

The Bredonian



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What a year!

Bredon truly embodies an all-round education; inspirational teaching, world-class support and a phenomenal array of activities for our pupils to engage in.

Bredon's distinctive character and calm atmosphere is leading the way for an enriched education for pupils with Unique Learning Profiles (ULPs). The foundations of our learning principles are based on our 4Cs (confidence, creativity, character and competence) model, found within the Cavendish Education logo, and an ethos which seeks to 'think differently, teach differently, learn differently'. This is evident throughout the school and The Bredonian magazine provides many examples of this.

Congratulations to the pupils and to our dedicated staff team. I hope you enjoy the read.

Very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aatif Hassan', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Aatif Hassan, Chairman
of Governors and Founder
of Cavendish Education**



Welcome to the fifth edition of the Bredonian Magazine.

When you walk into the classrooms at Bredon you can sense the abundance of creativity that is all around.

The staff are using many different skills and techniques to bring their subjects to life; this can range from using marshmallows to explain the DNA system in a Biology lesson to using towels to show the movement of tectonic plates in a Geography class.

This year I have been astonished by the creative talents and entrepreneurial spirit of our pupils. Over the past 12 months we have seen pupils writing and reciting their own stories and poetry, constructing go-carts, producing volcanic models, creating amazing animations, organising their own mini festival and charity events and even cooking their own barbecue meals.

The Bredonian magazine is designed to give you a slice of life at Bredon but there is simply too much to include everything.

I am very proud of all our staff and pupils and we hope you will enjoy reading about our year.

Mr Koen Claeys
Headteacher



Activity Week is always action-packed and sees our pupils heading off in many different directions each morning to experience something new.

There were simply too many activities on offer for us to include photographs of everyone and everything but here's a little taster of a fun-packed week! Thank you to all the staff who made this possible.

The Juniors kept busy close to home by focusing their efforts on the gardens; they planted an apple tree, transformed some old hose into fencing, cleared the willow hut and planted the rockery.

Years 6 and 7 visited Raglan Castle in Wales where they enjoyed exploring the ruins and watching an archery demonstration.

Year 8 visited the Black Country Museum where they enjoyed learning about life in Victorian Britain, had the opportunity to sample traditional cakes, sweets and chips, and they even went down a coal mine! Others visited Worcester Commandery where they learnt about the English Civil War and had the chance to load a cannon, drill with a pike and to try on armour!

Year 9 took to two wheels and had a great time on the cycle tracks in the Forest of Dean, including the Pump Track.

Year 11 and Sixth Formers enjoyed lots of different activities including Go Ape, Go Karting, Dry slope Skiing and Tubing to name a few! The Sixth Form also enjoyed sailing at the ever popular Croft Farm.

> WORCESTER COMMANDERY



FOREST OF DEAN >

CYCLING



> GO KARTING

RAGLAN CASTLE > WALES

SPORTS DAY

Sports Day was a great success; plenty of excellent results and performances and this year's official photographer for the day was Year 12s Tom Finn. We think you'll agree, he managed to capture some wonderful moments.



Our Junior School pupils were captured helping to prepare a path through the Orchard field ready for Sports Day. What great team work on show!

Three Counties Show

Our boarding pupils enjoyed their visit to the Royal Three Counties Show during a particularly warm weekend in June. As well as having a good look round the show and its various attractions, they were also there to support their peers who were taking part in the Grand Parade – carrying the name boards for the various breeds. This is a tradition that Bredon School has been supporting for a number of years and it is always great fun!

Thanks to the (fairly rare, but very welcome!) hot weather, our animals were feeling the heat and were being looked after brilliantly by our pupils. Our Large White piglets were even treated to a soothing wet towel treatment before they took to the 'stage' to be judged!

Showing our animals at this prestigious show requires our pupils to demonstrate dedication, patience, excellent animal knowledge and care, as well as finding the self-confidence to take themselves and their animal into the ring and talk with the judges.

A super set of results again for Bredon School pupils and the Farm Manager, Jenny Parkes:

- **Year 8s Erin Murray** was awarded Highly Commended in the Junior Sheep Handling.
- **Year 8s Eloise Bates** was awarded 2nd place in the Junior Pig Handling,
- **Year 9s Eddie Egginton** secured 1st place in the January-born Large White Gilt Class.



Swimathon

The summer 2017 Swimathon once again saw pupils and staff undertake lengths of the pool to achieve an overall distance of 26 miles; a distance chosen to reflect the first marathon race held in London in the 1908 Olympics when the race went from Windsor to Westminster, crossing London Bridge on its course.

To reward and refuel both swimmers and spectators, there was an amazing array of London-themed traditional delicacies to try at lunch, including meat pie with suet crust, jellied eels and London bread pudding! Congratulations to all our swimmers.





Prom night 2017

Cheltenham Racecourse was the stunning venue for Prom Night 2017 and despite some raindrops early on, nothing could put a dampener on this incredible evening.

In true Prom-tradition, the pupils certainly arrived in style with a chauffeur-driven Aston Martin, a Mustang and a Bentley amongst the choice of cars – not forgetting those who arrived by Quad Bike!

Everyone was suitably impressed with the venue and the magnificent views over Cheltenham Racecourse. The casino and the photo booth provided lots of laughs and the dance floor was full all night long!

A big thank you must go to FAB, who helped to fund the event, as well as to our wonderful Sixth Formers who led a hugely successful fundraising campaign themselves. Finally, a big thank you to Mrs Last and Mrs Grant for their hard work and months of preparation which made the evening so special.

The Chairman of Cavendish Education, Aatif Hassan, opened the special day with a very warm welcome to everyone. He spoke with real passion about what Bredon offers its pupils through its genuine depth of curriculum and opportunities for all.

He highlighted specific achievements by pupils and told of the incredible resilience and respect demonstrated by Bredon pupils when facing sad losses.

The Reverend Chris Moss was thanked for the twenty one Bredon Founder’s Day services that he has opened and attended and he was presented with a gift of thanks.

Outgoing Head Boy George Martin demonstrated his confidence and enterprising nature through the retelling of an amusing tale about the sale of chilli plants! And outgoing Head Girl Milly Mackenzie spoke eloquently about her time at Bredon and how it had made her believe she could achieve and ‘fit in’.

Milly (pictured) also led the 600+ strong audience in a lovely rendition of ‘Happy Birthday’ for her father who was seated in the front rows!



Guest speakers Helen Glover and Steve Backshall

Two wonderful guest speakers were then introduced; TV presenter, naturalist and adventurer Steve Backshall and two-times Olympic gold medallist and three times World Champion rower, Helen Glover. They blew us away with their energy, enthusiasm and endless wonder at the world and the opportunities it can offer if you put your mind to it.

Steve urged pupils to always try and never regret failing; as he said ‘this is the best way to learn’.

Helen spoke of her childhood dream to be an Olympian and how she later managed to realise this ambition

through hard work, dedication and belief. Helen spoke of relentless hours of practice and the sacrifices she made to become the best in her sport. She also brought along her two Olympic medals and received huge applause in recognition of her amazing achievements.

Following the prize giving, there were solo singing performances by Ivan Barritt and Harrison Morton Deaville whilst George Martin and Stef Evans rounded up proceedings with a beautiful rendition of Simon & Garfunkel’s ‘Sound of Silence’. Drinks and canapés were served on the lawns.

Years 1-6

- Charley Allen**
Lower Junior Prize
- James Martin**
Upper Junior Prize
Spanish
Young Performer’s Award Drama
- Hal Blakeney**
Geography
- Joeli Hunt**
English
Computing
All Round Behaviour
W John Trophy for Diligence
- Jamie Allen**
Reading
- Ivan Barritt**
Maths
Science
Young Performer’s Award Singing
- Dylan Ingram**
History
Cecelia J John Cup all Round Initiative
- Jack Chase**
RE
- Ruby Clutterbuck**
Art and Craft
Music
- Coby Baker**
Learning Improvement Award
Junior Community Service to Boarding
- Georgina Munday**
Westlake Cup for Endeavour
Gardener of the Year
- Billy Taylor**
Lucy Bliss Trophy for Perseverance
- Aoife Laxton**
The Happy Cup
- North Blakeney**
Junior Farm Club Award
Junior Sportsman of the Year
- Ryan Staudt**
Forest School Junior Gardener Award
Junior Swimming Champion
- Maddox Chukwuma**
Junior Athlete of the Year
Junior Cross Country Champion
- Charlotte Hocken**
Junior Sportswoman of the Year
Junior Sporting Achievement Outside School
- Tomi Osunsanmi**
Junior Adventure Training Residential Camp

Years 7-9


- Lawrence McGee**
English
- Thomas Hobbs**
Mathematics
Technology - Wood
Climber of the Year
- Adam Pena**
Science Y8
- Georgie Watkins**
Science Y8
- Charles Wilkins**
Science Y7
- Olivia Lowe**
Technology Food
- Noah Wildenstein**
Technology Textiles
- Max Reen**
Art
- Harrison Warner**
History
- Tom Forbes**
Geography
- Alysia King**
Spanish
Religious Studies
- Dylan Kirwan**
Information Technology
Sportsman of the Year
Y9 Most Enthusiastic Outdoor Ed Achievement
- Eloise Bates**
Music
Elizabeth Brown Prize for Most Improved Art
- Sky Redfern**
Drama
- Erin Murray**
Physical Education
- Emma McSpadden**
Learning Support Award
- Lauren Hayward**
Cache Childcare
- Eddie Egginton**
Athlete of the Year
- Max Attwood**
Cricketer of the Year

- Harrison Morton Deaville**
Laporte Clay Pigeon- Most Improved Shot
- Sara Wilson**
Y7 Most Enthusiastic Outdoor Ed Achievement
- Mitchell Brooker- Smith**
Y8 Most Enthusiastic Outdoor Ed Achievement
Y7-9 Farmer of the Year
Clay Pigeon Shooting- Best Gun
- Rory Deakin**
Young Countryman Award
- Charlotte Thompson**
Y7-9 Most Improved Canoeist
- James Harrison**
Community Service to Junior Landing



Years 10–13

- Alexander Smith**
English
- Samuel Thomas**
Poetry and Literature
GCSE Science
Mathematics
Design and Technology– Engineering
Cisco Academy GCSE
- Tom Barker**
Elizabeth Jay Prize for English Endeavour
Religious Education
Cisco Academy GSCE
- Samuel Bethell**
Drama
- Alicia Kidd**
Film Studies
Hospitality and Catering
- Elizabeth Smith**
Modern Languages
Y11 BTEC Agriculture
Design and Technology– Food
OCR Health Care and Early Years
- James O’Riordan**
Geography
History AS
- Tassilo Von Moreau**
History
- Thomas Bowers**
Science Level 2 Asdan COPE
- Alfie Fallon**
ASDAN PSD
Stockman of the Year
Community Service to Middle Landing
- Benjamin Bailey**
Science Entry Level
- Alastair Messore**
OCR Businesss Studies Level 3
Cisco Academy Level 2
- Rachel Higgins**
Mathematics A Level
OCR Level 3 Business– The Gomery Trophy
The Odyomo Cup for Effort
- Tristan Weir**
OCR Information Technology
- Jack Stolt**
Most Improved Shooter of the Year
- Oly Austin**
Art
- Ike Airhart**
CCF Uniformed Public Service Engineering
- Adam Egginton**
Physical Education
Young Farmer’s Cup
Players Player of the Year

- Eve Egginton**
Physical Education
Horse Rider of the Year
- Freddie Harper**
OCR Level 2 Business
- Bertie Leschallas**
OCR Sport Level 3
- George Martin** (pictured)
Learning Support Award
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- Elizabeth Morris**
Sportswoman of the Year
- James Readstone**
Abbot Trophy– All Round Contribution to Sport
The Fielding Cup for Cricket
- David Hird**
Senior Cross Country– The Moprac Cup
- Charlie Mahoney**
Swimmer of the Year– The Harris Twig
- Millie Mackenzie**
Senior Hockey Player of the Year
The Betty Thomas Cup for Public Speaking
Community Service to Boarding– Girls Landing
- George Botsford**
6th Form All Round Effort
The Talbot Trophy for Endeavour
- Michael Wood**
Senior Most Improved Climber of the Year
- Christina Vassiliades**
Senior Canoeist of the Year
- Alex Jarisch**
Epee Club Fencer of the Year
- Archie York**
Senior Sporting Achievement Outside School
Y10 BTEC Agriculture
- Thomas Finn**
A Level Art
Most Improved Rugby Player
Photographer of the Year
- Gordon Fautz**
A Level Photography

- Sam Morton**
The Sugar Bowl
- Harrison Smith**
Under 16 Players Player of the Year
- Jacob Kelly**
Most Improved Rugby Player of the year
- Tom Hobbs**
Climber of the Year
- Jamie Drinkwater**
Football 1st XI Player of the Year
Sportsman of the Year The Houldsworth Cup
- George Botsford**
The Mathew Cup for Initiative
The Bateman Cup for Service to School
Rugby
Kayaker of the Year
- Elena Artigas**
Senior School Pastoral
- Samuel Thomas**
David Allen Cup Overall Achievement
- Duke of Edinburgh**
Gold Award
- Ike Airhart**
George Botsford
Jamie Drinkwater
George Martin
Bertie Leschallas
Josh Pettigrew
Sophia Smith

- The John Brown Cup for D of E Achievement**
- Bertie Leschallas**
- The Houseman Cup for Greatest Contribution to House**
- Jamie Drinkwater**
Sharp
- George Botsford**
Thomas
- Baruch Heijmans Bulder**
Jarrett
- Samuel Bethell**
Dowdeswell



Our pupils achieve many great things throughout their time at Bredon and when it comes to exam times, they don’t disappoint!

In the Summer 2017 A Level/ Level 3 equivalent results, our pupils yet again achieved some excellent results, especially in the BTEC arena where a 100% pass rate was achieved.

The overall A Level pass rate (the overall percentage of grades A*-E) was 100%, with over half of our pupils gaining an A* – B grade. For AS Level, the pass rate was 86% with just under half achieving an A* –B grade.

Mr Claeys said “There are many other fine achievements across the school and **we are immensely proud of everyone’s successes.** All of the results show the progress and commitment that each of our pupils have made.”

- There were some outstanding individual performances:**
- Elena Artigas** received an A* for Spanish A Level, an A for Travel and Tourism and a C in her EPQ.
- Rodrigo Garbayo** achieved an A* in Spanish and, along with Jay Toman and Gordon Fautz, achieved an A in A Level Photography.
- George Martin**, outgoing Head Boy, was awarded Merits in both his BTECs for Agriculture and Applied Science, along with a C in his Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).

- Subject areas with stand out performances were Photography, Art, Craft and Design, Foreign languages and Science.
- Bredon’s thriving Cisco Academy also saw some excellent results and numerous pupils secured further education placements and reputable work placements.
- A week later and the school was celebrating GCSE and BTEC Level 1&2 results.
- Across the BTEC subjects, there was a 100% pass rate and 63% of the GCSE results were graded A* to C Grade, with 17% of the grades being A*/A.
- The Humanities subjects performed particularly well; in Geography, History and Religious Education, 80% of pupils obtained an A* – C grade.
- Art, Design and Photography saw 90% of pupils achieve an A* – C.
 - All pupils sitting the Additional Science exams also achieved an A* – C Grade.
- There were some great individual performances:**
- **Samuel Thomas** secured two A* grades, three A grades and a Merit in his BTEC.
 - **Eve Egginton** received eight GCSEs overall, achieving an A, five B grades and two Cs.

Bredon student Jack McCune was nominated in the British Dyslexia Association (BDA) annual awards and was awarded with 'Highly Commended' in the BDA Young Person's category, 2017.

Jack's journey to the BDA stage had been a long and challenging one; he joined Bredon in September 2016 on a phased return to school after a number of years of absence linked to his previous school where his daily struggles with dyslexia were so misunderstood.

It was a long road back for Jack but now he is happy, he is attending School on a full time basis and his teachers describe him as 'thriving'. He uses assistive technology programmes at school to help him with his written work and in an incredible demonstration of the progress he has made over the last twelve months, he took to the stage at the renowned Cheltenham Literature Festival to read aloud an extract from a book he contributed to, with the Gloucester Hospital Education Service, whilst recovering.

Well done Jack, we are all very proud of you.

**'HIGHLY COMMENDED' IN
THE BDA YOUNG PERSON'S
CATEGORY, 2017**
JACK MCCUNE

BLOODHOUND

The first testing of the Bloodhound supersonic car took place at Newquay airport in October and Bredon's Cisco students were there to help.

They were invited along by a Bredon parent, who is also a Director of the Southern Communications Group, a company involved with the test day. As well as being an exciting opportunity to get behind the scenes of this incredibly rare event, it was also an opportunity for our pupils to talk to the engineers who built the amazing vehicle, and to look at possible future apprenticeships.

Their main task on the day was to help members of the general public who attended the testing to connect to the WIFI network and register on the Bloodhound Project.



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



Bredon School scooped the prestigious **ISA Senior School Award** for Academic Excellence and/or Innovation in November. The award was made in recognition of the year-long work experience programme introduced by Mrs Morris and Mrs Jupp for students in Year 12.

Rather than a short, one week work experience activity, Bredon instead sends its Year 12 students on a year-long experience, attending their chosen work place for one day a week alongside their usual studies. The programme supports our pupils' vocational

learning and enables them to gain valuable practical skills which they can take forward in to the next stage of their lives, whether that be into paid employment, an apprenticeship or Further or Higher Education. Previous placements have even resulted in offers of permanent, weekend and holiday work.

Well done to everyone involved and also to our fantastic students for doing so well in these placements and being great ambassadors for the School.

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NATURAL PHENOMENA



Snow at Bredon

There were a couple of big snow falls in the winter months and our boarders had a great time building snowmen, having snowball fights and even trying their hands at tobogganing.

The cold weather didn't stop the activity on the farm though and despite frozen pipes, Year 9s Emily and Nell helped to carry water to the animals – in fact, several hundreds of litres of water were carried to the animals over the course of just one day. Thank you for your hard work and help.



Year 5 River Models

Year 5 Geographers made river models in order to learn about the main features of rivers.



Volcanoes

Year 9 Geographers excelled themselves with the best collection of 3D models of a volcano ever seen at Bredon! Imaginative, accurate and inspired, it was wonderful to

see how much effort went into the models. Mr Claeys and Head of Geography, Mr Monk happily appraised an accomplished selection.

Isabella and Archie produced edible volcanoes. Pictured is Isabella with her outstanding (and geologically accurate!) baked creation. A future Bake-Off winner, maybe?



Year 8s were set a Christmas project to produce a 'Glaciation' model or presentation and the work which was produced exceeded all expectations. The time, effort, energy and knowledge has been truly exceptional. Some students created edible models whereas others included explanations of the glacial features. Jamie, Sara and James created labels and even a hand out to describe these!



Embracing the Bard...

In March, pupils embraced Shakespeare Week; a national annual celebration designed to give school children opportunities for enriching and enjoyable early encounters with Shakespeare.

Year 7 re-enacted a modern version of "Romeo and Juliet" to give them a deeper understanding of the plot. Year 8 performed a Shakespeare rap, designed to ensure they fully understood the background to Shakespeare's life!

To celebrate Shakespeare's birthday in April, Years 8 and 9 took part in their very own Shakespeare Festival where they gave their own take on a whole range of plays and

speeches. We had some deep and dark speeches from Julius Caesar spoken with passion by Georgie and Jason. Mitchell gave his own twist to Marc Antony's speech whilst we heard some well written soliloquies from Oscar.

In Year 8, it wasn't just performance that was showcased; James, Seb and Leo were keen to show and talk about their model of the Globe Theatre, complete with 16th century health and safety issues! We also had two amazing cakes produced by Alysia and Nell. One made with a quill, parchment and knife based on Julius Caesar, and the other in the shape of the Globe Theatre.



on the

farm

THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF NEW ARRIVALS ON THE FARM THIS YEAR, INCLUDING THREE NEW PEDIGREE SOUTH DEVON HEIFERS AND THEIR CALVES, A COUPLE OF LARGE LITTERS OF PIGLETS AND LOTS OF NEW BORN LAMBS.

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Foxhole Clementine,
Foxhole Caityln and
Foxhole Coral and calves.

Junior pupils continue to spend one session per week on the farm also and it is one of their favourite times of the week; providing them with practical opportunities and a chance to take on animal husbandry responsibilities.

Their tasks include cleaning out the livestock, herding, moving and setting up new areas for the animals to live, sorting the sheep by breed, helping to feed any young animals whose mothers may not be able to support, as well as weighing and feeding different animals. Working in coordination with Farm Manager Jenny also allows the children to demonstrate listening skills, as the animals will not be happy if they get their meals wrong!



A couple of our pigs will be going to the Three Counties Show in June as they have been registered as pedigree and will therefore be shown and used for breeding.

The Farm made a successful return to the North Somerset Show in May after a break of several years and was awarded 1st Place in the Breed Board Competition – Sheep Section.

This was judged on the information about the flock and the breed that was available on the display boards on the pens.

There was also a 3rd Place in the Stock Ewe class of the Any Other Native Breed Sheep section with one of our Badgerface ewes. This class was for ewes that have bred and reared a lamb in the present lambing season.



'Dave' the pig sleeping off the stress of having just welcomed a new litter.

The Combined Cadet Force has had another successful year with over 30 students now actively involved.

COMBINED CADET FORCE



Our Cadets have taken part in the Tewkesbury Remembrance Parade, undertaken adventure training in Snowdonia and participated in the central camp last summer in Nesscliffe.

The cadets have been training in Drill, Camp Craft, Weapons Systems and Physical Training, culminating in a blank fire exercise and camp in Cumbria during the summer term.

Ruben Evans, Rowlie Melville-Jones, Archie York and Edward Checkley have all been promoted and now take a lead role within the cadets.



Mr Lister and Mr Wood went to Pirbright in December to see Old Bredonian Jay Toman pass out from army basic training after leaving Bredon last summer. It was also great to see so many other Old Bredonians there to offer him congratulations on his big day.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award

2017/18 has been a busy year with the Duke of Edinburgh's award for more students than ever before getting involved. There have been walking expeditions in the Forest of Dean, the Malvern Hills and the Brecon Beacons and our canoeists have taken to the Rivers Wye, Avon, Severn and Thames.



We have introduced the Bronze award to the Year 9s with an amazing level of participation. They have been exploring the wonderful local countryside of Worcestershire and Gloucestershire and have experienced outstanding weather conditions.

The Silver award group has been learning to negotiate the locks of the Avon and the Thames while experiencing less than ideal weather conditions!

And our intrepid Gold award group has experienced the faster more rural rivers of the Wye and the Severn.

We have also had the immense pleasure of seeing nine Bredon students complete their Gold award with a number of them attending an award ceremony at Buckingham Palace.



OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Years 7, 8 and 9 take part in two Overnight Adventures each year. Attending in tutor groups with their tutors, the focus is on developing team work, organisation and personal skills. For some there is also the opportunity to work on anxieties around staying away from home or changes to normal routines.



Students are able to experience learning outside the classroom in a variety of settings; problem solving, supporting each other, using initiative and learning about the natural environment all help to develop self-esteem with students learning in a very hands on, kinaesthetic manner.



Mindfulness is also incorporated into the trips, such as a fireside meditation before bed or solo time in a wood. With society beginning to realise the power of concepts such as 'Wilderness therapy', 'Nature deficit disorder' and the positive exposure to 'Risk benefit', it is wonderful that our children are already experiencing this as part of their education at Bredon.



FOREST SCHOOL

This year, the pupils have focused on bush craft, survival skills and cooking outdoors, as well as learning how to build shelters and make tent pegs. They are also experts at lighting fires to cook food and boil water; pizza pockets, cowboy stew, hot chocolate and nettle tea have been the favourites this year!



Forest School can be used for creative time too and pupils have made charcoal drawings, wood cookies, weaving frames and elder necklaces. They are also increasingly confident using tools such as loppers, bow saws, hand saws, bill-hooks and whittling knives and they are able to assess hazards and manage risks safely.

In addition, the forest also provides a great opportunity for children to play and relax. They are given time and space to play imaginatively, to be creative and make or build things, as well as time to be alone with their thoughts if they wish.



ART IN NATURE

HOUSE COMPETITION

Staff and pupils had lots of fun getting outdoors and creative in a House Competition to create the best natural versions of their House badge.

There were some stunning creations on show – well done to everyone who took part. What 'natural' talent!



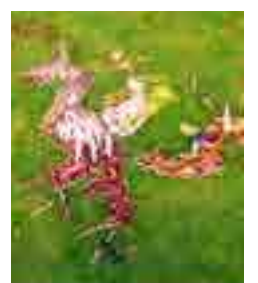
Dowdeswell



Jarratt



Sharp



Thomas

Geography

EXPEDITION

Year 8 and 9 Geographers completed a successful expedition to the stunning Snowdonia National Park in November.

The group stayed in a mountain bunkhouse and the students took charge; shopping for breakfast, lunch and supper supplies, and even rustling up a rather wonderful Spaghetti Bolognese for dinner.

The group had the opportunity to go trampolining in an old Slate Mine. Called 'Bounce Below', it was amazing – if not a little strange – as you could see other people bouncing below, or even above you!

No trip to Snowdonia would be complete without a day in the mountains, enjoying the glacial features and summit of the 'Y Garn'. This provided a valuable lesson to all as to how the weather can change very quickly on a mountain – we saw sunshine, wind and hail, to name but a few!

Walking to the summit allowed the students to identify and learn how glaciers shaped these features. The views were amazing on the way up and back down through the 'Devil's Kitchen'. The group also visited Electric Mountain, a Hydro-Electric Power Station which supplies 'peak time' power from within an existing slate mine.



SIXTH FORM LEADERSHIP CAMP

THE WILDERNESS CENTRE



Team work required for crate stacking



Under starters orders for the raft race

Problem solving activity

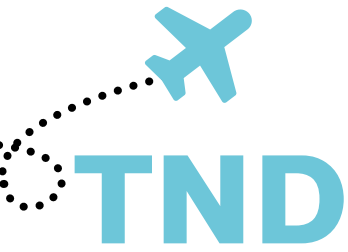


Joel emerges from the tunneling system

Max taking abseiling in his stride



TRINIDAD TRIP



In October, Bredon's kayak racing team took to the skies and made the 10 hour flight to Trinidad and Tobago to take part in the Maritime Ortoire River Race. Now in its eighth year, the event is hosted by the Trinidad and Tobago Canoeing and Rowing Federation.

Competitors come from across the world to take part and there are two distances

in which to compete; the 15km long course and the 6 km short course. There are a number of categories too, including youth, singles, women's and doubles and the months spent training beforehand certainly paid off for the Bredon team - there were some amazing results right across the group.

Congratulations to all our competitors.

The group also took part in a steel pan workshop and were invited to celebrate Diwali with a local family. Having been invited into their home, they enjoyed a wonderful feast of vegetarian dishes, all served on banana leaves.



They also went for lunch and a visit to Eshe's Learning Centre, a local school for students with dyslexia and other SpLDs. Our pupils met their pupils and the Eshe's staff were given a gift of Bredon apple juice, which the Principal said the teachers would enjoy at their Christmas social gathering!



LONG COURSE:

5th place - Callum Morris.
Time 37m 25s

SHORT COURSE:

1st place Youth and 2nd overall - Luke Warrington.
Time 22m 25s

2nd place Youth and 2nd female - Charlotte Thompson.
Time 24m 50s

1st place Youth Recreational Single - Matthew Cooley.
Time 32m 11s

3rd place Youth Single - Rab Blakeney. Time 28m 56s

2nd place Youth Double - Callum Gray and Euan Steadman. Time 61m 45s

10th place Sea Kayak - Alex Jarisch. Time 34m 7s

5th place Youth - Sara Wilson. Time 32m 41s

Recreational Kayak - Max Von Hagen. Time 34m 11s

Recreational Kayak - Tom Palmer. Time 58m 54s



if you've travelled that far, it would be a shame not to sample everything that Trinidad and Tobago has to offer and our pupils certainly had an interesting and varied trip visiting all these attractions..



GASPAR GRANDE ISLAND AND GASPAREE CAVES

MARACAS BEACH

MACQUERIE BEACH

BAMBOO CATHEDRAL

LA BREA PITCH LAKE

UNIVERSITY OF WEST INDIES FARM RESEARCH CENTRE

CARONI SWAMP

PIPARO MUD VOLCANO

COVIGNE RIVER TRAIL

BOTANICAL GARDENS

EMPEROR VALLEY ZOO



Caribbean Day!

Pupils and staff enjoyed a sumptuous Caribbean-themed lunch as a 'send off' and 'good luck' to the pupils who were competing in the kayak river race in Trinidad.

Bringing a taste of the Caribbean to Bushley, the Catering Team excelled themselves with a tropical

breakfast smoothie, a coconut and bean soup, curried goat, sizzling spare ribs and BBQ sauce, doubles - a traditional Trinidad bread dish - with curried Channa - coconut icecream and Trinidad barfi - all washed down with Bahama mama punch! Lucky us!



A group of 11 students spent a fabulous week in the Resort of Risoul and Vars which is located in the quieter Southern Alps area and offers over 200km of piste.



A week of excellent conditions enabled the group to make great progress and, just as importantly, to learn to support and encourage each other even in the 'hangry' hour just before lunch! The students also worked on independence and organisational skills; arriving on time and with all the right kit.



An instructor took them through Snow Parks and Boarder Cross courses and Slalom racing proved to be a popular way to finish a session. There was also some off-piste skiing on fresh powder snow to really test those skills!

Even after five hours skiing

each day, the energy levels were still high enough to enjoy evening activities as varied as snowshoeing, luge ride, quiz, games and movies. And as the start of the Winter Olympics had coincided with the trip, some of our inspired students enjoyed watching the pros at work!

In April, twelve students took part in a Mindfulness-based Retreat at Parkwood Outdoor Centre in South Wales.



The focus of the trip was to enable pupils to bring Mindfulness into everyday life. They took part in practises in and outdoors and the activities included Mindful walking; slow, solo walks to enable participants to really notice their surroundings and to become absorbed in the detail of moss or a tree or to watch the flow of a stream. Designed to take the mind away from everyday thoughts and worries, moving out of the 'auto pilot' mode of walking to being present and living in the now.

Mindful practise was appreciated by all before bed, helping to settle the mind from the day's activities and excitement, to reduce anxiety about being away from home and to enable a restful night's sleep for all.

A canoeing session allowed the group to enjoy a good work out in the Canoe Olympics, then settling to enjoy some "Mindful drifting" allowing the boats to slowly drift around the lake whilst they lay back and focused on the sights and sounds.

Everyone came away having learnt ways to bring Mindfulness into their lives, taking time to pause and be, and providing tools to help with any stress and anxiety at School and home.



Malvern Outdoor Elements

The Juniors enjoyed a visit to Malvern Outdoor Elements – a large outdoor education centre in the Malvern Hills.



After a quick classroom session and some activities to master basic map reading, compass and orientation skills, they were put straight to the

test to complete the 'Punch Trail'. Using their maps, they had to find certain points along the trail and punch holes in their trail sheet.

Congratulations to Ruby, Jack and Joe who managed to punch the most holes!



Junior Residential 2018

In May, our Key Stage 2 pupils went to the Frank Chapman Centre in the rural outskirts of Bewdley where the children stayed in camping pods. The trip consisted of a two night stay and the primary focus was team building in order to boost the children's self-esteem.

During the trip, the group was blessed with beautiful sunshine but despite this on the first evening, managed to find a very muddy walking route through the Wyre Forest. The pupils traversed along a narrow stream dodging obstacles as they went. They all ended up covered from head to toe in mud, which most were quite delighted with!

On the second day of the trip, the pupils did a mixture of Bushcraft, High Ropes and Mountain Biking. All the activities were thoroughly enjoyed and it was a chance for the children to prove to themselves that they are capable of anything. Some children who struggled to ride a bike were whizzing round the site by the end of the activity and some more experienced riders were even 'getting air' over kickers and going over obstacles!



On the last evening, there was a camp fire with hot chocolate and marshmallows; this provided the necessary sugar rush for the children to run about playing until bedtime!

The final day's activity was Geo-caching and this gave the pupils a chance to work on their navigational skills. Despite being visibly tired, the children stuck to task and managed to find the majority of clues!

The following four 'fun' awards were handed out:

1. Happy Camper – Yr 3s Freddy
2. Best Manners – Yr 4s Barnaby
3. Perseverance – Yr 6s Coby
4. Most Helpful – Yr 6s Ruby

BREDON IS PROUD OF THE VARIETY OF SPORTS ON OFFER FOR BOTH TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS

SENIOR SPORTS SESSION

Improving bouldering, climbing skills and confidence at Redpoint Climbing Centre in Worcester.



SENIOR INTER-HOUSE HOCKEY, SHARP V JARRETT

Jarrett won this game and were the overall winners of the tournament. Great enthusiasm and skill on show from all teams.



LEARNING NEW SKILLS

Y11 practice their backhand flick serve in Badminton.



U16 7S

ISA NATIONAL RUGBY 7S

In March an U16 7s rugby team ventured to Maidenhead RFC to take part in the ISA National tournament.

After raising money through sponsorship from FAB, the boys had a brand new kit and training gear to debut at the event. The Bredon 7s drew a very tough group pitted as they were against the last two tournament winners. They held their own and although they lost both matches, they were close and there was only a try or two in it.

The team qualified, through points scored, for the plate semi-final where unfortunately

they lost a close game to St Martin's but were able to hold their heads high after the school's first ever participation in a National 7s tournament.



22-10



MATCH HIGHLIGHTS:

The Senior Girls netball team won a thrilling game against Kingham Hill School, winning 22-10. There were some great performances and teamwork on show from all of the players. Player of the match was Grace Clutterbuck.

The U18 football team enjoyed a great victory against Lucton School winning 4-0. The goal scorers were Oly Austen, Kai Grimes and Henry Baring Fowler (2x goals).



CROSS COUNTRY

There have been some great results in cross country this year. At the County Cross Country trials David Hird finished 1st in the U20 category, David Evans finished 7th in the same category and Erin Murray was 9th in the U16 category. They all qualified to take part in the ISA National Cross Country finals.

In the Hereford and Worcester County Cross Country Trials Sam Bethell ran really well despite some awful weather and even some snow during his race! Sam managed to achieve his personal best and was still smiling when he crossed the line. The picture shows the conditions at the start!

THE GLOUCESTER CANOE MARATHON

Great results from Bredon Kayak Paddlers.

Christina gained a great 2nd place in Division 8 and is looking at promotion up a division as a result.

Charlotte and Luke, making their doubles debut, won their Division 9 event and are also looking at promotion up a division to 8.

In the Division 9 event Rab was our best at 6th, Matthew 7th, Max 12th and Sara 13th. All of them achieving their best results in this division.

Another great result was Callum, our Head Boy teaming up with Mr Barnicoat in the Division 4 Doubles event. They secured a great win and it secured Callum in Division 6 Singles class

ATHLETICS

Nine athletes were selected to represent the South Worcestershire District at the Hereford and Worcester County Athletics trails in June – the highest number of participants Bredon has had achieve at this level for several years.

JUNIOR RUGBY



JUNIOR HOUSE RUGBY COMPETITION

Houses Severn and Avon went head to head to compete for the House Cup. Winners of Group 1 were Avon, captained by Joseph Woodworth. Player of the match went to Jack Gott.

Winners of Group 2 were Severn, captained by Freddie Soosalu. Player of the match was Rebeccah Wall.

Toby Bushell demonstrated super sportsmanship throughout and was awarded with the Sportsmanship Award.



**MITCHELL
BROOKER-SMITH**

Mitchell is part of the British Shooting Talent Pathway and has recently gained a place on the England Senior Team to shoot the Olympic Skeet discipline in Clay Pigeon Shooting. He will be

competing as a member of the England Team at the Home International Competition to be held in Scotland in August. Mitchell has also been selected to shoot for Gloucestershire County.

LAUREN MURRAY

Lauren is playing rugby for the Tewkesbury Ladies U18 team. She has also had county trials for the Gloucestershire Team.

DAVID HIRD



David's career on two wheels continues to go from strength to strength. He finished 14th in the National Cyclocross event in November and was one of just four boys selected for the West Midlands Regional Team in mountain biking. The team finished 4th overall in the National competition.

In addition David regularly competes in Cross Country competitions and has secured some impressive finishes this year including 1st place in the U20s race in the County Cross Country Trials.

JAMES READSTONE

James is a member of the Gloucestershire County U16 Hockey Squad. He has completed South West of England regional trials and is waiting to hear if he has a place in the September training camp. James is the youngest regular player in the Gloucester City Hockey Club Men's first XI. James has also achieved his Level 1 Assessed Hockey Umpires award.

GEORGIE WATKINS

Georgie is a TSC Clay Shooting Academy member and was awarded the Izzy Docherty Award for consistent effort this year. When collecting his award it was noted that "Georgie puts 100% effort into everything he does. He has an amazing attitude and is a pleasure to teach". Throughout the year Georgie has improved in all areas of shooting and has become a key part of the shooting team with some fantastic TSC results.



MIGUEL JULIANO

Miguel has successfully completed the selection phases and is now playing regional rugby in his home country, playing for Madrid.

TOM TOBIN

Tom has qualified as a Level 1 rugby referee and is working towards his Level 2 qualification.

KAYDN WINDOWS STONE

Kaydn gained a place on the Gloucestershire County U18 rugby team.



OLIVIA LOWE

Olivia is part of the TSC Clay Shooting Academy. She was awarded Most Improved Academy Member of 2017 at their awards ceremony in January. Olivia has worked incredibly hard at her shooting at school and at other grounds on top of her regular academy sessions. She is a very dedicated sportswoman and has a fierce attitude when it comes to winning.

SHOOTING

It has been another strong year of performances for Bredon's Clay Shooting teams. With many of the students now also part of the TSC Academy and taking part in numerous competitions, the results have been excellent, including:



TSC OXFORD – OCTOBER

- Georgie Watkins (Prep) finished in 1st place with a score of 47/50.
- Mitchell Brooker-Smith finished in 2nd place with a score of 47/50.

TSC OXFORD – DECEMBER

- Mitchell Brooker-Smith got the highest score overall to qualify for the final scoring 44/50. He was the youngest boy in the final and finishes 4th overall.
- Olivia Lowe finished 4th in the ladies final.

TSC OXFORD – MARCH

A record-breaking day with over 200 competitors taking part.

- Olivia Lowe won the ladies round with a solid 42.
- In the Prep category, the Bredon team finished second overall with an impressive combined score of 172 including an individual high score of 45 for Georgie Watkins who finished 2nd individually.

- The Senior team put in a solid performance with 40s for David Evans, Jacob Kelly and Sam Morton.

TSC UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIP

In the TSC University Challenge, Jacob Kelly and Olivia Lowe wowed as some of the youngest competitors and were crowned top boy and top girl;

- Jacob shooting an impressive 93 to win high gun.
- Olivia shooting 85 to take high gun ladies.

SCHOOL SPORTS TEAMS 2017-18



1ST Team Rugby



1ST Team Football



1ST Team Hockey

SCHOOL SPORTS TEAMS 2017-18



1ST Team Netball



1ST Team Rounders



U14 Cricket



U14 Football



1ST Team Cricket



Kayaking



U14 Hockey



U14 Netball



Shooting Team - Prep



Shooting Team - Senior



U14 Rounders



U14 Rugby

COLOURS DINNER

In June, Bredon hosted its annual Colours Dinner to celebrate sporting achievements.

The guest speaker was George Boulton, former Hartpury College Rugby player. George took pupils on a journey of the knocks and triumphs he has experienced in his playing career and explained to the pupils that in sport and life you should always work hard and show humility; these traits do not require talent, it is just up to you to apply them.

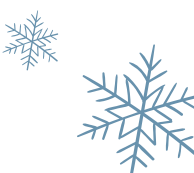
Many pupils received either full or half colours for representing the school in sports teams. A variety of sports-related trophies and awards were also awarded, from 'Player of the Year - Hockey' and 'Sportsman of the Year' to 'Most improved Player - Football'.

“IN SPORT AND LIFE YOU SHOULD ALWAYS WORK HARD AND SHOW HUMILITY; THESE TRAITS DO NOT REQUIRE TALENT, IT IS JUST UP TO YOU TO APPLY THEM.”

Guest speaker was George Boulton



CHRISTMAS



Christmas Celebrations

The FAB Christmas Fair was a great success with lots on offer for pupils and parents alike. Tasty sausages and fruit juices were served up by the FAB parents who had also created a beautiful grotto for Santa.

There were stalls galore with gifts, trinkets, artefacts, confectionery and various 'have-a-go' games. Also with us for the day were 'Winston's Wish' with their four legged patron Mimi, and Hop Skip and Jump; two of Bredon's nominated charities for the academic year.



Palmer and Howells ensured that everyone was treated to the most scrumptious Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. The dining rooms were beautifully decorated and there were crackers and party poppers on the tables as well as snowman ice creams and the most amazing Christmas yule logs to enjoy. A very big thank you to Angie and her team.



MALVERN HILLS WALK

Students took part in a sponsored event to raise money for various charities.



As well as providing some much needed exercise and physical challenge – it is a 15 kilometre route with 1000 metres of ascent! – it also provides a great opportunity for students to spend time outdoors with their new Tutor and Tutor group and lays the foundation for a fun and productive year ahead.

The weather held out and a very enjoyable time was had by all!



Well done to everyone who took part in the Malvern Hills walk.

Malvern Autumn Show

FAB parents, pupils and staff had a brilliant time at the Malvern Autumn Show in September. Continuing with our sponsorship of the World of Animals section, we took along a number of our animals who proved to be very popular with visitors both young and old.

During the course of the weekend, we were lucky enough to bump into the very talented poet Lewis Buxton who writes poetry as part of the renowned Nationwide Building Society campaigns. Lewis wrote and performed a poem especially for our students.

**"For the boy who watches letters card-shuffle on the page,
For the girl who sees numbers on a calculator run away,
For the kids whose limbs are a law unto themselves,
Each of you is a photograph, your faces still developing.**

**Your voices are loud as football anthems,
Your teachers are artists,
Considering every angle and showing you different ways of seeing the world.**

**For every page turning boy and tree climbing girl,
Every fourteen year old with bright apps for eyes,
Every Year nine with hands like hammers, fingers like spanners,
Every sweet sixteen that is learning the language of sheep farmers,
The best thing you ever made was time for each other.**

**Your world is a tree, ready for you to climb,
And the higher you go, the more hand holds you'll find,
So book lovers, carpenters, accountants, future photographers, poets and playwrights,
Wherever you go in life, remember,
You have found us. We are your tribe.
We are Bredon School.**

Lewis Buxton

cOuntrytastic

At Easter we were back at the Three Counties Showground for CountryTastic; a one-day event designed for young children to learn more about the countryside, food production and animals. This year's show theme was sheep and we were only too happy to bring along a number of our resident sheep including Beltex, Badgerface and Welsh mules. We even had Old Bredonian Lizzie on hand to help out!



Photo courtesy of Countrytastic 2018

BFest!

The Sixth Form Business Studies students worked hard as part of their studies to plan, promote and manage a charity and community event at school.

Called BFest, the event laid on a number of activities for pupils to enjoy including inflatables, table tennis, archery, a guess

the weight of the cake competition (the cake was designed by Mrs Wood and featured the school's chosen three charities), hook a duck, face painting and even sponge throwing (poor teachers!).

There was also a huge array of food to try including a pig roast, a BBQ, game pie and



homemade breads, all washed down by tasty mocktails and Bredon School apple juice. The Sixth Formers invited a number of local food producers along to sell their wares and local butcher Ben Creese came along to give a butchery demonstration.

Our very own Catering and Hospitality BTEC students also did a cookery demonstration. It was a great day with lots of brilliant planning and team work on show too.



meet the residents in person. It was a lively afternoon with a singer performing songs from all eras.

The residents loved having the children around and the children enjoyed chatting to Gracie in particular! Some of the gentlemen residents enjoy a good game of cricket and have expressed an interest in joining the students to watch a game in the summer.

VISIT TO GAUDIO



Year 12 Business Studies students made a visit to Gaudio in Tewkesbury.

Gaudio designs and manufactures awards; their commissions include trophies and cups for the BBCs Masterchef, ITVs The Pride of Britain, the Radio 1 Teen Awards and even Formula 1.

Adam Hutchinson, Gaudio's inspiring CEO, gave an excellent tour and talk and our pupils saw all aspects of the business from order to design, through to manufacture and dispatch.

Adam is himself dyslexic and the group spent some time discussing entrepreneurialism, the strengths of dyslexia and the ability to think differently and see connections and problems (particularly in a business setting) that nobody else would spot.

Gaudio is an incredibly creative workplace and it really appealed to all our students who were fantastic ambassadors for Bredon and came away so inspired by everything they'd seen and heard.

DESIGN A TROPHY COMPETITION

Following our visit to Gaudio, Adam launched a competition for Bredon School pupils to design 'The Most Inspiring' award which Gaudio will make and which will be presented on Founder's Day 2018 to the pupil who has demonstrated their best effort and dedication to their studies throughout their time at Bredon.

Mad Hatter's tea party



A number of Year 7 students began a pen-pal project exchanging letters with the residents of Tewkesbury Fields Care Home in Bushley.

The students tell the residents all about their week (good and bad!) and the residents let them know about their likes and dislikes in return.

The pupils were invited to Tewkesbury Fields to enjoy a Mad Hatter's Tea Party and to

RHS Spring Festival

For the third year running, the Junior School entered the Schools Challenge garden competition at the RHS Malvern Spring Festival.



The show theme, set by organisers, was 'Best of British' and after much deliberation our Juniors decided to design and name their garden, 'Oh I Do Like To Be Beside The Seaside' – a theme which grew from Harry Taylor's initial idea of Fish and Chips.

The garden was based on the growth in popularity of seaside holidays which started in Victorian times and was boosted by the opening of the

railways and the addition of the Bank Holiday Act in 1871.

Victorian plant hunters helped to shaped many of our gardens today and it was those collectors that inspired the pupils' formal Victorian area in their garden, to include Horse Chestnut, a Money Puzzle and a Japanese Maple. Other aspects of the garden were inspired by Gertrude Jekyll, a Victorian writer, artist and garden designer.

Another prominent aspect of the garden was the beach scene; including Victorian bathing huts, sandcastles, Punch and Judy shows and ice cream.

It took three days to create this amazing masterpiece at the showground with each of the year groups working tirelessly to keep progress on track. Their extraordinary efforts were duly rewarded.

After judging, the Juniors were awarded >

RHS Highly Commended

The best result the school has achieved, to date!



WINNER



Most innovative use of recycled materials in a garden category

THIRD



Campaign To Protect Rural England (Worcestershire branch)



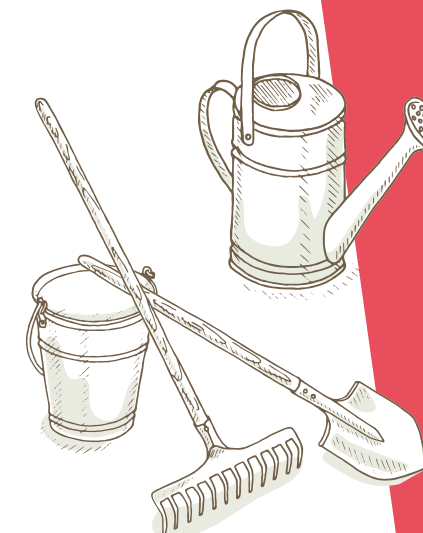
Facts:

Mark Harwood-Brown, Education Coordinator from the Three Counties Showground and Chris Collins, landscape designer and ex Blue Peter Gardener helped to inspire the Juniors with a very special pre-show workshop.

The Junior garden contained some very special plants; Calliope geraniums, a new type of geranium that has taken 14 years to develop! The Juniors used two colours of Calliope in their final design, a red (used to represent the raspberry sauce found on ice creams!) and a red/pink splash.

The garden was open to the public over the course of the four day festival and the pupils spoke with great enthusiasm and confidence about their design. Well done to you all.

A special thank you to Mrs Larnar, Jenny Parkes, Mrs Prudden and staff in the Technology and Geography departments for your help with this project.



MUSIC

Bredon held its very first Musical Showcase in April, allowing students to perform their chosen piece in front of a supportive and encouraging audience.

Thanks must go to Year 13s Callum Gray (pictured) who organised the event from scratch with limited resources and lots of imagination.



There were seven sets of performers on the day, including Harrison Morton-Deaville as 'The King' himself, Elvis! The air was electric as each performer gave it their all, thoroughly entertaining their peers and teachers. Well done to you all.



Royal Albert Hall

Our choir had a great time in November taking part once again in the annual Scratch Youth Messiah event at the Royal Albert Hall.

The event showcases 1,500 young singers from youth choirs all over the country who come together to sing Handel's Messiah with professional orchestra and soloists.

All members of the Bredon choir were brilliant and really enjoyed their trip. We are so proud of our students for taking part in this prestigious event.

"Bursting with pride after hearing the pupils sing Messiah at The Royal Albert Hall. What an amazing experience for all." Parent



Pictured are some of the choir enjoying the sights and sounds of London.

Our Year 7s have been having a great time learning to play the ukulele and guitar. Here they are enjoying a jam session!



Junior Nativity straw & order



The Juniors' original nativity performance was cancelled due to a heavy snow fall – who would have anticipated snow at Christmas-time? – so instead, our wonderful pupils had a couple of extra weeks of practice and eventually took to the stage in January to perform 'Straw and Order!'.

Lots of parents, grandparents and friends came to Bredon to enjoy the play. The performance was brilliant and the costumes were amazing. Bravo!



GCSE Art Exhibition

Iceberg
By Sam Bethell

War
By Lauren Hayward



Culture
By Tokia Tomooka



Pheasant
By Harrison Smith

Owl
By Maddy Bue



Horses
By George Waterfield



Cows
By Daniel Barber

A Level Art Exhibition

Paper Flowers
By Thomas Finn



By Thomas Finn



Faces
By Leon Westbrook



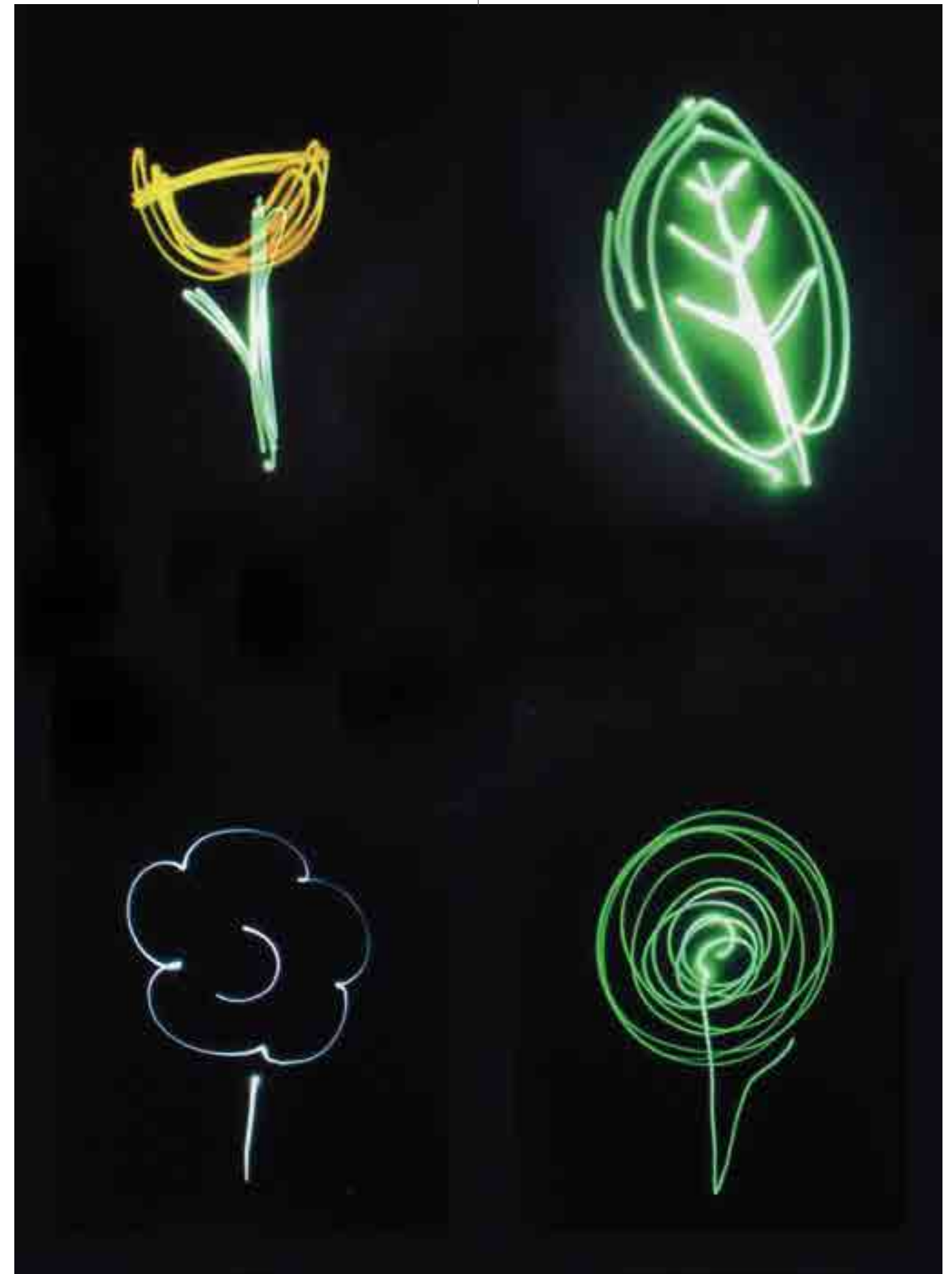
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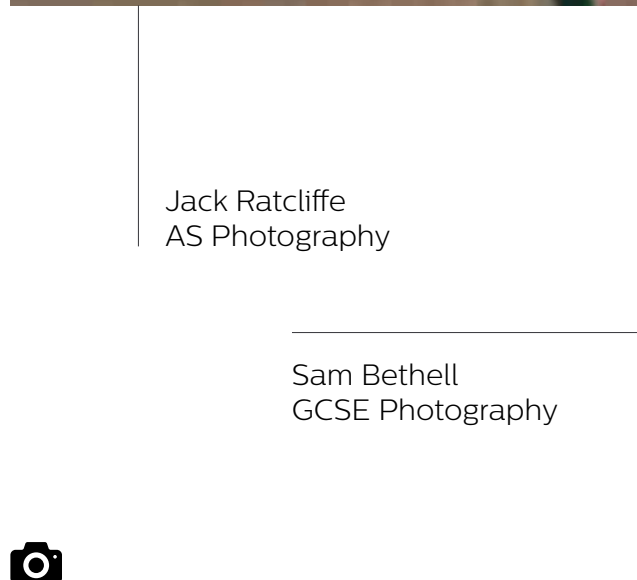




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” SPECIAL GUESTS & VISITORS

The ‘world’s fastest blind man’ **Steve Cunningham** and his dog **Waffle** visited Bredon to give an inspirational assembly.

Steve, who went blind in childhood, has achieved some amazing feats including becoming the holder of the blind land speed and powerboat records. He was also the first blind person to fly a plane around the UK and he has captained the England Blind Football team and been a member of the England Blind Cricket Team.



Steve spoke about his journey from despair to success and left our pupils inspired to break their own barriers and achieve their ambitions.

Three of our pupils represented Bredon School at the **Shrivenham Defence Academy ‘Boarding Schools Fair’** in February.

Bredon has supported this special event for the last couple of years. It brings together schools from the surrounding counties to help Forces families to find the right school for their children.

Pupils Matthew, Meg and Charlie had a great time helping to set up the stand

and talking to families who were considering sending their children to Bredon. They were a credit to themselves and their families.

Award-winning chef, Shaun Naen, visited Bredon in November and gave a demonstration of several Chinese dishes to the Year 7s. Shaun who trained at Ecole Lenorte in Paris also created sweet and short pastry dishes with the Year 10 GCSE Catering and Hospitality group.



” THE WAINWRIGHT LECTURES

OLD BREDONIAN
JAY TOMAN 



The Sixth Formers have enjoyed hearing from a variety of speakers this year as part of their enrichment sessions, The Wainwright Lectures.

One speaker who generated a lot of discussion following his visit was Josh Boggi, an Afghanistan war veteran, triple amputee and motivational speaker.

It was incredible to hear how Josh overcame his initial life-changing experience which coincided with having reached the pinnacle of his career in the army, but also how he picked himself up following a number of set-backs during the rehabilitation process, moving on with even more

grit and determination. Josh delivered his talk with honesty, integrity and a great sense of humour. The students described him as ‘truly inspirational’.

A number of Old Bredonians have also given lectures, including Jonathan Bishop who came to talk about Landscape Gardening and running a business. Jonathon has won six Royal Horticultural Society medals from Malvern, Hampton Court and Chelsea shows.

Flora Thompson, who left Bredon last year, kindly returned to talk to the students about her experience at Camp America and had

some wonderful anecdotes to relate. Flora inspired several students to consider this experience for themselves.

And, most recently, Jay Toman returned to school to talk to the Sixth Form and the CCF about his first year serving in the Army. He talked about his experiences and training and is clearly loving his chosen career.

Other speakers have included the Malvern Hills Conservators, the Severn Area Rescue Association and many more.

SPOTLIGHT ON BOARDING

Boarding at Bredon is busy and exciting with a massive variety of activities and clubs on offer, with something to suit all ages and interests.

Farm club takes place every Monday and covers different activities each week. Our Boarders have the opportunity

to work with the animals and around the farm estate.

Nurturing the 'Field to Fork' ethos, here are boarders Eloise and James 'dressing' a duck and a pheasant which were shot and hung on a nearby estate



There has also been kayaking sessions, golf, a jogging club, sessions with a fitness coach, a cooking club, board games and much, much more!

At the weekends, activities have included bouldering and climbing at a nearby climbing centre, the ever-popular mountain-boarding – a cross between a skateboard and a snowboard! – and grass sledging, trips to theme parks, trampoline parks, local towns to go shopping and laser tag.

The school often receives feedback from the places we visit saying how polite and well-behaved our boarding pupils are and we agree!



PERHAPS THE BEST BIT OF ALL THOUGH – WHEN THE SNOW FALLS AT BREDON, AND DAY PUPILS CAN'T GET IN TO SCHOOL, THEN ALL 84 ACRES BECOMES A BOARDERS' PARADISE!



INTERVIEW WITH
HEAD GIRL - **CLAUDIA HARVEY**



WHAT PIECE OF ADVICE WOULD YOU OFFER TO OUR YOUNGER STUDENTS ABOUT THEIR REMAINING TIME AT SCHOOL?
DON'T BE AFRAID TO BE WHO YOU ARE AS IT CAN WORK IN YOUR FAVOUR.

Q. How long have you been at Bredon School?

I've been here for just two years.

Q. Can you sum up what Bredon School means to you in no more than five words?

I'd say: unique, courageous and friendly.

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

It has to be being appointed Head Girl.

When it was first announced I was shocked and excited, but raring to go!

Q. What has being Head Girl taught you?

Lots of things but tolerance has been an important skill that I've developed. My confidence has also improved and I now have a better understanding of who I am.

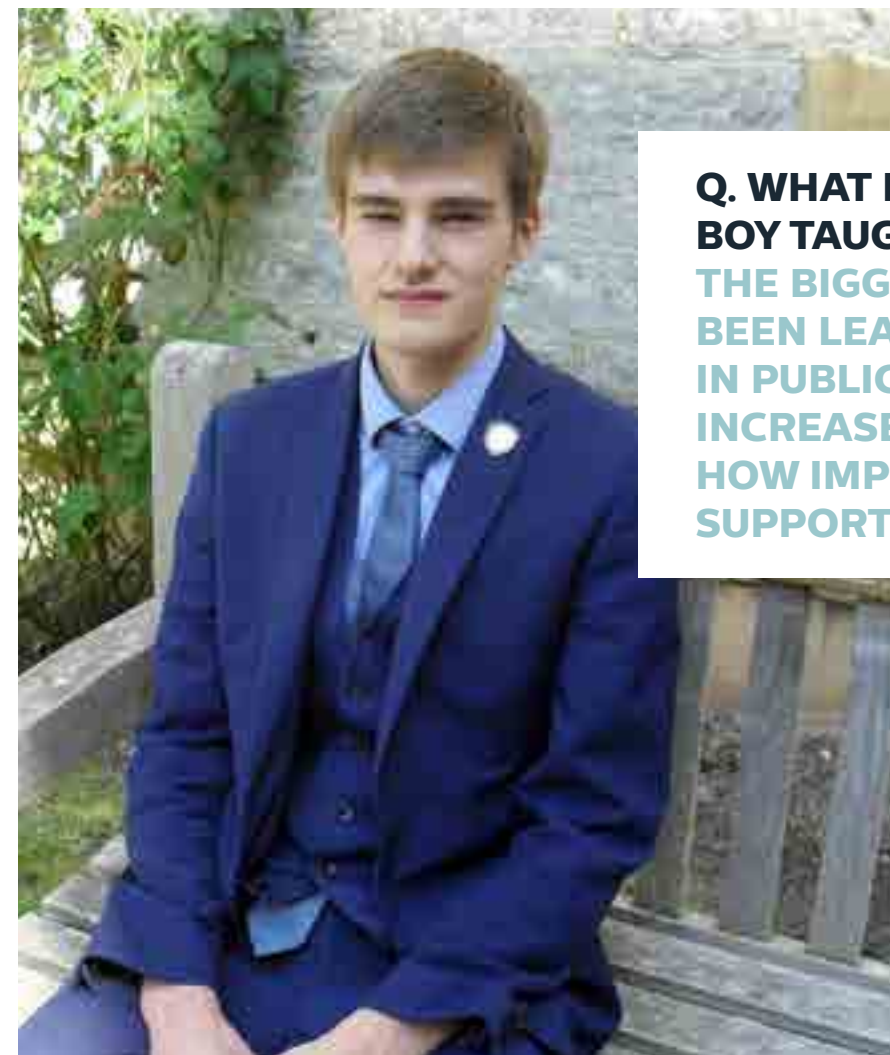
Q. Who has been an inspiration to you during your time at Bredon?

My friends have been an inspiration and seeing them achieve things with my help has been great.

Q. Do you have a memorable moment?

Yes, a very funny and memorable moment was being 'attacked' by one of the rabbits on the school farm... it wouldn't let go of my arm!

INTERVIEW WITH
HEAD BOY - **CALLUM MORRIS**



Q. WHAT HAS BEING HEAD BOY TAUGHT YOU?

THE BIGGEST THING FOR ME HAS BEEN LEARNING HOW TO SPEAK IN PUBLIC. MY CONFIDENCE HAS INCREASED AND I'VE REALISED HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO OFFER SUPPORT TO OTHERS.

Q. How long have you been at Bredon?

I've been here for a long time; 11 years. It's been great.

Q. What is your greatest personal achievement to date?

It has to be passing my exams and finding out my grades.

Q. How did you feel when you were appointed Head Boy?

I was ecstatic and very proud of myself.

Q. Has it been enjoyable working alongside Claudia and the rest of the prefect team?

Very much so; they are friendly and encouraging.

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

The support you receive from the teachers is great. Whatever you decide to do they are happy to support you. The way in which you are taught

makes it very unique and has definitely helped me to achieve.

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

Take every opportunity that the school offers you.

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INTERVIEW WITH
MAX VON-HAGEN
SENIOR PREFECT AND CHAIR OF SCHOOL COUNCIL



Q. WHAT NEW SKILLS WILL YOU TAKE AWAY FROM YOUR YEAR AS SENIOR PREFECT?

IT HAS TAUGHT ME HOW TO LEAD MEETINGS AND HOW TO ASK QUESTIONS THAT GET ME THE RIGHT ANSWERS. IT'S A LOT HARDER THAN I THOUGHT!

Q. How long have you been at Bredon School?

I've been at Bredon for four years.

Q. Have you enjoyed it?

I have! School has given me some really good opportunities and I have made friends with some amazing people. It has been tough at times but I don't regret one part of it.

Q. What has been your greatest personal achievement?

Getting good grades! Since being at Bredon I have found out that I'm actually better at academics than I originally thought.

Q. You were appointed as Senior Prefect last year with specific responsibility as the Chair of School Council. How did you find it?

It has been tough but very rewarding. If you can find the best way to work with people then you get better results. Different people have different strengths; if you can work to these strengths then there's definitely more success.

I've also realised that it is important for other people to have the opportunity to put forward their own thoughts and ideas.

Q. Do you have any words of advice for our younger students?

Don't give up!

IN YOUR WORDS

“My (daughter) has been at Bredon for about 6 weeks. She is unrecognisable! The confidence that she is developing is amazing to see. She has actually started reading!! Finally I have hope for her future. Thank you, Bredon – what you do is magical.”

Parent

“My son has only been at the school (for a short time), but already we are delighted to see a profound improvement in his wellbeing. The stress he carried constantly throughout the last few years at his previous school has fallen away and we’ve seen our happy, good natured son return. Thank you, I just wish we’d found Bredon sooner.”

Parent

“(Bredon) really helped me with my dyslexia and got me out of my shell.. Now I work for tech companies in San Francisco, which I don’t think I would have achieved without the support I got.”

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