy aids and canoe trailer

Year 8s Harrison Warner won the school competition to design a new life-jacket for all of our water-based outdoor activities.

The buoyancy aids, very generously purchased for us by the FAB Parents Association, depict colourful river weeds with the Bredon Seahorse. Well done Harrison, great effort!

We have also taken delivery of a brand new K2 canoe trailer for all our outdoor ed expeditions.



## Shooting Ground

There has been considerable investment and improvement in our own clay Shooting Ground also, including the planting of a new hedge line to create a sight and sound barrier, investment in widened stands, and the purchase of new trap sheds.



## Purchase of life-saving medical equipment

We are delighted to announce the purchase of an automatic defibrillator for use at school.

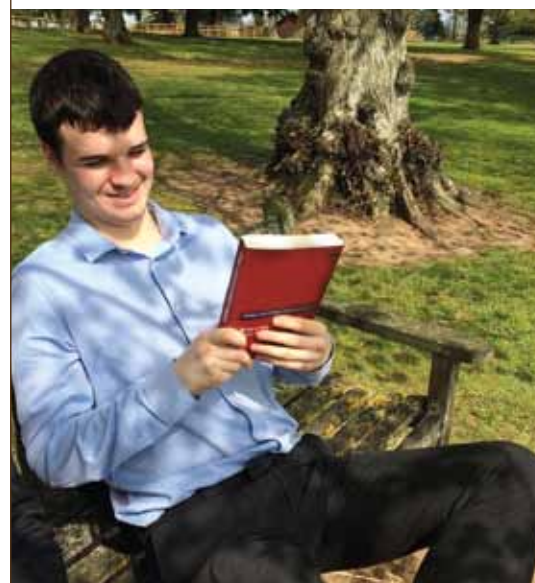
An automatic defibrillator gives a high energy electric shock which, given to the heart in some types of cardiac arrest, may restore a more stable rhythm and is an essential lifesaving step in the chain of survival.

Mr Ward said, "With over 250 students, 130 staff and visitors here on site every day, plus visiting school sports teams and numerous events open to the general public, it is comforting to know that should the worst happen, we are prepared to offer help.

"We were able to purchase this vital piece of medical equipment thanks to the generosity of people attending our May Day Fair".

## DEAR initiative: 'Drop Everything And Read'

After Easter, Bredon launched a new initiative, DEAR, to take place in Friday morning tutor periods. DEAR stands for 'Drop Everything and Read' and at this time each week, everyone in the school will be expected to stop what they're doing and engross themselves in reading - that includes teachers and 6th form students too! This is just the beginning of our exciting plans to get 'Bredon Readin'!



## Vocabulary Voyage

Bredon School is very fortunate to have an experienced and knowledgeable speech and language team on-site, who have spent many years helping students to develop their vocabulary.

Words like 'Ambitious', 'Cautious' and 'Opinion' are not taught in the curriculum, and Bredon's lead speech and language therapist Sheina Stockton, has now devised a method of delivering these 'tricky' words.

Sheina says, "Myself and the team here at Bredon felt that there were around 240 words that would be useful for the pupils to know, but that are not otherwise covered in the curriculum."

"We put about four words, per week, up on the staff notice board, alongside ideas of how staff could integrate them into their lessons, particularly within English lessons. Staff were encouraged by our ideas, and over the next three years, these 'other' words were being successfully used in the pupil's school day."

After experiencing success with the scheme at Bredon, Sheina was keen to roll it out for others to benefit, hence Vocabulary Voyage was born!"

Vocabulary Voyage is a CD-ROM that contains the 240 words, grouped into 24 'packs'. Each pack has a number of worksheets, which include ways to practice using the words, comprehension tests and spelling challenges.

The CD ROM is aimed at helping students in Years 7, 8 and 9.



# Battlefields bicycle challenge

Farm Manager Jenny Parkes recently swapped tractor wheels for two wheels as she took part in a gruelling cycle challenge to raise money for Help for Heroes.

Jenny took on the Big Battlefield Bike Ride through Northern France, following the iconic Western Front from Ypres to Verdun, and covering 350 miles in 5 days.

As well as a physical challenge, the ride provides a moving and emotive journey through History and remembering the incredible sacrifices made by all those who fought along the Front.



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Jenny, who enjoys mountain biking in her spare time, and leads a Wednesday afternoon cycling activity session at school said, "Really, I only ride bikes for fun but I have raced 24 hour mountain bike endurance events, and taken part in a couple of sportives before this.

"However, 5 consecutive days in the saddle was a challenge, but I completed it unscathed, raised my target figure for sponsorship and had a really great time along the way.

**"Thank you to everyone who supported me."**

As part of Jenny's fundraising activities, she sold spare eggs from the School Farm, as well as kindling wood.



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## SpLD qualifications

Bredon School is very lucky to have such an experienced and skilful staff. And congratulations must go to teachers Mrs Joy Larner, Mrs Heather Boakes, Mrs Jodie Grant and Mrs Lesley Jones who have all studied really hard to achieve their latest SpLD qualifications – for those teaching and supporting students with specific learning difficulties.

Heather has achieved the OCR Cert. SpLD Level 7, and Joy, Jodie and Lesley all achieved the OCR Cert. SpLD Level 5 qualification. They are pictured together receiving their certificates at a graduation ceremony at Hereford Cathedral.



## Awards

In November, we were delighted to pick up an award in the prestigious Independent School Awards, IT innovation of the year category, for our Cisco programme.



The award seeks to recognise a school that can demonstrate new thinking and practices, either in terms of IT systems within school or the IT teaching provision.

The courses on offer here at Bredon from Year 10 onwards, prepare students for technical IT jobs, as well as for higher education opportunities in engineering, computer science and related fields.

Pictured is Headmaster Mr Ward with the award. He said, "This accolade is richly deserved by the Cisco teaching staff here at Bredon. These industry-related certifications are the minimum requirements that most computer companies, such as Dell and PC World, require for their bench technicians, therefore opening up great

career opportunities for Bredon students."

The award comes days after the Chairman of Governors Aatif Hassan formally opened the new, larger Cisco suite of classrooms at Bredon, by a ceremonious 'cutting of an Ethernet cable' !

Bredon hit the headlines again a few weeks later when we scooped the 'Marketing/ Communications campaign of the year award' in the TES Independent School Awards.

The glittering black tie event at the Grosvenor House Hotel in London was hosted by Michael Portillo and attended by over 400 people, representing some of the

finest independent Schools in the UK.

The marketing/ communications award, made in recognition of the 2014 May Fair, was said by the judges to have 'impressed'. They noted it being 'a huge event that supports and benefits a fairly small school.'

The ceremony also saw Bredon shortlisted to be named 'Independent School of the Year'.







By FAB Chair, Mrs Checkley

## Well, what another FABULOUS year for FAB!

This year has seen an increase in parents volunteering to be part of our group. We have been fortunate too, that the Headmaster, Mrs Merchant and Mr Johnson have also joined us. As Chair, I would like to say thank you to all parents, friends and staff for supporting us, and a big well done for all your efforts!

The Christmas fair was a tremendous success. Father Christmas came to visit and took pride of place in his amazing grotto. The decorations are donated each year by the Bank House Hotel, so a big thank you to the staff there too.

There was fun for all that day; the stall holders all enjoyed themselves and booked for

next year and the students (and some brave teachers!) loved the 'total wipe out' game!

The apple harvest was huge this year! Thanks must go to parents Mr and Mrs Morris for all their hard work in organising and supporting the harvest. 1,482 bottles were produced, and in February, our juice was served at the delegate dinner for the British Dyslexia Association International Conference!

Each year we aim to raise enough money to support many school initiatives and to arrange fun activities for the children. With our funds this year, we have purchased a USB wrist band for every child in school, purchased life jackets for the canoeing team,

and have helped to subsidise the cost of the tickets to the leaver's prom. In May, FAB raised £804 at the May Fair. The team worked tirelessly all day serving from the gazebos, decorated in an English tea party theme.

A great initiative that's beginning to flourish is the FAB coffee mornings. Our first one attracted several parents all sharing ideas, parenting tips and best of all getting to know each other over coffee and biscuits! Guest speakers are planned for next term, so why not join us?

The Macmillan Big Breakfast raised £605. It was a great morning; the catering team worked tirelessly to cook and serve so many visitors.

Photos of FAB members are now displayed around school on notice boards, and it's lovely to hear the familiarity from the children and to have offers of help and support from them as we manage events.

This year Mrs Nicola Morris stepped down as Co-Chair of FAB, and I would like to thank her

on behalf of FAB for her hard work and dedication.

With the support of Cavendish Education, Aatif and all the directors, we move onwards to the next academic year and plans are already being made for another FAB year! Thank you for all your support.







# COMBINED CADET FORCE

It's been a fantastic year for the Cadets this year, with more exercises and training opportunities taking place, as well as the honour of taking part in the Tewkesbury Remembrance Parade. They also lead the School's own tribute to fallen war heroes at the School's Armistice Day service, and 'opened the show' on May Day with a demonstration of combat skills in the main arena. The Cadet's display was well-received and Mr Pool provided commentary explaining the simulated attack and destroy manoeuvres.

## Overnight Outdoor Education trips

Years 7, 8 and 9 have enjoyed a number of residential Outdoor Ed trips again this year, gaining valuable team working skills – including understanding that good communication is key to success in team challenges! They have also taken on problem solving challenges, coordination development challenges and have tested themselves physically.



"It's always so satisfying to see the happy smiling faces, beaming with pride when they achieve more than they thought they could."  
Miss Swait

This year we have visited Viney Hill Christian Adventure Centre, the Malvern Hills Outdoor Centre, Cranham Woods and the Aztec Adventure Centre at Upon Warren.





# forest School

Mrs Sarah Rogers in the Junior School has become an accredited Forest School leader, alongside Mr Stafford. Forest School allows children the opportunity to achieve and develop confidence and self esteem in a natural environment.

We make regular use of the woodland here at Bredon; it suits all learning styles and gives pupils time to play and explore, which in turn encourages them to take risks, to become more independent and to learn how to 'think outside of the box'.

Mrs Rogers says, "It's been lovely to see the impact that Forest School has made socially. In our School, children are very good at helping and nurturing each other which seems to have become even more apparent when we are at Forest School".

"The children enjoy closing their eyes and just listening to the sounds around them. They come up with some lovely phrases such as "I can hear the wind shaking and blowing through the trees." I have been amazed at how quickly they have learnt the rules and have even come up with some of their own!"

Within Forest School, the children are encouraged to take charge of their learning, and play a variety of games such as leaf snap, and they are now confidently using tools such as bow saws and drills.

And Mr Stafford's recent creation – the welly-boot stand – not only looks great but even manages to keep the Juniors' wellies tidy and in pairs!



## Duke of Edinburgh

Another fantastic year of achievement with our Duke of Edinburgh students, culminating in a trip to Buckingham Palace in May to witness former student John Guilding collect his Gold award as part of the Diamond Anniversary Celebrations of the Scheme.



Another six of last year's Year 13 students have collected their Gold Awards this year also; congratulations to Daniel Brookes, Damaso Garbayo, Tom Keech, Thomas O'Riordan, Hanna Spilsbury and Thomas Wirth.

Here, Mr Lister outlines the amazing efforts of our current students this year on DofE.

### Bronze

Three groups, totalling 17 students, took on the challenge of Bronze this year. We had some rain, some snow, a little bit of sunshine and a lot of wind during the training! They walked the Worcestershire Way from Berrow Green to Chase End Hill staying overnight at the Malvern Hills Outdoor Centre. On their final expedition, they took on the Cotswolds, starting at Stanway Abbey and finishing at Lower Oddington having stayed the night at Folly's Fruit Farm. The groups navigated themselves through undulating terrain to complete their expedition in high spirits. Well done!

### Silver

9 students are working towards their Silver DofE award this year. They had decided to Canoe and after a couple of training days, they took off on their practice expedition. Starting at Bewdley, they followed the river all the way back to School staying the night just outside Worcester. The groups tackled several locks and portages along the way, and for their final expedition took on the River Avon starting in Stratford upon Avon. They travelled all the way back to School having to paddle the last 5km upstream from Tewkesbury! Great work and determination.

### Gold

A small group of Sixth Form students took on the challenge of Gold this year, canoeing on the River Thames. With training every week through the summer term they were ready to take on the challenge, however, due to worsening weather conditions and river levels, they had to postpone their qualifying expedition despite three days of paddling to reach the outskirts of London! The trip will be rearranged – keep going!





It's been another busy year down on the Bredon School Farm.

There have been lots of new arrivals; Stumpy the Saddleback sow had 10 piglets in September, followed by her sister '38' who had 12 piglets, both sired by Dave the Large White boar.

In March, another 8 piglets arrived, born to Beautiful, our pedigree Large White sow, and Lady Mollington also had some, fathered by our new pedigree Large White boar Napoleon.

Over the spring months, we welcomed over 75 lambs, and an adopted calf.



The Sixth Formers have been busy installing new fencing, and even our youngest pupils have been learning the skills to make them the farmers of the future; feeding the ponies, caring for the small animals, and getting acquainted with the new arrivals!



The greenhouses have been put to good use too; providing a warm and nurturing home for the various seedlings planted for the RHS School Gardens Challenge entry in May.





# Junior Residential



In May, 25 of our KS2 students boarded two minibuses and headed off to Minehead, Somerset for their three day residential. This year the focus was on water to reinforce work already completed in the classroom.

First stop; Dunster Castle to look at the working watermill and defences of the castle. Then back in the bus to Dunster beach where some brave children waded many, many metres through the mud to find the sea, mud pools, sea weed and sea creatures!

Day two saw us at Wimbleball Lake trying our hand at raft building and getting wet in the process! We also tried sailing, archery and a high-ropes course, where many of the children overcame their fears and completed the course.

Our final day saw a return trip to the beach; the tide was in so we spent an hour learning to skim stones and build castle walls.



## CISCO HQ visit

In February, our Cisco students had a wonderful day out in London visiting Cisco Headquarters.

Whilst there, pupils had the opportunity to see for themselves the great advantages of gaining their Cisco qualifications and how their knowledge can be applied in the workplace. They saw some very impressive examples of technological developments and systems.

Staff at HQ were very impressed by our students' knowledge and enthusiasm for their subject.



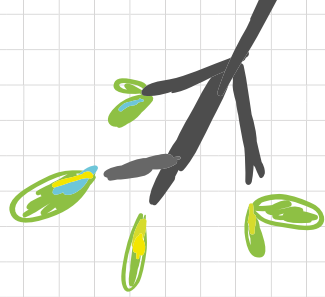
## Skills Fest & UCAS Convention

Our sixth form students attended the Gloucestershire Skills Festival, which is the County's premier careers, advice and guidance fayre. Here, the Year 12 and 13 students had the opportunity to speak to a range of employers and organisations, and had the opportunity to try out new skills and to develop contacts in the wider community.

The Year 12s also visited the University Of Worcestershire to attend the UCAS Universities Convention and Exhibition to look at options for HE post-Bredon.



# Learning outside



Learning outside in the great outdoors is said to raise young people's achievement, understanding, personal and social development, and can act as a vehicle to develop a motivation to learn.

It also gives our students new and exciting experiences, and as these photos prove, learning outside of the classroom can benefit all ages!



## Geography lesson in the Malvern Hills

This was a Geography lesson with a difference, because it was Years 3 and 4 who were the teachers for the day!

The whole Junior School took themselves for a walk up to British Camp before Years 3 and 4 explained everything they'd been learning about the formation of the Malvern Hills.

Their energetic efforts were rewarded with a delicious picnic lunch afterwards!

## Flooding

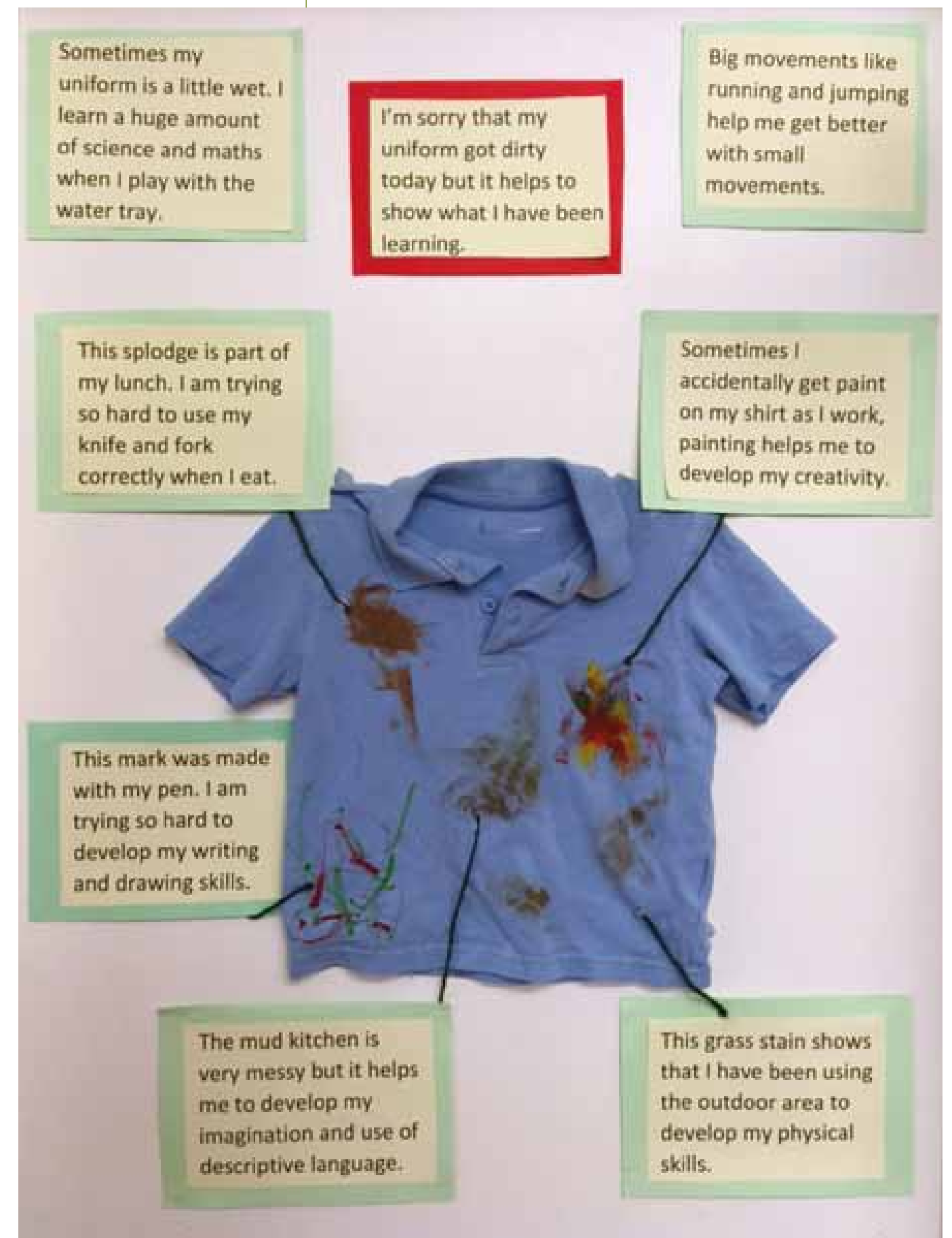
When the low lying ground on our campus flooded back in January, our youngest pupils went out to experience the floods first-hand, and to understand more about the environment around them. They also discussed what causes flooding, and how it can affect day to day life.



## Why we look grubby!

This was one of 2015's most popular posts on the Bredon School Facebook page!

An honest and humorous explanation for the parents of our younger pupils as to why they sometimes come home looking a little less than... pristine!







The ACE Academy is our new Sports Academy for talented students. It stands for 'Aspiration, Competition, Excellence' and is intended to provide students with additional support to help them achieve their sporting goals.

ACE members have the chance to visit elite sports venues, to attend lectures on sports-related topics such as Nutrition and Psychology, to access targeted coaching sessions with professionals and to receive additional fitness training and monitoring.

Current members are: Sam Morton (Clay Shooting), Archie York (Windsurfing), Freddie Harper (Tetrathlon), James Checkley (Football), David Hird (Cycling), James Readstone (Hockey), Sophie Rees (Tennis), and Jake Wright (Rugby).

#### Meet some of our notable sports stars

Jake Wright | Year 8

**YOUR SPORT:** County Rugby, and currently trying out for Worcester County 'Warriors'.

**TRAINING REGIME:** One day a week at School, and three days a week with my club.

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR SPORT:** It's exciting running with the ball and working with your team.

**FUTURE SPORTING AMBITION:** To play International rugby.

Sophie Rees | Year 9

**YOUR SPORT:** County and Regional Tennis. Recent runner up in the ISA national Tennis Tournament at Roehampton.

**TRAINING REGIME:** I train two to three times a week and, in the holidays, I take part in International training at Bath University.

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR SPORT:** It's active, fun and I love competing.

**FUTURE SPORTING AMBITION:** To be top seed.

David Hird | Year 9

**YOUR SPORT:** Cycling, both road and mountain biking for Stratford Cycling Club as well as in Regional and National events. Selected to attend the British Cycling Regional School of Racing in the disciplines of both Mountain Biking and Circuit (Road) racing.

**TRAINING REGIME:** I train five times a week and have one or more races a week as well.

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR SPORT:** It's always a different terrain which is fun. Plus, I get to travel around the country to race.

**FUTURE SPORTING AMBITION:** To be in the GB squad for cycling.

James Readstone | Year 9

**YOUR SPORT:** Hockey, for Gloucester City Hockey club U16s and Senior Men's. Also plays for Gloucestershire County and trialled for the South West Regional team.

**TRAINING REGIME:** I train weekly with JRPC (regional) and compete regularly with County. Also been selected to train at the West of England regional performance centre in Bristol.

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR SPORT:** I love being Outfield and playing as a team. I also like scoring!

**FUTURE SPORTING AMBITION:** To play at International level.

Sam Morton | Year 11

**YOUR SPORT:** Clay Pigeon Shooting. Won 'Most Improved Shooter' at 2014 Founder's Day. Part of the Shooting Academy at Oxford Gun Company, and on the A Team at Bredon.

**TRAINING REGIME:** Two lessons a week at School, and also shoot at the Oxford Gun Company at the weekends.

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT YOUR SPORT:** Shooting has helped me to gain confidence; I now believe I can become the very best at something.

**FUTURE SPORTING AMBITION:** My dream would be to represent Great Britain in the Commonwealth Games or even the Olympics.

#### Girls Tewkesbury Rugby Club

Several girl boarders from Millicent House are now involved with Tewkesbury Rugby Football Club. They have been training with the Club mid-week since September last year, and the feedback from the Club is fantastic! Year 12s Flora Thompson made her first appearance in a match in the spring term and very much enjoyed the experience. And Lauren Murray played her first game for TRFC against Sidmouth in March. Tewkesbury RFC were hugely impressed with Lauren and fed back to us that she put in all her effort and played amazingly well.

#### Cross Country

In January, a team of cross country runners took part in the ISA SW Competition at Haldon Forest. It was a great day for Bredon with Fallon Barlow finishing in 2nd place in the U20s race; Sophie Rees in 7th place in the U14 girls' race, and David Hird placed 4th in the boys' U14 race – meaning all three qualified for the ISA National Finals in February at Princethorpe College, Warwickshire.

The Juniors took part in their own Cross Country event at Bredon in February. As well as cheering on from the side lines, parents also took part. KS2 did two laps of the sports fields and KS1 did one lap – and still seemed to have plenty of energy left over! Mr. Stafford commented after the race that he had seen some very promising runners within the field and was looking forward to seeing some Juniors in training for bigger events in the future. Well done everyone!



# SPORTS REPORTS

## U14 NETBALL

This team held an unbeaten record for much of the year, often triumphing in closely-matched, fast-paced games.

An exciting game in early Spring saw some quick passing between Lourdes Martinavarro and Jennifer Wilson, combining with great interceptions from Lizzie Morris and Eve Egginton, to put Bredon in control of the game against Bowbrook.

A special mention must go to Year 7 girls Emily Kerslake, Nelleke Loader and Eden Ward who did not look out of place against a much older opposition team. Final score Bredon 17, Bowbrook 13.

Player of the match was Emily Kerslake for her consistent catching.

## CRICKET

Bredon 1st team won their first game of the season again Bowbrook.

Bowbrook managed 93 runs in their innings and Bredon chased these in just 7.3 overs with Charlie Mahoney scoring his first 50 not out in just 21 balls and Kellan Lawes scoring 25 not out to win the game.

Bredon U14 hosted Bowbrook also, and the game ended with a Bredon victory. Bowbrook scored 98 in their innings, and Bredon chased these in just 11 overs with James Readstone and Toby Hammond both scoring 36 not out to win the game.

## HOCKEY

An amazing 6-3 win for the U14 hockey team against John Masefield High School in December.

You'll note the girls are wearing fluorescent yellow socks; our Captain struggles to identify her team mates without her glasses, so the team have adapted their kit in order to aid our pupil's success.

Great team effort - all that training is paying off!



## EQUESTRIAN

Eddie Egginton represented Bredon in the National Schools Equestrian Association one day event at Stonar, Wiltshire. Eddie achieved his personal best dressage test and was clear in his Show jumping and cross country, to finish 2nd! Excellent work; well done Eddie.

The Equestrian team then shone at the Princethorpe two day event in May with Adam, Eve and Eddie Egginton placed as 4th team and highest placed Independent School Team, winning a lovely shield. Adam was 5th individually and named best boy, winning a rug!



## SHOOTING

Former Bredon School student, Tom Scott won a car in the final leg of the 2015 Schools Challenge competition, and Year 9s Max Haywood finished in 3rd place, winning a £2,500 Rizzini shotgun and the chance to go to Italy to have it made to his personal specification.



In the 2016 young shots competition, the Bredon A team once again made a strong start finishing in 3rd place in the Oxford leg of the competition with a score of 203/250; Senior Boys. James Lewis was placed 1st in the Senior Boys Individual category with a score of 47/50.

In the University Championships in March, Bredon A team finished in a very respectable 5th place overall, against much older and more experienced competition.

Next, the Bredon leg of the competition held on home turf in May.

The Bredon teams battled it out against some strong competition from Bloxham School in particular, but the Senior Boys Team were placed 1st after a shoot off, with a score of 208/250, winning a Browning 525 shotgun. The A team also won the ISA award for their combined scores from the last two competitions.

Bredon were named winning Prep Team, with a score of 84/250 and walked away with a Bowman trap, and Year 12s George Martin finished in 1st place in the Senior Boys Individual category with a score of 48/50. He was also named Champion of Champions for his combined score from the Oxford and Bredon competitions, and was awarded the ISA Individual award!

George has only been shooting for 2 years so this really was a great achievement for him. Well done to everyone who took part.





SCHOOL SPORTS TEAMS 2015 - 2016



1st Team Hockey



U14 Hockey Team



1st XI Cricket Team



U14 Cricket Team



1st Team Netball



U14 Netball Team



1st XV Rugby



U14 Rugby Team



U14 All Stars Netball



Basketball Team



1st Team Rounders



U14 Rounders Team





1st Team Football



Shooting A Team



Shooting B Team



Shooting C Team



Kayaking Team



Junior Sports Years 3, 4 & 5



Junior Sports Years 6

Former professional footballer  
Graeme Souness attends annual

# Colours Dinner



The Bredon Colours Dinner is an annual celebration of the sporting success of the Senior students in Years 11, 12 and 13. For the first time this year, that invitation was extended to the students who form part of the School's ACE programme too.



Younger  
members  
of ACE

This year's Guest Speaker was former Scottish and Liverpool footballer and player-manager Graeme Souness. He presented the Colours and trophies and took part in a question and answer session with the students. He provided a great insight into professional football and the attitude needed to succeed in sport.



Full colours were awarded to 18 students for various sports. To achieve full colours, students need to participate in all school games, show full commitment to training and be working towards playing at County level or above in their sport. There were also trophies and certificates awarded to individuals for being 'Sportsman of the Year', 'Sportswoman of the Year', 'Player of the Season for a selected sport' and 'Most improved player'.



The 'Abbott Trophy for Outstanding Achievement in Sport' this year went to a Year 9 student, breaking all former tradition. Sophie Rees, this year's recipient, is a County standard tennis player, ISA National Tennis runner up, and also the Captain of all U14 girls teams this year. A worthy recipient indeed, Sophie has worked tirelessly in the background to organise and motivate the teams for their games, showing great leadership skills.

A successful evening and a fantastic celebration of sport.



## Kayaking and Canoeing

The last 12 months have seen Kayaking and Canoeing move on considerably. We have made use of the facilities at Worcester Canoe Club, and have been on both the Severn and Avon rivers, and more students than ever are now venturing out in Racing Kayaks.

In February and March, George Botsford and Tom Bowers took part in a couple of the Waterside Marathon Races, which form part of the course of the Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race. Tom and George completed the 13 mile and the 22 mile races and gave themselves a valuable insight into what the DW Race would be like.

The spring term saw a large number of students take part in the Worcester Canoe Marathon with some great results! Bertie Leschallas gained promotion from Division 9 to Division 8 in Canoe Marathon – Bredon's first ever promotion in the sport, and hopefully the first of many.

In early 2017, we will again be taking part in the Waterside Series down on the canal between Devizes and Newbury, then at Easter we sincerely hope that we will have representative crews or individuals in the 125 mile Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race.

## Climbing

Senior climbers Jamie O'Riordan, Josh Pettigrew, Lucas Kennedy and Ed MacGregor have all learnt the more advanced technique of Lead Climbing during their weekly visits to The Climbing Warehouse in Gloucester.

Junior climbers, Eddie Egginton, Harrison Warner, Charlie Wilkins, Amelia Collinge, Rab Blakeney,

Tom Hobbs, Joshua Robson and Kelly Modebe are all working to complete the NICAS scheme which tracks their climbing and, almost more importantly, their ability to belay – keeping their climbing partner safe.

Harrison Warner has also taken part in a competition at Gloucester, and finished in 5th place, in a group of 26. Well done to you all.



# Ready, Steady, Cook!



## Fun with Food Day

Our caterers, Palmer & Howells, surprised us in March with a themed food day.

Building on the week's theme of 'Happiness', they transformed the dining room into a carnival themed backdrop, complete with lanterns, funny wigs and clown suits! And there were plenty of tasty treats on offer too including pop corn, cookies, smoothies and juices.



Staff and students worked together in House teams to compete in a Bredon-style Ready Steady Cook challenge in the Spring term, producing a three course meal.

All the dishes looked and, perhaps more importantly, tasted delicious! Well done to everyone who took part – and congratulations to the winners, Dowdeswell House.





## Remembrance event

in Tewkesbury and at School



At 11am on November 11th, Bredon School held a moving Remembrance Service in front of Pull Court.

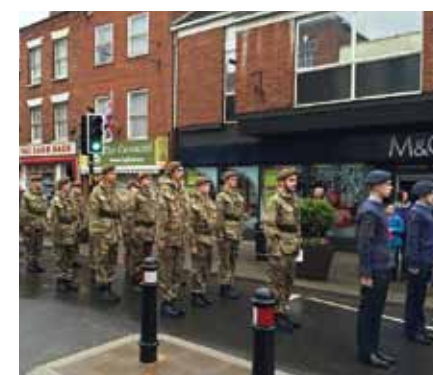
Our CCF students were joined by Lieutenant Colonel Jason Kinghorn and Chair of Governors Mr Aatif Hassan, along with the Headmaster who led the readings and prayer.

Members of the Junior school planted crosses in front of the fountain, each cross representing those employees at Pull Court that had died in service during war times.



Mr Hassan then, with help from pupils, planted a young tree in the terraced garden in commemoration.

This was the second such act of Remembrance by the Cadets as they had previously taken part in the public service in Tewkesbury at the weekend, joining hundreds of other uniformed personnel in a parade through the streets. This was the first time that Bredon's cadets had joined the public service and they did us proud.



## Christmas celebrations



Christmas time at Bredon was full of festive fun, with numerous delicious Christmas lunches being served courtesy of Palmer and Howells, a fun Christmas Fair (see FAB pages), as well as the rousing end of term Christmas Carol Concert at Tewkesbury Abbey.

The concert opened with Year 8's Harrison Morton-Deaville performing the first verse of Once in Royal David's City, and readings by Sixth Formers Thomas Serrano, John Brown, Millie Hems and Jamie O'Riordan, as well as by

Mr Ward. Both Senior and Junior Choirs also performed.

A lovely way to start the countdown to Christmas.

There was also a delightful Young Explorers and Key Stage 1 nativity performance.

'A Donkey's Tale' was brilliant fun and everyone did so well remembering their lines and singing the songs so beautifully! Well done to all the staff who helped with this production. A good time was enjoyed by all.





# RUGBY TYKES VISIT

Our youngest pupils put their ball skills to the test when they enjoyed a visit from the local branch of Rugby Tykes. Rugby Tykes aims to provide a fun, lively and structured introduction to rugby, developing core motor skills. And looking at these photos, it's clear we might have a few promising future players here at Bredon!

## Sports Relief



We raised a brilliant **£229.51** in aid of Sports Relief in March, following a Coffee Morning and Breakfast in Pull Court. We also took to the driveway for a sponsored bounce, walk, hop, skip and scoot, of the famous mile for Sports Relief!

Our highest individual fundraiser was Year 3s Charlotte Hocken who raised a fantastic £154.50! Well done to Charlotte and thank you to everyone who contributed and pledged sponsorship.

## World Book Day



As is now customary at Bredon, our Junior School pupils did not disappoint us on World Book Day, coming in to School dressed as their favourite book character. We had everything from Superman to Buzz Lightyear, from a policeman to a witch, a cat, a pig, the Incredible Hulk and everything in between!

## Charity and fundraising work

The Charities Committee consists of teachers, our Head students, and volunteers from across the year groups. Their target is to raise £3,000 for the School's nominated charities through a variety of fundraising activities. Special thanks must go to FAB for supporting the School with many of these fundraising efforts.

In May, the Sixth Form Business Studies students, assisted by other members of their year groups, held a glamorous Black Tie Gala Dinner and Charity Auction at Pull Court, in aid of Hope and CCP - County Community Projects.



These two very inspiring charities have been avidly supported by Bredon over the course of this school year and representatives from the charities were able to give us an insight on the evening as to the wonderful work they do.

A fabulous time was had by all; there were some very generous auction lots donated by parents and the delicious food was provided and served by Mr Crwys-Williams and his catering students.

"A big thank you to Bredon School for inviting us to their Charity Auction Gala Dinner and Dance." Hope

There have been a variety of other fundraising and charitable events over the year too, including Year 13s Steven McIntyre, who did a sky dive in support of Hope; a 'Swimathon', in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust, and a big breakfast in aid of Macmillan.

Students have also made a charitable visit to the Tewkesbury Care Home in Bushley to entertain the residents with various musical acts.

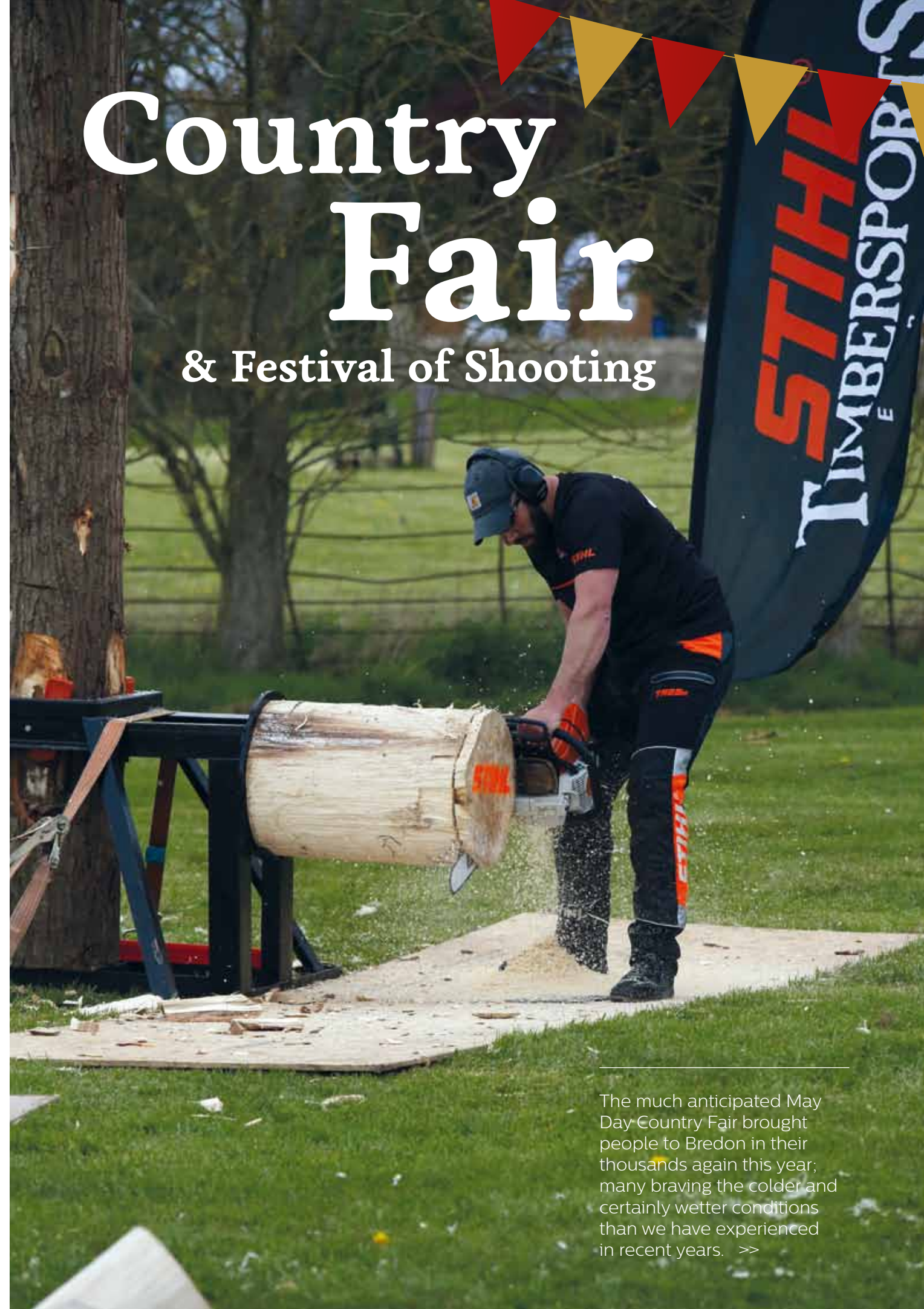




Photo courtesy of CountryTastic

# Country Fair

## & Festival of Shooting



The much anticipated May Day Country Fair brought people to Bredon in their thousands again this year; many braving the colder and certainly wetter conditions than we have experienced in recent years. >>

## CountryTastic

A glorious sunny day in the Easter holidays brought over 7000 visitors to the Three Counties Showground for their annual Countrytastic show; a one day celebration of the countryside. This year's theme was crops and on the Bredon School stand we had plenty of hands on activities to teach visitors all about one of the UKs most common crops, maize.

From colouring activities to word searches, a 'touch and feel' animal feeds station to a 'grow your own beanstalk' activity there was plenty to see and do, and learn.

Countryfile presenter and local farmer Adam Henson was in attendance again, and spent some time with us learning how to grow a broad bean from seed, and also meeting our animals and farm staff. A very busy but fun day!



The star of this year's show was Titan, an 8ft all-singing, all-dancing Robot who thrilled adults and children alike with his antics!



The STHIL Timbersports display team put on a fabulous show of strength and skill in lumber jacking demonstrations in the main arena, and the ever popular Falconry, dog and duck herding, circus skills workshop, dog agility and BMX stunt teams were back.

New for this year was the opportunity to try out the School's brand new climbing wall and bouldering course, as well as to meet and greet the School's farm animals. There was a make your own

music stage with instruments made in Mrs Ferrari's various music lessons, and the Sixth Form were on hand to show prospective parents around the school and to answer any questions.

Lesley and her team from Palmer & Howells put on a great show in Pull Court too, with their 'pop up cafe' and old-fashioned school puddings club, including chocolate crunch, spotted dick and jam roly poly, washed down with warming cups of tea and coffee!

As one former Bredon student said on the School's Facebook page, "Fantastic day.....brought back brilliant memories especially the chocolate crunch with pink custard.....once again Bredon School has excelled!!

The day would not have been possible without the help of every single member of staff and the many students who volunteered and offered help – so thank you!

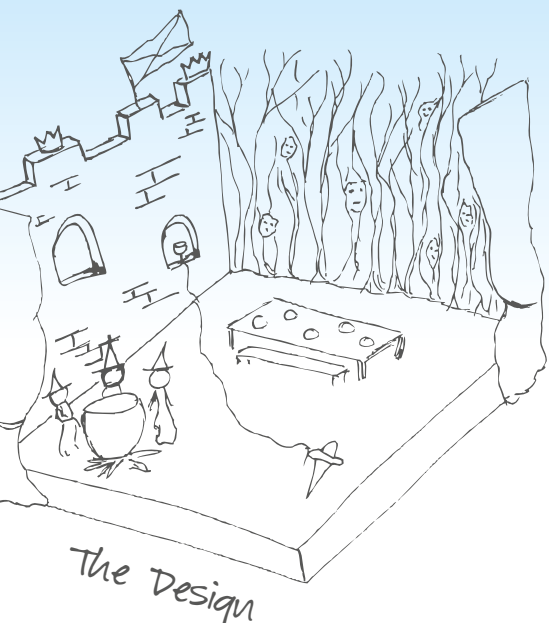


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## RHS Malvern Spring Festival, School Garden Challenge 2016

For the first time in Bredon's history, we entered the Schools Garden Challenge at the RHS Spring Festival. The theme was the 400th Anniversary of the death of Shakespeare, and given that very broad brief, Key Stage 2 chose 'Macbeth'.

To enter, the garden must be as student led as possible, and that is exactly what Bredon's entry, '**Hubble Bubble**', was.

At the outset, KS2 were invited to take part in a workshop at the Three Counties Showground with Chris Collins, ex Blue Peter Gardener and Mad Cap Theatre Productions, to inspire the children to think about Shakespeare in a creative context and to learn how the Baird used flowers and plants to portray emotions and feelings in his plays.

They then turned their perception of the play into a design, collectively coming up with a brilliant depiction of 'Macbeth'. The final design was drawn by Hal Blakeney and from his drawing the garden was made!

Jonathan is used to building gardens for Chelsea, having won Gold awards, and it was really great to have his support. Along with Jonathan, we had a very gracious supply of plants from another Old Bredonian, Rachel Gallagher, who manages and runs Tewkesbury Garden Centre.

On the morning of 4th May the gardens were judged and the students were on hand to tell them everything they had done to create 'Hubble Bubble'.

Next day and Bredon had its moment in the spotlight at the awards ceremony, coming away with an RHS Commended award. The Campaign for the Protection of Rural England awarded them with a joint 3rd certificate and for BAM, who were the School Garden Challenge Sponsors, Bredon was awarded 1st place in the category for Most Innovative use of Recycled Materials.

Overwhelmingly, the judges said how very engaging all of our students had been during the judging of the show, and how articulate and knowledgeable they were.

Key Stage 2 were indeed a credit to Bredon throughout the planning, building and exhibition of their garden. On Friday, there was even more excitement as Alan Titchmarsh MBE was shown around the School gardens and stopped to have a good look at 'Hubble Bubble' and ask our pupils lots of questions.

Our students were at the show all weekend, talking to the public about their garden, about Shakespeare and Macbeth, and also about Bredon School!

### The pupils:

- sourced materials and plants from the school grounds,
- nurtured seedlings as well as re-potting, planting out and watering
- used pallets for the structure of the stage
- created a witches cauldron, made of old car tyres
- used shrubs from Bredon's own forest and replanted in large pots, covered in moss and leaves, and created Birnam Wood, and
- created an army of soldiers' faces by taking moulds of their own faces.

Key stage 2, their teacher Mrs Larner and School's Farm Manager Miss Parkes also had expert guidance in the form of Jonathan Bishop, an Old Bredonian, who has his own landscaping company 'Foliation Ltd'.







## Scenes of Crime Officers

In Science, the students have been studying a topic on Crime Scene Investigations. In order to put the theory to the test, they were presented with a 'crime scene' in the classroom where they had to use the skills they had developed during the topic to work out what had happened. The investigation was completed carefully, with all students knowing not to contaminate the evidence as they collected it. It helped to give them a much better understanding of what Scene of Crime Officers (SOCO) do in their line of work.

## Learning outdoors, with Shakespeare!

To coincide with the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death, Year 7 English students were out in Bredon's beautiful grounds taking part in a treasure hunt with a difference; seeking out clues and finding out facts about William Shakespeare.



## Rocket seeds

Key Stages 3 and 4 are learning how science in space contributes to our knowledge of life on earth, using the invaluable expertise of the European Space Agency (ESA) and RHS Science team.

Two kilograms of rocket seeds recently took off from Florida bound for the International Space Station as part of British ESA astronaut Tim Peake's six-month Principia mission. After several months on board, the seeds were sent back and landed in the Pacific Ocean in the spring of 2016. Then they were packaged up with identical seeds that have stayed on earth.



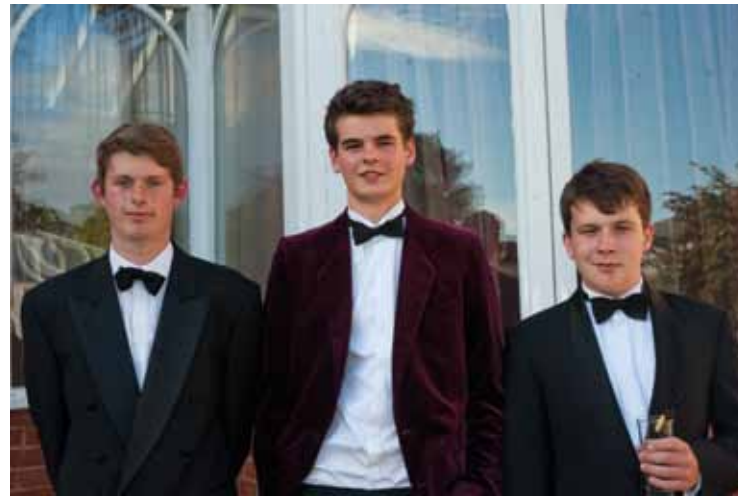
## Space fun

Our youngest pupils have been caught up with the excitement about Tim Peake's expedition into space, and back in February they spent time thinking about what it might be like to be up in space. They made rockets, built a spaceship and made astronaut helmets.



Bredon school received two packets of 100 seeds to grow and compare. The aim is for pupils across the UK to embark on a voyage of discovery to see what growing plants in space can teach us about life on Earth and whether we can sustain human life in space through the production of our own food. We will be invited to input our results into a national online database so that results can be compared across all schools in the UK. The project is aimed at inspiring pupils to think scientifically and helping them to see the potential of future careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) and Horticulture.







# Music

## Young Voices

“Our aim is to provide a music experience for children that they will benefit from and remember for the rest of their lives”. – Young Voices.

Pupils arrived at the Genting Arena in January to sing their hearts out as part of the Young Voices concerts; joining thousands of other singers and accompanied by a wide range of musicians.

Pupils practiced hard in the lead up to the event during school music lessons to prepare themselves for this huge concert. They felt a massive sense of achievement gained from rehearsing over so many months and to finally performing together with their friends.

## Music Café

The Music Café is held every week in the Old Library and is a chance for everyone in the School to sit and enjoy their lunch while listening to a variety of live music acts, performed by Bredon students.

Whether this is singing as a solo performer, or as part of a small group, as an instrumentalist or part of a band formed within school, it's a very relaxing way to spend a Friday lunch time, learning about music being part of everyday life!

## Scratch Youth Messiah

Bredon's choir joined over 1,400 students from other schools in the UK at The Royal Albert Hall to sing together in the Scratch Youth Messiah event in November.



This well-known and prestigious event sees choirs coming together to perform Handel's Messiah and also to raise money for Water Aid. Once again, Bredon's students sang brilliantly, conducted by Suzi Digby OBE.

“You were wonderful! Come back next year!” Tweet from Suzi Digby

The students very much enjoyed their trip to London and had chance to do a spot of sightseeing too.

Suzi Digby OBE @suzidigby

You were wonderful! Come back next year!



# Drama

In November, the Drama Department was very proud to stage a student and staff production of “A Bredon Cinderella.”

The whole cast and crew worked extremely hard, giving up parts of their lunchtimes to rehearse, and the camaraderie between everyone made rehearsals a lot of fun!

It was lovely to see the whole school working together to create scenery, props and costumes, and for the students to be able to see their art work as part of the scenery. There was everything you might expect in a traditional Pantomime – a Fairy Godmother, “Ugly” sisters, plenty of jokes and slapstick humour, a magic trick and even a bus driver and bus!

Thank you to everyone that was involved, and to those who came along to watch and support. The audience participation was fantastic!

In an exciting new development, students will have the opportunity to take part in LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) lessons.

These lessons can improve standards in communication through the spoken word, foster an appreciation of literature, poems and drama and support the creative, intellectual and social development of the individual as a whole. Students participating in LAMDA lessons will be prepared for LAMDA graded examinations and will also have the opportunity to perform in local performing arts festivals. Some of our younger pupils have enjoyed participating in LAMDA sessions in the Summer term; incorporating topical themes within their learning.





# The Arts

## Wilson visit

In January, our Year 11 & 12 photography students visited The Wilson - the former Cheltenham Art Gallery and Museum - for a Photographic workshop inspired by a fantastic Audrey Hepburn exhibition. They tried their hand both in front and behind the camera lens!

## Swarm the World

In February, Bredon played its part in a worldwide collaborative Arts project called Swarm: World Migration.

We were the lucky recipients of part of a swarm of magnetic cyanotype butterflies, by US-based artist Tasha Lewis, which have been sent around the world and photographed in situ. Bredon's beautiful grounds and buildings are now part of this fabulous international project.



## Wish Fish

Making a welcome new addition to the Art corridor are these fantastic 'Wish Fish'.

Students in Years 8 and 9 created their own fish and below it hung their aspirations for achieving certain goals by the end of the school year.



## GCSE Art exhibition

Toxic Candy  
By Will Eamer

Examining the cause and effect of too much sugar in our diets. Inspired by the work of Jamie Oliver to raise awareness of the effects of sugar on our health.

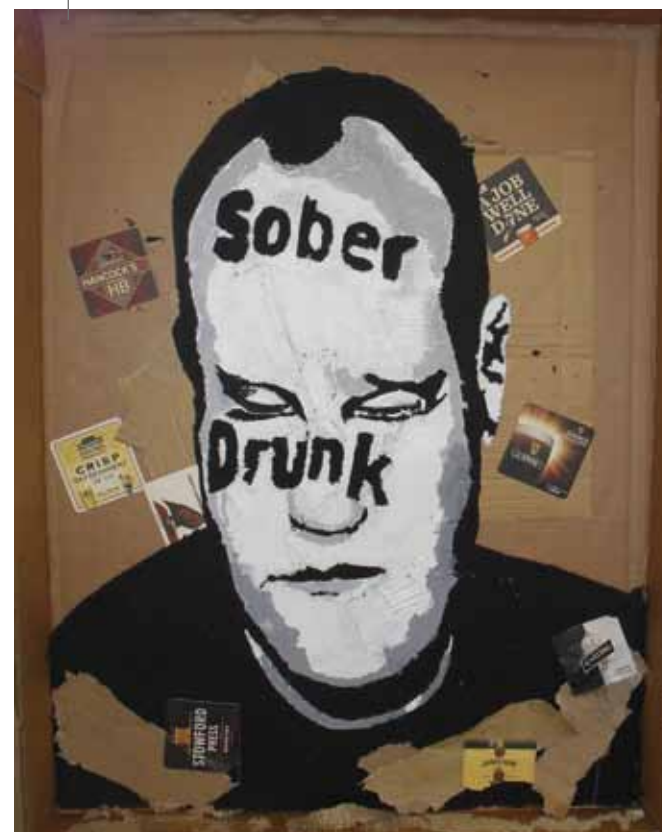






Alcohol  
By Nathan Taylor.

Examining the perceived positives of alcohol, as promoted by drinks companies versus the negative effects and connotations on health and behaviour.



Alice in Wonderland  
By Helena Blatchford.



City Scapes  
By Anna McIntyre.

Influenced by the Bayeux Tapestry and telling the history of the Tower of London through two World Wars and the London blitz, to the 2014 Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red poppies installation.

Homelessness in Art  
By Helena Blatchford.



Home  
By Tom Finn.

Inspired by the contours and traditions of the land in his home area, as well as the things that create a sense of home.

Tea  
By Howard Beh.

Contrasting tea ceremonies in China and the UK, using photography and smoke-fired pots.



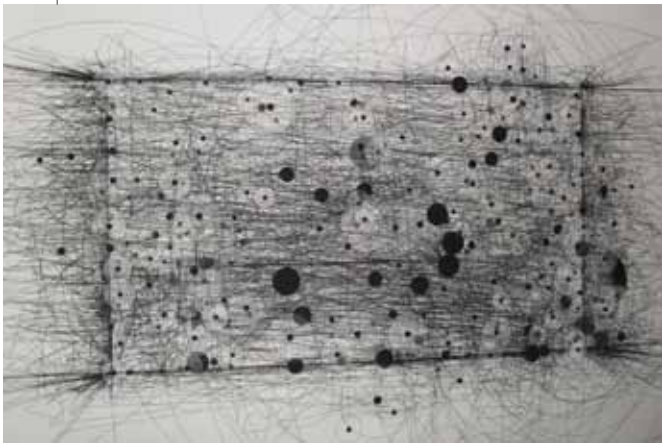




Jet lag  
By Jerry Li.

Depicting life between the UK and China; a photographic representation of the feelings of jet lag and the toll of international travel.

An autobiographical piece tracking where the artist's mouse pad movements had taken him throughout the course of a day.  
By Max Willson.



Dripping tap  
By Rodrigo Garbayo.

Finding beauty in the banal through experimentation with water and reflection.



Ruins  
By Gordon Fautz.

Looking at the effects of destruction and the process of destroying things.



# Special guests and visitors

Our students have met a wonderful array of visiting and guest speakers this year, including:

## John Bradshaw

John came in to give an inspirational talk to the students. Blinded in service, he shares his thoughts on making the most of life since his injury and how to maintain a positive outlook on life, even in the face of life changing events.



## Andrei Lussmann

In November, Old Bredonian and restaurateur Andrei Lussmann visited our sixth form students to talk to them about business and enterprise, and to inspire them as they make plans for their future.

Andrei shared with the group the ups and downs of his career to date. His overriding message though was one of having a desire to succeed, to work hard and to learn from your mistakes.

He talked about the time he was invited to 10 Downing Street to meet the Prime Minister; Andrei was invited as one of the '100 most influential people in Catering & Hospitality'.



## Chef Kuba

Chef Kuba, and his assistant Charlie, from the amazing Feathered Nest Inn visited our Catering department, fresh from a television appearance on Saturday Kitchen!

He demonstrated some butchery skills to the GCSE Year 10 catering group and other guest pupils, who were enthralled by the skills on show. Many thanks go Kuba and Charlie for their wonderful support of the School.







## on Boarding Mr & Mrs Starr, House Parents

Rob and Nicola Starr are House Parents to 20 boys in the boarding houses of Years 6 to 9.

“A typical day starts at 6.30am for us; we wake the older boys at 7am and the Juniors just after. Once up, dressed, washed and beds made, breakfast is served at 7.30am.



“It can be very loud up here at that time as everyone is getting geared up for their day and wants to discuss what’s coming up for them over the next 24 hours!

“We have a bit of a settling down period to sit and watch the news and chat together before going off to lessons,

making sure everyone has what they need for the day ahead.

“We check the landings are ready for the boys return after school, and that they have their juice and a snack, as well as to change out of their uniform and sort out their washing.

“The help the boys get from Nicola and I is age-related, many manage their own housekeeping tasks well and all of them are encouraged to be responsible for their own space and belongings.

“Three nights a week there is ‘tuck’ and, for a limited period, each boy is allowed electronic games for some ‘down time’ of their own.

“After school there are activities like swimming, football and basketball, and at the weekends the boys can have some well-earned

freedom to enjoy the grounds and to socialise. Weekends include film nights as well as relaxed and structured activities.

“Before bed, the younger boys have an hour with Nicola and myself in the TV room. This is our chance to all be together and to hear what’s going on for the boys.

“We enjoy the parenting aspect of our role; it seems to work really well being a couple and providing the boys with that family dynamic. We are able to have such a positive impact on the boys and can do that because of the tremendous support we get from their parents.

“Communication between us and the parents is always open, which helps us get the balance right for a ‘home from home’ experience.”

## Spotlight on our International students

Here we take a few moments to meet some of the Bredon students who live a little further than a bus ride away!



### Maddox Year 5, from Uganda

Maddox is a full boarder.

**Q.** What do you like best about Bredon School?

All of my friends and the teachers. And I like the way we learn here.

**Q.** Where were you before Bredon?

I was boarding at a school in London before. The Countryside here is nice and the grounds are too.

**Q.** How does Bredon compare to your previous schools?

Bredon’s really different to all other schools I’ve been to. I have enjoyed Paintballing, Go-Karting and the cinema. My Mum is really pleased that I am here because Bredon has helped me a lot.

### Luca Year 7, from Dubai.

Luca started at Bredon in September 2015.

**Q.** What do you like best about Bredon School?

The fun trips and activities that we get to take part in and the teachers make the work really fun.

**Q.** Have you boarded before, and were you nervous about it?

I was a bit nervous but very quickly was made to feel at home here.

**Q.** Compared to your previous schools, what is different about Bredon?

In Dubai we couldn’t do many of the activities that we can do here. And at Bredon School, you never feel alone.

**Q.** How do you feel about Bredon School?

I feel very close to the community of the School. There is a family feeling. I was nervous on day one, but I feel very at home now.

**Q.** What memories will really stay with you about Bredon?

There are so many things I’ve enjoyed, but we don’t get things like Country Fairs in Hong Kong; that was a brilliant day!

**Q.** How are you feeling about your upcoming exams?

I am feeling quite confident about my BTECs. I really enjoy my subjects and besides, I get a lot of support here.



### Daksha Year 12, Hong Kong

Daksha is working towards her BTEC qualifications.



Over the next few pages, we meet some former pupils from across the decades at Bredon...

## 1960s

**Simon Warner**  
Bredon student from 1962 to 1966

As an original Old Bredonian, i.e. one of the first 17 pupils to start at Bredon, Simon describes a typical Bredon day back then:

“The morning bell would sound at 7am, and we were to take a morning run; out from the front door, down the Bushley drive to the cattle grid, across to the bottom of the games field and back. Only the fastest runners got the hot water in the showers!

“A typical breakfast was tea or coffee with toast, porridge in the winter months and cereals in the summer, sometimes eggs and bacon. All beds had to be made, before breakfast, complete with hospital corners on the sheets.

“In that first year, 1962, the Founder of the School Col Sharp was still in the Army so his army car would collect him. A couple of times in the winter we had to push it when it became stuck in the snow.

“Lessons were good; rural science was split between studying and building the piggery from a row of old cottages. Our teacher was Mr Newton (a descendant of Sir Isaac Newton); he was brilliant at theory but not so good at the practical aspects! Luckily one of the other pupils, Charlie Smith, was a local farmer's son so he showed us all the practical side of things. As far as I know, and certainly at the time, Bredon was the only school in the UK to have a farm managed completely by the pupils.

“I would urge all current Bredon students to enjoy your days at school, absorb even the tiniest pieces of knowledge, and be ready to keep on learning throughout life”.

## 1970s

**Rob Wainwright**  
Bredon student from 1971 to 1975



“During my time at Bredon, we celebrated many new milestones; the first fete (now called the May Fair), the launch of the Colourman's dinner, successes on and off the playing fields, and the arrival of the first girl pupil! We had great fun too.

“Bredon in those days had started to establish itself as a leader in the specialist support field, and this has clearly evolved over the years. I was one of the first group of pupils to take part in the Aston University dyslexia 'Index' trials.

“Like many of the pupils at Bredon I am dyslexic, and proud to say that positive achievement is very possible. I have been a career Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer in corporate life, and I now help business owners who are seeking to improve their business, or to turn their fortunes around.

“Bredon gave me self-belief, a taste for adventure and depth of character to keep going even when the going got tough. I have climbed in the Himalayas, sailed the Fastnet race, ridden motorcycles across Europe, and was in the England U19 rugby squad.

“The Founder of Bredon had a vision that everyone can be inspired, and if you are struggling in the classroom that's just another challenge to overcome. It shouldn't be a barrier to allowing your gifts and talents to be forthcoming.

“Having recently returned to live in the local area, I wanted to 'give something back' and so have joined the Local Governing Body as an Advisor, to help provide a balance between educational and commercial input”.

## 1990s

**Jonathan Bishop**  
Bredon student from 1990 to 1995

Just three weeks into Jonathan's first term at Bredon, he was put in charge of the green houses. Already a keen gardener, he then gained permission to sell plants every Friday to parents coming down the drive. In that first term, he made £45 profit! Before long, he had progressed to selling hanging baskets, and in one season alone he sold 138 to parents. Founder's Days were particularly profitable and after a few months, his plant sales were raising £2,000 per term!

Jonathan said, “In the 90s, the future of the School farm was uncertain, but the plant sales raised enough money to afford the animal feed and other essentials to keep the farm going. I was very proud of this.”

Post-Bredon, Jonathan gained a National Diploma in Horticulture and in 2002 his landscaping company 'Foliation Ltd' was born. Among his many successes, including Gold medals at the Chelsea flower show, Jonathan is also an advisor to the Royal Horticultural Society.



His team at Foliation Ltd spend much of their time designing and planting gardens for the RHS at all of their major shows, including Malvern, Chelsea and Hampton Court. He also writes columns for gardening magazines and now and again comes back to Bredon, most recently helping with our entry into the RHS Malvern Spring Festival Schools Challenge Garden Competition.

Jonathan says, “This year's Bredon entry was a really good start; a great team effort! The children were so well behaved and the RHS judges commented on how polite, confident, articulate and passionate they all were. I really enjoyed coming back to work on it.”

## 2000s

**Bijan Morvaridi**  
Bredon student from 2000-2008

Former boarding student Bijan joined Bredon from a School in London where he says he simply 'came home from school, did homework, had dinner, watched TV then went to bed'.

Once at Bredon though, he adored the freedom he had to use the school grounds and to play outside until it was nearly dark. Everything from football, building tree houses, rock climbing and bike rides meant that Bijan suddenly enjoyed school!

He says, “When I look back, I think of freedom, responsibility, outdoor pursuits, camping trips, sports, friends, good teacher relationships and good fun!”

Since leaving Bredon, Bijan has completed a University degree, been travelling, and worked for Foxtons, one of London's largest estate agency firms. Last year, he left Foxtons to set up a gourmet street food company.

The Rolling Duck serves confit with a modern twist, and trades at markets throughout London including Mayfair, Covent Garden and Petticoat Lane.



Bijan says, “Bredon's practical approach to learning and the Entrepreneur Scheme which was running at the time, gave me the experience and basic know-how to start my own business”.



**Lois Gower**  
Bredon student from 2002 – 2013

Former Head Girl Lois is studying Marketing, Advertising and Communications at the University of Gloucestershire.

She's currently on a year-long work placement for International company, Kohler Mira Ltd, based in Cheltenham.



Her role, as a marketing assistant within the product marketing sector, sees Lois having to carry out market research – to identify market gaps and monitor competitors – create reports for management on sales, create literature for products, and attend NPI (New Product Introduction) meetings bringing together relevant staff to introduce new products to the UK market.

Lois says, “I am really enjoying it, and my placement has recently been extended for an extra two and a half months, so I must be doing ok!

“Once I finish at Kohler, I go back to University and will go on to graduate in 2017. Bredon taught me that you can achieve almost anything if you put your mind to it and have the right support in place.”

# 2010s

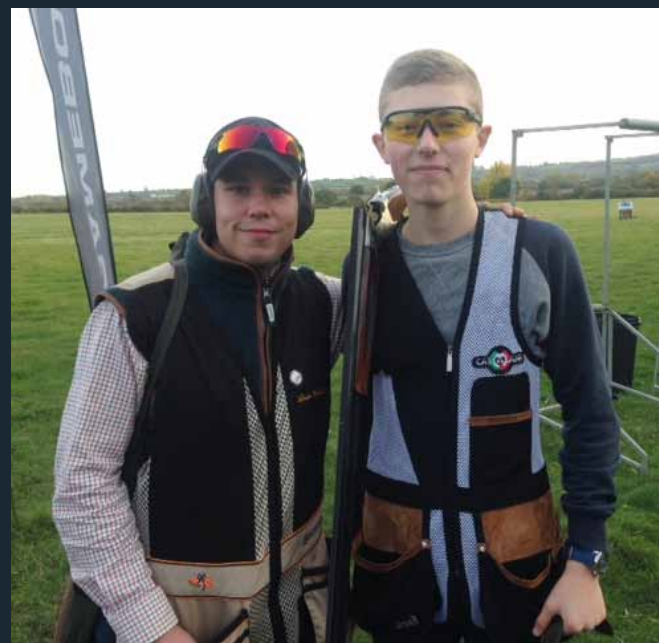
**Tom Scott**  
Bredon student from 2013 – 2015

Tom came to Bredon to complete his GCSEs, and in the short time he was with us he certainly made quite an impression!

As someone fairly new to clay shooting, Tom soon established himself on the circuit and within Bredon's clay shooting team. Not only did he become vice captain in his first year, but he was also part of the team at Bredon that made history by finishing in the top 3 teams for the 3rd year in a row as part of the national Schools Challenge Shooting Competition.

Just after leaving Bredon, Tom was named overall Winner of the Schools Challenge 2015 and walked away with the biggest prize ever awarded in a young shots competition; a car worth £15,000!

Tom said, “Competing and captaining the shooting team at Bredon has not only given me a sporting advantage, but has also given me leadership skills and a level of focus and discipline that I never had before. It translates into my studies and the rest of my life, and I can now focus on bigger and better things. Shooting has increased my self confidence a huge amount.”



## INTERVIEW WITH HEAD GIRL MILLIE HEMS

**“NEVER GIVE UP! STAND-OUT, DO YOUR OWN THING, AND DON'T WORRY ABOUT WHAT OTHERS THINK OF YOU”**

**Q. Millie, how long have you been at Bredon?**

Since Year 7.

**Q. Have you enjoyed your years at Bredon?**

I have loved them, especially Years 12 & 13; you have more freedom and responsibility and somehow your friends seem even closer. I am sure we will all keep in touch in the future.

**Q. What's your greatest achievement?**

Being Head Girl!

**Q. How did you feel when you were named Head Girl 2015/2016?**

Even though I had been through a process of application, including a letter to the Headmaster, an interview/powerpoint presentation with teachers and a dinner, it was still a bit of a shock when I was named on Founder's Day! I was surprised and pleased, and my family were proud too.

**Q. What has being Head Girl taught you?**

How to handle responsibility and how to manage my time more efficiently. It's made me think about where I have to be and at what time, and to ensure that I am definitely there when I am supposed to be! All skills that I can take forward in future work and life.

**Q. Have you had fun working alongside John and the rest of the prefect team?**

Yes definitely. I've enjoyed working with John, and Henry as his deputy. John and I share opinions honestly and work efficiently together.

**Q. Looking back over your time at Bredon, do you have a 'stand-out' memory?**

There are so many! Although when I was in Year 10, I was asked to be in a music video that Tom Worth & Danielle Tipton were making for their media studies course. I had to dress up and sing/mime along to CeeLo Green's 'Forget you' track. It was just really good fun!

**Q. In your opinion, what is it that makes Bredon so special?**

The fact that we're a close knit community and you get to know everyone. I love that I get on with everyone, from the juniors right through to the people in my year group. I look upon some of the younger ones as my younger siblings; it's nice that everyone has each other's backs.

**Q. What piece of advice would you give our younger students?**

Never give up! Stand-out, do your own thing, and don't worry about what others think of you.



## INTERVIEW WITH HEAD BOY JOHN BROWN

**I WAS SO, SO PROUD. I DIDN'T EVEN PROPERLY HEAR MY NAME BEING CALLED; I WAS JUST 'WOWED'**

**Q. John, how long have you been a student at Bredon?**

11 years. I joined in Year 3.

**Q. Can you sum up your time at Bredon in no more than five words?**

'Life-changingly amazing'!

When I arrived here, I couldn't read or write or play sports, and I certainly couldn't have stood up and spoken in front of other people. It's given me so much confidence.

**Q. What's been your greatest personal achievement to date?**

Becoming Head Boy! I expressed an ambition to become Head Boy after my first ever Founder's Day and so it's a dream come true. A close second is the A\* I achieved in my Year 11 English Speaking exam.

**Q. Who has been an inspiration to you during your time at Bredon?**

Mr Smallwood; he was my English teacher and took care of the pastoral side of things. He was always on my case – in a good way! And Mr Ward has been incredibly supportive of my role as Head Boy.

**Q. How did you feel when you were named Head Boy 2015/2016?**

I was so, so proud. I didn't even properly hear my name being called; I was just 'wowed'. I even shed a tear on my way back to my seat. My parents thought it was an amazing thing too.

**Q. What has being Head Boy taught you?**

That you can achieve anything you want to if you put your mind to it. I never expected to be helping redesign the new Sixth Form centre, or raising awareness of Autism and the things that makes each of us so unique, but just seeing someone's day made happier or easier by things I have done, has been brilliant.

**Q. Do you have a memorable moment?**

Yes. As someone who isn't particularly keen on sports, I once completed 11 sporting events in one day for my House team, Thomas, as there were so many people off poorly we wouldn't have been fairly represented otherwise! I was rewarded at the following Founder's Day with the 'Talbot trophy for endeavour'.

**Q. What piece of advice would you offer our younger students about their time at School?**

To realise just how lucky you are to be at Bredon and to take advantage of every opportunity offered to you.

## Autumn Term

The Headmaster's PA, Mrs Sheila Denman, retired at the end of the Autumn Term after serving an incredible 22 years at Bredon! Sheila was PA to no less than 4 Headmasters during her time at Bredon, and is looking forward to spending more time with her family and indulging in her hobby of gardening.



In December, after 11 years at Bredon, Agriculture teacher Mr Michael Tweddell left to take up a new role in Devon. During his time at Bredon, Mike had worked in the Sports department, in the Outdoor Ed department – leading Forest School activities – and leading numerous expeditions for the Duke of Edinburgh awards. He also had responsibility for the May Day Fair and other whole school events.



## Staff Leavers

Mrs Emma Zentner, teacher of Geography, took up a new Head of Geography position at a School in Cheltenham, following 5 years at Bredon where she was a regular volunteer on Duke of Edinburgh expeditions.

Ms Gina Cohen also left Bredon in December, returning to work in a FE College. Gina, who joined Bredon in 2014, was responsible for teaching Computing and in particular was very involved in the CISCO Academy at the outset.

## Spring Term

At Easter, we bid farewell to Mrs Georgina Yorke from the Bursary Department, who retired after 17 years of loyal service. George was well known to parents and teachers alike, and as well as ensuring that the bills were always paid on time, she would always go the extra mile to ensure that boarders had their pocket money in time for weekend events!

At the end of the Spring Term, we also said goodbye to Mr Kevin Jeffery (Maths and Senco) who had been part of the Bredon family for 14 years. Kevin left us to start a new career in the Prison Service, but is a regular at our May Day Fair event as he plays as part of the Ledbury Community Brass Band.



## Baby News!

Deputy Head Mrs Deborah Jones and husband Steve (English Department) welcomed a baby daughter, Imogen, born on 8th January 2016 weighing 8lbs 9.5oz. Congratulations to you both!



Sports teacher Mr Dan Keyte and his partner Charlotte welcomed a baby son, George, born on 2nd March weighing 7lbs 6ozs. George is pictured here ready to follow in his father's sporting footsteps!



Our warmest wishes to you all.



Blog by Miss Swait

# The Benefits of Outdoor Education

Outdoor Education has always had to fight for its place in education, especially in times of financial cut backs and increased pressure on academic results in schools. In Outdoor Ed, achievement is not assessed and it follows no set curriculum, so how do we prove its worth for our pupils, and why does Bredon School make it such a key part of our pupils' education?

The very fact that it is not assessed allows our pupils a chance to learn without the pressures of 'failing.' Achievement is personal; the value is in the experience.

Many pupils who struggle in the classroom often thrive in an outdoor environment; the move from visual and auditory to kinaesthetic learning is a refreshing change for all. Physical activity is proven to help increase attention, reduce anxiety and develop co-ordination skills, however for many pupils, the more traditional competitive team sports still put pressure on the pupils for results.

That said, Outdoor Education can be a great boost to high achievers in the classroom too, and to great sportsmen and women, and the experiences are very often some of the most memorable of a pupil's schooling.

It encourages pupils to work independently, to use their initiative and exercise problem solving skills. It also demonstrates the benefits of teamwork, as pupils are able to support each other both physically and emotionally. When a pupil achieves the challenge of reaching the top of a climbing wall or mountain, masters paddling a Kayak or faces their fears when

caving, it helps them to realise exactly what they can achieve when they push themselves.

Activities require perseverance and determination, sometimes enduring bad weather, but the experiences teach pupils what they are capable of, pushing them out of their comfort zones and into new environments.



Outdoor Ed also develops the skill of assessing and managing risk. In a society regularly accused of being 'risk-averse', Outdoor Ed offers 'risk-benefit' - teaching pupils to make their own judgements; sometimes having to learn the hard way and learning to cope when things get tough, for example getting wet or cold.

'Nature deficit disorder' is another term used with the current younger generation, referring to children who spend so little time outside playing freely, or using their imagination to learn about their local environment. It all has an impact on health and creativity.



Spending time outdoors enhances a pupils' understanding of the environment, very often complementing learning in the classroom, and importantly instilling a duty of care for the local and wider surroundings. Such experiences help us to make sense of the world around us by making links between feelings and learning. They stay with us into adulthood and affect our behaviour, lifestyle and work. They influence our values and the decisions we make. They allow us to transfer learning experienced outside to the classroom and vice versa.







Joe Dixon – shown right

## What makes Bredon special?

### A poem by Joe Dixon, Year 7

I am glad that I'm at Bredon, because it's better than my old school,  
And I've got a great geography teacher, whose name is Mr Pool.  
He's had some great adventures and, who knows, he may have dentures?



We have farm, a climbing wall, shooting and canoeing on the Severn  
And now and then in Boarding, we get to stay up 'til eleven!  
Most of the buildings here are like any other School  
But Pull Court is similar to Hogwarts and is really pretty cool!  
On the way up the drive there are lots of things to see  
Including pheasants, hares and herons, not to mention that one big tree.  
From squirrels collecting nuts, to piglets in their huts  
There are turkeys until Christmas – but I guess that's just called business!  
It may be in the middle of nowhere, but I really don't mind  
It's full of special people and that's quite hard to find.



"We have known since the day (our son) arrived at Bredon in Year 6 that it was exactly the right school for him. He has loved it since day one and has achieved far more than we could have ever imagined. It is exciting to think what he will achieve in the next four years – not just academically. So, as always, we would like to thank you and your amazing team of staff that make all this happen."

**Parent**

"...Special thanks to Stephen (Prefect) who was allocated the task of showing us around which he did so very thoughtfully and carefully, patiently and clearly explaining things to us and introducing us to people and animals we met along the way. He had an appropriate answer to every question... there was nothing he did not know about the school he so obviously loved attending!"

**Open day visitor**







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