

The Bredonian

A photograph of two young girls in a barn, each holding a small white lamb. The girl on the left has blonde hair and is wearing a dark blue jacket. The girl on the right has blonde hair in a ponytail and is also wearing a dark blue jacket. They are both smiling and looking at their lambs. In the background, there are metal railings, hay bales, and other sheep.



A year of achievement

It has been a remarkable year at Bredon and I congratulate the pupils and dedicated staff team for their amazing achievements, both in and outside the classroom.

A highlight of the year is Bredon's top ranking for 'value added' progress at Post-16, providing further evidence of the world-class schooling that characterises this incredible community. To be the top school out of 4434 in England and Wales is a tremendous achievement.

Bredon's specialist provision is enhanced by the truly phenomenal breadth of activities available to pupils, showcased in the following pages of The Bredonian magazine.

As we say goodbye to Mr Claeys, who moves to another Cavendish Education school in London, I would like to pay tribute to him and the fantastic contribution he has made during his time as Headteacher.

We are delighted to welcome Mr Oldham who I know will focus on providing an enriched and distinct Bredon education for pupils. I look forward to another successful year for Bredon.

Very best wishes,

Aatif Hassan,
Chairman of Governors and
Founder of Cavendish Education



Welcome

'Learning outside the classroom' lies at the heart of Bredon and I am always delighted by the range of activities and adventures that our pupils take part in.

As Roald Dahl once said: "The more risks you allow children to take, the better they learn to take care of themselves." Here at Bredon, we believe that outdoor learning and discovery help our pupils develop important life skills, confidence and resilience.

In true Bredon style, this academic year started with a vigorous 18km whole-school walk – which is always a wonderful occasion to spend time with new classmates and tutors. Throughout the year, there has been a constant flow of pupils embarking on all manner of activities, far and wide. These range from overnight adventures, activity camps and outdoor trips for our Lower School classes, to Duke of Edinburgh Award training expeditions, camps and CCF trips for our older pupils. The pinnacle moment of these activities is seeing our Year 13 students being awarded their Gold DofE badge at Buckingham Palace.

The Bredonian magazine has been produced to give you a flavour of all the varied and exciting things that happen at Bredon, many of which happen outside the classroom. We hope you enjoy reading it.

It has been another incredible year at Bredon and it has been a huge honour to work with such amazing staff and pupils.

Mr Koen Claeys, Headteacher

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Sports DAY

Our annual Sports Day fell on a particularly hot and sunny day in early July. With FAB (Friends at Bredon) on hand to provide refreshing cold drinks and cakes throughout the afternoon, the heat did not deter our athletes and there were some excellent results and performances across all year groups. Our photographer for the day, Mrs Haines, captured some great shots of our young sports people.

get set...go!

Junior Fun Sports Day

On your marks, get set, go! Our Junior School pupils displayed huge effort and determination throughout our Junior Fun Sports Day. Flat, beanbag, backwards and hoop-skip races proved great fun for all and it was wonderful to have so many supporters on the side lines to cheer on all the keen participants.





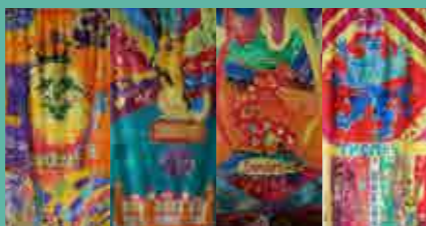
Activity

Activity Week in June is an eagerly-awaited event at Bredon which sees pupils taking part in numerous exciting activities. There were many trips and adventures far and wide; here is a glimpse of some of them.

The Juniors enjoyed a great day of discovery at the West Midlands Safari and Leisure Park, as well as taking part in cycling and climbing activities around school.

Years 7, 8 and 9 enjoyed Residential Summer Camps at Biblins Campsite on the banks of the River Wye in The Forest of Dean, experiencing activities like kayaking, caving, bushcraft, paddle boarding and abseiling at Symonds Yat...to name a few.

Year 7 created beautiful silk banners at Tewkesbury Art Studios which are now on permanent display in the Dining Room.



Year 8 visited Stratford-on-Avon, taking a boat trip on the River Avon and spending time at a butterfly sanctuary.

Year 11 practised their culinary skills, creating some delicious Spanish food.



CISCO Academy students organised their own LAN party.

The Sixth Form enjoyed dry slope skiing and tubing in Gloucester, crazy golf, Go Ape in The Forest of Dean, and the Cotswold Water Park and more besides. The week was rounded off with a pool party in the glorious sunshine back at Bredon!

The Royal Three Counties Show

The Royal Three Counties Show in June is always a highlight for everyone involved in our 35-acre working farm and is a great opportunity to showcase our pedigree livestock animals, all of which are fed and cared for by our pupil helpers. This year we took a selection of Scottish Blackface ewes, Badgerface Welsh Mountain sheep and Large White gilt; we were delighted that our Large White gilt won first place in the National Rare and Minority Breeds Show and was also winner of the Modern Breed

category in the One to Watch 2018 section.

Our pupils proudly showed our livestock and took part in the various parades, including the Grand Parade, carrying the name boards for different breeds.

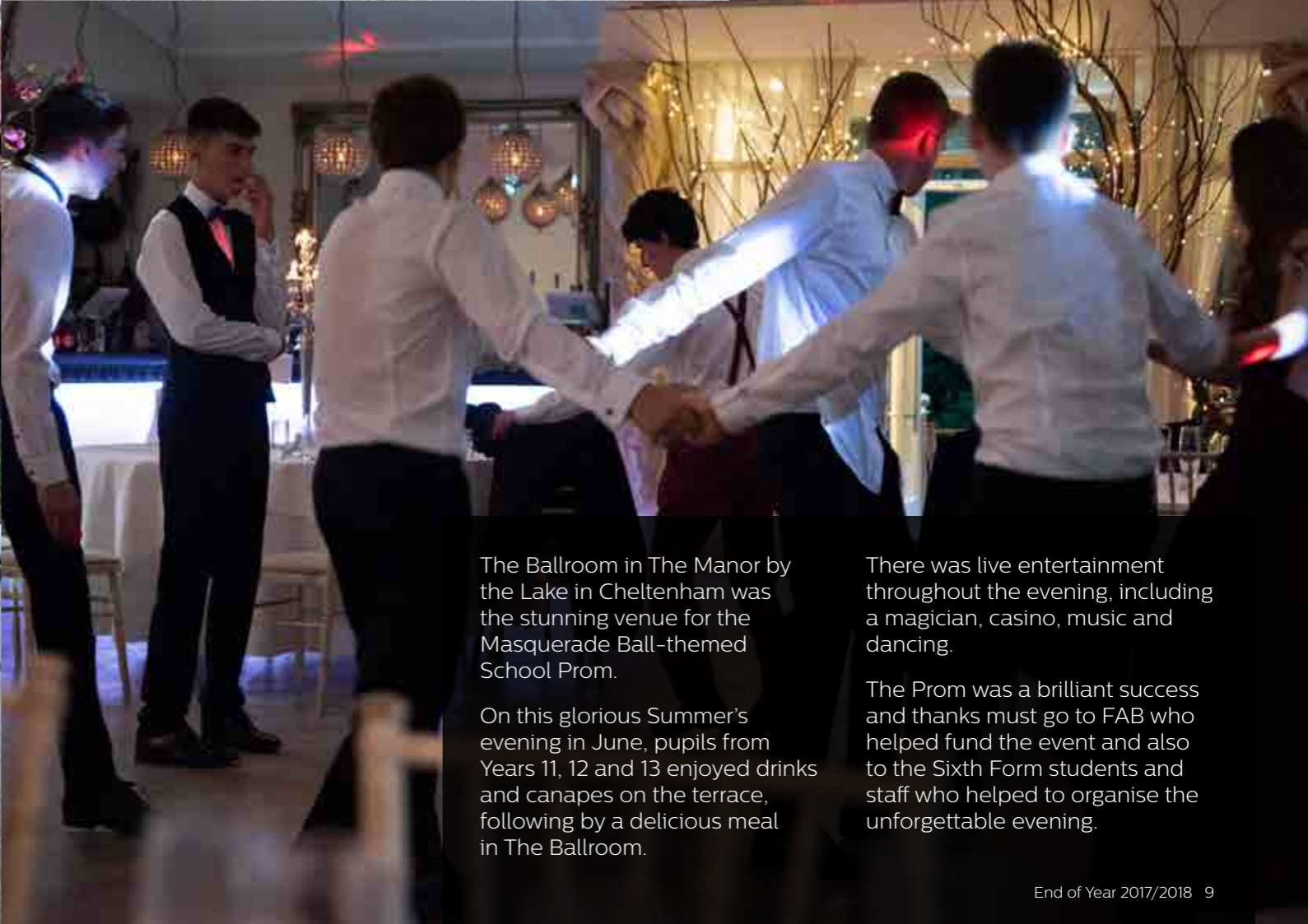
As well as setting up the stalls for the livestock and looking after them for three days, pupils also enjoyed camping on the show ground and taking turns to prepare food for everyone on the BBQ.



Congratulations to Eloise B who took fourth place in the Junior Pig Handler (age 13-16) class.



2018 Prom Night



The Ballroom in The Manor by the Lake in Cheltenham was the stunning venue for the Masquerade Ball-themed School Prom.

On this glorious Summer's evening in June, pupils from Years 11, 12 and 13 enjoyed drinks and canapes on the terrace, following by a delicious meal in The Ballroom.

There was live entertainment throughout the evening, including a magician, casino, music and dancing.

The Prom was a brilliant success and thanks must go to FAB who helped fund the event and also to the Sixth Form students and staff who helped to organise the unforgettable evening.

2018 Founder's Day

It was a very memorable and inspiring Founder's Day service which reflected on another successful year at Bredon and showcased many of the highlights and achievements of our pupils and dedicated staff.

The Chairman of Cavendish Education, Mr Aatif Hassan, started proceedings with a warm welcome to everyone. He highlighted the distinct education that Bredon provides and spoke with passion about the difference that specialist teaching can make to the lives of our young people.

In the Headteacher's Report, Mr Koen Claeys reflected on the creativity and talents which are evident throughout the school across art, photography, woodwork and gardening through to literature, poetry and music. In the spirit of creativity, there were poetry recitals from Izzy W, Billy T and Meg C, followed by solo singing performances from Harrison M-D and Ivan B. Guests also enjoyed a performance from Sky R, the winner of the 2018 'Bredon's Got Talent'. We were even treated to a magic performance by one of our Year 13 leavers, Conner O'N.

Our outgoing Head Boy Callum M and Head Girl Claudia H both gave moving speeches about their time at Bredon, reflecting on their fondest memories and recollections of the school.

We welcomed our wonderful guest speaker Mr Adam Hutchinson, managing director of Gaudio Awards, who gave an incredible speech on his journey to success. He reflected on the difficulties he experienced at school due to dyslexia and he shared his experiences of achieving success through determination and hard work. It was an inspiring message for everyone.

Following the prize giving, the winner of Bredon's new award 'The Trophy for Excellence' was presented to Lauren H in recognition of her effort and dedication to her studies throughout her time at Bredon.



Chairman, Aatif Hassan



Outgoing Head Girl, Claudia H



Awards list

Years 3-6

Ruby Clutterbuck
Junior School Prize
English

Tomi Osunsami
Spanish

Joe Carter (Year 5)
Geography
All Round Behaviour

Samuel Carter
Computing

Jack Chase
W John Trophy for Diligence

Freddie Soosalu
Reading

Joseph Woodworth
Maths

Aoife Laxton
Science
Westlake Cup for Endeavour

Felix Gilks
History

Barnaby Morera
Cecelia J John Cup All Round Initiative

Joe Carter (Year 6)
Religious Education
Junior Community Services to Boarding

Coby Baker
Art and Crafts

Jack Hill
Music

Jack Gott
Gardener of the Year

Rose Gott
Lucy Bliss Trophy for Perseverance

Jessica Creed
The Happy Cup

Rebecca Wall
Junior Farm Club

Harvey Tennant
Junior Sportsman of the Year

Peter Mannion
Forest School Junior Award

Dexter Martin
Junior Swimming Champion

Harry Taylor
Junior Athlete of the Year

Hugo Cheney
Junior Cross Country Champion

Charley Allen
Junior Sportswoman of the Year

Matthew Mannion
Junior Sporting Achievement outside school

Years 7-9

Jamie Elvin
English

Georgie Watkins
Mathematics

Amelia Collinge
Science
Climber of the Year

Max Reen
Computing Year 8 Student of the Year

Angus Mills
Computing Year 8 Most Progress

George Smith
Technology Metalwork

Meg Coleman
Technology Food

Noah Wildenstein
Technology Textile
Computing Year 9 Student of the Year

Abdul Rashid
The Lupton Trophy for All Round Behaviour
Computing Year 9 Most Progress

Mitchell Brooker Smith
Art

Tom Forbes
History

James Checkley
Geography
Religious Education
Sportsman of the Year

Isobel Watkins
Spanish
Computing Year 7 Most Progress

Alysia King
Religious Education

Ivan Barritt
Music

Harrison Morton Deaville
The Webb Happy Cup

Erin Murray
Young Farmer of the Year
Millward Cup for Cross Country

Oscar Priestley
Rugby Player of the Year

Isabella Turner
Sportswoman of the Year

Edward Wong
Computing Year 7 Student of the Year
Most Enthusiastic Outdoor Education

Toby Williams Wring
Physical Education

Bruce Peel Doherty
Athlete of the Year

William Smith
Laporte Clay Pigeon Trophy –
Most Improved Shot

Lauren H with 'The Trophy of Excellence' and Mr Claeys (left) and guest speaker Mr Hutchinson (right)



Years 10–13

- Harry Orme**
English
Young Farmer’s Cup
- Charlie Dickie**
Science BTEC Level 2/GCSE
- David Hird**
Geography
- Mark Blenkinsop**
Mathematics
- Callum Sturge**
Technology – Wood
- Harry Plant**
Technology – Engineering
Community Service to Tyndale House
- Ben Bailey**
Technology – Food
- Tom Hobbs**
Elizabeth Jay Prize for English Endeavour
- Elizabeth Rowe**
Spanish
Year 11 Photography
- Ziggy Ward**
History
- Samuel Thomas**
Science Level 3
- Millie Simpkins**
Asdan COPE
Cache Childcare
- Rachel Higgins**
Mathematics A Level
- Tim Metcalf**
The Gomery Trophy –
OCR Level 3 Business
- Jack McCune**
The Odyomo Cup for Effort
- Alan Cyusa**
Year 10 Artist
- Harrison Warner**
Year 10 Photography
- Samuel Bethell**
Year 11 Artist
- Elizabeth Rowe**
Spanish
Year 11 Photography
- Jack Ratcliffe**
6th Form Photography
- Tom Finn**
6th Form Artist
Photographer of the Year
- Lauren Hayward**
Artist of the Year
Agriculture Btec

- Jack Ratcliffe**
Elizabeth Brown Prize for
Most Improved Artist
- Harrison Morton Deaville**
Music Performance
- George Waterfield**
Engineering
- Freddie Harper**
OCR Level 2 Business
Most Improved Rugby Player
- Callum Gray**
The Betty Thomas Cup for
Public Speaking
- Samuel Morton**
The Matthew Cup for Initiative
- Flo Ellis**
Community Services to Millicent House
- Conner O’Neil**
Community Service to Stable House
- George Stead**
6th Form All Round Effort
- Henry Howard**
The Talbot Trophy for Endeavour
- Fallon Barlow**
Work Experience
- Harrison Morton Deaville**
The Webb Happy Cup
- Eddie Eggington**
Stockman of the Year
- Joshua Robson**
CISCO Academy GCSE Student of the Year
(IT Essentials)
- Lauren Murray**
CISCO Academy GCSE Student of the Year
(Cabling Course)
- Richard Goodard**
CISCO Academy GCSE Award for Best
Overall Progress
- Callum Morris**
CISCO Academy 6th Form Level 3 Student
of the Year
Kayaker of the Year
- Max Von Hagen**
CISCO Academy 6th Form Level 3 Award
for Best Overall Progress
- Joshua Petersen**
CISCO Academy 6th Form Level 2 Student
of the Year
- Jake Wright**
CCF Uniformed Public Service
The Bateman Cup for Services to Rugby
- Charles Yolland**
Physical Education
- Charlotte Fry**
OCR Sport Level 3
Senior Hockey Player of the Year

- Maddie Bue**
Sports Woman of the Year
- Archie York**
Abbot Trophy –
All Round Contribution to Sport
The Houldsworth Cup –
Sportsman of the Year
- James Redstone**
The Fielding Cup for Cricket
- David Hird**
The Moprac Cup – Senior Cross Country
Sporting Achievement Outside of School
- Jacob Kelly**
Clay Pigeon Shooting – Best Gun
- Olivia Lowe**
Most Improved Shooter of the Year
- Harry Plant**
Most Improved Climber of the Year
- Miguel Juliano Sola**
Rugby Player of the Year
- Charlie Wilkins**
Climber of the Year
- Federico De Rosa**
Football 1st XI Player of the Year
- Callum Morris**
Kayaker of the Year
The Harris Twig – Swimmer of the Year
Chariots of Fire
- Samuel Thomas**
David Allen Cup Overall Achievement
- The Houseman Cup for Greatest Contribution to House**
- Rachel Higgins**
Sharp
- Samuel Morton**
Thomas
- Jason Au**
Jarrett
- Sam Bethel**
Dowdeswell
- Duke of Edinburgh**
- Jack McCune**
The John Brown Cup for
Duke of Edinburgh Achievement
- Callum Grey**
D of E – Gold
- Charlie Dickie**
D of E – Silver
- Olivia Lowe**
D of E – Bronze

Celebrating Success

Our students were congratulated once again for their performance in the Summer 2018 A level and Level 3 results.

BTEC students achieved a 100% pass rate, and at A level, 100% of pupils achieved grades A*-C. 63% of pupils achieved A*-B grades, which is an increase of nearly 20% compared to last year.

There were some outstanding individual performances:

Tom F achieved A* in Photography A Level and A* in Art & Design A Level, together with a BTEC in Business.

Charlotte F was awarded a Distinction in her BTEC for Sport. She also achieved a B in Photography A Level as well as gaining a Business BTEC.

Bruce Y achieved an A in Maths A Level and was awarded Merit in both his BTECs for Business and Applied Science.

Our CISCO Academy also saw some excellent results with a number of students securing further education and useful work placements.

Mr Claeys commented:

“Bredon’s impressive examination results are a credit to our hard-working pupils and our dedicated teaching staff. These results show the progress and commitment each of our students has made in their learning journey whilst at Bredon.”

One week later, the school celebrated another set of superb GCSE and BTEC results in both the old style and the new, more challenging GCSE qualifications. Across BTEC Level 2 subjects, a 100% pass rate has been achieved and 62% of GCSE results were at grade 9 – 4 (A* – C).

Spanish and Religious Education performed particularly well, with 100% of pupils achieving grades 9 – 4 (A* – C). 92% of Photography students were also awarded grades 9 – 4 (A* – C), with Geography achieving 83%. All pupils who studied for their BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Agriculture all passed with Merits. There were some impressive individual successes:

Lauren H achieved seven GCSEs ranging from 8-5 (A* – C) and also two BTECs qualifications.

David H achieved eight GCSEs at grade A* – C, including an A* for English Literature and a Merit for his BTEC in Engineering.

Edward C achieved nine GCSEs at grade 8 – 4 (A* – C), including an A* in Religious Education.

WE ARE



In our recent Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) report we were awarded the highest possible grades in all categories. We were judged as 'Excellent' in both the quality of Pupil Achievement and Pupil Personal Development following the inspection that took place on 25 to 27 September. Inspectors found that "the quality of the pupils' academic and other achievements is excellent" and that "pupils are performing above, or well above, expectations for their abilities".

Mr Claeys was delighted with the inspectors' findings and commented:

"The report captures very well our distinct approach to teaching and our wonderful supportive atmosphere. The inspectors found that 'pupils' progress and attainment are excellent in relation to their start points' which is exactly our mission at Bredon."

The inspectors also paid tribute to our committed staff, extensive curriculum, wide-ranging extra-curricular programme and wonderful pastoral care. We were especially pleased that the strength of our community has been recognised, with the inspectors noting that "pupils accept their own and each other's strengths and weaknesses... creating a strong, caring community" and "pupils' respect for and acceptance of diversity are hallmarks of the school". This report confirms that what we offer here, both in and outside of the classroom, is very special and of the highest standard.

VALUE ADDED

Ranked Number 1 for 'Value Added'

In January we were ranked number one out of 4,434 schools and colleges in England for 'value added' for students aged 16 to 18 years. Our top ranking is based on Department for Education figures which show how much progress A Level students at Bredon made between the end of key stage 4 and the end of their A Level studies, compared to similar students across England.

This is a remarkable achievement and recognises the high quality of our specialist teaching and learning approach. Just as importantly, it also pays tribute to all our hard working and tenacious students who show huge determination to succeed.

Our top position provides an excellent endorsement for the distinct and tailored education we offer our students.

Ranked in Top 20 Independent Schools (with small Sixth Forms)

According to The Daily Telegraph's league table of independent schools with small sixth forms (under 25 students) for 2018 A Level results, we ranked 19th in the UK compared to other schools with similarly sized sixth forms. Mr Claeys comments: "As a small, specialist school our tailored approach enables all our students to make progress in a way best suited to their individual learning style."

Top

Top for Dyslexia Students

Following our wonderful set of A Level results last Summer, we were delighted to appear as the highest-ranking specialist dyslexia school in the UK in a league table published by The Times newspaper on 27 August 2018.

The Times compiled its table based on A Level, IB and Pre-U results supplied by the Independent Schools Council. Bredon School was ranked 126th out of all independent co-educational schools across the UK, appearing as the top-ranking specialist dyslexia school.

Awards & Accolades



BSA's Wellbeing Award 2019

In recognition of our focus on wellbeing and building resilience among our pupils, we scooped the coveted Boarding Schools' Association (BSA) Wellbeing Award 2019. This Award, which singles out schools that enhance self-esteem and promote healthy choices for physical activity and diet, highlighted our new 'Move it Monday' programme. This sees every pupil enjoying a range of beneficial activities to kick start the week and promote wellbeing including mindfulness, yoga, gardening, walking and dance sessions.

Mr Claeys was delighted to receive the Award trophy at the BSA Conference for Heads Dinner in London in May.

Worcestershire Education Awards 2019

In May we heard we were one of three schools to be shortlisted for the Independent School of the Year in the Worcestershire Education Awards, run in conjunction with the University of Worcester. These awards recognise and celebrate the achievements, passions and dedication that exists in educational settings. At the time of The Bredonian going to press, we had not heard if we'd won...but we had everything crossed!



Finalist in SoGlos Awards

We were thrilled to be a finalist in the 'Independent School of the Year' category in the SoGlos Gloucestershire Lifestyle Awards 2019. These awards seek to recognise the best of the best across Gloucestershire, and we were delighted to be one of only seven schools to make it as a finalist in a very strong field.

ISA Award 2018 for Excellence in the Fine Arts

In November we were thrilled to win the prestigious Independent Schools Association (ISA) Award for Excellence and Innovation in the Fine Arts 2018 in recognition of our innovative teaching techniques and opportunities to enhance pupils' learning in the Arts.

One of the renowned strengths of our Fine Arts learning environment is our investment in the latest technology to enhance learning. Steered by our Head of Photography and Art, Mrs Haines, we have replaced traditional sketch books with an on-line blogging platform as the main learning resource for our photography students. This is extremely beneficial for those students with dyslexia and other specific learning profiles as it can work in tangent with software and assistive learning technology. You can see examples of our pupils' wonderful art and photography on pages 55-60 of this magazine.

CREATIVE CURRICULUM



Lemon batteries

Year 8 scientists created lemon batteries, managing to produce 1.75 volts by joining their lemon batteries together.



Ecosystem in a shoebox

We have some keen environmentalists among us as demonstrated by our Year 7 geographers when they created their own 'Ecosystem in a shoebox'.

Motte and Bailey castles

Learning about the Norman Conquest in History inspired our Year 7 historians to design and create their own motte and bailey castles, using all type of materials including grass and plasticine.



Celebrating the periodic table

To mark the 150th anniversary of the periodic table by Russian scientist Mendeleev, Mrs Weston and Year 10 chemists celebrated with periodic table bingo, quizzes and an aptly-decorated birthday cake!

Hat business proposals

Year 10 marketing and enterprise students really entered into the spirit of things with their coursework to put together a business proposal for a hat!



WORLD BOOK DAY



The Juniors got into the literary spirit and dressed as their favourite book characters to mark World Book Day in March. Gangsta Granny, Fantastic Mr Fox, the Cat in the Hat and Podkin One-Ear were particularly popular!



BREDON POET LAUREATE

Congratulations to Tim M who won the school competition to become Bredon's Poet Laureate. Tim's beautiful poem was based on the theme of peace, tolerance and friendship, linking to the commemoration of the end of the Great War in November. In keeping with a Poet Laureate's duties, Tim has written other poems throughout the school year to celebrate main events.

Peace, Tolerance, Friendship

With tolerance comes peace

With peace comes friendship

And friendship kills war

So the question is: Why don't we show these more?
But the reality is, we don't show them enough

We are supposed to show friendship to our neighbours

Yet we just hope they don't ask us for favours

Therefore we need to remind each regularly of these values

And ourselves even more

With tolerance comes peace

With peace comes friendship

And friendship kills war

ON THE FARM

This year we have welcomed several new arrivals to the School Farm including our new South Devon Bull, Brookin Celtic Prince 3 (known as Prince), a large litter of piglets, and lots of newborn lambs which really drew the crowds at school and at CountryTastic!

Away from the Farm, many pupils volunteer to help out at different agricultural shows with Jenny, our Farm Manager and Mr James, Head of Land Based Studies. In addition to the Three Counties Show, where we showed our Badgerface ewe and yearlings and Large White gilt, we also attended the Moreton-in-March Show with some of our pedigree sheep. Well done to Tom F who competed in the Young Handlers class and received a special rosette.

We enjoyed a successful North Somerset Show in May where three of our Badgerface ewes came 2nd, 3rd and 4th in their class. Well done to Erin M who came 4th in the Young Handlers 12-16 age group.



The Farm is a thriving workplace but it is also a relaxing place for pupils to unwind, away from the pressures of the classroom. All pupils up to Year 9 spend at least one hour each week on the Farm, gaining practical knowledge of animal and plant husbandry and countryside skills. Older pupils can then opt to study BTECS and subjects in Agriculture, Countryside and Environment, Land-based Studies and Care of Farm Animals.



Learning outside the classroom is a hallmark of Bredon and our pupils gain a sense of achievement through adventure, both off site and in the school grounds.

There are just too many wonderful Outdoor Education experiences to mention, but here is just a flavour of the fun and learning that our pupils had this year.



OUTDOOR EDUCATION



In timetabled Outdoor Education lessons, pupils up to Year 9 enjoyed kayaking, archery, climbing, cycling, orienteering and more besides.



Our Year 7s had a great Overnight Adventure at the Cranham Scout Centre in March and April, taking part in orienteering to improve their map skills, den building, bushcraft, team challenges, hiking, night walks on Cranham Common and camp fires. Perhaps the most fun team challenge involved getting 'Nick the Stick' safely along the course of the stream!



The Wilderness Centre in The Forest of Dean made a great venue for the Overnight Adventure in the Autumn term for our Year 8s. They enjoyed crate stacking, working as a team to build as high as they could. Pupils also enjoyed an action packed stay at Viney Hill in The Forest of Dean, having fun with orienteering, low ropes, tunnels and mini zip, as well as a camp fire and night walk.



Our Year 9 students enjoyed a great overnight adventure at Aztec Upton Warren in September, taking part in a range of teamwork activities including climbing up wooden poles (known as Jacob's Ladder) and the Ship's Mast.





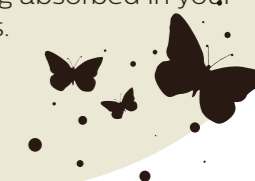
Our Forest School is the ideal place for our Juniors to gain hands-on learning in the woodland and natural environment and they spend two hours a week learning many new practical skills.

Under supervision they have been learning how to light fires and make campfires, as well as basic cooking skills, such as making delicious hot chocolate and pancakes on Pancake Day! They also picked blackberries and apples from the grounds to make delicious fruit tea, and made edible sparklers for bonfire night, dipping breadsticks into melted chocolate and then covering them with sprinkles.

Another highlight was making bows and arrows from hazel wood, putting them to the test by firing the arrows at a target on the tree. Pupils even prepared for Christmas in Forest School, making wonderful festive decorations out of mistletoe, yew branches, pine cones and feathers found in the forest.



Making dens out of hazel and wood results in hours of fun games and free play in the Forest School. It's a great place to relax and play imaginatively with friends or just spend some precious moments unwinding and becoming absorbed in your own thoughts.



COMBINED CADET FORCE

→ From Year 10 upwards, pupils have the opportunity to be part of our thriving Combined Cadet Force (CCF) which has grown to over 30 in number. As well as weekly training sessions, the CCF performed duties at the school's special service to mark the centenary of the end of WW1 and also took part in the local Tewkesbury Remembrance Parade.

Back in November some of the Cadets relished the opportunity to take part in a mountaineering adventure training weekend in Snowdonia, and earlier this year Mr Lister took some intrepid Cadets to Scotland on a winter mountaineering trip. They were based in Glenmore in the Cairngorms and learnt useful winter skills and had the chance to climb ridges and gullies in the Northern Corries.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Each year, an increasing number of pupils sign up for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) at Bronze, Silver and Gold level. It has been wonderful to see seven Bredon pupils complete their Gold award this year and attend award ceremonies at royal palaces in London.



Seven of our Gold group took part in a three-day practice expedition in the Brecon Beacons, trekking a total of 54kms, before successfully completing their final 80km expedition at Hadrian's Wall in September. What a feat!

Our Silver DofE pupils completed a two-night practice expedition in the Forest of Dean, successfully navigating their way on a 25 mile trek and camping and cooking in advance of successfully completing their final expedition in March.

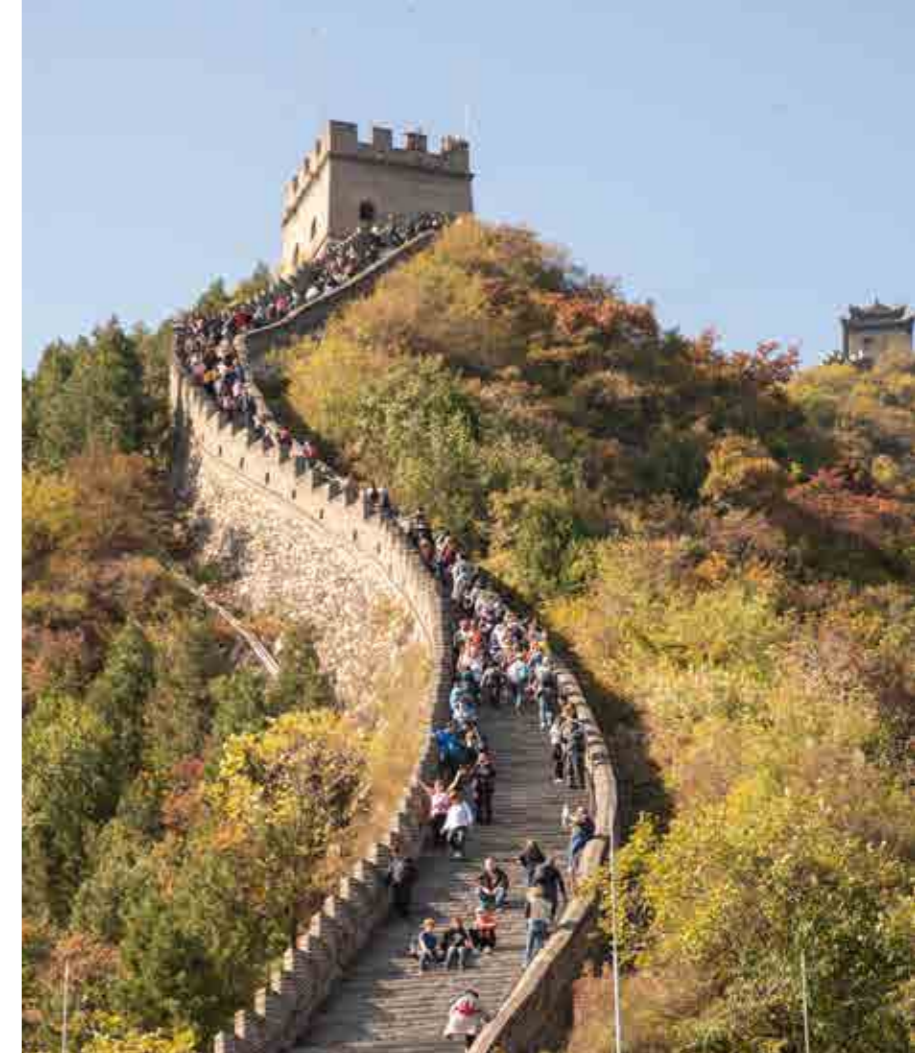
Year 9 Bronze training took place in the Forest of Dean where the group walked from Canop Ponds to The Wilderness Centre, working on navigation skills in preparation for the final assessment in June.

Pictured here is Sam M, our Head Boy, who went to Buckingham Palace in May





CHINA



A group of 21 students ventured to China during October half term on a fantastic trip organised by Mrs Haines. Starting their tour in Beijing, the group visited the Olympic Stadium, the beautiful Beihei Park and then spent the evening in the culturally-rich Hutong area, enjoying traditional Chinese shops and vibrant street life, and eating a meal cooked by a local family in their home.

Other highlights included Tiananmen Square where the group was bombarded with requests to pose for photos by Chinese tourists! The Forbidden

City, the palatial heart of China, and the Summer Palace in northwest Beijing also proved amazing. The group marvelled at the Great Wall of China and enjoyed incredible views before travelling by overnight sleeper to Xian. The Terracotta Army, considered one of the greatest archaeological sites of the world, was next on the itinerary followed by a Xian city night tour and then a bike ride on Xian City Wall. After a short internal flight the pupils arrived at Chongqing, a major inland port in southwest China, to embark on the last leg

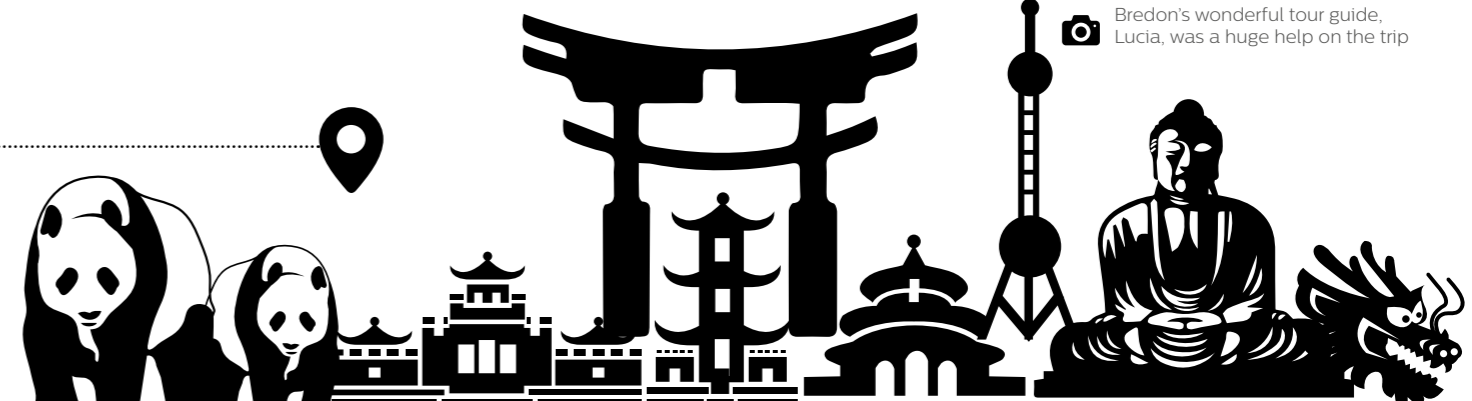
of the journey: The Yangtze River Cruise. Spectacular scenery along the Yangtze and its tributary was enjoyed by all, and the evening entertainment on the river cruise was great fun. The group then took a Bullet train (which has a top speed of 217 mph!) to Shanghai, and before flying home, enjoyed visiting the Yuyuan Gardens, Jade Buddha Temple and the Science and Technology Museum. Thank you to Mrs Haines for organising such a fantastic, educational opportunity for the pupils. What a trip!



Bredon's wonderful tour guide, Lucia, was a huge help on the trip



CHINA TRIP
OCTOBER 2018
21 STUDENTS



SIXTH FORM



→ LEADERSHIP CAMP

To kick off the new academic year, the Sixth Formers travelled to The Wildness Centre in The Forest of Dean for a three-day residential stay. Designed to help the students gel and get to know one another better, the action-packed programme pushed everyone out of their comfort zone. The group was challenged with problem solving tasks and team building exercises, all designed to test their leadership skills. Everyone participated with great enthusiasm and the new students got involved from the very outset. Highlights included abseiling and designing the ultimate egg 'capsule' for dropping safely from the roof!



TRIP TO LE CORBIER

Our skiers had a wonderful week of skiing in Le Corbier, enjoying spectacular alpine scenery and good skiing conditions with sunny, clear skies. The days were spent very energetically on the slopes and in Ski School. After skiing the group enjoyed the open air heated swimming pool, sledging or just relaxing by the fire back at the hotel. Everyone had a fantastic week and luckily there were no injuries!



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→ FIELD TRIPS



Slapton Sands in Devon

Our Year 13 and 11 geographers enjoyed a four-day field trip to the Field Studies Centre near Slapton Sands in Devon. As part of an investigation and project for A level and IGCSE, pupils collected data from the shingle beach, and also learnt about erosion, geology and sea defences along the South Devon coast.



North Wales

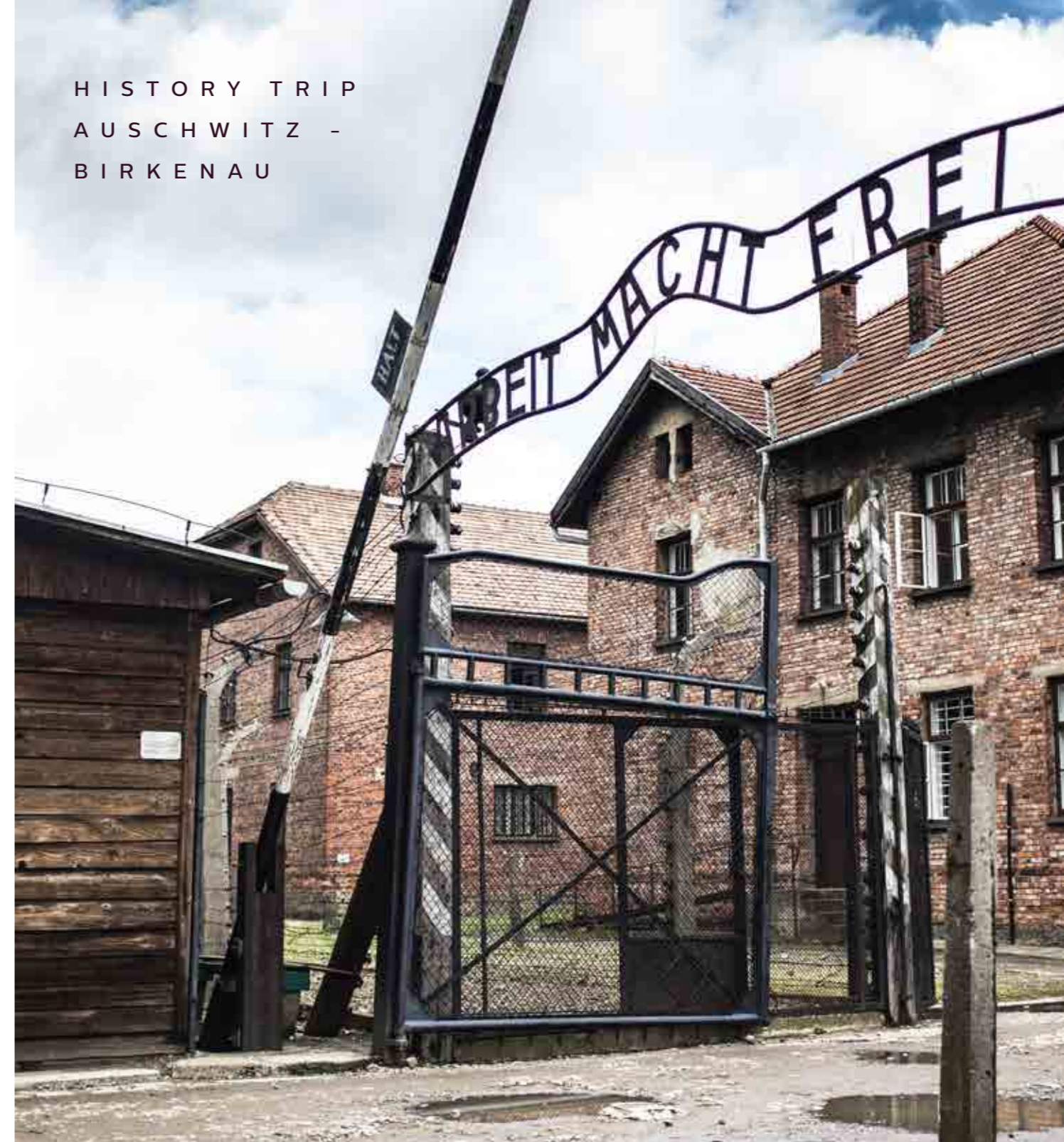
North Wales was the destination for our Year 8 and 9 geographers who enjoyed a three-day expedition to explore glacial landforms, hydro power generation and 'Bounce Below' (an underground trampoline park located in a slate mine). Pupils experienced a walk up the Aber Valley to Aber Falls and a visit to the Slate Museum in Llanberis.



River Churn

In January our Year 9 pupils enjoyed mild and rain-free days measuring the River Churn as part of their Drainage Basin topic. From the source at Seven Springs, the group successfully measured three sites and collected data for river gradient, cross-section, velocity and load analysis. Our pupils developed their practical skills and clearly relished joining in and getting their hands and feet wet!

HISTORY TRIP AUSCHWITZ - BIRKENAU



As part of the Lessons from Auschwitz project by the Holocaust Educational Trust, Joe B and Ziggy W, two of our A level historians, together with Mr Allison and Mr Chance, visited Auschwitz-Birkenau, the former Nazi death camp in Poland.



The project aims to promote knowledge and awareness of the Holocaust and as part of the visit, they took part in a moving memorial service held by a rabbi. With an early start and late return, it was a long and, at times, challenging day, but a rewarding one that the students will always remember.

MINDFULNESS RETREAT

In May Mr Wood and Ms Swait took ten students from different year groups to the Gower in South Wales to experience a Mindfulness Retreat



During the two days, pupils learnt a range of mindfulness practices for sleep, anxiety, relationships and many more applications, enabling them to bring mindfulness into everyday life. In a variety of outdoor settings, including the beach, coastal paths and woods, pupils spent valuable time focusing on physical and mental exercises and were able to walk, watch, listen and surf in conjunction with mindfulness.



All the practices were designed to give pupils some useful mindfulness techniques to allow them to be more aware of how their minds manage and process everyday activities and experiences throughout the day.



STUDENTS LEARN'T A RANGE OF MINDFULNESS PRACTICES

“Our intention is to make our pupils aware that society today pushes them constantly into thinking mode and it is this that can cause the sleep and anxiety type issues. By experiencing periods of time where we push them into sensing mode, pupils can see that their minds stop racing and life becomes easier and far more enjoyable.”

Mr Wood
Bredon's Wellbeing
and Mindfulness Officer

1ST XV

There was superb team work displayed at the 1st XV match against Kingham School with Bredon winning 55-19. Ben R won Man of the Match, scoring a hat trick of tries.

Our Senior team also won against Sibford School with a score of 24-10. All the players performed brilliantly. Sam C was Man of the Match; his support play was outstanding with great tackling.

RUGBY



Sevens

The U16 Rugby 7s team played in an ISA tournament in March. The team played in a three team league and qualified for the bowl league. Bredon won three out of four games and became bowl champions. It was a fantastic tournament and the boys fully deserved the bowl title. Jake W scored 5 tries and Ben R and Charles Y both scored 2. Well played team.

U16

The team won against Bowbrook with a score of 42-12. Jake W scored 4 tries and won Man of the Match. It was a fantastic display of teamwork and individual skill that gained the convincing win; Jake was cutting through the defence at will with his speed and agility.

U14

The first match was played against Bowbrook when Bredon lost 35-5. It was a very well played match and Will S won Man of the Match, also scoring his first try for the school and hard work rate.

SENIOR NETBALL V KINGHAM SCHOOL



NETBALL

Senior Netball

The Senior Girls Netball played Kingham A and lost 5-4, then played Kingham B and lost 8-1. All players showed grit and determination but were unable to convert the effort into enough goals. The Player of the Match was Isabella T.

In their match against John Kyrle High School, the Senior Girls Netball team won 8-2. The Players of the Match were Isabella T and Grace C.

U14 Netball

The U14 team lost their first match of the season against Bowbrook. The Player of the Match was Ellie H and the Most Improved Player was Ruby C. They played further matches against John Masefield, John Kyrle and Bowbrook again. As the season progressed, so did the scores.



FOOTBALL

Senior Football

The Senior Football team played Bowbrook and drew 0-0. Well done to Dylan K who was Player of the Match. Bredon was the more dominant team and unlucky not to get the win. The team had higher amounts of possession and more shots on goal. This was a great start to the season.

U14 Football

The team played Arnold Lodge U14 and came away with a 5-2 win. Matthew C scored another hat trick, making that 10 goals in 3 games. This was the best display of the season, with high work

rate across the team and good strong passing and creativity. The defence was very strong and resolute throughout the game.

U16 Football Tournament

The U16 Football team (photoed) went to Nottingham University for an ISA Football 6-a-side tournament. They played 5 group matches and won 2, drew 2 and lost 1. The team then qualified for the trophy semi-final which they lost 1-0. However, they won their 3rd/4th playoff game to finish 3rd in the trophy section. It was a fantastic day for the boys in their brand new kit.



HOCKEY

Senior Girls Hockey
The team drew 2-2 in a well played match against John Kyrle High School in October. The match displayed one of the best hockey performances from a Bredon team in recent years with accurate and well timed passes. Emily K was Player of the Match.



U16 Girls Hockey
The girls had a great match against Bowbrook, demonstrating excellent teamwork and winning 2-1. Congratulations to Olivia L who was voted Player of the Match.

U14 Girls Hockey
The first match of the season for the U14s resulted in a 2-2 draw against Bowbrook. Paige J was Player of the Match.

The team played two matches against Kingham Hill School, losing against their A team by 2-0. The Player of the Match was Sara W. They drew against the B team 0-0 and Aoife W was Player of the Match. The development in both skills and confidence on an astroturf playing surface were fantastic. The resilience to continue, despite injuries, showed great determination.

SNR | U16 | U14

An away match at John Kyrle ended as a 3-2 loss after dominating the possession and scoring in the first half. As the opposition changed their tactics and playing positions, we were too slow to react and allowed them back into the game. It was a 2-2 draw until the final two minutes where some quick thinking and a bit of luck allowed John Kyrle to find the back of our net. A great game and Player of the Match was Grace C.

CROSS COUNTRY

A group of runners competed in the ISA South West Cross Country Trials in January. There were some notable performances and congratulations to the following pupils who qualified for the National Finals by placing in the top ten for their event: Freddie S, Matthew M, Hugo C, Maddox C and Erin M.

At the ISA National Cross Country event in Warwickshire, Erin M came 48/66, Maddox C came 31/70, Matthew M came 25/67 and Hugo C came 52/67. Well done for completing their races on a hot day, in very fast times.



Maddox C at the ISA National Cross Country

Great team spirit was on display at our annual Interhouse Cross Country event in March with teams (comprised of staff and pupils) from different houses competing against each other. The winner of the race was Sharp house with a sprint finish from Mr Edwards. However, Thomas house won overall for teamwork.



ATHLETICS

There has been lots of success at the athletics stadiums this Summer. A small team of pupils headed to Cheltenham's Prince of Wales Stadium in May to compete in the South Worcestershire District Trials.

There were five athletes who secured first or second place performances, giving themselves the opportunity to be selected for the District Team to compete at the Hereford and Worcester County Championships:

- Jake W**
1st in javelin with a pb of 42.35m
- Eddie E**
1st in shot put and 2nd in discus
- Emily K**
1st in shot put
- Tyrone M**
2nd in javelin
- Alan C**
1st in javelin



At the County trials there was further success for Jake W who will now hopefully be selected to represent the County at the Regional Trials in Birmingham.

A coach full of pupils headed to Exeter in June for the ISA South West Regional Athletics Trials. After a long journey they were ready to compete and again came back with a clutch of successes. Jake W (javelin), Eddie E (shot put), Georgia W (1500m), Ruby C (discus) and Matthew M (600m) were all selected to represent the South West and compete in the ISA National Athletics finals in Birmingham in June.

MULTIPLE SUCCESSES



With our own 9 metre climbing wall, it's no surprise that climbing has become hugely popular at Bredon. Regular lessons and practice sessions as part of Outdoor Education classes, Climbing Club, and Sports sessions at Redpoint Climbing Centre, provide a range of opportunity for everyone.



CLIMBING

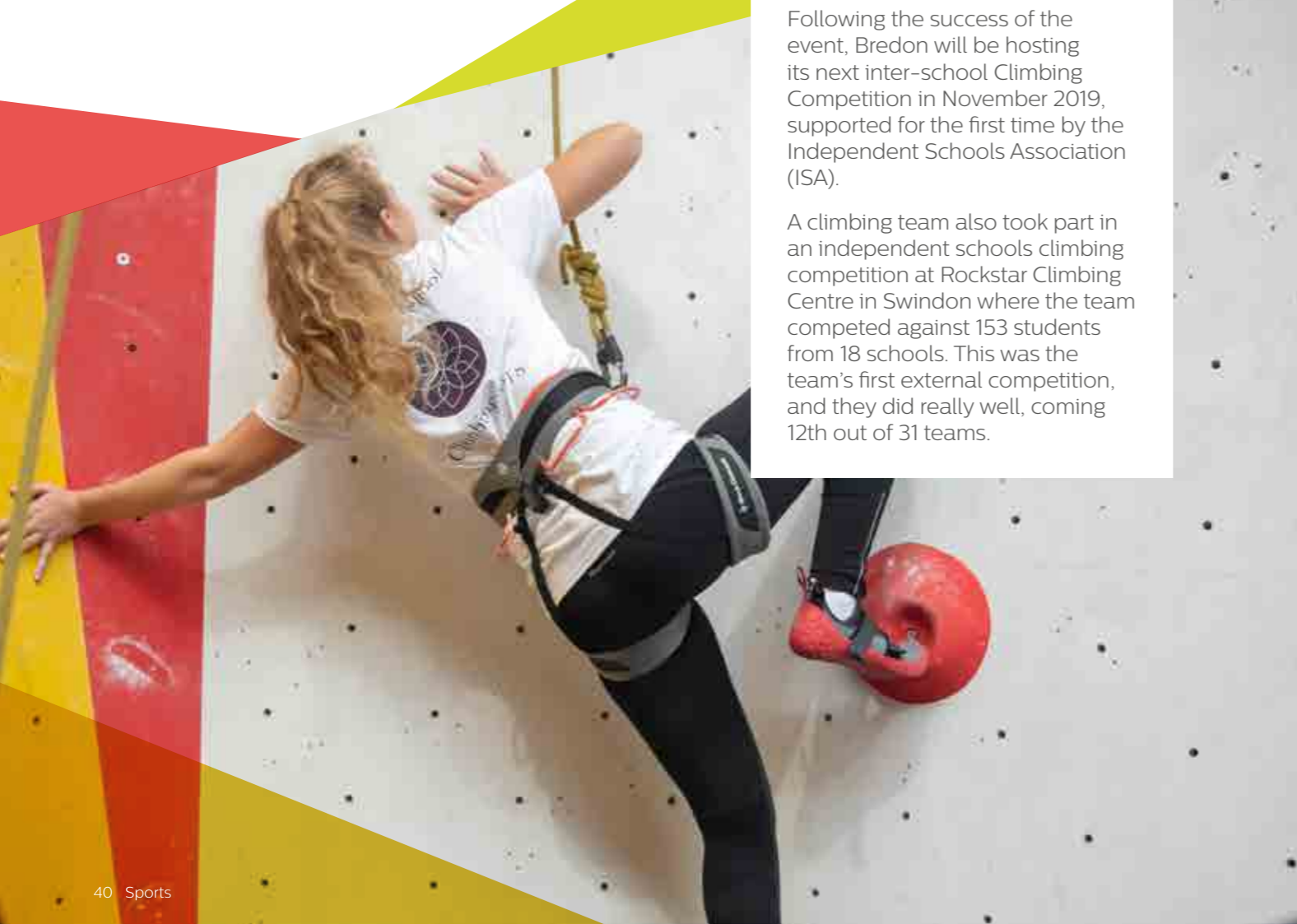
INTER-SCHOOL CLIMBING CHALLENGE



Twelve schools across six counties took part in Bredon's first Inter-school Climbing Challenge in October at Redpoint Climbing Centre in Worcester. In the first climbing competition of its kind in the region, over 60 enthusiastic climbers aged from 15 to 18 took part in competitive bouldering, speed and top rope climbing competitions. With climbing being a new sport at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, this event was designed to be similar to what we expect to see on the TV next summer.

Following the success of the event, Bredon will be hosting its next inter-school Climbing Competition in November 2019, supported for the first time by the Independent Schools Association (ISA).

A climbing team also took part in an independent schools climbing competition at Rockstar Climbing Centre in Swindon where the team competed against 153 students from 18 schools. This was the team's first external competition, and they did really well, coming 12th out of 31 teams.



ACHIEVING RESULTS

With our own shooting ground, clay pigeon shooting is a timetabled option. Pupils have achieved excellent results in The Schools Challenge (TSC) and other national competitions. Highlights include:



CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

The Senior Team came first in the TSC Oxford at The Oxford Gun Company in March, scoring 211/250; Ben R finished Senior Gun High. Congratulations to Olivia L, Sam M, Ben R, Jason A and David E

The team came second in the TSC University Challenge. Olivia L finished Senior Ladies High Gun with a score of 95/100.

At the William Powell Clay Pigeon Shooting in May, the Senior Team came first. Olivia L won Senior Girls High Gun and Overall High Gun with an excellent 55/60. The Junior Team came a very credible fourth in their first competition.

International achievements

Mitchell B-S represents England on the English National Olympic Skeet Shooting Senior team. He competed in his first international competition, the Malaga Grand Prix Olympic Skeet in January. Mitchell also came third in the English Open and second in the English Grand Prix. He will be shooting for Great Britain in the Junior Olympic Skeet World Cup in Suhl, Germany in July.



Olivia L came first in the Senior Ladies in the William Powell Clay Pigeon Shooting Competition in May



Georgie W is a County shooter and was runner up in the National Inter County English Skeet Championships in October.



Eloise B won the TSC April Clay Shooting series at the Oxford Gun Company with 47/50.



Thanks to The Oxford Gun Company and Browning for sponsoring equipment for our pupils.

SCHOOL SPORT TEAMS 2018-19



First XV Rugby Team



U14 Rugby Team



U13 Football Team

Senior Netball Team



Senior Rounders Team



U14 Rounders Team



First XI Football Team



U14 Football Team



SCHOOL SPORT TEAMS 2018-19



U14 Netball Team



First XI Hockey Team



U14 Hockey Team



Senior Shooting Team



Junior Shooting Team



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Bredon hosted its annual Colours Dinner in June to celebrate team and individual successes in sport. It was a fantastic evening of celebration; pupils collected colours and trophies; captains made their speeches; and the coaching staff wished the pupils continued success with their sporting activities and passions.

Many pupils were recognised for their successes and contribution to sport and were awarded full or half colours and sports trophies. Jake W was awarded Bredon's coveted 'Abbott Trophy for Outstanding Contribution to School Sport'.

This year the guest speaker was Mark Moss, the current England Men's Over 35s Hockey coach, who has also coached the Welsh Ladies team at the Commonwealth Games. Before finding his passion for coaching Mark played National League Hockey



for Stourport Hockey Club and enjoyed many successes. In addition to his coaching commitments, Mark has recently gone back to playing the game and represented England in the Over 35s World Cup in 2018.

Pupils asked Mark whether playing or coaching was

better. Mark responded that playing sport is better due to the friends you make playing in a team and the sense of commitment you have to your team – you don't want to let them down. However, Mark admitted that coaching has made him a better player because he has a much better understanding of the game. Mark's take home message for the pupils was that no matter what you do, be a part of sport and enjoy it.



Our pupil helpers, Eddie E, Peter M and Matthew M did a wonderful job of talking to visitors about the farm and proudly showed off some of our sheep and lambs.

We had visits from BBC presenter Adam Henson as well as Kate Clark from BBC Radio Gloucestershire who interviewed Peter for a feature that was aired on Easter Day. We ran a popular pony colouring competition and quiz to link in with CountryTastic's theme this year of 'Horses and Ponies'. We had some fabulous entries!



Malvern Autumn Show

Record crowds and sunshine contributed to a really great Malvern Autumn Show in September.

Bredon was the sponsor of the World of Animals area, where Jenny, our Farm Manager, helped by Eddie E, showed some of our farm animals. Our stand in the Family Green also attracted many visitors who wanted to hear more about life at Bredon, taste our apple juice and take part in our apple colouring competition.

We enjoyed a visit from the President of the Three Counties Showground, Lt Col. Patrick Holcroft, Lord Lieutenant of Worcestershire.



We took a stand at this year's CountryTastic at the Three Counties Showground during the Easter holidays and show visitors were very interested to learn about our School Farm and how it forms part of our pupils' weekly curriculum.



Junior's Garden

'COMMENDED' at RHS Spring Festival



Well done to the Junior School whose 'My Moment in Time' garden design was awarded a 'Commended' in The Schools Challenge garden competition at the RHS Malvern Spring Festival at the Three Counties Showground in May. This was a fantastic achievement and a culmination of months of preparation and hard work by the pupils, Jenny, our Farm Manager and Mrs Lerner.

Pupils began planting seeds for their garden earlier in the year and were also busy in Design and Technology lessons creating and building the outline of the garden.

The theme for the 2019 School Garden competition was 'A Moment in Time' and our pupils decided to base their garden on a snapshot of a Disney themed fancy dress child's birthday party!

Their creative design included 'guests' (scarecrows based on Disney characters) and a central water feature around which was some planting to represent the buffet table at the party, together with lots of colourful bedding plants, many of which were grown from seed by pupils.



The garden was built using a lot of recycled/upcycled materials, including pallets to form sub structure and planters, a large barrel for the water tank, old roof slates for part of the water feature. The 'buffet' also included some fruit and vegetables (the idea being that hopefully children would be inspired by how easy it is to create a small colourful garden and grow their own food).

Some of our pupils, together with Mrs Lerner, were interviewed by BBC Radio Gloucestershire who wanted to find out more about our entry.



Centenary of the End of World War One



The centenary of the end of WW1 was an important and poignant event for the school, not least because 149 men from our neighbouring lost their lives during this war.

Pupils, parents and staff created some beautiful hand made poppies for our striking display in front of Pull Court – just one of the ways we commemorated the centenary across school.

Our Combined Cadet Force led the Remembrance Parade in

Tewkesbury and also carried out duties at our special commemoration service here at Bredon to mark the centenary. Our service included very poignant readings and poems from the pupils. Mrs Boakes arranged a commemorative display in the Hall at Pull Court with poppies from the National Arboretum at Alrewas in Staffordshire, and a Roll of Honour of men from the local area who lost their lives or who were affected by the war.

Christmas



The build up to Christmas was wonderful at Bredon and commenced with the decorating of the stunning 14ft Christmas tree in Pull Court. We also had a more unusual Christmas tree in the Library – complete with a star – made out of old books by some of our pupils.

Pull Court was transformed with some wonderful festive decorations when the Christmas party season was officially kicked off with the Sixth Form's Christmas Social. Pupils and staff enjoyed a wonderful Christmas meal combined with festive quizzes and games.

On our Christmas Jumper Day, all students and staff were treated to Christmas lunch by our wonderful Catering Team. There was lots of merry making and cracker pulling in the Dining Room! Lunch was followed by our annual Christmas Fair, organised by FAB (Friends at Bredon). There were stalls galore

selling sweets and gifts, Santa's Grotto and lots of activities for students to take part in, including a rodeo Christmas pudding!

Our annual Christmas Carol Service at Tewkesbury Abbey is always so memorable and the perfect way to complete our Christmas festivities at school. We enjoyed some lovely readings from students from all year groups and our Choir, made up of staff and students and conducted by Harrison M-D, gave some beautiful performances. The service was followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the grounds of the Abbey.



Students in Miss Lea's tutor group enjoyed having their 'Elf on the Shelf' this year who got up to all sorts of antics around school!

FIREWORKS NIGHT



It was wonderful to be joined by so many pupils, parents, families and staff for our annual Bonfire Night in November when we were treated to another spectacular firework display.

Mrs Haines, our Head of Photography and Art, and our photography students captured the display with some stunning photos.

An enterprising group of Sixth Formers organised Bredon's inaugural business networking event in January which was attended by over 70 people, including 40 from the local business community, and helped raise money for some local charities, Caring for Communities and People (CCP) and CLIC Sargent (Sam's House).

Companies displayed trade stands and banners promoting their products and services, and were able to network with other guests whilst enjoying music, entertainment and refreshments.

Some Bredon School pupils also used the event to promote their fledgling businesses: Alan C promoted his brand design, and Jack R had a stand to promote his photography service.

One of the event organisers Sam M, commented on behalf of the student team: "Organising this event has really helped to bring business theory to life. It's been a really great learning experience and we'll be able to use lots of the skills and things we have learnt in our future careers."

The event included talks from Tewkesbury Rotary Club, CCP and professional magician and Old Bredonian, Angus Baskerville.

BREDON BUSINESS NETWORKING EVENT



"This was the first event of its kind held at Bredon and the students worked incredibly hard to make it a success. Many of the guests commented on how well organised and professional the event was. The students can be extremely proud of what they have achieved."

Mrs Thomas
Business Studies teacher



Forming an integral part of the enrichment programme for our Sixth Form students, we have welcomed many insightful and inspiring external speakers as part of our Wainwright Lecture series:

Nick Gazzard talked about the **Hollie Gazzard Trust (HGT)**, a charity set up in his daughter Hollie's memory to highlight the issue of domestic abuse and to educate the students about the dangers of unhealthy relationships.

A trainer from the **'Hand on Heart'** charity spoke about the use of defibrillators and informed our students about life support skills in the event of a cardiac arrest (we have a defibrillator in school and students are taught how to use one, should the need arise).

An interactive talk was given by a member of the **RAF** who explained about the different career paths on offer, as well as the varied leisure opportunities available in the RAF, such as skiing, parachuting and clay pigeon shooting. We also heard from **Lieutenant Commander Tim Ciaravella** who gave a fascinating talk about his career as a marine engineer in the **Royal Navy**.

Dr Paul Whittaker, despite being profoundly deaf, defied all around him by pursuing his lifelong ambition of studying music at Wadham College, Oxford. The subject of his talk was 'Breaking down barriers through music' and Paul succeeded in encouraging even the most self-conscious student to join in with his unique approach to communication through music and signing.

Charities

As voted for by the pupils, our School Charities for this year were The John Brown Memorial Fund, CCP, and the Cheltenham Animal Shelter. Many thanks to our Student Council, pupils and staff for organising numerous charity events or fundraisers for many good causes, including:

Our annual whole school charity walk along the River Severn took place on a beautiful warm day during the first week of the Autumn term. Spirits were high as students and teachers completed an incredible 18km walk, setting off from Ashleworth and stopping for a well-deserved lunch break at Avon Sailing Club. A total of £1,265 was raised through sponsorship and was donated to Young Minds and Marina Court Care Home's sensory garden in Tewkesbury.

Our Juniors donated lots of gift-filled shoeboxes in the run up to Christmas for Operation Christmas Child.



FAB organised a wonderful Macmillan Big Breakfast and Coffee Morning which raised £450.

We raised over £500 for Children In Need through activities including face painting, pizza sale and 'beat the goalie'.



Pupils helped raise money for Red Nose Day with a variety of games and activities, including a very popular cake sale, tin can alley and dice games. There was also a mini 'Bredon's Got Talent' where pupils showcased a range of talents from singing, poem recitals to rapping and drums..and more! Thank you to the Student Council and Mrs Egginton for organising the events.

Congratulations to Mr Starr for successfully running the London Marathon, raising over £2,500 for the British Dyslexia Association.

Our cycling group recycled their used inner tubes by sending them to the charity Cycle of Good which trains tailors in Malawi to produce goods from locally-printed cloth and recycled materials. With 'Buddy Workouts' the Juniors raised an incredible £515 for the NSPCC.



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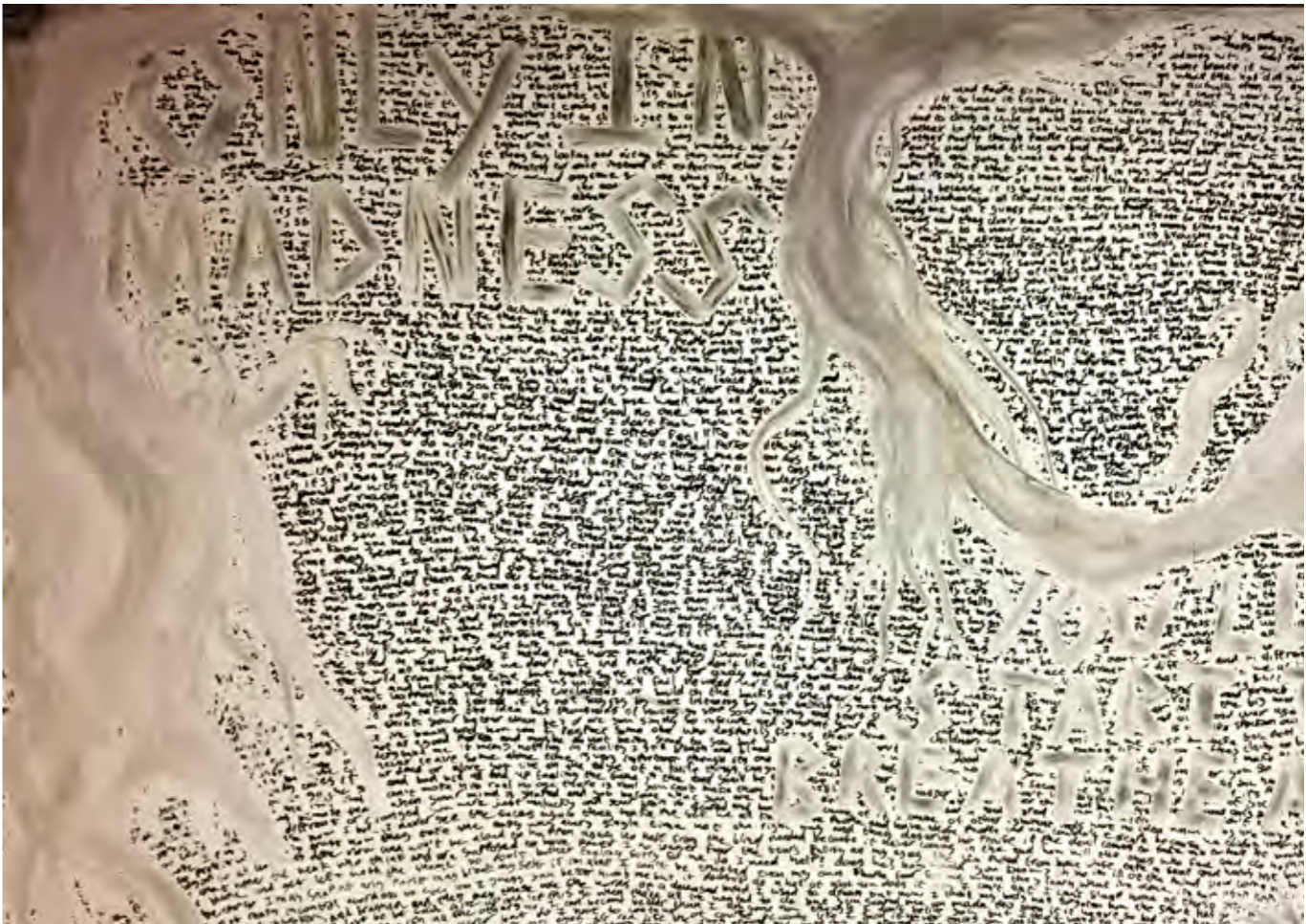


Alan C
GCSE

3 pieces by Alan C
GCSE



Top and bottom right by Will S
AS/ A Level



Alan C
GCSE



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Jack R
AS/ A Level



Harrison W
GCSE

Charlie W
GCSE



Harry O
AS/ A Level

Richard G
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James L
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AS/ A Level





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1, 2 and 3 by Jack R
AS/ A Level

James L
AS/ A Level



music



I believe in me
with Cavendish Education

Seven of our singers enjoyed an exciting trip to London in September to record a Cavendish Education song 'I Believe in Me' along with over 40 students from across the Cavendish Group. Composed and directed by Matthew Potger, Deputy Head of The Moat School, this inclusive project was designed to support and encourage pupils' self-esteem and communication skills through shared performance, as well as build a strong and positive connection between the participating schools. It was a fantastic opportunity for our talented singers and well done to Billy T, Georgia M, Lauren C, Isobel W, James H, Sky R and Harrison M-D for taking part.



Whole class band

Year 9 pupils created a class band and rehearsed and performed a chosen song. Each pupil chose their own role in the band and learnt the melody, tempo and dynamics on their respective instruments. This culminated in a class performance, where every band member lent their musical accompaniment to the overall success of the song.



Junior Christmas productions

The Junior School held its annual Christmas production for an audience of family, friends and staff. This year's production was 'Children of the World' which saw angels visiting six countries (America, Australia, China, Ireland, Malawi and Poland) to learn about their Christmas traditions.

It was a great performance and there was lots of support and applause for all our budding actors.



Harrison M-D composed his own chorale as part of his composition assignment in GCSE Music. It was a Bach chorale that required harmonising three melodies around the main melody.



Spotlight on CISCO

Our on-site CISCO Academy, backed by the global technology giant, is one of Bredon's most unique assets. It is where our pupils are prepared for technical jobs as well as further education in engineering, computer science and related fields. There have been a number of successes at the Academy this year, opening up career opportunities for our CISCO pupils. Congratulations go to:

Josh P, Alex J, Sam T, Tim M and Tom B who worked hard to complete a new course 'Introduction to Microsoft Windows Server 2016' delivered by Bredon's Network Manager Mr Clarke. Designed as a practical and bespoke computing course, it has equipped them with additional industry-relevant skills for the real world as IT apprentices.

Josh P, Tom B, Alex J and Tim M also passed the first step in the CISCO Apprenticeship Application (Degree level) and were then invited to the CISCO Apprenticeship evening at the CISCO HQ in Feltham.

Sam T passed his CompTIA Security+ Certificate exam with 90% and is on his way to gaining the full CCNA Certification.



Spotlight on boarding

With our extensive 84-acre school grounds to enjoy (once the day pupils have left for the day!) and with so many after school clubs, weekend trips and activities, there is never a dull moment in boarding.

Not surprisingly, Mr Starr's decision to run the 2019 London Marathon inspired many of our boarders to join the Fitness and Running Clubs after school. Bredon's new Running Club, formed by Mr Starr and Mr Edwards, took students on routes of varying lengths that got longer and tougher as the London Marathon approached!

Our newly refurbished gym (complete with visual charts and QR codes) has really come into its own this year and has also served as the venue for yoga lessons. Boarders have also enjoyed Golf, Swimming, Film and Music Club, Computer Club, Warhammer, Dungeons and Dragons Club and Cisco Electronics Club.

At weekends, there is always an outing for boarders to enjoy, including dirt scooting and mountain boarding at Bugsboarding, shopping, cinema trips, paintballing, laser tagging, indoor climbing and caving, go-carting and visits to Cadbury's World.



In the Autumn we were delighted to become the very first school in the UK to have all our full-time boarding staff accredited by the Accredited Boarding Practitioner (ABP) programme run by the Boarding Schools' Association (BSA). This is a new scheme set up by the BSA to recognise boarding staff who are personally and professionally committed to best boarding practice.

Our Head of Boarding Kelvin Summers comments:

“The BSA’s Accredited Boarding Programme offers formal recognition for the high level of professionalism that our boarding team show each day.”



The girls have enjoyed chilling out in their revamped common room, which was part of the redecoration of the girls boarding accommodation during the Easter holidays.



boarding

DIGITAL ↓ LEADERS

Bredon is part of the Childnet Digital Leaders Programme, a peer-led online safety programme for schools. This year our own Digital Leader pupils have been busy, and very useful, in addressing digital citizenship and digital creativity across the whole school community.

Safer Internet Day 2019 in February was marked with a series of online safety activities across the school. Lauren M, our Head Girl and Digital Leader, delivered an informative and interactive safety lesson to the Juniors. Pupils across the school took part in quizzes, activities and a cyber-bullying poster competition. Congratulations to Junior School pupil Amelie N who won the poster competition – you may have seen her poster displayed around the school.



Congratulations to Erin M who is one of the first Digital Champions, a new initiative by Childnet International. As one of only 15 Digital Champions in the UK, Erin represents the entire Digital Leader community from across the UK and advises the UK Government on how to keep children safe online. In her new role, Erin visited Facebook's HQ in London to learn about the vision and future plans for Digital Champions.

As part of the school's commitment to online safety, pupils in Year 9 and above enjoyed an inspiring workshop by singer and mental health campaigner Sody (who's toured with Little Mix and has also performed at Glastonbury). She sang and gave a talk on online safety, cyber bullying and the importance of speaking up about mental health. She was a real inspiration.



Q&A

Interviews with...

HEAD BOY Sam M

What you have learnt as Head Boy?

The importance of listening to other people's views, as well as taking on responsibilities and getting things done.

What's been the best thing about being Head Boy?

Having the opportunity for leadership experience and public speaking. I have also enjoyed working alongside Lauren and Sam.

What is it that makes Bredon so special?

Having staff who always believe in you even when you don't always believe in yourself. Being taught in small classes with lots of learning support is also really beneficial.

Sum up your time at Bredon in three words

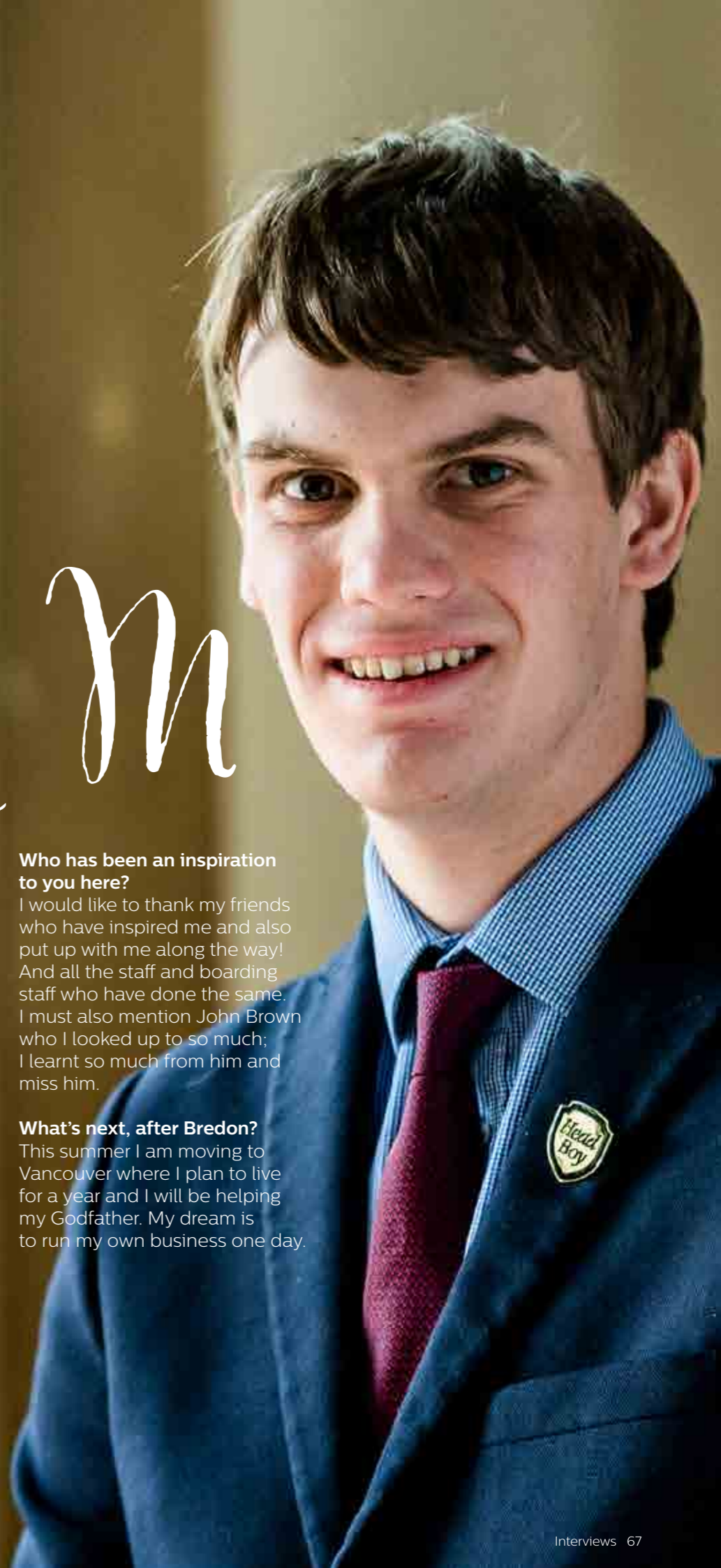
Outstanding. Privileged. Thankful.

Who has been an inspiration to you here?

I would like to thank my friends who have inspired me and also put up with me along the way! And all the staff and boarding staff who have done the same. I must also mention John Brown who I looked up to so much; I learnt so much from him and miss him.

What's next, after Bredon?

This summer I am moving to Vancouver where I plan to live for a year and I will be helping my Godfather. My dream is to run my own business one day.



What has being Head Girl taught you?

It's taught me to be far more organised; I have to remember quite a few dates for meetings and events.

What's been your greatest personal achievement to date?

At one of the Open Mornings I forgot to bring a copy of my speech so I had to speak without any notes. Afterwards, I felt that it was one of my best speeches so far and this gave me a lot of confidence.

What advice do you have for younger students here?

My advice is to take every opportunity - even if it scares you. Later you might regret not doing something. It's always good to step out of your comfort zone.

Sum up your experience at Bredon in three words

Unique. Opportunity. Stability.

Who has been an inspiration to you here?

I am inspired by many teachers and friends but I must also mention Biscuit (the Admissions and Marketing office dog, pictured here) as he has made me realise that I would like to own a dog like him one day! I need to work hard, do well at school and get a good job so that I can have a dog.

Lauren M

HEAD GIRL

What have you enjoyed most about your time here?

My entire time at Bredon has been extremely enjoyable but one of the best moments was the Sixth Form leadership camp. The camp allowed me to make new friendships and also spend three days in the company of already close friends.

What have been your greatest personal achievements here at Bredon?

Achieving my role of Chair of Student Council as well as passing my ICND-1 Cisco exam in Year 12.

What new skills have you learnt from your year as Senior Prefect?

It is difficult for me to pinpoint just a couple, but I have learnt the importance of humour when dealing with people, and also the importance of negotiation and how sometimes compromise is necessary.

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

One of the most important skills for anyone is self-motivation as this gives you the ability to grasp opportunities and focus when times are hard. Do whatever you can to get motivated about something; don't do anything that demotivates you.

What's next, after Bredon?

I am planning on studying Computer Networking with an element of Cyber Security at Bournemouth University in September next year.

Sam T

SENIOR PREFECT



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“Bredon is the school that lets the children be what they want to be.”

“An amazing school that has a depth to its learning and caring.”

“I wanted to thank you and your staff for the support you have given my son during his first couple of weeks at Bredon. The kindness shown has enabled him to settle in quickly and he is enjoying his new school enormously. The small class sizes enable him to feel included in every lesson. More than anything, he has been immensely touched by the thoughtfulness of the staff and their treatment of him as an individual.”

“I feel like a huge weight has been lifted from my shoulders and I cannot explain the joy at seeing my son feel like he is achieving and fitting in at school. What a difference a school can make!”

“My son started in September and the positive change is phenomenal. We couldn’t be happier.”

“Since joining Bredon this year, my son is a happier chap and the look on his face when he told me he was good at maths was priceless.”





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