



The Bredonian



Cavendish Chairman's Welcome

Our Cavendish Education learning model revolves around 4 Cs, which are contained in the Cavendish logo.

We want our pupils to be Confident, Competent, Creative and full of Character.

The Bredonian is a wonderful magazine, which brings this learning model to life and demonstrates many examples of these student characteristics. It shows off Bredon's holistic and individualised schooling and, above all, its genuine depth of curriculum.

The students' achievements have been absolutely incredible and I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate all students and staff for what we have achieved at Bredon this year.

It is a privilege to continue to be involved in this journey. I am very proud.

Mr Aatif Hassan

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Welcome to the fourth edition of the Bredonian Magazine.

So much has happened at Bredon School in these last 12 months; our students have embraced and enjoyed the most wonderful experiences arranged for them by our dedicated staff and supporters, and they have achieved amazing things for charitable causes, to reach personal goals and to overcome perceived difficulties.

On many occasions, we have received glowing feedback from our visitors who comment on the fantastic attitude shown by our young people here at Bredon School and on the warm and caring atmosphere.

This magazine is only able to capture small snippets of these numerous events, activities and achievements however it is our pleasure to share some of these moments with you.

We hope you will enjoy reading it.

Mr Koen Claeys
Headteacher

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Mr David Ward
Principal

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JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS DAY



Superb efforts were made by all participants in the Junior Fun Sports Day. Races included running races, Egg and Spoon and a Fancy Dress relay! Great fun, enjoyed by everyone.



SOMME TRIP

At the end of the summer term, and to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme, 61 students from year groups 6 to 13 visited a range of World War One sites and museums as well as laying wreaths at a British cemetery and at Menin Gate in Ypres.

Pupils were well behaved, polite and engaged in learning about this important topic. Mr Chance, who was the

organiser of the trip, was especially proud of our wreath layers who were a credit to the School and themselves. Another special mention must go to Year 9s Max Doughty who proved to be an excellent translator on behalf of the whole group – a big thank you to him!

During the trip there was also time for a visit to a beach and to enjoy some Belgian chocolates!



ITINERARY:

- Museum Historique de la Grande Guerre
- Musée Somme 1916
- In Flanders Fields Museum
- Menin Gate, Ypres for the Last Post Ceremony
- Thiepval Memorial
- Canadian National Vimy Memorial

SWIMATHON

In July, the School held a 'Cross Channel' Swimathon.

The poolside was decorated with French and British flags and continental themed food was served to swimmers and the many spectators who turned out to cheer them on. Staff and students swam a total of 32km throughout the day – the equivalent of the cross channel swim.

There were some amazing individual performances; Y5s Xavier Portman-Pope and Leo Rowe, Y6, both completed 53 lengths. Staff members, Miss Charmain Eaton, Head of Millicent's House, and Mrs Heather Boakes, Access Centre, completed 260 lengths between them!

Over **£2,000** was raised by our brave swimmers for charity.



Summer camp

As a 'grand finale' to the year, students in Years 7, 8 & 9 attend a Summer Camp at the beautiful Biblins Youth Camp on the River Wye, just below Symonds Yat.



Year 9 stay all week and participate in activities such as mountain biking, canoeing and mountain walking. Years 7 & 8 swap mid-week and take part in caving, stand-up paddle boarding, climbing, archery, bushcraft and river walks.

Everyone loves the tranquillity and privacy of the site; with no mobile phone reception or electricity to charge devices, everyone truly has a 'back to nature' experience.

Evenings are spent playing rounders and football, walking, riding stunt bikes and watching the sunset. It is a highlight for students and staff alike.



Bredon's Got T[★]ALENT



A record 14 acts took to the stage to prove that Bredon does indeed have talent in abundance.

After warming up the audience with a Mexican wave, Mr Johnson introduced the judges; Mr Milton, Miss Jeffrey, Mrs Cook and Mr Wood a.k.a. Simon Cowell!

Opening the show was last year's winner, Alistair Messor who performed a humorous rap about his peers, teachers and life at School.

Next up was James Harrison on drums, playing along to Queen's We Will Rock You! Magician Joshua Robson then found the elusive five of hearts in an amusing card trick. And you could have heard a pin drop during Erin Murray's lovely rendition of Birdy's Skinny Love, which preceded a fabulous acoustic performance of Ed Sheeran's Bloodstream by Stefan Evans.

George Martin on electric guitar, played along to Sweet Child O' Mine before Charlotte Hocken and Ruby Clutterbuck took to the stage to sing Read All About It by Emilie Sande. Their performance started an impromptu waving of arms throughout the marquee as everyone joined in.

Next was Will Eamer, singing a lovely version of Proud Of Your Boy from Aladdin, which was followed by at least 15 girls from Millicent House who filled the stage with an energetic and fun-filled dance to Cyndi Lauper's track, Girls Just Wanna Have Fun!

In a first then for a Bredon talent show, teacher Mr Pool delivered some stand-up comedy which attracted a few giggles but mainly groans.

Callum Gray was up next, playing the drums to Ellie Goulding's track Outside. Callum was followed by Jimmy Martin and Hal Blakeney singing Stitches, which had most people singing along too. Amelia Collinge also performed a song, Heroes Of Our Time.

The final act was a special goodbye with Mrs Ferrari on lead vocals and some of the students who are leaving Bredon at the end of the summer term, performing as the Bredon School Von Trapps!

A great feel-good day! Well done to everyone who performed.

FOUNDER’S DAY 2016

It was another emotional and inspiring Founder’s Day service which reflected on an award-winning year for the School.



The Chairman of Cavendish Education Mr Aatif Hassan spoke of the values of support and courage and how abundant these values are at Bredon. A poignant observation in this year, coinciding as it does with the 100 year commemoration of the Battle of the Somme.



The Junior School performed three poems, War Horse, Poppy Poppy and Sing a Song of Wartime and Harrison Morton Deaville sang High Germany, a traditional folk song originating from Somerset.

Mr Ward reflected too on an exciting year gone by and asked students to show their appreciation of their parents and the teaching staff. He also presented Head Boy John Brown with a gift from students and teachers as he continued his battle against illness.

Both Head Students then gave a mature and intelligent speech looking back on their time at Bredon. Millie Hems specifically mentioned School’s matron, Mrs Roberts, for all her help and support over the years and described her as ‘the glue that holds Bredon together.’ And John Brown talked of realising his 11-year ambition to be Head Boy. His love for the school shone through and he thanked his parents for the enormous

sacrifices they had made to send him to the school which had ‘changed his life.’

The Head Students and deputies for 2016–2017 were announced:

Head Boy – George Martin
(Deputy Head Boy – **Baruch Heijmans Bulder**)

Head girl – Milly Mackenzie
(Deputy Head Girl – **Elena Artigas**).

Guest speaker, Major General Jonathan Shaw CBE, eloquently captured the spirit of Bredon saying that it ‘clearly values those ‘un-measurable’ things, which are truly important’.

AWARDS LIST

Years 1–6

- Matthew Cooley**
Geography
Art and Craft
- William Tremeer**
English
- Jamie Elvin**
Reading
W John Trophy for Diligence
Young Performer’s Award (Drama)
Junior Swimming Award
- Charlie Bowness**
Cecelia J John Cup for Initiative
- Matthew Clutterbuck**
Maths
- William Cooke**
Science
- Sara Wilson**
History
Forest School/Junior Gardener Award
Junior Sportswoman of the Year
- Ashi Dodo**
RE
- Joeli Hunt**
Spanish

- Ruby Clutterbuck**
Computing
- Harvey Tennant**
Learning Improvement Award
- Xavier Portman-Pope**
Music
Junior Award for Service to School
- Matthew Butler**
The Westlake Cup for Endeavour
- James Harrison**
Lucy Bliss Trophy for Perseverance
Adventure Training Award for Residential Camp
- Rebeccah Wall**
The Happy Cup
- James Martin**
Young Performer’s Award (singing)
- Georgia Munday**
Junior Farm Club
All Round Behaviour
- Maddox Chukwuma**
Junior Athlete of the Year
- Leo Rowe**
Junior Sportsman of the Year
- North Blakeney**
Junior Cross Country Champion
- Joseph Turton**
Sporting Achievement Outside School

Years 7 – 9

- David Hird**
English
Y9 Most Enthusiastic Outdoor Education
Cross Country
Sporting Achievement Outside School
- George Smith**
Mathematics
- Mitchell Brooker-Smith**
Science Y7
Laporte Clay Pigeon for Most Improved Shot
- Jake Wright**
Science Y8
Rugby Player of the Year
- Christina Vassiliades**
Science Y9
- David Evans**
Science Y9
- Lauren Murray**
Technology Metal
- Miguel Juliana Sola**
Technology Food
- Erin Murray** (pictured below)
Technology Food




- Madeline Bue**
Technology Textiles
- Harrison Warner**
Technology Wood
- Lauren Hayward**
Art
- Jason Au**
History
- Freddie Williamson**
Geography

- Oscar Priestley**
Spanish
Learning Improvement Award
- Harrison Morton Deaville**
Religious Studies
Drama
- Oscar Bertram**
Music
Art
- Archie York**
Physical Education
- Luke Warrington**
Elizabeth Brown Prize for Most Improved Art
- Elizabeth Rowe**
Athlete of the Year
Junior Hockey Player of the Year
- Toby Hammond**
Sportsman of the Year
- James Readstone**
Cricketer of the Year
- Sky Redfern**
Most Enthusiastic Outdoor Education Y7
- Eddie Egginton**
Most Enthusiastic Outdoor Education Y8
Farmer of the Year
Horse Rider of the Year
- William Clews**
Young Countryman Award
- Tom Hobbs**
Most Improved Junior Climber of the Year
- Luca Parkes**
Community Service in School
(Junior Boarding)
- Alicia Kidd**
Community Service to Boarding
(Girls Landing)
- Annabelle Young** (pictured below)
The Webb Happy Cup



Years 10 – 13

- Jamie Drinkwater**
English
- Sarah Freeman**
Poetry and Literature
OCR level 2 Business Studies
- Anna McIntyre**
Elizabeth Jay Prize for English Endeavour
Religious Education
- Ayman Morrar**
History A/S
- Oliver Honer** (CCF camp)
Drama
- Rebecca May**
Media Studies
Science GCSE
- Alexis Burn**
Modern Languages
- Joel Harbron**
Geography
- Cameron Reback**
History
- Max Von Hagen**
Science Level 2
- Sam Woolliams**
Science Entry Level
Senior Most Improved Climber of the Year
- Tristan Weir**
Science B Tech Level 3
- Lucy Robinson**
Rural Science ELBS/Environment
- Millicent Hems**
OCR Business Studies Level 3
The Sugar Bowl
- Adele Locmele**
Mathematics A Level
- Abdullah Al Khonji**
Mathematics GCSE
Community Service to Boarding
(Mid Landing)
- Daniel Page**
OCR Information Technology
CISCO Academy GCSE Award
- Helena Blatchford**
Art
- Rodrigo Garbayo Perez De Vargas**
A Level Art
- George Martin**
Music Performance
Clay Pigeon Shooting Best Gun
- Olivia Lowe**
Design and Technology Textiles
- Samuel Thomas**
Design and Technology Engineering
- Thomas Finn**
Design and Technology Resistant
Materials

- Kaydn Windows-Stone**
Design and Technology Food
Rugby Most Improved Player
Dr House Cup for Athletic Endeavour
- Samuel Morton** (pictured below)
Physical Education
Gardener of the Year
Most Improved Shot
- 
- Elizabeth Morris**
Physical Education
Rural Science ELBS/Environment Y10
- Josh Whittaker**
OCR Sport Level 3 Y1 & Y2
OCR Level 3 Business Y2
The Bateman Cup for Service to School
Rugby
- Calum Brown**
CCF Uniformed Public Service
- Sophia Smith**
Engineering Y12/13
The Betty Thomas Cup for Public Speaking
- Milly Mackenzie**
Hospitality and Catering
Senior Hockey Player of the Year
- Leah Butler**
Learning Support Award
- Thomas Bowers**
ASDAN cope
Senior Canoeist of the Year
- Millie Simpkins**
ASDAN psd
- Thomas Jones**
CISCO Academy Level 2
- Max Willson**
CISCO Academy Level 3
Artist of the Year
The Mathew Cup for Initiative
- Merlin Crabtree** (CCF camp)
Rugby – Intermediate Player of the Year
- Sophie Rees**
Tennis Champion
All Round Contribution to Sport

- Charlie Mahoney**
The Fielding Cup for Cricket
- Kellan Lawes**
The Odyomo Cup for Effort
- Jamie Drinkwater**
Best Athelete on Sports Day
- Arnold Osigwe-Wilson**
Sportsman of the Year
- Flora Thompson**
Sportswoman of the Year
- Leah Smith**
Girls Basketball Player of the Year
- Fallan Barlow**
Senior Cross Country
- George Martin**
Harris Twig Swimmer of the Year
- Callum Morris**
Sporting Achievement Outside School
- Baruch Heijmans Bulder**
6th Form All Round Effort
- Ike Airhart** (CCF camp)
Epee Club Fencer of the Year
- Alfie Fallon**
Stockman of the Year
- Adam Egginton**
Young Farmers Cup
- Alastair Messore**
Talbot Trophy for Endeavour
- Stephen McIntyre**
Ruff Team Trophy for Leadership
Community Service in School
- William Checkley**
Wilson Challenge Shield for Horticulture
- Annie Dobbs**
Lupton Trophy for All Round Behaviour
- John Brown**
Senior School Pastoral (pictured below)



Exam results

There was much to celebrate on the morning of the of the A Level and Level 3 results with some **outstanding individual and subject area performances.**

In the vocational subjects, the achievements included:

- Distinctions in OCR Sport Level 3 and a 100% pass rate;
- Distinctions for OCR Business Level 3 and a 100% pass rate;
- A 100% pass rate for ICT Level 3.

In the A Level subjects, there was a **100% pass rate for students achieving grades A* – E**, including an A* for Max Willson in the field of Art, Design and Photography.

A week later, with the GCSE and Level 2 results, Bredon was once again celebrating with many **students exceeding their predicted grades.**

There was a **60% pass rate for grades A* – C in five subjects or more, with students securing a 100% pass rate in the subjects of Spanish, Geography, Maths higher, Design & Technology and Art & Design.**

With many students at this stage also undertaking vocational courses there was great news with a **100% pass rate in BTECs** and many individuals achieving distinction level results.

Mr David Ward said, **“This is a fantastic set of results. My congratulations go to each and every student and to our dedicated, supportive teaching staff.”**

Notable individuals included Anna McIntyre, who achieved nine GCSEs at grades A* – C, including 2 A* and 4 As. Sarah Freeman achieved 4 A’s and a Distinction in her BTEC Business Studies. And Helena Blatchford also obtained 2 A*s amongst her GCSE grades.

A tribute to

JOHN DOUGLAS BROWN

John Brown, Bredon's Head Boy 2015/2016, sadly lost his battle with cancer in September. Despite being poorly and still receiving treatment, John delivered his Head Boy's speech at Founder's Day on July 7th 2016 and in doing so, realised his almost lifelong ambition to be Bredon's Head Boy.



His speech was humorous and delivered with confidence and maturity beyond his years. John's 10 minutes in the spotlight on that day will stay with us all forever. What came across so strongly was how much he loved his parents, his School, his friends and the teachers who had supported him throughout his eleven years at Bredon. John joined Bredon as a Year 3 pupil. By his own admission, at the time, he couldn't read or write and he certainly did not have the confidence to speak in front of people.

Throughout John's time at Bredon, he grew in confidence, academic ability and stature and was often highly praised for his friendly and polite manner and for his obvious enthusiasm for everything at school.

He excelled at the adventure training opportunities provided by Bredon and just months before he became ill, he completed

his Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award. A DofE Cup has been donated in his memory to be awarded on Founder's Day.

Bredon's Matron, Mrs Roberts says, "My earliest memory of John is of him as a little boy who used to run up to me and give me a cuddle. I remember his Mum saying that if John liked you, you had a friend for life and that's certainly how he made me feel.

"Watching him deliver his speech on Founder's Day as Head Boy made me so proud; he'd come such a long way from those early days at Bredon."

Following John's death in September, the School opened a book of condolence. The stories, memories and comments shared within the books demonstrated how much he was respected by fellow students and how his pleasant, cheerful nature had touched teachers, visitors to the School, parents, prospective parents and many others. John is sadly missed.

Raffie's arrival.

Bredon School has a new resident, 'Raffie' the giraffe who has been kindly donated to the School by Mr and Mrs Brown, in memory of their son John.

When John was a child, his favourite cuddly toy was a giraffe and he loved the animals from then on.

This particular giraffe has come from Nature in Art, Sandhurst, Gloucester and it is hoped that Raffie will settle in nicely and enjoy being part of Bredon School's growing sculpture trail.

The whole School community wishes to thank John's parents for this wonderful donation.



Severn Way walk



The school was suddenly very quiet one sunny day in early September as the Sixth Formers departed for their three day residential and all other students set off to undertake the Severn Way Walk - and what a beautiful day it was for all of them.

Starting out at Kempsey, students and staff started their 10 mile stretch along the scenic banks of the River Severn. After stopping at two check points along the route,

Severn Stoke and Upton upon Severn, our jubilant walkers (and canoeists) arrived at our new Sports Pavilion just before 5pm.

The walkers were not only making new friends and catching up with each other's Summer holidays, but they were also raising money for School's nominated charities, including The Teenage Cancer Trust and Hope Support Services.



Bredon really is 'School of the Week!'

Bredon School was BBC Radio Gloucestershire's 'School of the Week' in September resulting in us being featured in each one of Nicky Price's bulletins every day throughout the week!

Nicky joined our walkers for part of the Severn Way Walk and also spent some time on the School Farm with the students and animals. She even made a short video

of the students feeding the animals which appeared on the radio station's official Facebook page.

Nicky then joined Mrs Wood and students Matthew Cooley and Kaydn Windows-Stone in the Library to discuss the advantages of using Dragon Dictate, and other assistive software, that helps our dyslexic students to produce their written work.

A big thank you to everyone who was interviewed; without exception, you were all so enthusiastic about your time at School.



Show Pony Success

In March, one of our youngest pupils, Charlotte Hocken aged 9, won the Pretty Polly Show Pony and qualified for the Longines Royal International Horse Show at Hickstead on her pony Chaseford Tip Top.

In April she also won The Ridden Show Pony Class at The South Staffordshire Show and has now qualified for Equifest which takes place at the East of England Showground. This is a fantastic achievement and everyone at Bredon wishes her the best of luck for the rest of the season.

New facilities

Girls' Boarding

In September we unveiled a new boarding wing for girls in the Smart building. The bright, modern rooms each contain a vanity unit and sink, bed and storage and space for a desk.

Head Girl Milly Mackenzie was one of the first to move in. She said, "I really like my new room; it feels similar to University accommodation, which will help prepare us for the feel of what that'll be like. It's quiet and we have more independence. The common room is open from 4.30pm

until 10pm and we can make food and drinks and relax there when we're not doing our homework or revision."

The new block contains seven rooms; another is occupied by Year 13 student Daksha Chandra.

Daksha says, "We have more freedom to manage our own time so it is a bit more like home in that sense. I like it."

Catering classrooms

The catering and hospitality classroom has been refitted and redecorated, to include more stainless steel work space and storage space. The result is a clean and tidy practical classroom with work stations for more students.

The boarders have been taking advantage of the classroom in the evenings with a new cookery club which has proved to be very popular. At Easter the club members cooked up a lovely batch of delicious smelling hot cross buns.

New arrivals

New animals for Science

The Science department has had some new residents move in, including Bearded Dragons, Tree Frogs and a Salamander. The Turtles have a new larger habitat too.

They have all proved very popular, with boarding students even helping to look after them at weekends.

Meet TED

The Education Dog!

Mr Ward's new puppy Ted has been busy making friends around School. Ted isn't here just for cuddles, although it's very tempting for all concerned, instead he's been employed as our reading dog.

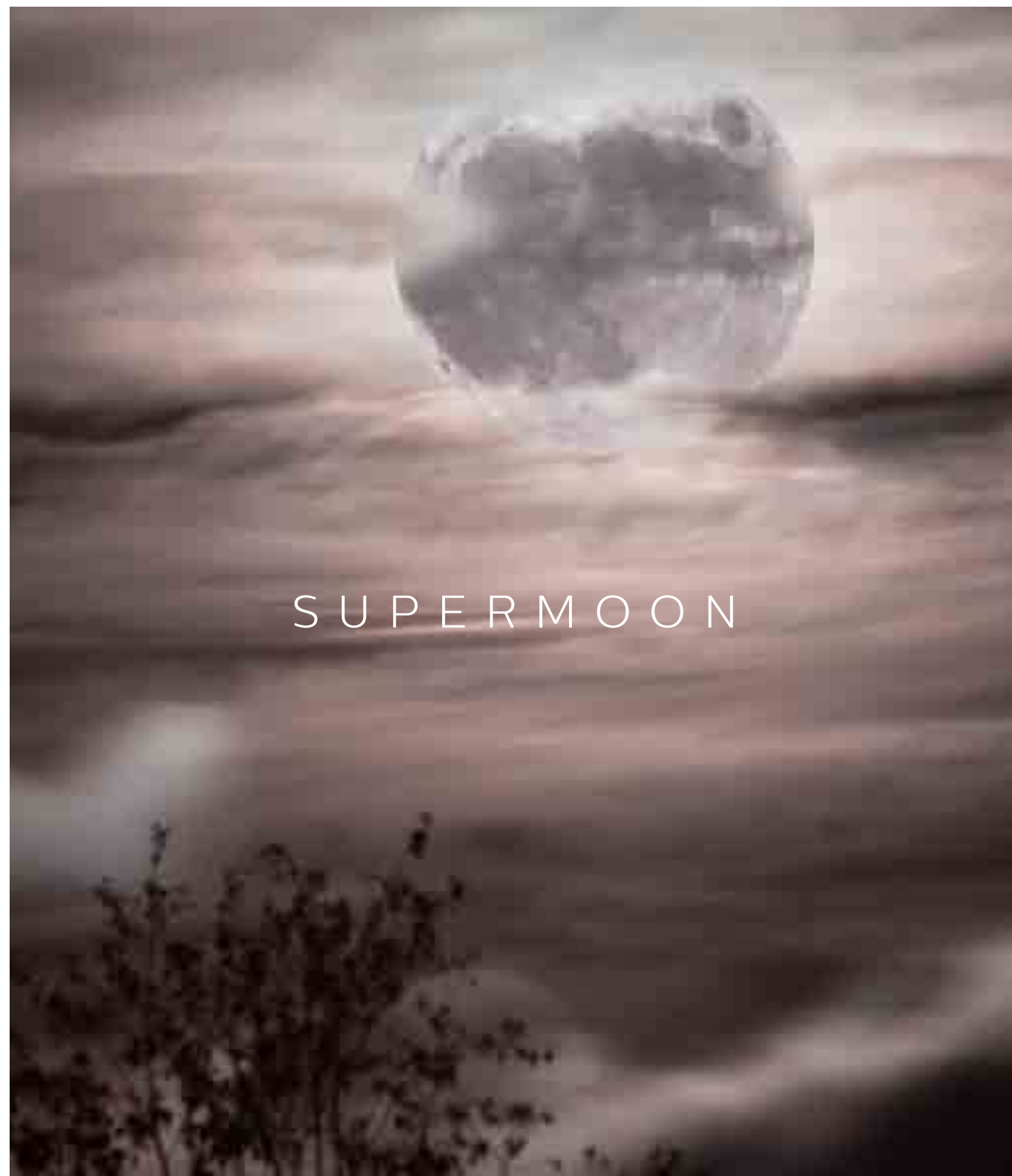
Mr Ward explains, "Dogs have been proven to be an attentive audience for hesitant or less confident readers and

because they can't criticise or correct the reader if they make a mistake, it allows the student to keep trying – uninterrupted.

"Ted is going to help our readers build up self confidence and self-esteem."

He's been very popular with our youngest students in particular. Charley says, "He makes me feel happy when I read to him. I like him because he listens".





SUPERMOON



In November Mrs Haines, Bredon School's photography teacher, gave an after school master class on how to photograph the Supermoon. The supermoon was 15% larger and the closest full moon than any in the last 68 years so it was an event not to be missed!

The results were fantastic!

ACE ACADEMY SHORTLISTED IN ISA AWARDS

The Bredon School Sports Department was delighted to be shortlisted as a national finalist in the ISA Awards in the 'Outstanding Provision in Sport' category.

The department was nominated in recognition of its approach to providing sporting opportunities for children of all

abilities and in acknowledgement of the breadth of sporting options on offer.

Although we were pipped to the post on the awards evening it is still a great achievement and honour to be named as a national finalist.

UCAS OFFERS

This year, six of our Year 13 students applied for University through UCAS for courses as varied as International Business, Law, Computing, Marine Biology and Travel & Tourism.

All the students subsequently received offers from their chosen Universities, some offers were unconditional, and

many have had offers from all five of their chosen Universities, including Kent, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Southampton, Keele and Oxford Brookes.

This is an excellent result and the students are continuing to work hard

to ensure that their exam results enable them to secure these places.

Year 13s Gordon Fautz, who is applying to the University of Kent to study International Business, has already secured his German A Level and is

awaiting results for Business, I.T. and Photography. Gordon says, "Kent is well known for its European students and as I am part German, part American, I thought it would be a good choice for me too. The German department were very friendly and helpful when I visited them and were keen to have me on a German with Business course."

Another applicant, Y13s Elena Artigas, has applied to the University of Westminster to study Tourism and Events Management as her first choice.

Elena says, "Westminster offers an interesting course that seemed ideally suited to me. It had a specific unit linked to Events Management which I really enjoy and London seemed an obvious location in which to study this course as it's such a hub for international events, attractions and tourism."

We wish all our students great success for their future.



COMBINED CADET FORCE

Five students went trekking in the Glyders mountain range in Snowdonia. The group were based out of a military training camp and spent between eight to ten hours trekking over the course of a weekend.

Thirteen Sixth Form Cadets also took on a week-long winter mountaineering exercise in Scotland's Cairngorm mountain range. Again the group were based out of a military training camp for the week, except for one night when they made use of a small stone bothy to sleep and cook their meals in.

Skills learned on these trips include: orienteering, using crampons and ice axes and building ice holes.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Altogether we have 43 students undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme and lots of activities have taken place to help students achieve their various awards, Bronze, Silver or Gold, over the last three terms.

For Bronze award, students trekked the length of the Malvern Hills to Hollybush and all the way back to School in one day. The second day was another 16 km walk over and around the Cotswold Hills.

Silver award DofE students went canoeing on the Avon and Thames Rivers over three days, whilst Gold award participants completed four full days of canoeing on the River Severn from Pool Quays to Bewdley and on the River Wye, from Hay on Wye all the way to Monmouth.

Part of DofE essential skills is orienteering, which the students had to do for themselves on the walking components of their awards.



All the students completed the physical challenges and are looking forward to achieving their particular awards.

Photos: Silver Award canoeists on the River Avon, May 2017.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Alongside the weekly timetabled lesson in Outdoor Education, students in Years 7, 8 and 9 also attend two overnight residential trips each year.

Each time we visit a different venue which helps to build confidence in staying away from home. For some students this is helping them overcome major issues in this area.



The students participate in a range of Outdoor Education activities but also work together to perform challenging, yet essential, life skills such as making a bed, washing up and cooking.

Students attend in their Tutor Group along with their Tutor and Miss Swait, helping them to get to know a different side of their friends and staff.

Activities differ on each trip and can include Bushcraft, Crate stacking, High ropes, Zip wires, Problem Solving challenges, Orienteering and Night walks. And we always finish a Thursday evening with a campfire, marshmallows and some mindful practices to help us wind down before bed!



Let's Go Outside



Learning outside the classroom is a key priority here at Bredon because how and where we learn is equally as important as what we learn.

By taking lessons outside, it has been proven to help increase understanding, skills, values, motivation, as well as contributing to personal and social development.

Our youngest students have been participating in a variety of activities this year including Forest School; learning how to make dens, how to

whittle sticks, how to toast marshmallows and, importantly, having fun and getting muddy on the mud slide!

They've also tried their hand at kayaking and climbing and had four sessions of cycling with Ms Parkes, focusing on balance, cornering, braking, descending and climbing!



Their love of gardening is increasing every week. And our green-fingered young apprentices can now prune bushes and create flower beds. They've planted lots of different flower and vegetable plants that they have grown themselves from seed.

forest School

Forest School offers our students the opportunity to develop practical skills, confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning in the woodland and natural environment.

In the autumn, students Archie, Rhys, Billy, Harvey and Coby had fun creating this impressive seahorse out of fallen leaves!



Using the practical skills they have learnt in forest school, the children made bow and arrows to fire, using the flexible willow that can be found in the grounds.



They built boats and sailed them on the brook, having worked out that eventually these boats could end up in the Atlantic Ocean. Amazing!



Continuing the water theme, our Juniors also made fishing rods using canes and string and used banana as bait and stones for weights. Unfortunately (or maybe fortunately for mums and dads!) they didn't catch anything. Everyone had a great time regardless!





School farm

As usual it's been a busy year on the School Farm...

Our Large White sow, Beautiful, has had ten piglets in total this year, mostly gilts (females). We hope a couple of them will be good enough to show at The Royal Three Counties Show in years to come. They are pictured here under their heat lamps getting to know each other and their new surroundings.



We had lots of lambs this Spring and our Boarders were able to help with the lambing both in the evenings and at the weekends. They all did brilliantly.

One of our Scottish Black Face ewes lambed quadruplets. This is particularly unusual - given the harsh climate of the Scottish mountains where the breed originates, they rarely have more than one or two lambs to take care of at any one time.

The ram is a Beltex and the result is four sturdy little lambs with black noses, typically full of life and the joys of Spring!



One of our turkeys was badly bullied by some of the other birds so she was rescued from them - and the Christmas dinner table - and has become a permanent resident on the farm. She has even started to lay eggs - we're all intrigued as to what a turkey's egg tastes like!

Three Counties Show

At the 2016 Royal Three Counties Show, Bredon pupils took part in all three days of the Grand Parade and participated in several young handlers classes, resulting in a 3rd place for student Flora Thompson with a Badger Face ewe. Several other Badger Face sheep finished in the top half of their classes; results that show our breeding strategy is beginning to pay off.

As well as participating in the Grand Parade and sheep showing, Year 8s Eloise Bates

also had the opportunity to meet one of her heroes - champion jockey (and Old Bredonian) Richard Johnson.

Eloise also managed to gain 'behind the scenes' access with the King's Royal Artillery Troop which she hopes to join when she is older. She learnt all about their mounted parades and salutes, commenting "This has been the best weekend!"

We go to print before the 2017 Show but we're hoping for more great results again this year!



Produce

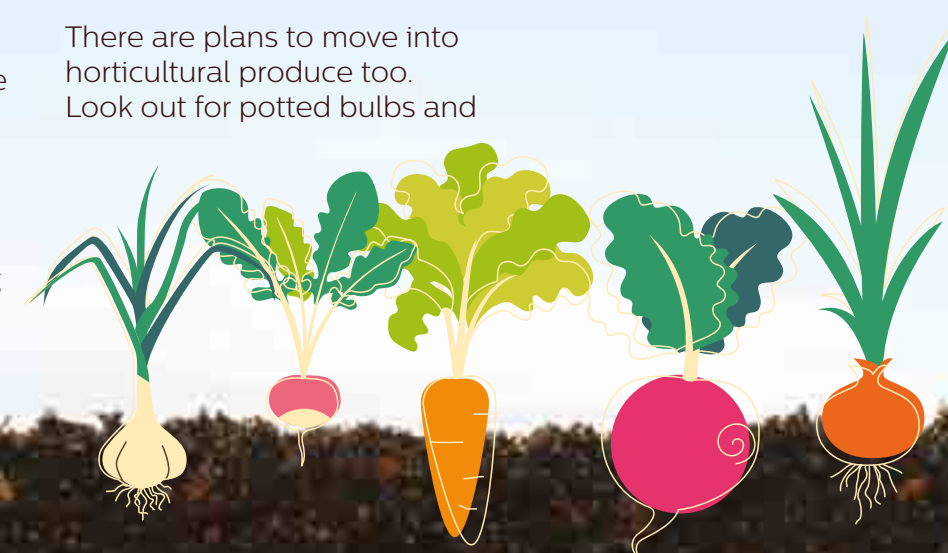
The School Farm is linking up with Mr Crwys-Williams' catering department and FAB to start to generate more Bredon School produce.

Inspired by the apple juice, the farm is now providing the catering department with sausages and is growing

vegetables to order in the school's polytunnels and allotments.

There are plans to move into horticultural produce too. Look out for potted bulbs and

hanging basket arrangements, made to order, over the coming months and terms.



Italy Ski Trip



This February saw a group of students hit the slopes in Claviere, Italy, a wonderful resort right on the border with France and offering great skiing and a friendly old town to explore.

Students were of mixed ability in the group but our novices took less than a day to catch up with everyone else and soon we were whizzing around the resort together, taking on any extra challenges our wonderful instructor Ricardo could offer.



We had a stunning day's skiing over in Montgenevre. The valley was filled with cloud but as we sat on the chair lift we popped out above the clouds and found ourselves in beautiful blue skies with views of snowy peaks for miles around. We took in every snow park and a mountain Cafe for a much needed hot chocolate to refuel our weary legs.

One evening we took Skidoos up to a cafe for more hot chocolate and a delicious crepe, a wonderful experience.

The group skied for 5 hours a day for 6 days and all made huge improvements in their techniques, receiving certificates of achievement from the Ski School.

A great trip all round – we may have even found the next generation of 'Eddie the Eagles!'

JUNIOR RESIDENTIAL



This year's Junior Residential Trip was to the Frank Chapman Outdoor Education Centre in Bewdley.

We were away for two nights and had a fantastic time in the sunshine. One day we went mountain biking; some of our students were more experienced than others and used the session to hone their

skills. Others progressed to cycling without stabilisers – we were so impressed.

We tried out several problem solving exercises focused on team building, and made huge improvements.

We also tried out the rope swings and played board games in the evening.

The children were a credit to the School and to themselves and the staff can't wait for next year's adventure!



📷 Solfatara volcano



Humanities visit The Bay of Naples



📷 Swimming at island of Capri

In March, the Geography and History Departments arranged an expedition to the Bay of Naples.

30 students and staff made the trip to explore the physical, historical and cultural highlights from this unique and beautiful region of Italy.



📷 Amphitheatre at Pompeii

Highlights included the ruins of both Herculaneum and Pompeii; a complete Roman City buried in an eruption of Vesuvius in AD79. Hidden for centuries, modern excavations have revealed the rich and elegant Roman resort with complete streets, shops, beautiful villas, gardens, sculptures and exquisite wall paintings.

Students and staff also took a hydrofoil to the Island of Capri for an all day excursion. Lying off the tip of the Sorrento Peninsular on the south side of the Bay of Naples, Capri has a rugged landscape, covered in luxurious vegetation, which has been popular with celebrities, artists, writers, musicians and actors.

The trip also took in two volcanoes; Solfatara (pictured) – whose name comes from the Latin Sulpha Terra – land of sulphur – and is the crater of an extinct volcano which still emits jets of steam with sulphurous fumes. The vapours have been used for medicinal purposes since Roman times.

And Vesuvius – one of the few active volcanoes in Europe. The lower slopes are very fertile and covered with orchards and vines.

There was even the opportunity to try pizza making in a local restaurant one night, which was both delicious and a lot of fun!

Thank you to Mr Chance, Mr Pool, Mrs Pool and Mr Monk.

SIXTH FORM RESIDENTIAL

The Sixth Form travelled to The Wilderness Centre in the Forest of Dean for their three-day residential at the start of the academic year.



The trip, which is primarily designed to get to know one another better, tested their leadership skills, team work and problem solving abilities as they tackled a range of outdoor activities designed to push them out of their comfort zones!

The students all had a great time as they paddled down the river in canoes, completed a mountain-biking course and even scaled the cliffs to try out climbing and abseiling.



Cisco HQ visit

Students from our Cisco Academy visited Cisco's HQ in Feltham, Middlesex in November.

The students were given a demonstration of Cisco's impressive green screen technology allowing them to be instantly transported to Mars and other exotic locations! They also got to meet Cisco's managers, engineers, apprentices and training staff who discussed how they too could have a career in IT with Cisco. A very successful trip enjoyed by all.



CANOE MARATHON

Y13 student George Botsford achieved an amazing feat in April by completing the gruelling Devizes to Westminster canoe marathon in the Easter holidays.

The 125 mile marathon, from Devizes in Wiltshire, down the Kennet and Avon canal to Reading, joining the Thames and continuing on to Westminster, is labelled by many as the Everest of canoeing. It is an ultra-marathon that even some sporting giants like Sir Steve Redgrave have failed to complete.

The race took place over four days. George and his team mate Alfie Barnicoat (the 15-year-old brother of Bredon School houseparent and canoe coach Mr Barnicoat) were racing for approx six hours each day and once they'd finished on the water they then had to set up tents and cook their food for the evening too - with no help from their supporting crew!



The boys completed the marathon in an incredible 22 hours 31 minutes and managed to raise over

£1,200

via Just Giving for The John Brown Charitable Fund

George said, "We all really miss John and wanted to find a way to remember him but also to raise money. For all of us who knew John, he inspired us to do the best we can. To achieve everything we can."

"He and I did our Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award together and I just know he would have loved this challenge."

On one of their training runs, prior to the marathon, the boys were cheered on and given plenty of encouragement from many spectators along the route including TV presenter and naturalist Steve Backshall and two times Olympic rowing champion Helen Glover!

NOTABLE INDIVIDUALS

Libby Bowness

- Captain of the U14s Hockey and Rounders Teams
- Accepted in to the Junior Academy Centre for Hereford & Worcester (County Hockey)
- Recognised as a sports achiever of the month for consistently excellent leadership and being a great role model for sport.



James Readstone - Hockey

- Member of JAC Gloucester County Player and had trials for JRPC1 (West of England U16 team)
- Gloucester City HC Mens 4th team.
- Plays for Cheltenham Police mixed team.
- Umpires U16 Badgers League games and Glos City U12 team
- Working towards Level 1 umpiring qualification.



James Checkley – Football

- Member of West Brom U13 PDC (2nd tier).
- Plays for Inkberrow U13s.

Sam Morton – Clay pigeon shooting and Cross Country Running

- Member of OGC Academy.
- Consistently shooting 40+ in TSC series.
- Competing in CPSA ‘c’ class series.
- ISA South West Cross Country, 10th place.

David Hird – Cyclocross and Cross Country Running

- Competing in National Cyclocross events and moving up the rankings.
- Regular training with British Cycling Team.
- ISA South West Cross Country Champion.



Freddie Harper - Tetrathlon

- Competing in the summer Tetrathlon championships.
- Achieved a 4th and 5th place in the first two trials.

Archie York - Windsurfing

- Part of a British Youth Sailing set up.
- Gained a place in RYA South West zone squad for Windsurfing.

Mitchell Brooker-Smith

- County clay pigeon shooting team (Gloucestershire)



Mitchell Brooker-Smith, pictured with the 20g Sabatti Gun that he won as a prize at the Festival of Shooting & Countryside. Mitchell shot a 46x 50.

Jake Wright – Rugby, Football and Cross Country Running

- Worcester Warriors Academy Rugby Trials
- Plays rugby for Worcester Zulus.
- Plays football for Inkberrow U14 team.
- BKL Academy Football trials.
- U15 District Cross Country – 6th Place

Congratulations to:

Jason Au for picking up a silver medal in the National Judo Inclusion Event.



Siblings **Adam, Eve and Eddie Egginton** who compete in Equestrian events throughout the year.



In September, Adam and Eve represented Bredon School at Wickstead Arena in an arena eventing class, a mixture of show jumps and simulated cross country jumps. And in May, Eve had a great day at the NSEA one day event at Swalcliffe; completing a nice dressage test, clear show jumping round and cross country and finishing in 5th place.



SPORTS REPORTS

U14 Girls

Our U14s Girls Hockey team (pictured) have had an impressive season, winning or drawing all but one of their fixtures.

Results:

Bredon v John Kyrle High School A - Drew 1-1
Bredon v Kyrle High School B- Won 2-1
Bredon v Kingham A- Lost 4-0
Bredon v Kingham B- Won 4-0
Bredon v Bowbrook- Won 4-2
Bredon v Kingham A- Drew 2-2
Bredon v Kyrle High School A- Drew 2-1
Bredon v Kyrle High School B- Won 4-2
Bredon v Dyson Perrins A Won 3-2
Bredon v Dyson Perrins B Won 4-1
Bredon v Bowbrook- Won 2-1

The same U14s Girls are also undefeated in Rounders and lost only one of their netball fixtures this year. Congratulations to you all.

Cross Country

Six students made it through to the national finals for ISA cross country in January at Haldon Forest Park in Exeter. The proudest moment for the PE Department was seeing David Hird and David Evans crossing the line in first and second place.

Athletics

There were some fabulous results from the South West Regional athletics finals, including:

Y6 600m – Maddox Chukwuma 1st place
Y7 discus – Max Reen 1st place
Y7 discus – Marta Lopez-Belmonte Tabuyo 1st place
Y8/9 shot – Eddie Egginton 1st place
Y8/9 javelin –Jake Wright 1st place
Y10/11 800m – David Evans 1st place
Y10/11 800m – Archie York 2nd place
Y10/11 100m hurdles –Laurents Valkenburg 1st place

All of whom qualified for the national finals in June.

Senior Boys football

Played 7 – won 4, lost 3

The team started the season with a tough defeat but after this, they started to commit to playing well and the results show this; with three wins in a row and two, four-goal victories. Overall the boys should be really proud of a good season. Where one might see a drop in effort resulting from a heavy defeat in the first game, the team showed great determination and commitment to improve, with huge progression in positioning and gameplay.

Federico DiRosa - Top Scorer with 7 goals this season



Year 9s Olivia Lowe – Captain of the Girls Team

Clay Pigeon SHOOTING

Clay Pigeon Shooting continues to grow at Bredon School; we now have two Senior Teams, a Prep Team and a newly-formed Girls Team – a first for Bredon.

Year 9s Olivia Lowe is the Captain of the Girls Team and also a member of TSC (The Schools Challenge) Academy. Although relatively new to shooting, Olivia is progressing very well and has competed in a number of events as part of the School team, helping them to secure first place in the Bredon leg of The Schools Challenge competition.

Y11s Sam Morton (pictured) is also a member of TSC Academy. He is the Shooting Ground Captain and works

tirelessly to help to make sure that everything runs smoothly; from cutting the grass to fetching and carrying, to competing in the Team and being a consistently good shot. Sam helped the



Senior A Team to finish in 2nd place in the Oxford leg, and in 1st place in the Bredon leg of the Schools Challenge Competition.

Y10s Jacob Kelly, a shooting scholar, is also a TSC Academy member and Y10s Jack Stolt has been returning some impressive results this season.

Y8s Mitchell Brooker-Smith only started shooting this year and is this year's top shot within the school teams. He is the Captain of the Prep Team and has helped them to finish 1st in both Bredon and Oxford legs.

The Prep Team on the whole are shaping up to become **the** team to watch in the future...

HOCKEY TOUR

13 students participated in a mixed Hockey Tour in North Wales in October.

Following a long journey, the team faced their first match against Ysgol Eirias. The opposition caught the Bredon side snoozing after the long journey and took an early lead. Overall though, it was a very even match. Final Score was 5-2 to Ysgol Eirias. The players of the match were Eve and Eddie Egginton for their goal keeping skills.

The next day involved a fun netball match against St David's College, followed by an 'awesome' surfing lesson at Surf Snowdonia!



The final day started with a disappointing phone call to say that our Hockey match was cancelled, so plan B was put into action and the team went to test their bouldering skills at the beach instead!

Following on from the disappointment of the cancelled match, Ms Lea secured another fixture on their return where they took on John Kyrle High School – playing four and winning all four of their matches!



Gloucester Rugby Training Session



Millicent House boarders received some extra special coaching from International and Gloucester RFC Premiership players Motu Matu'u and Henry Purdy at Tewkesbury Rugby Club. Both players enjoyed the session very much and said they would definitely return to train our team again. From the girls' faces, it looks like they might have enjoyed it too!

SCHOOL SPORTS TEAMS 2016-17

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Senior Girls Netball



U14 Girls Netball



Senior Mixed Hockey



Senior Girls Hockey



Senior Boys Cricket



U14 Boys Cricket



U14 Girls Hockey



Senior Boys Rugby



Senior Boys Football



U14 Boys Football



U16 Boys Rugby



U14 Boys Rugby

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Senior Clay Shooting



Prep Clay Shooting



Girls Clay Shooting



Senior Basketball



Senior Girls Rounders



U14 Girls Rounders



Kayaking Team



Colours Dinner

A very special guest joined the Sports Department's annual Colours Dinner event in June; Jonathan Schofield - Olympic Silver medallist (Rio 2016), Olympic Bronze medallist (London 2012) in the 200m K2 Sprint Kayak.

The theme of the dinner was 'The Journey from Inspiration to Excellence in Sport' and Jonathan was on hand to present the awards. 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.

John Handyside, who leads Canoeing and Kayaking at Bredon School said, "This was such an exciting opportunity for all the students to celebrate their own and each other's achievements. Having an Olympian here made it a very special event indeed."

Following student George Botsford's achievements in the Devizes to Westminster Marathon Canoe race, there are now lots of students aspiring to achieve similar goals.

Head Girl Milly Mackenzie added, "Jonny's speech was amazing; he explained about life for Team GB during the Rio Olympics and how all the athletes look after each other. Having him here has really inspired me to keep up with sport in the future".

Having an Olympian here made it a very special event indeed



James Readstone receiving the 'Abbot Trophy for Outstanding Contribution to School Sport' in recognition of him playing in all teams, helping out in the department and being a focused and passionate sportsman.

ROUGH RUNNER COMPETITION



In March, nine plucky Year 7 pupils spent a very muddy afternoon at Rendcomb College participating in their Rough Runner Competition.

For the uninitiated, the Rough Runner is a 2.5km off-road trail which involves running/ wading through lots of mud and water and tackling obstacles en route.

The key to completing the course is to work together as a team; looking out for your

fellow team members, lending a helping hand and facing adventure and challenge head-on.

More than 100 students from schools in and around Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire took part, and whilst some teams were faster

than others, the Bredon team undoubtedly had the most fun with our runners taking on the water slide more than three times. (... They only officially had to do it once!).

A great day all round - well done to everyone who took part.



Agricultural Shows

Bredon continues to be a major sponsor of two shows at the Three Counties Showground. Each show is great fun to do as we get to meet lots of interesting people and tell them about our great School.

Malvern Autumn Show

As sponsors of the World of Animals section, we were pleased to showcase a few of our own animals from the School Farm. Jenny Parkes - Farm Manager - and a number of our agriculture students took the 2016 President of the Three Counties Agricultural Society, Philip Dunne MP and his wife Domenica, on a tour of the World of Animals stables. The students spoke knowledgeably about their studies and the animals we keep here on the Bredon School Farm.



We used the theme of the show - a celebration of the season - to promote our lovely Bredon School apple juice. Assisted by a number of enthusiastic parent helpers from FAB - we managed to sell over £500 worth of juice to thirsty showgoers in order to raise money for the school.

We were surprised and delighted to welcome to our stand dancer Anton Du Beke from the BBC's Strictly Come Dancing who was at the show as part of the Vintage Village. Anton was very friendly and our FAB helpers didn't miss the opportunity to grab a quick selfie with him!

CountryTastic

Designed especially to appeal to young families this one day celebration of the countryside once again drew in huge crowds and we were only too happy to help entertain the children and allow weary parents to take a break at our stand!

With lots of colouring activities on offer, including decorating cardboard apples and pears for our giant fruit tree, the children who visited us had a lovely time. They also had the opportunity to fuss our orphan lamb - called number 19! - who was looked after brilliantly all day by our student volunteers.

BBC Countryfile presenter Adam Henson made sure he called by to say hello and was happy to judge the colouring competition which Bredon co-hosted with Harrison Clark Rickerbys Solicitors.



Christmas at Bredon was a colourful, fun celebration of the season.

From sumptuous Christmas dinners courtesy of the Palmer & Howells catering team, to a spectacular tree in Pull Court donated by FAB, there were smiles everywhere.



CHRISTMAS

We marked the end of term with a lovely carol concert in Tewkesbury Abbey, with readings from staff and students.



Fireworks night

The skies above Pull Court were illuminated by a spectacular show of colours in our annual Fireworks Evening for students, families, staff and friends.

Remembrance Day

Another poignant Remembrance Day service took place at the front of Pull Court in November remembering all those who

have lost their lives in war, including employees of Pull Court who died in service and are now remembered with plaques on magnolia walk.



Students, staff, parents and friends have been digging deep this year to fundraise for a range of amazing charities.

Overall, the School has raised in excess of £3,000.

A big thank you to Mr Johnson for coordinating these efforts and to all those who have donated, participated, organised and promoted our charitable work.

New for 2016-17 is the Charity Club which brings together volunteer students from across the year groups to discuss fundraising opportunities and to create posters and banners for forthcoming events and activities.

Red Nose Day

Students were busy selling Red Noses, as well as homemade cakes and biscuits, to raise money. There was even a joke telling competition!

Christmas Jumper Day

As the name suggests, staff and students donated cash to wear their most festive jumper to School.

The John Brown Charitable Fund

Students have sold purple ribbons – John's favourite colour – held a non-uniform day and hosted the London Welsh Male Voice Choir at the Roses Theatre in Tewkesbury, with a percentage of the ticket sales going to the Fund.

We have also raised money for Water Aid, Children in Need and Macmillan.

Nuntingwe School

For the last eight years the Junior School has been raising funds for Nuntingwe School in Zimbabwe helping to re-roof a classroom, build toilets and provide resources for classrooms and the library. Also contributing towards their feeding program to ensure the children have access to at least one nutritious meal a day.



Jean Kirby

Sadly Jean Kirby, who was our contact with the school and passionate about giving these children a good education and improved life, passed away this year. An amazing lady who will be missed but we will continue to raise funds to support the school.

Bredon's green-fingered gardeners blast into the RHS Spring Festival competition with their creation
'Is there anybody out there?'



The Junior School once again entered a garden into the Schools Challenge garden competition at the RHS Malvern Spring Festival.

Entitled 'Is there anybody out there?' the 4m2 garden design explores life in space and the difference between our planet and those neighbouring us.

Featuring glass planets, which were made following a whole-school glass workshop day with Mrs Prudden, the

garden contained lush planting to represent the hospitable conditions on planet earth compared to the arid environment of Mars.

The Juniors ensured they had some fun with the design too, incorporating a spaceship, a rocket and some little space explorers! They worked incredibly hard in the lead up to the show; attending workshops with Chris Collins the ex-Blue Peter gardener, designing the garden and choosing



their plants and colour schemes. They grew plants from seed as well as cultivating some in the woodland areas.

The actual build, at the Three Counties Showground, took a couple of days and then it was time for the official judging!

The Juniors were rewarded with a brilliant 'RHS Commended' award for their fabulous entry!

The garden was available for public viewing over the course of the 4-day Spring Festival. Our students spoke with enthusiasm, maturity and confidence about their garden design, including giving interviews to BBC

Radio Gloucestershire. Well done to you all.

And a special thank you to Joy Larner, Jenny Parkes and Emma Strong for all your help with this project.



London Welsh Male Voice Choir

Three of Bredon's soloists were chosen to perform alongside the London Welsh Male Voice Choir at The Roses Theatre in Tewkesbury in June. Sophia Smith, Harrison Morton Deaville (pictured) and Ivan Barritt took to the stage as part of this stunning fundraising concert.



Carol singing

A little closer to home, the choir also took part in a carol singing concert at Castlemorton church and performed in a local residential home for the elderly and treated them to some festive tunes.

Pod Bean

To ensure that everyone has the chance to hear Bredon's choir and music students, the school has launched a new podcast channel bredonschool.podbean.com/

The Year 13s have been busy using the podcast channel to showcase some of the songs they've been recording at a studio in Cheltenham as part of a Year 13 leavers CD featuring songs by current music artists such as Ed Sheeran and The Red Hot Chili Peppers, to songs from West End productions such as Wicked.

And finally...

Congratulations to Eloise Bates, Year 8, who got through to the first round of auditions for The Voice Kids which will be aired on ITV in 2017. It will be hosted by Emma Willis and coach Will.I.Am.

Young Voices

Bredon's choir has been busy travelling around the country to take part in numerous events and performances, including a trip to the Royal Albert Hall in November to sing Handel's Messiah from scratch. The choir joined over 1,400 students from other schools in the UK at this prestigious event.

They also made their way to the Genting Arena in Birmingham in January to

take part in the Young Voices concert. Year after year, the support for Young Voices – the UK's largest school choir concerts – helps to raise a huge amount of money and donations for chosen charities, Nordoff Robbins (music therapy charity) and FareShare (feeding disadvantaged children and adults across the UK).

The 2017 Young Voices concert tour raised £22,870.38 in bucket collections alone for

Nordoff Robbins, but that's not all...the sales of 'Lost for a Day', the amazing song that Irish musician Tabby Callaghan recorded with Young Voices, continues to raise even more money.

The atmosphere at Young Voices is electric and the event makes for one of the most exciting and memorable musical experiences with 7,000 students singing together and covering over 20 eclectic musical styles.





Pantomime

Junior Christmas Productions

The younger students too were full of Christmas spirit as they performed their fantastic version of Cinderella much to the delight of their enraptured audience of parents, grandparents and friends. The acting was brilliant and the cast had the audience smiling and laughing throughout.

And, starting their acting careers early, the Key Stage 1 students also staged a Christmas production of 'The Camel Has Got the Hump!', written by Mrs Merchant. It was a brilliant performance much enjoyed by the audience. Lovely songs and fantastic acting throughout!



In December, the Drama Department very proudly presented a student and staff production of "Aladdin Trouble." This was performed for two days, and the whole cast and crew worked extremely hard, giving up parts of their lunchtimes to rehearse. The camaraderie and team spirit between everyone made rehearsals a lot of fun! There was everything you might expect from a traditional Pantomime – a Pantomime Dame, a Princess, a Hero, plenty of jokes, slapstick humour and catchy songs. The whole cast performed brilliantly well and Miss Price was a very proud Director! Thank you to everyone involved and to those who came along to watch and support and join in with the boos, claps and cheers so well. The audience participation was fantastic!





Year 8 Textiles students have been designing kites using a wax batik technique; carefully drawing out their patterns with hot wax, before adding fabric dyes.

Year 8 and 9 Art students have been looking at Aboriginal Art and repeat designs. They carved relief print blocks from polystyrene and then used layered colours to create wonderful patterns.



Juniors work with glass

Juniors had a brilliant day in April taking part in an arts workshop, working with glass. Under instruction from Mrs Prudden, Art Department and glass artist, the students created all sorts of objects ready for their garden entry in the RHS Malvern Spring Festival.

Glass planets and hanging ornaments were created, as well as paintings and craft all relating to the theme of Outer Space. There was even time to make rockets and blast them up in the air for fun!



Paper folding
By Kelly Chong



Cogs in glass
By Oly Austin



Components in plaster
By Ruben Evans



Horses
By Adam Egginton



War of the Roses
By Rebecca May



Hockney's Railway
By Joel Harbron



A/S & A2 Art Exhibition

Dreams
By Jay Toman



Architecture in plaster
By Howard Beh

Paired
By Rodrigo Garbayo

St Paul's Cathedral
screenprint
By Tom Jones



Acrylic Block
By Gordon Fautz



Ruins
By Tom Finn



Tonal
By Kaydn Windows-Stone



Photography. Frosty morning
Photo by Jack Ratcliffe



Mrs Haines, Bredon's Photography & Arts Teacher has established an online blog site which not only showcases our students' photography work and portfolios but also provides details of visits to workshops and photography festivals. It also features a regular photography competition for everyone within the Bredon

community. Anyone can enter and there are prizes to be won. We've been really delighted by the interest shown so far. You can view the blog site at: <http://bredon.weebly.com>

Here is a selection of some of the stunning images that have been captured at Bredon over the last year.

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- A. By Jack Ratcliffe
 - B. By Leon Adjei
 - C. By Oly Austin
 - D. By Vicki Haines
 - E. By Abdullah Alkhonji



Alex Alley - The Pixel Boat Challenge

In March, students were enthralled by Round the World yachtsman Alex Alley who was in School to talk about his forthcoming World Record attempt.

Alex will be attempting to sail solo, non-stop, round the world in a boat 40' and under - Class40. The current record stands at 137 days, 20 hours, 1 minute and 57 seconds and Alex is hopeful that he will beat this.

To fund his attempt, Alex is selling pixels on the side of his boat 'Pixel Flyer' and Bredon has purchased a space for our seahorse. Alex is offering staff, students and parents the opportunity to buy a pixel and feature on his world record attempt boat too! Inspirational stuff.

To follow Alex's progress, see: www.alexalley.com

Special Guests and Visitors

In November, we were delighted to welcome two former students of Wells Court Prep School. Wells Court Prep, part of the former Wells House School in Malvern Wells, was based at Pull Court in the 1950/60s, before Bredon School came into existence.

David Cash and John Alexander were just seven years old when they started here. They have many fond memories of the grounds, particularly the trees and the woodland, the ice house and of making dens in what we now call the Forest School.

The current Principal's study was the library, where the boys could read and listen to the radio. They often listened to stories in front of the fire whilst eating toast with marmite and tomatoes!

Rugby and cricket were the most frequently played sports, played on what are still the sports pitches today. They remember Spaniels lounging around the entrance hall and up to 12 beds to a dormitory!

Mr Cash wrote in after his visit to thank the school for allowing him to have a look round. He said, "I cannot believe it is 60 years or so since our days at what was then Wells Court. I so appreciated your facilitating the reliving of old memories. (They were) happy days – even though very austere compared with your wonderful facilities today!"



The Wainwright Lectures were established last year in order to provide the Sixth Form with a programme of enrichment and are held every Friday afternoon.

The various talks throughout the year have been aimed at extending the students' education beyond the classroom, aiming to inspire and inform them about the wider world beyond their academic studies. Many talks have generated some thoughtful discussion in spite of being held last thing on a Friday!

Named 'The Wainwright Lectures' after Old Bredonian and member of the Local Advisory Board, Rob Wainwright (pictured below), Rob has kindly supported the lectures this year by speaking to the students about his career path and has been responsible for introducing the school to a number of other speakers. Talks have been wide-ranging and have included:



- Tolerance and understanding,
- Personal Safety,
- Agriculture as a career,
- The realities of dyslexia in the workplace and at university,
- 'From bucket and sponge to boardroom'.

There have been sessions about Volunteering, delivered by the Sue Ryder Leckhampton Court Hospice, Wrecked – an anti drink/drug drive workshop – delivered by Gloucestershire Road Safety Partnership, and an Introduction to NCS by the National Citizenship Scheme. The Samaritans have also attended the lectures and spoken to students about the importance of maintaining good emotional health.

Former Head Boy, Richard Barlow (pictured below) (1975-1976) also attended to give a talk and reminisce about his memories of his time at Bredon.



Students have welcomed the lectures, commenting: 'The talks are very inspirational'.

'Some of the talks have been very funny and some of them are quite emotional – it's very varied.'

'I have found the enrichment talks very helpful.'



Rebecca May
Tewkesbury Town Hall

Conor O'Neill
Marina Court Care Home

Stefan Evans
Stratford Butterfly Farm

In the early part of the year, Year 12 students worked on mock interview techniques, strengths, weaknesses and group dynamics in order to prepare themselves for their work experience, which they complete for one day a week throughout the year.

Placements have been in a variety of firms including Tewkesbury Town Council, schools, catering establishments and social care and the choice matches the student's particular interest in a specific career area.

Each student is visited at least once a term by the School's careers department and reports are written from both employer and student reporting on progress and enjoyment.

Rebecca May has been based at the Town Hall in Tewkesbury and is finding the work very rewarding. Working with the Town Clerk, she has helped to secure a Youth budget for the town's youngsters through a research project earlier

on in the year and she is also contributing to a feasibility study on a new revolutionary solar lighting system that could be used to light up the cycle routes around Tewkesbury making them safer and more fun.

Conor O'Neill has been working in the catering section of the award winning Marina Court, which is a care home for the elderly, and is thoroughly enjoying himself there. He would like to follow a career in catering and is able to be hands on in preparing, cooking and serving the residents.

Stefan Evans has been working at the Stratford Butterfly Farm, which is the UK's largest tropical butterfly paradise. But it's not just butterflies; the Farm is also home to stick insects, beetles, leafcutter ants and some of the world's largest tarantula spiders. And judging by this photograph, rather you than me, Stefan!





FAB (Friends at Bredon) are a friendly bunch of parents wanting to help and support the School and its students. FAB co-chairs Jill Blakeney and Gayle Rowe reflect on the last 12 months.



FAB's Jill Blakeney pictured with Anton Du Beke at the Malvern Autumn Show



Co-Chair Gayle Rowe

2016-17 has been another busy year for FAB, but we'd like to start with a big thank you to Emma Checkley who, until Christmas 2016, was the firm leader of the FAB pack. Emma had been juggling a large family, a large farm, assisting her husband with his business and achieving a Law degree, whilst also heading up FAB... Wow - thank you Emma!

Gayle and I have now taken over the reins and we are ably assisted by a small group of mostly Mums, but the occasional Dad too. Our plan is to develop two areas of the FAB empire:

Firstly the social aspect.

We are running monthly coffee mornings in school. These have been well attended to date and give parents the opportunity to share the wonderful and unique ways of their children, and to feel supported. We also try to organise a get together during the holidays too. We met at Croome Court at Easter, having had a great day out, lots of fun and a brilliant game of rounders!

We have extended on to Facebook; we hope our page becomes a virtual school gate of sorts, so that wherever one is in the world, there is a support network of parents, guardians and Friends at Bredon. To join, search for FAB - Friends at Bredon, click "join group". It's a great place to ask questions, share stories and pictures or just look and read from a distance.

Our second ambition is to increase our range of merchandise in a small, but perfectly-formed way! The apple juice is very popular; it's now stocked in a few farm shops and cafes close to the school and we have plans to extend the range slightly to include smaller bottles and mixed flavours.

We are about to launch Bredon School sausages! The sausages come from the Bredon School Farm pigs and the staff and students, plus a lovely local butcher, will be involved in this enterprise.

We also plan to produce Bredon School chutney and jam, and will be selling lovely silver sea horse earrings and

matching necklaces soon. For the festive period this year, we will be supplying Christmas Puddings and Christmas Planters (Hyacinths), which will make lovely gifts.

The money that we raise goes back into the school so that we can fund extra activities for the children to enjoy, such as the fireworks on bonfire night and the inflatable laser tag arena and rodeo snowboard competition at last year's Christmas Fayre!

If you are unable to get involved in the day to day, there is still a way to help out! If you register with www.easyfundraising.org and go to the FAB Bredon School Tewkesbury page, you can raise money for us just by shopping online with your favourite retailer. It's very simple and it doesn't cost you anything more.

Finally we'd also like to thank Ms Parkes, Mr Crwys-Williams, Stella Barritt, Gemma Bowness, Gabi Poerschke, Maree Evans, Heidi Clutterbuck, Lorraine Taylor, Mel Chase and everyone on the Facebook page".

Mindfulness

Miss Swait, Head of Outdoor Education and Mr Wood, Pastoral Support Officer took a number of students from Years 11, 12 and 13 on a mindfulness retreat in the Welsh mountains.



The students were asked to partake in various physical and mental exercises and encouraged to apply the mindfulness techniques they had been learning at School as part of the .be (dot-be) Mindfulness in Schools Programme.



Mr Wood said, "Mindfulness techniques allow us to become aware of how our minds are really managing the day's activities and processing our experiences throughout the day.

"It has limitless possibilities in education and can be rolled out for use by students, staff and parents".



DYSLEXIA AWARENESS WEEK

Students were asked to observe a 'No Pens Day' where they tried out several alternatives to using pens in class



During Dyslexia Awareness Week students took part in fun activities, heard inspirational talks and learnt more about how it feels to have dyslexia.

Old Bredonian Sam Oldfield came in to talk in Assembly about his memories from his time at Bredon and his current career as a professional photographer. He talked openly and honestly about some of his struggles at school and how he eventually

identified his 'dyslexic genius', which lead him into the career he loves today. He also talked about his work with a national Dyslexia charity.

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In the Junior School, our youngest students enjoyed creating traffic signs with their fingers and paint.

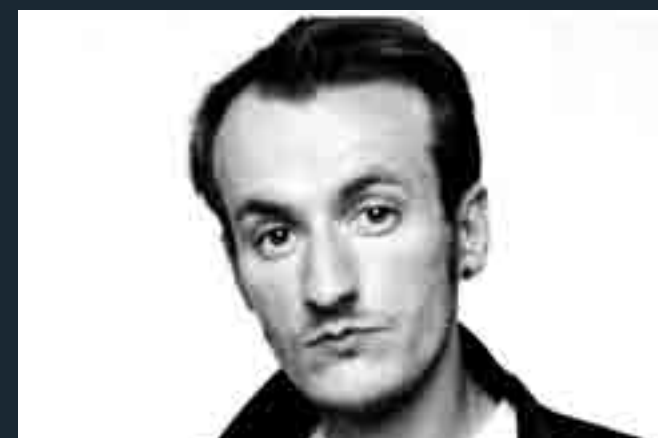
While Senior students took their learning outside of the classroom, working on short term outcomes with vowel sounds using diacritical marks (marcons and breves) using chalk and water-gun games!

In the Access Centre, students tried the same using salt and cotton buds, as well as play dough! In Geography, students used Lego to make Tectonic plates.

spotlight on Old Bredonians

Sam Oldfield

Bredon student 2003 – 2005



Sam joined Bredon for his Sixth Form studies aged 16, having had a history of unhappy schooling behind him. He had a recent diagnosis of severe dyslexia and had struggled to make progress at school.

Once at Bredon though, Sam excelled in arts and photography and his confidence grew as he realised that his dyslexia was actually a gift that enabled him to see things differently.

Sam went on to attend the University of Gloucestershire and, in 2010, graduated from the renowned and highly sought after course 'Advertising and Editorial Photography'.

Sam is now a professional portrait photographer with a successful studio in The Suffolks in Cheltenham.

In his spare time, he works with dyslexia charities and is a keen advocate for Bredon School, attending events and functions on behalf of the School and inspiring current students to find their own 'dyslexic genius'.

He spoke eloquently and movingly at the School's main open day in May where staff, students and prospective families listened to his inspirational story.

Robert Collcott

Bredon student 2004 – 2011



Robert joined Bredon as a Year 7 student in Mrs Lou Wood's tutor group and stayed at Bredon all the way to the end of his sixth form studies.

He recalls a few highlights from his time at Bredon, including being named 'Farmer of the Year' in Year 7, and receiving the Sugar Bowl Award in Year 13 at Founder's Day. Robert was also Thomas' Senior Houseman for the two years that he was in the sixth form

Robert's passion for ICT and computing saw him become a Sixth Form ICT in-class helper and it is his interest within this field which has carried Robert to University.

He has enjoyed many successes since leaving Bredon, most notably becoming a University Ambassador for software giant Microsoft. He fulfilled this role for two years, throughout Years 2 and 3 of his degree course. He was also shortlisted for RAG charity fundraiser of the year two years in a row by the Students' Union and was appointed a student ambassador for university-supported open days.

Robert says, "I will finish my BSC (Hons) Computing degree at Bucks New University in High Wycombe shortly and will start an intern job at a nearby firm in June. I am so delighted to have been offered this post as there were 20,000 applicants!"

Jess Galletly

Bredon student 2006 – 2012



Jess joined Bredon in Year 7. In her own words, she was 'a shy girl who didn't enjoy sport at all', but by the time Jess left Bredon, all that had changed!

She says, "Bredon helped me to become independent. The School supported me, not only with my academic studies, but with my new love of the outdoors and sports. There were many teachers who supported me and helped me to find out what I loved to do."

When Jess left in 2012, she attended College where she gained a diploma in animal management, having followed her dream to work with animals. A passion which started on the farms of Bredon, being able to work hands-on and up close with all sorts of animals.

After a short time though, Jess decided to have a rethink and, focusing on her love of travel and adventure and the joy of doing something different, she joined The Royal Navy.

Jess says, "I strongly believe that if I hadn't gone to Bredon I wouldn't have become the confident young woman I am. I wouldn't have had the help and support that I needed to pass my GCSE exams, which has subsequently made it possible for me to pursue an amazing career which I now will be able to take very far in life."

Amy Attree (nee Gower)

Bredon student 2002 – 2008



Amy joined Bredon in 2002 along with her two younger siblings, Callum and Lois. She says it is thanks to Bredon's unique environment, the friends she made and the incredible support and motivation that she received from teachers, that makes her time at Bredon so memorable.

As well as great support in the classroom, Amy was able to undertake outdoor adventures such as the Bredon Challenge and the Duke of Edinburgh awards; achieving both Bronze and Silver. After completing A Levels at Sixth Form College, Amy took a gap year to fund her time at Camp America. She went to Camp Sunnyside Iowa, a camp for people of all ages with learning difficulties. Amy's experience here reaffirmed her passion to help others.

Amy says, "A week after returning from Camp Sunnyside, I went into Worcester University to ask about a learning disability course. I was interviewed straight away and started the course a week later. Two years on, I had a Foundation Degree in Learning Disabilities, and headed straight back to Camp Sunnyside to bring it full circle."

Since then, she has worked in a number of schools and organisations, working with children with disabilities. She says, "I am so grateful for the support and opportunities that my parents gave to me, with Bredon being the biggest. I just want to help and support others in the same way that I was".



Milly Mackenzie

Head Girl, 2016-2017

Sum up your experience at Bredon
in no more than three words

**UNIQUE
LOVING FAMILY**

How long have you been a student at Bredon?

I have only been at Bredon for 2 years. I joined as a Sixth Form boarder.

What has been the highlight of your time at Bredon?

Meeting lots of new people and being Head Girl! I've thoroughly enjoyed; it's taught me many skills that I will need in later life.

What has been the biggest challenge you faced at Bredon?

Overcoming my fear of public speaking!

What piece of advice do you have for younger pupils?

Just to be yourself and not to let other people pull you down.

What's next after Bredon?

I am going on a gap year – my plan is to do some travelling and volunteering in various countries. After that, I'd like to go on to an apprenticeship.

What's your ambition for the future?

I'd either like to work with children or within the hospitality industry.

George Martin

Head Boy, 2016–2017

George, when did you join Bredon?

I've been a boarding student at Bredon since 2013.

What has been the highlight of your time here?

The main highlight has to be passing my GCSE exams with flying colours! But a close second was being named National Champion in the Schools Challenge Shooting Competition a couple of years ago.

Have you enjoyed being Head Boy?

I've really enjoyed being Head Boy. I've had lots of opportunities to practise public speaking; it's really boosted my confidence and is a skill I will now have for the rest of my life.

What piece of advice would you offer to the younger students?

To be yourself, have fun, and don't be influenced by others.

What's next, after Bredon?

I am going to Devon to study for a degree in Marine Biology at Plymouth University. Once I've finished my degree, I'd like to travel and then I plan to start up a Caviar fish farm!

Sum up your time at Bredon in no more than three words:

INTERESTING AND UNIQUE

STAFF NEWS

Goodbyes

Christine Smallwood

Mrs Smallwood started at Bredon in 1999 and has held many different roles during her time with us. Christine is perhaps best known for her friendly voice and warm welcome on the Reception desk and for helping numerous Founder's Day celebrations to run without a hitch! She has been a part of Bredon School for so long and will be missed.

Jane Merchant

Mrs Merchant, Head of Junior School, is retiring this summer after an 11 year career at Bredon. Her vision, energy and enthusiasm saw the transformation and growth of the Junior School to their current location. Jane truly believes that every child matters and her passion for learning outdoors will remain the key to unlocking every child's talent in the Junior School for years to come. Best wishes for your retirement.

Benson Ferrari

Mr Ferrari joined Bredon nearly 5 years ago as Head of the IT department. He was made Assistant Head in November 2013 and Deputy Head (Curriculum) in April 2014. Benson leaves us this summer to take up his first Headship post at an independent day and boarding school in South Wales. We offer him our warmest congratulations and best wishes for the future.

We also say goodbye this year to a number of other long-serving staff, including:

Angela Stephens (Catering & Hospitality - 15 years), Tammy Leggetter (HR - 13 years), Andrea Nand-Lal (MFL - 10 years), Louise Richardson (English - 9 years), Sheina Stockton (S< - 9 years), Fiona McKeand (Access Centre - 9 years), Christine Pritchard (Art - 7 years) and Michaela Challoner (Business Studies & Access Centre - 6 years).

To all leavers; we sincerely thank you for your efforts and wish you all the best for your future.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Pip Adams and Mrs Georgina Ferrari (pictured below) who graduated from Buckingham University in March having obtained their PGCE qualification. Having worked incredibly hard to achieve this, they enjoyed a wonderful celebration. Well done to you both.



Obituaries

Graham Webster

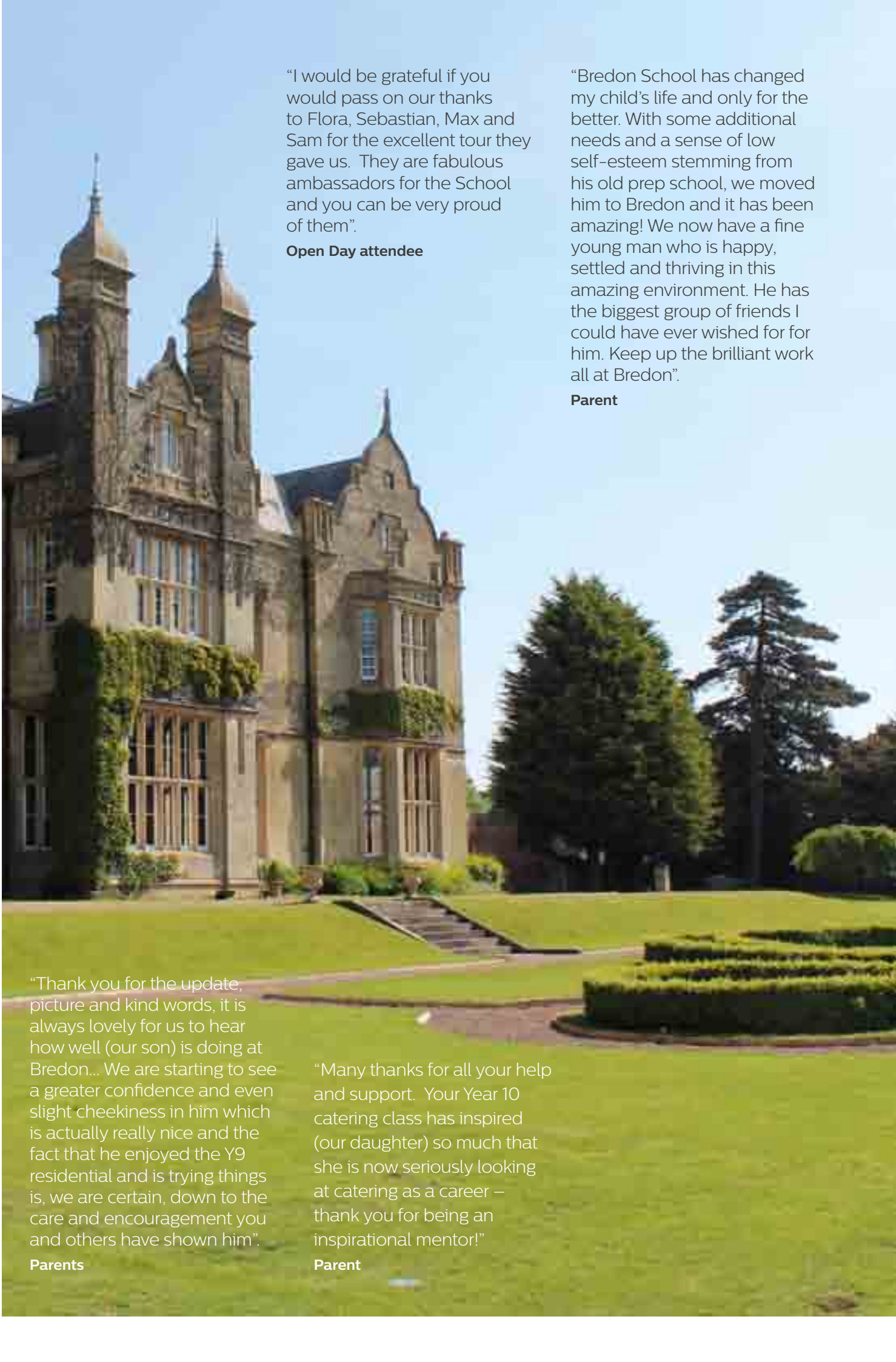
In September we learnt of the sad news of the death of former Head of Technology and teacher of Engineering, Mr Graham Webster. Graham, who left Bredon in 2014, had worked at the school for thirteen years. His friendly, encouraging and gentle demeanour meant he was always more than happy to show people round the workshop and proudly talk about the projects he and his classes were working on.

Jennifer Abel

Jennifer Abel, Teaching Assistant within the Access Centre, sadly passed away in September after a brave battle with cancer. Jennifer, who had worked at the school since 2009, was always happy to lend a hand at school events including those at The Three Counties Showground. She was also the former Chair of the Wheatpieces Parish Council.



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"I would be grateful if you would pass on our thanks to Flora, Sebastian, Max and Sam for the excellent tour they gave us. They are fabulous ambassadors for the School and you can be very proud of them".

Open Day attendee

"Bredon School has changed my child's life and only for the better. With some additional needs and a sense of low self-esteem stemming from his old prep school, we moved him to Bredon and it has been amazing! We now have a fine young man who is happy, settled and thriving in this amazing environment. He has the biggest group of friends I could have ever wished for for him. Keep up the brilliant work all at Bredon".

Parent

"Thank you for the update, picture and kind words, it is always lovely for us to hear how well (our son) is doing at Bredon... We are starting to see a greater confidence and even slight cheekiness in him which is actually really nice and the fact that he enjoyed the Y9 residential and is trying things is, we are certain, down to the care and encouragement you and others have shown him".

Parents

"Many thanks for all your help and support. Your Year 10 catering class has inspired (our daughter) so much that she is now seriously looking at catering as a career – thank you for being an inspirational mentor!"

Parent



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