

The Bredonian



Bredonians are resilient people. They have had to be. They are treated as individuals from the moment they enter the School and are allowed to grow and develop due to our ethos and community spirit that is at the core of everything we do, something that the School's founder Col Sharpe believed so strongly in when he first opened Bredon in the cold winter of 1962.

Welcome

In today's ever-changing and competitive educational world it is sometimes far too easy to miss the important things that make a school unique and allow it to stand out from the rest. Getting the right fit is so very important. It is not until you take a step back and look at the things that cannot be measured by grades or league tables that you can begin to understand what makes a school such as Bredon so special.

Personal growth and development, however small, happens here on a daily basis and pupils learn and grow as individuals, not just members of a class or year group. By doing this, those individuals are able to develop from within.

Life skills such as resilience, self-confidence, growth of character and community spirit are not found in books or on websites. They cannot be sat via an exam nor are they made up from coursework. They are developed and nurtured over time within environments such as Bredon.



Bredonians leave with their very own briefcase, full of tools specific to them, the individual – tools that allow our young men and women to thrive in the wide world outside of our gates. Their learning journey takes many forms and lessons are learned in many varied ways, all outlined throughout this publication.

I hope this year's Bredonian gives you all an insight into our wonderful school and that the following quote from Dr Seuss resonates with you all:

**“Today you are you!
That is truer than true!
There is no one alive
who is you-er than you!”**

Enjoy.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Oldham'.

Mr Nick Oldham
Headmaster

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Pushing Boundaries and Inspiring Pupils

Bredon is placed in the top 1% of the national leagues tables for 'value-added' for the second year in a row. However, whilst this is hugely impressive, there is so much more to this extraordinary world-class school.

As a dyslexic myself who found schooling challenging, it is exactly the type of school I wish I had gone to. I am delighted with the continued progress that Bredon has made over recent years – the school is pushing boundaries and inspiring pupils. Bredon's excellence in shooting, farming, sporting achievements, overseas trips and artistic projects have been recognised in national awards. Bredon perfectly embodies our 4C curriculum approach of giving pupils confidence, creativity in learning, character and competence.

The Bredonian magazine gives you a small insight into the enriching and distinct world of Bredon School. 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

2019 Sports Day

/ Juniors

Each year, our Junior School pupils enjoy a fun Sports Day. This year the children competed in events ranging from traditional sprint races to old favourites like the hoop and obstacle races. There is always a fantastic atmosphere and the children compete in their Sports Teams - Houses Avon and Severn.

The children showed fantastic sporting behaviour and cheered on both the winners and those who find athletics more difficult. The event culminates in a run around the sports field where the children can enjoy a lap of honour with their parents cheering on.



ON YOUR MARKS... ...GET SET GO...



/ Seniors

Another brilliant day of competition which resulted in Jarrett House winning by a slim margin. Pupils took part in a range of traditional races and events including javelin, shot put, relay races and the 'slow bike ride'. The points were very close throughout the day, making every race count! Pupils supported each other brilliantly, and it was great to see the effort put in by all.



PROM

Prom Night

27th June 2019

On 27th June 2019, pupils from Years 11, 12 and 13 gathered together for a fabulous Prom Night at the famous Cheltenham Racecourse.

The pupils in the Prom committee worked hard all year to fundraise, selling sweets, and organising events such as sponging teachers and a school fair.

All of the pupils looked the part for the big night, with the boys in smart suits, and the girls in beautiful dresses! All of the girls in boarding were excited to be taken out by Miss Hodkinson prior to the big night to get their nails done!

The evening began with canapes and drinks, followed by a delicious buffet in the Panoramic Room, which, as the name would suggest, offered a stunning view overlooking the racecourse.

Pupils danced the night away during the evening disco, and had great fun in the photo booth, both kindly supplied by the Stevenson family.

The Prom was a great success and thanks must go to FAB (Friends at Bredon) who helped fund the event and also to the Sixth Form students and staff who helped to organise the evening.



2019 Founder's Day

Founder's Day once again showcased the achievements of our pupils and staff throughout the academic year and was a chance to reflect on what had been another exciting school year.

Mr Aatif Hassan, the Chairman of Cavendish Education, warmly welcomed families to Bredon, followed by Mr Simon Coles, Managing Director of Cavendish Education who spoke passionately about Bredon's different approach to teaching and learning.

Before giving his Headteacher's Report, Mr Koen Claey's welcomed Bredon's incoming Headmaster, Mr Nick Oldham.

Mr Claey's speech focused on outdoor education and how it is central to everything at Bredon. Our outgoing Head Boy Sam and Head Girl Lauren, gave moving speeches, sharing their favourite memories from their time at Bredon and giving parting words of inspiration to our pupils.

The event's guest speaker was mountaineer and world record holder, Rhys Jones. Rhys, at the age of 20, became the youngest person ever to climb the highest mountain in each of the world's seven continents, including reaching the summit of Mount Everest in 2006. Rhys spoke about the importance of determination and hard work, encouraging our pupils to experience adventure and to always go after their dreams.



The event ended with drinks and canapes on the lawns before pupils headed home with their families to start their summer holidays. It was a truly wonderful event.



Awards list

/ Years 3-6

Lucy Barnett
Junior Prize

Jessica Ward
Geography

Barnaby Morera
English

Jessica Creed
Reading

Tai Shipway
Maths

Fraser Willoughby
Science

Rebecca Wall
History

Matthew Mannion
RE

Hugo Cheney
Spanish

Tomi Osunsanmi
Computing

Amelie Newman
Art and Craft

Aoife Laxton
Music

Sport/Activities

Lucy Barnett
Junior Athlete of the Year

Felix Gilks
Junior Sportsman of the Year

Rose Gunstensen
Junior Sportswoman of the Year

Max Lewis
Junior Swimming Champion –
Crosby Trophy

Hugo Cheney
Junior Cross Country Champion

Jack Chase
Junior Sporting Achievement Outside
School

Freddie Soosalu
The Westlake Cup for Endeavour
in All Areas

Charley Allen
The Lucy Bliss Trophy for Perseverance

Joe Carter
The W John Trophy for Diligence

Toby Howell
The Cecelia J John Cup for All Round
Initiative

Jessica McCartney
The Happy Cup

Sophie Clinton-Watkins
Junior Farm Club Award

Rose Gott
Junior Gardener Award

Harry Taylor
All Round Behaviour

/ Years 7-9

Biba Barnes
English

Amy Li
Mathematics

Max Reen
Science

Roman Danilov
Technology – Engineering

Sara Wilson
Technology – Food

Peter Mannion
Technology – Textiles

Aoife Wright
Art

Angus Mills
History

Jamie Elvin
Geography

Ruby Clutterbuck
Spanish

Dylan Ingram
Religious Education

Ronan O'Loughlin
Music

Matthew Clutterbuck
Physical Education

Joseph McKay
Year 7: Student of the Year Award

Joseph Woodworth
Year 7: Most Progress

Ivan Barritt
Year 8: Student of the Year Award

Archie Willoughby
Year 8: Most Progress

Joseph Turton
Year 9: Student of the Year Award

Matthew Cooley
Year 9: Most Progress

Sport/Activities

Edward Wong
Rugby Player of the Year

Sebastian Reed-Daunter
Most Enthusiastic Outdoor Ed

Maddox Chukwuma
Cross Country – The Millward Cup

Maddox Chukwuma
Most Improved Climber of the Year

Issy Weaver
Farmer of the Year – The Paddock Shield

Jimmy Martin
Sporting Achievement Outside School

Joe Turton
Most Improved Kayaker of the Year

Aoife Wright
Sportswoman of the Year

Will Anderson
Sportsman of the Year

/ Years 10-13

Mark Blenkinsop
Mathematics

Alysia King
Spanish

Alysia King
Religious Education

Dylan Kirwan
Geography

Joe Birkinshaw
History

Charlie Wilkins
Science – GCSE

Josh Petersen
Science – Sixth Form

Luca Parkes
Art – Year 10

Flo Ellis
Art – Year 11

Briar Cull
Art – Sixth Form

Ted Van Lynden
Photography – Year 10

Harrison Warner
Photography – Year 11

James Lock
Photography – Sixth Form

Harrison Morton-Deaville
Music Performance

George Smith
English

George Smith
D & T – Engineering

George Maxwell
D & T – Resistant Materials

Olivia Lowe
D & T – Food

Olivia Lowe
Btec Agriculture

Sam Attwell
Physical Education

Ryan McCune
OCR Level 2 Business Year 10

Henry Plant
OCR Level 2 Business Year 11

Ruben Evans
OCR Level 3 Business Year 13

Sam Morton
OCR Sport Level 2

Samantha Ganner
Engineering Year 12/13

Jasmine Marriott
Cache Childcare

Fallan Barlow
ASDAN cope

Sky Redfern
ASDAN psd

Tim Metcalf Poetry and Literature	Mitchell Brooker-Smith Sporting Achievement Outside School	Charles Yolland Community Service to Boarding - Upper Landing
Tim Metcalf Cisco: Award for Classroom Support	Chariots of Fire Swimmer of the Year - The Harris Twig	Millie Roberts Community Service to Boarding - Girls landing
Joshua Gulley Cisco: GCSE Student of the Year Award	Charles Yolland Sportsman of the Year - The Houldsworth Cup	
Alexander Kirby Cisco: GCSE IT Essentials Award	Grace Clutterbuck Sportswoman of the Year	
Thomas Hobbs Cisco: GCSE Cabling Award	Callum Gray The Lewis-Williams Phillips Cup - All Round Effort	
Alex Jarisch Cisco: CCNA Sixth Form Award for most progress	Lauren Murray The Betty Thomas Cup for Public Speaking	
Tom Barker Cisco: CCNA Sixth Form Award for Continual Effort	Roman Danilov The Talbot Trophy for Endeavour	
Sam Thomas Cisco: CCNA Sixth Form Student of the Year Award	Carolina Balmaseda Cid The Mathew Cup for Initiative	
Sam Thomas Mathematics 'A' Level	James Harrison All Round Behaviour Shield	
Harry Orme Stockman of the Year - The Corner Shield	Joel Harbron Work Experience	
Eddie Egginton Young Farmer's Cup	Jack McCune Bredon School Photography Cup (New cup awarded by Jeremy Robertson)	
Harry Plant Land Based Studies Level 1	Jack Ratcliffe The David Allen Cup	
Sport/Activities	Jude Stevenson CCF Uniformed Public Service - The Poynton Shield	
Jude Stevenson The Vickers Trophy - Most Improved Player	George Stead Webb Happy Cup	
Richard Goddard The Bateman Cup Service to School Rugby	Noah Wildenstein Community Service in School	
Henry Plant The Fielding Cup for Cricket	Edward Wong Community Service to Boarding - Junior Boarders	
Jake Wright U16 Rugby Players' Player - The Fredrick Bliss Cup		

Jake Wright
Football (1st XI Player of the Year)

Jake Wright
The Abbott Trophy - All Round Contribution to Sport

Jake Wright
Athlete of the Year

Jason Au
The Laporte Clay Pigeon Trophy - Most Imp Shot

Olivia Lowe
Senior Hockey Player of the Year

Olivia Lowe
Clay Pigeon Shooting - Best Gun

Charlotte Thompson
Kayaker of the Year

Harry Plant
Climber of the Year

Head Boy, Sam, delivering his speech at Founder's Day 2019



During Activity Week at the end of the last academic year, all our pupils took part in a range of activities, on and off site.

Year 4 and 5 pupils enjoyed a great History activity, creating and building a Viking ship and learning all about the Viking era. Junior pupils also took part in a residential trip to Oaker Wood Outdoor Activity Centre.



Activity Week 2019

Our Year 7s had a fantastic trip to Raglan Castle in Wales and also took part in a treasure hunt. Year 8 pupils enjoyed a trip to Worcester Commandery, whilst Year 9 pupils tested their cycling skills in the Forest of Dean. Sixth Form students had a brilliant adventure at 'Delta Force' paintballing!



To top everything off, we hosted a school pool party - what better way to end a fantastic week!





We were delighted to see that according to Government figures published in January 2020, Bredon School was ranked number 23 out of 4,470 schools and colleges in England for 'value added' for students aged 16 to 18 years. Having been ranked as number 1 last year, this result put the school in the top 1% of schools and colleges for two years in a row.

Top 1% in England for 'Value-Added'

Bredon School's top ranking is based on Department of 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.

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- Department of Education

Celebrating Success

In August 2019, our students achieved excellent A Level, GCSE and BTEC examination results.

- 100% of pupils achieved grades 9 – 4 (A* – C) in Spanish and Religious Education
- 100% of students achieved A*-C at A Level, with 63% gaining A*-B. For BTECs (Level 3) the pass rate was also 100%
- For GCSE 63.5% of students achieved grades 9 – 4 (A* – C)

Cisco Apprenticeship Program 2020

Our Cisco Academy also saw some excellent results with a number of students securing further education and useful work placements within the industry. A particular highlight of this year was Lauren (Year 13) securing a place on the prestigious Cisco Apprenticeship Program.

School Awards

WINNER – Worcestershire Education Awards 2019

Independent School of the Year

As last academic year drew to a close, we were thrilled to hear we had won the 'Independent School of the Year' category of the Worcestershire Education Awards in conjunction with University of Worcester (ceremony took place on 20th June). The Worcestershire Education Awards seek to recognise and celebrate the achievements, passions and dedication that exist in educational settings and we were so pleased to see the hard work of our staff and achievements of our pupils recognised in this way.

FINALIST – SoGlos Lifestyle Awards 2020

Independent School of the Year

We are delighted to be a finalist for the second year running in the 'Independent School of the Year' category in the SoGlos Gloucestershire Lifestyle Awards 2020. These awards recognise the best of the best across Gloucestershire and we are thrilled to be one of only eight schools to make it as a finalist in a very strong field. The winner will be announced at the Awards ceremony in October.

FINALIST – TES Independent School Awards 2019

Best Use of Technology

The introduction of a Google Chromebook for every pupil at Bredon, and our use of assistive learning technology, earned us a place as a finalist at the TES Independent School Awards. The Awards took place in London on 1st February and seek to showcase the very best of innovative work within the private school sector.

FINALIST – ISA Awards 2019

Excellence in Extra-curricular Activities

Our work in providing extra-curricular opportunities for our pupils was recognised by the Independent Schools Association at its annual Awards Dinner on 12th November. We were shortlisted for an 'Excellence in Extra-Curricular Activities' Award and whilst Bredon didn't win on the evening, we were so pleased to have reached the finals. Every day our pupils benefit from our extra-curricular provision, from feeding the sheep on our farm, to shooting on our shooting range, to taking part in marathon canoe races and mindfulness sessions. We believe our extra-curricular programme sets us apart.



Every year, pupils enjoy several days of extra-curricular activities.

This year Junior School pupils had great fun carving pumpkins and hiding them all over the school campus for their fellow pupils to find at lunch time!

Year 8 pupils helped to build a zen garden on the school farm, as well as taking time to build a new floating duck house for the pond. For both activities pupils had to work well as a team, and their hard work was rewarded with hot chocolate and marshmallows at the end of the day!



Year 13 students descended on the Forest of Dean for a long mindfulness walk – crisp fresh air and blue skies were aplenty as students took in the beautiful surroundings.

It was great to have every single pupil outside of the classroom, getting involved in something a little bit different and learning a host of important new life skills.

/ Learning Whilst Laughing!

Year 10 Enterprise pupils tested their problem solving, teamwork and communication skills in a duvet challenge! They had to stand on a duvet and work out how to turn the duvet over without anyone in the team stepping off of it.



/ Dyslexia Awareness Week

To celebrate Dyslexia Awareness Week we wrote interesting facts about dyslexia on ribbons and hid them around the school. If our pupils found a ribbon they won a prize!



/ Erupting Volcanoes

Year 5 stepped outside the classroom for a very exciting Geography lesson. Pupils built their own volcano and using baking soda and vinegar to create chemical reactions, they watched their volcanoes erupt one by one!



/ Spanish Escape Room!

Our Year 8 pupils had to decode hints and clues written in Spanish to find their way out of their lesson. Pupils completed a series of challenges to win their way out of the classroom!



/ Engineers of the Future?

In October, our pupils and Farm staff built a makeshift bridge across the flood waters to gain access to the rugby pitch. Great teamwork!



SUPERHERO

➤ **MAKE ME A SUPERHERO WEEK!**

**MONDAY 10.02
- FRIDAY 14.02
2020**



Pupils in the Junior School took part in 'Make Me a Superhero Week'. The purpose of the week was for the children to explore and develop the qualities that many 'superheroes' possess, such as kindness, resilience and bravery.

Superhero sessions began on the Monday and during their first lesson, pupils learned what resilience is and what it means to be resilient. The following day, pupils discussed negative, unhelpful thoughts and how these may stop them from learning and achieving. They were given tips on how to replace negative thoughts with positive ones.

By Wednesday, our mini superheroes were beginning to identify their personal strengths and talents. They also thought about what they might need to

improve on in order to be the best they can be. On Thursday, pupils learned about impulsive responses and ways to control them.

In the final session on Friday, our pupils learned that sometimes even superheroes need help from others and that we all need to make sure that we help each other.

To celebrate the week, pupils came to school on Friday in their very own 'superhero' costume. The children were asked to dress up as someone they perceive to be a superhero - a famous superhero, sportsperson, scientist, or anyone who has shown resilience in the face of adversity. Our pupils' outfits ranged from Captain America, to a policewoman, to Queen Boudica!

'Make Me a Superhero Week' was a great success.

World Book Day

Our Junior School pupils celebrated World Book Day on 5th March by coming to school dressed as their favourite book character. They also created designs for book tokens which were entered into the 'Design a National Book Token Competition'.



The theme for this year's World Book Day was to 'share a million stories' and so pupils from Junior and Senior School gathered together in the Library to listen to stories being read at lunchtime.

It was fantastic to see so many pupils dressed up, with costumes ranging from Willy Wonka to Gangsta Granny.

GOOD STORY

I'm a MONSTER

Winter Joy

SECRET Book

On the farm

This year our pupils have been working hard on the farm, taking care of the animals and developing their horticultural skills in the greenhouse and allotments.

We have enjoyed seeing numerous litters of piglets roaming around the farm, as well as new calves and lambs arriving! Pupils took time to help with the floating of a new duck house and the development of a zen garden which we look forward to seeing develop in the coming years.

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 Agriculture and vocational courses in the land-based sector.

This year, we received 420 trees from the Woodland Trust, including Hawthorn, Holly, Downy Birch, Hazel and Beech. Year 10 and 11 pupils used these to plant new hedges around the shooting grounds, creating a new habitat and a boundary and shaded area for our livestock.



Small Herd - Big Achievement

Our cattle have been awarded 4th place for 'Overall, Best Small Herd' and 3rd place for 'Youngstock' in the South Devon Herdbook Society Wessex Region Herd Competition 2019.



Outdoor Classroom Day

Farming skills and adventures in the forest were firmly on the curriculum on 7th November as pupils took part in National Outdoor Classroom Day!



Amongst other initiatives, Maths lessons were conducted on the School's tennis courts, musicians took inspiration from Bredon's four acre Forest School to mimic the sounds of nature, and delicious treats were cooked on campfires and in the School's outdoor pizza oven during Food Technology classes.

The overnight adventures are a chance for Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils to build self confidence, take on challenges and learn about themselves and each other.

Overnight Adventures



YEAR 7 went to **Malvern Outdoors** in the last few weeks of the Autumn term. A cosy cabin and close proximity to the hills made this a fabulous trip, the highlight being the night walk up onto the hills to see the twinkling lights of Malvern below the starry sky.



YEAR 8 visited the **Wilderness Centre in the Forest of Dean**, venturing out in the forest after dark for a night walk. 'Crate Stacking' offered pupils a chance to set their own goals and work together to achieve them. Year 8 also travelled to **Viney Hill Adventure Centre**, where they enjoyed the 'Floating Island' team challenge as well as another night walk and exploring an artificial cave system!



YEAR 9 visited **Aztec Upton Warren** in preparation for their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh training. Pupils practised map reading skills, cooked on various stoves, and took part in challenges such as the Jacobs Ladder and a high ropes course. The pupils worked well as a team and showed great confidence.



It has been another busy year in our FOREST SCHOOL



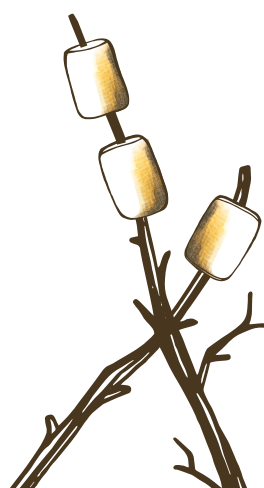
Our pupils have cooked a lot of delicious food such as blackberry tea with blackberries foraged from the brambles, popcorn, smores and pancakes on our campfire. Year 6 pupils built a brilliant log store to keep our firewood dry all year round.

This year we set up wildlife cameras and pupils have been enjoying seeing the action in the Forest when we are not there. Footage has shown that birds, badgers, deer, pheasants and foxes enjoy our Forest School too!

On 'Make Me a Superhero' day pupils spent the whole afternoon in the forest cooking and playing.

They each made their own pizza and cooked it in the outdoor pizza oven. For pudding they made bananas and chocolate and melted them on the fire. We have also had a shelter building competition and made small rafts from natural materials and tested their buoyancy in the river.

To allow the original Forest School site to rejuvenate we have moved the location of our sessions to the woodland adjacent to the river and the pony paddock.



The Uniformed Services course was introduced in September 2019 as a post 16 option. The qualification aims to inform and prepare potential recruits to enter a uniformed service of their choice.

Students have been learning and developing skills such as self-discipline, how to work as a team, independent learning, problem solving and communication skills.

At the start of the spring term, students participated in a four-week self-defence programme delivered by Jon Purton from Fit2FightUK. As part of the navigation unit, students have been improving their map reading and navigation skills, whilst orientating themselves around the Malvern Hills, Brecon Beacons and a snowy Pen y Fan. Students have also participated in climbing and white-water rafting activities as part of the Adventurous Activity unit.

"I have learned a lot of new skills like being able to work in a team and improving my self-discipline."

George, Year 12

The Uniformed Services



During February half term CCF students travelled to Aviemore in Scotland to take part in a winter mountaineering adventure training trip.

Combined Cadet Force

During the week, students learned skills such as the use of crampons and ice axes, building snow shelters, navigation and ice axe arrests. The students also had the chance to stay overnight in a bothy.

The week was wild and windy as the group endured Storm Dennis but the students enjoyed themselves and the highlight of the week was some winter climbing on the Fiacail Ridge.





“(Our son) has had the most amazing, life changing experience... Thank you for everything you do in school to support and encourage him and everything you do to make amazing memories for our son.”

Parent



At the end of the last academic year, pupils, accompanied by Mrs Britten and Mr Monk, departed for Nepal on a once in a lifetime school trip experience.

Over the course of two weeks, pupils explored the vast array of landscapes within Nepal, including tours of ancient temples, a visit to the Gurkha Welfare Trust, and various mountain hikes offering breath-taking views.

One of the key activities pupils took part in during their visit was their volunteer work at Shree

Siddha Secondary School in Pokhara Ram Bazar. The school does not have access to enough drinking water for its pupils, and so our pupils got to work by helping to dig a deep hole which was needed to install water storage tanks. The team put in a sterling effort and the visit really made them consider how fortunate they are to have access to readily available drinking water at home.

Other activities included a visit to the International Mountain Museum, offering an interesting insight into the various tribes of the Himalayas, as well as the geographic history of the impressive mountain range.



From lively discussions about conservation versus tourism, to learning about monks seeking a ‘higher state of enlightenment’ in the Koran Buddhist Monastery, this trip was packed full of experiences.

Thanks go to all involved in the organisation and execution of this trip, one which will certainly have provided life-long memories for our pupils.



DUKE of EDINBURGH

Our Gold Duke of Edinburgh students completed a four day expedition on the River Wye last September starting at Hay-on-Wye and finishing at Ross-on-Wye.

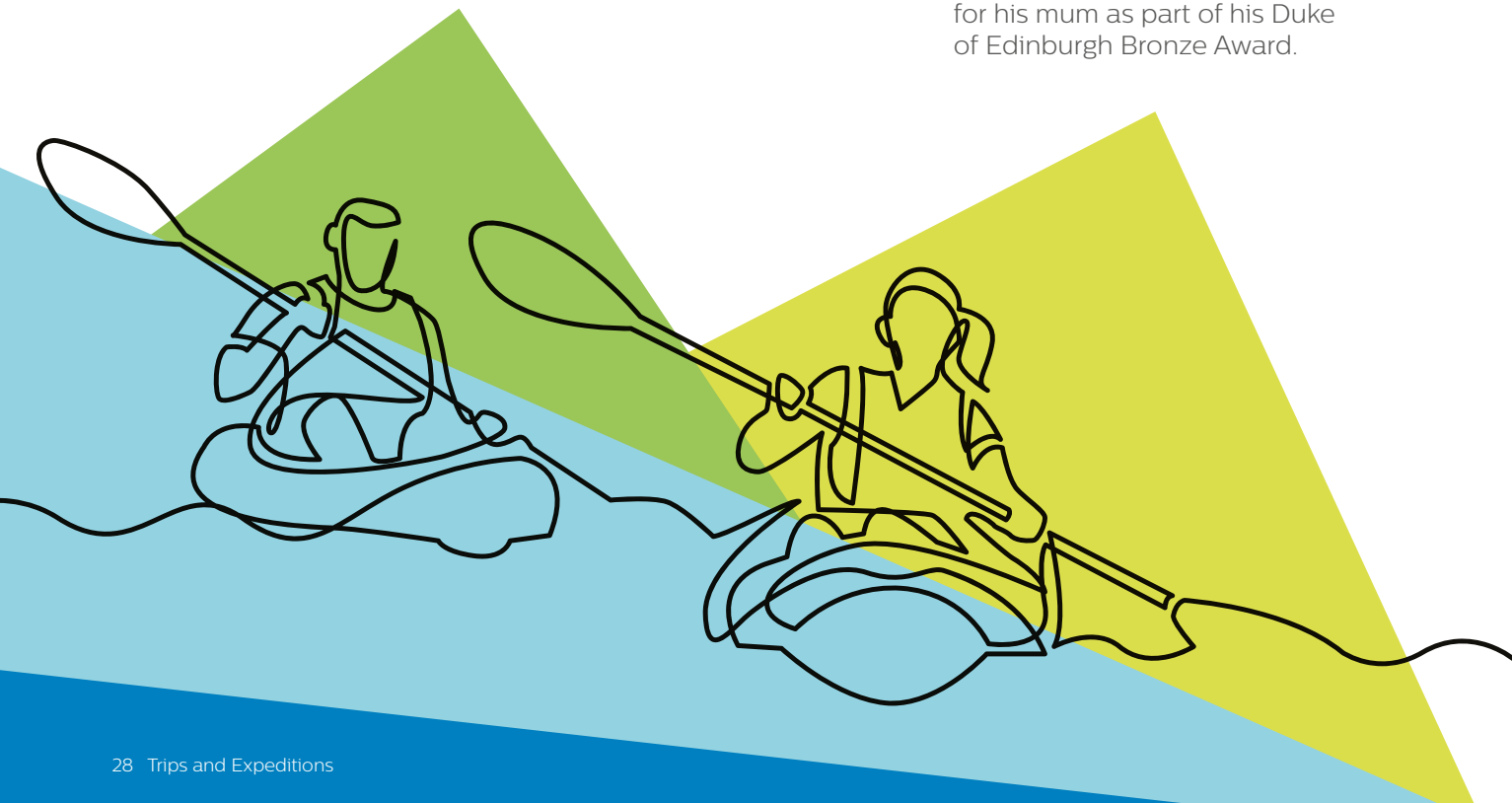


The team consisted of seven Year 13 students who had undertaken training the previous year, including a day on the rapids to get them ready for the expedition.

The students will complete their Gold award this year and be invited to a Royal Palace to receive their certificate in the near future.



During lockdown, Sergio in Year 9 built this fabulous potting shed for his mum as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.



Trips



This year, pupils went on a whole host of trips, including a **Geography residential trip to the Devon coast** for our iGCSE pupils, a visit to the **Natural History Museum in Oxford** for Years 10 and 11, and a visit to **SS Great Britain** for Year 8 as part of their work on the Industrial Revolution.

Sixth Form pupils were taken to the **UCAS and Apprenticeship Search Fair**, with Jude (Year 12) commenting, "it was a great experience, and a really informative day."

Several fantastic History trips have taken place this year, including a Year 9 visit to the **Black Country Living History Museum** in October, and a visit to the **George Marshall Medical Museum** for Years 10 and 11 as part of their learning about surgery in the nineteenth century and battlefield medicine.





This year's Sixth Form Leadership Camp saw a popular return to The Wilderness Centre in the Forest of Dean, where the students engaged in three action-packed days on their annual residential trip.

Sixth Form Leadership Camp

Students were challenged both physically and emotionally, requiring them to seek each other's support and guidance, developing their ability to communicate more effectively whilst drawing on inner strength and resolve in order to achieve. Our students' ability to think outside of the box enabled them to complete problem-solving tasks, adopting approaches that one of the impressed instructors said they had "never seen before!"

This year, students experienced night hikes, canoeing activities, and orienteering tasks which really challenged them. A healthy competition between the teams was truly evident during the evening activities, the most popular being the race night!



On 17th October, Year 11 Art and Photography pupils travelled to Westonbirt Arboretum. Pupils roamed the grounds, taking inspiration for their work from the host of beautiful colours within the natural surroundings.



SKI TRIP 8TH-15TH FEBRUARY

TRIP TO LES MENUIRES > PART OF THE 3 VALLEYS SKI RESORT IN FRANCE

Pupils experienced the full range of weather and snow conditions over the week; from blue skies and fresh powder to howling winds, 'white outs' and scoured icy piste. Whatever the weather the enthusiasm for getting out on the slopes was there - many being ready and fully prepared to go at least five minutes before they were called for!

The pupils spent five hours skiing each day, using this time to fully explore the 250km of piste in the resort, skiing to Val Thorens and St Martin (next to Meribel). Pupils enjoyed playing on boardercross and slalom races, helping to increase their skill and confidence.

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PUPILS



3
STAFF

The group were fantastically supportive to each other, helping pick up skis, poles and each other after a fall, and supporting and encouraging those less confident on a steep or icy patch. It was a real pleasure to see both groups take such a positive attitude with each other.

Evenings were spent playing games in the snow: 'Speed Mountain', swimming, torch lit processions and fireworks. The last night was spent at a local pizza restaurant celebrating the achievements of all. Many pupils were able to reflect

on their love of time spent in the mountains, the feelings of exhilaration and sense of achievement, as well as the resilience and perseverance needed to master skiing and cope with the weather. It was lovely to see the pupils reflect on how much progress they had made over the week.

A fabulous group and a really wonderful trip.

RUGBY

On Friday 29th November, the Bredon School Rugby team travelled to Cardiff for the inaugural Rugby Tour.

The boys had a fantastic time, enjoying training sessions with official ‘Cardiff Blues’ rugby coaches in Cardiff Stadium. They also had the pleasure of watching Wales play Barbarians at the Principality Stadium.

One of the highlights for the group was a guided tour of the Principality Stadium; the boys got to sit in the changing rooms they use for game day and some of them even sat in the Queen’s seat in the Royal box!

As well as the rugby, our pupils had a lot of fun during the evenings, playing mini golf and ten pin bowling; it was lovely to see them support each other both on and off the field.



NETBALL

SENIOR

This year our two netball teams were focused and confident, securing some positive results. Our teams enjoyed a win against Bowbrook House School in a close 7-6 finish followed by further wins against both the Kingham Hill School A and B teams.



U14

We had the pleasure of hosting Arnold Lodge School for some fast paced games, and it is a shame that the season was cut short. It was great to see some of our Year 7s making their debut on the court this year.



JUNIOR HOUSE

Our Junior School pupils had a brilliant time competing in the annual House Netball Competition. It was a very close one, but in the end Severn came out as the winners!



2020 SEASON >

FOOTBALL

This was a superb season for Football – one of the best we have had for years.

After one defeat in their first game (2-0), our team went on an unbeaten run until the penultimate game of the season. The work they put into their game was huge, with pupils playing in new positions and excelling.

During one of the school’s Extra-Curricular Days our team enjoyed a full day of training. This was a fantastic day and a huge part of the boys’ change in the season.



HOCKEY



SENIOR

Our Senior Hockey team developed as a team this season, showing great perseverance and belief. Our opening game against Bowbrook House School didn't go their way, but the girls played much more cohesively in the following match against Kingham Hill School, achieving a better score. Finally, the girls enjoyed a three way fixture with Newent Community School and John Kyrle High School which really put the fitness levels to the test.

U14

The U14 Hockey team had a tough season, but with great improvements in individual skills and after a mixed set of results, the girls won their final match against John Kyrle High School. It was a really hard game which went down to the whistle, with the final result being 2-1 to Bredon. Player of the match was awarded to Rhiannon (Year 9).

DISTRICT TRIALS > ISA SOUTH WEST EVENT

CROSS COUNTRY

This season was particularly wet and windy but despite the conditions our pupils ran well.

Maddox (Year 9), Matthew (Year 9), Will (Year 10) and Bailie (Year 12) all took part in the Senior District Trials and achieved good results.

At the ISA South West event, Matthew (Year 6) won the U12 race by a good lead. The following eight pupils also qualified for the South West Team: Hugo (Year 7), Joseph (Year 8), Maddox (Year 9), Georgia, Erin, Dan (all Year 11), Bailie (Year 12) and David (Year 13).

Our U21 girls won the ISA South West team event.



KAYAKING

In our Kayaking sessions this year, pupils have been exploring different disciplines of the sport from marathon racing to stand up paddle boarding. Junior pupils have been working towards their Start and Discover Awards and our Seniors have been working towards their Explore Award.

This winter the rivers were extremely high and flooded for some time, during which pupils were taken to the lakes at Croft Farm to continue with their sessions.



NATIONAL SCHOOL ASSOCIATION > KINGS EQUESTRIAN

EQUESTRIAN

We reformed our equestrian team in September 2019. The team consists of:

Isobel (Year 9)

Isabelle (Year 10)

Eleanor (Year 10)

Nelleke (Year 11)

At the 'National School Equestrian Association (NSEA) Arena eventing competition, Isobel (Year 9) finished 3rd and qualified for the national championships at Hickstead. Our second event was at Kings Equestrian. Isobel (Year 9) again was successful, placing 3rd.



Pictured: Isabelle and Isobel



Our team look fantastic in their new team kit which was bought this year, consisting of numnahs for the horses and equestrian tops and hat silks for the girls.

CLIMBING

“We have been completely overwhelmed with the vast number of schools from all over the UK wanting to be a part of this event. It was exciting to have a number of GB team climbers in attendance, and we are already discussing plans on how we can accommodate even more participants next year.”

Miss Lea, Director of Sport



On Friday 29th November, we hosted our second annual national inter-school climbing competition at Redpoint Climbing Centre in Worcester. The event was a huge success, with budding young climbers from 28 different schools throughout the UK taking part. Pupils aged from 15 to 18 years old took part in a range of different climbing challenges including bouldering, top rope and lead climbing.



Following the success of the event last year, this year we worked in partnership with the Independent Schools Association (ISA) and Redpoint Climbing Centre, and the attendance more than doubled in size from 63 participants to 136.

SHOOTING



This year we welcomed John Timmis from Three Lakes Clay Pigeon Shooting to the team as our Shooting Ground Manager and Head Instructor.

Our pupils have benefitted from new coloured clays, rabbit clays, rockets, battues and a midi trap added to the fleet. Pupils have also had exclusive access to the ‘Recoil Buster’ which reduces kick-back and has significantly improved individual results.



WINNING TEAM > HOME & AWAY

We enjoyed two friendly shoots with Rendcomb College, with Bredon winning both home and away legs.



“It was such a relief to complete the cooking practical after all of our hard work.”

– Ethan (Year 11)



Our Food Preparation and Nutrition GCSE pupils were very relieved to be able to complete their final practical assessments in the final week before lockdown. Two of our international pupils completed their practical assessments via video.

Pupils were given three hours to produce a three course menu inspired by

the theme of Valentine's Day'. In addition to producing delicious tasting food, pupils had to show high level of practical skills, excellent time management and beautiful presentation to gain high marks.

One of the real joys of the practical assessment is that it allows pupils to be creative with their choice

of dishes and learn new skills. One of the many interesting techniques learnt was the curing and then hot smoking of salmon by Jenny (Year 11).

A wide range of dishes were produced, from typical Valentine's Day dishes such as moules mariniere, steaks and chocolate fondants to more unusual dishes such

as figs stuffed with goats cheese and braised pig cheeks in red wine.

It was a pleasure to see all of our pupils do so well and they all deserve a huge 'well done'.

Rotary Young Chef 2019/20

Isobel in Year 9 was successful in the Tewkesbury Rotary district heat of the Young Chef of the Year competition, going on to represent Tewkesbury and Bredon School in the arena heat of this national competition in January.

Sausage Making

Pupils had the opportunity to try their hand at sausage making in Catering lessons this year. Pupils were interested to see what goes into sausages and learned the importance of buying local produce where possible.

Bread Making

Our Year 8 boys were particularly proud of their baking in Catering lessons this year. After posting this photo of our boys proudly showing off their finished loaves of bread, celebrity chef Paul Hollywood liked the photo on Twitter and Facebook - we think that classes as a digital 'Hollywood Handshake'. Well done boys!





Pumpkin Competition

Our Year 7 pupils absolutely loved creating their various carved pumpkin designs as part of Extra Curricular Day. We captured photos of their creations to share with you. We have to admit, we can't look at Mr Porkington manning the School Reception desk without laughing.



Pupils enjoyed watching pumpkins grow on the farm allotments this year. When they were ready, pupils picked them and used them in Catering lessons to make delicious pumpkin soup!



Fireworks Night

Pupils, parents, guardians and staff gathered together at Pull Court on the 5th November to enjoy the annual school firework night. The evening began with warming cups of delicious soup and hot dogs (provided by the Catering team), enjoyed in the foyer next to the roaring fire.

Business pupils were selling glow sticks and sweets in order to raise money for future school projects - both were very popular with the children! FAB (Friends at Bredon) also helped by providing tea and coffee, which was very welcome on a cold evening!

Guests assembled outside in front of the Cricket Pavillion in order to watch the fantastic firework display. The children and adults alike were in awe of the marvellous colours lighting up the sky above the school, especially the breath-taking finale. A very enjoyable evening in great company.

BUSINESS NETWORKING EVENT

Sixth Form Business students organised the second annual Bredon Business Networking Event this year. Taking place in Pull Court on the 13th February, the event was a huge success, with many local business people and sixth form students in attendance.

Prior to the event, the group presented to a group of local businesses in Tewkesbury, explaining how the event would run and the mutual benefits of booking a trade stand. The student team arranged the entire event, from the marketing to the logistical details such as catering and entertainment.

All money raised from the event was donated to charity. The students chose to donate to Willow Foundation, Stonewall Foundation, and Beyond Words.



WAINWRIGHT LECTURES

This academic year, the Sixth Form students have attended some thought-provoking and informative talks, as part of their weekly series of Wainwright Lectures. Part of the Sixth Form Enrichment Programme, these lectures aim to broaden the students' understanding of many aspects of the wider world, preparing them for life after Bredon.



In October, Jane Woodford, a retired teacher, paid a return visit to the school and encouraged our students to become actively involved in an engaging and well-balanced talk on the ever-changing situation in the Middle-East, stimulating a healthy discussion in the process.

We then came closer to home with a visit from the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust who clearly touched the hearts of some of the quieter and more thoughtful students, who were fascinated to hear about the conservation work that is currently being carried out in the area.

In November, a talk that caused some serious discussion, inspiring one of our students to consider a change in career aspirations, was Angela Findly with her talk entitled 'The role of art in reducing offending behaviour'.

During her visit, she shared many fascinating anecdotes about the incredible work she has carried out in prisons, both in the UK and Germany.

On a similar theme, we then had a visit from Francis Osei-Appiah, a reformed prisoner, who emphasized the value of education in making the right choices in life and raising awareness and understanding of gang culture and county lines.

It is always wonderful to welcome back a Bredonian to talk to the students, and this year was no exception when Callum Morris returned to school to talk about his seasonal work with Neilson Active Holidays. Callum was Head Boy at Bredon from 2017-2018, and his talk illustrated how many career developing opportunities he has had since leaving school!



Remembrance Day

November 10th was a proud moment for Bredon School as our Combined Cadet Force took part in the Tewkesbury Remembrance Sunday Parade. Our pupils did very well and marked an important occasion for the School by being part of our wider community on this day.

On Remembrance Day itself – Monday 11th November – pupils in school took part in a whole school Remembrance assembly. It is now 101 years since the end of the First World War in 1918 and pupils took time to remember those who gave their lives in two world wars and other conflicts.

VE DAY

Friday 8th May 2020 marked 75 years since Victory in Europe (VE) Day when the Second World War came to an end in Europe.

Our pupils took part in all sorts of VE Day inspired activities to mark this important day, including research into WWII, making bunting and cooking from war-time recipes. Some pupils also decorated their windows with VE Day displays, and threw afternoon tea parties with their families to celebrate.



As a school, we changed our logo temporarily to a VE Day themed logo for our social media channels as a way of recognising the day online.

A group of our staff also came together to record their own version of 'We'll Meet Again' which was shared with our school community as a tribute to VE Day. It was also a fitting reminder that although pupils were being homeschooled due to COVID-19 at this time, a day would come where we would 'meet again' and return to school.





Helping others

Pupils Give Back to Local Community



As part of their ASDAN Personal and Social Development Course pupils were tasked with undertaking an environmental project. They chose to look at litter and the effects it has on the environment. As a group, pupils wanted to help their local community with a litter pick in and around Bushley.

The Muddy Mile



The Muddy Mile was an event organised by David (Year 13) as part of his OCR Level 3 Sports Course. David chose to create a whole school event in aid of Sport Relief. Pupils were encouraged to complete a wet and muddy one mile course around the school. Lots of pupils turned up to take part and they ran, skipped or hopped around the Muddy Mile course. It's not very often that wellies are advised as the footwear of choice for a sports event but they were needed by some!

RSPCA Crisp Packet Recycling



Thank you to all of our wonderful pupils and families for collecting empty crisp packets throughout the year for our charity recycling scheme. The RSPCA was able to recycle them, get a donation and put the money towards caring for animals!

Macmillan Coffee Morning



This year we held a successful Macmillan Coffee Morning to raise money for this wonderful charity. It was lovely to see so many of our parents in attendance, enjoying a coffee and cake, and raising money for a good cause!



WHOLE SCHOOL WALK



On Wednesday 11th September pupils from every year group (Year 7 to Year 12) donned their hiking shoes and walked an impressive 10 miles across the Malvern Hills to raise money for charity.



Taking place annually during the first week of term, the 'Whole School Walk' is a brilliant way for our new pupils to get to know their peers, and for all of our pupils to work together as a team. It was lovely to watch as they encouraged and supported one another throughout the day. There was a real sense of achievement as pupils made it to the end of the challenging hike, with many commenting on how proud they were of themselves for making it across the entire length of the hills.



The hard work and determination paid off, as this year our pupils raised a fantastic amount for charity – just over £1000. Money raised was split between three charities chosen by the pupils – the John Brown Trust (in memory of John Brown, Head Boy 2015–2016), The Cheltenham Animal Shelter and CCP (Caring for Communities and People).

A R T - A selection of the wonderful artwork from Years 10-13



1 Alan C / AS Level
2 Lucy H / AS Level
3 Harrison W / AS Level

4 Max D / GCSE
5 Maddy B / A Level
6 Amelia C / GCSE





Richard G
A Level



Megan C
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Mark B
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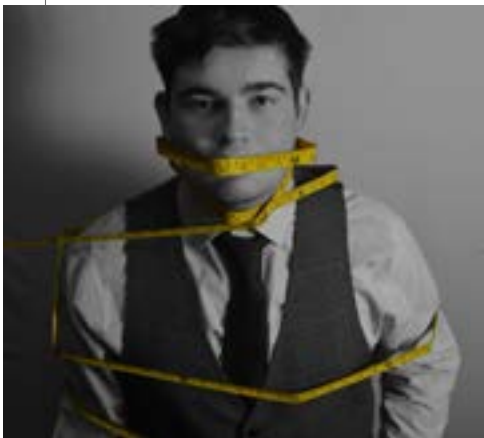


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Eden W
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Rian T
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Luca P
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Nelleke L
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Jenny H
GCSE



Alysia K
GCSE



ART COMPETITION FROM MY WINDOW



Mae, age 6



SECOND PLACE - Bethan, age 10



William, age 9



Elija, age 7



Jacob, Age 8

Bredon School's 'From My Window' creative project launched this year, celebrating work produced by all children and their friends within our local community. The aim of the competition was to encourage children and young people to pursue and develop their interests and talents in the creative arts during lockdown.

'From My Window' was open to all children aged 3 to 16 years in Gloucestershire, Worcestershire and Herefordshire. To take part, children were invited to submit a piece of artwork, using whatever medium they liked and using the title of 'From My Window' as inspiration.



Ellie, age 10



THIRD PLACE - Alice, age 4



Harry, age 7



FIRST PLACE - Betsy, age 7

Christmas

Christmas is always the most magical time of the year here at Bredon.



Pupils were treated to the most delicious Christmas lunch by our Catering team, as well as our Christmas Fair, featuring a 'Reindeer Rodeo' and many pupils ran stalls selling gifts and confectionery.

In Boarding, Christmas came early as pupils celebrated with a 'secret santa', gifting one another presents before the end of term.

Lessons featured a whole host of Christmas themed activities, for example, our Juniors thoroughly enjoyed making (and eating!) yule logs in their Catering lesson.

This year we introduced the Bredon Christmas Wish Tree. We put the wish tree in the foyer of Pull Court, and pupils were encouraged to write their Christmas wish on a wooden bauble to hang on the tree.

The celebrations came to a climax with our annual Carol Service, held in the beautiful Tewkesbury Abbey. It was lovely to see our pupils and their families sitting together, listening to the service, singing carols, and hearing our pupils delivering readings both confidently and eloquently.



JUNIOR CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

A Twist on a Christmas Carol - Bah Humbug!

Wednesday 11th December was the big night of the Bredon Junior School Christmas production of Bah Humbug! The play was performed at Bushley village hall, the village in which Bredon School is located.

Review by Iris, Year 7

The storyline was based around an old man who hated Christmas because he was focused on money and having a successful business. One night three spirits come to his house to show him his past, present and future. In the end he turned out nice and he made lots of friends.

The main characters consisted of:

Mr Scrooge: Harry (Year 6)

Spirit past: Tilly (Year 6)

Spirit present: Toby (Year 6)

Spirit future: Jessica (Year 5)

Bob Cratchit: Leo (Year 6)

Mrs Cratchit: Jessica (Year 6)

Jacob Marley: Leo (Year 6)

Fezziwig: Barnaby (Year 6)

The costumes were all bought or made by the pupils and were all very good!

The audience was filled with family and close friends of the pupils. The performance was particularly enjoyed by Miss H (Stable House Houseparent) and the seniors she brought with her, who were squealing encouragement right to the end. The performance overall was exciting, captivating and lively and the cast did a fabulous job! If there was a chance that this play was on again, I would highly recommend watching it!



/ BOARDING

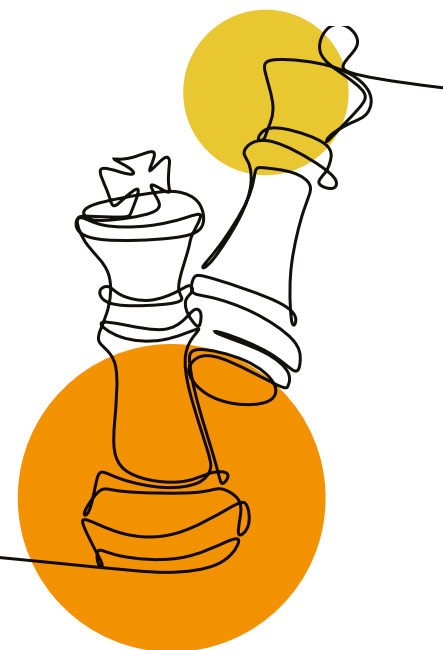


/ Horse Riding

Boarders get the opportunity to take part in various evening and weekend activities, including horse riding! Our boarders really enjoyed their riding lessons and their skills have improved a great deal throughout the year.

/ Happy Valentines to ME!

Our girls in boarding took some time to write lovely messages for their friends for Valentine's Day. They also spoke about the importance of loving yourself and knowing that you can be a strong, independent and happy person regardless of having a 'valentine' or not!

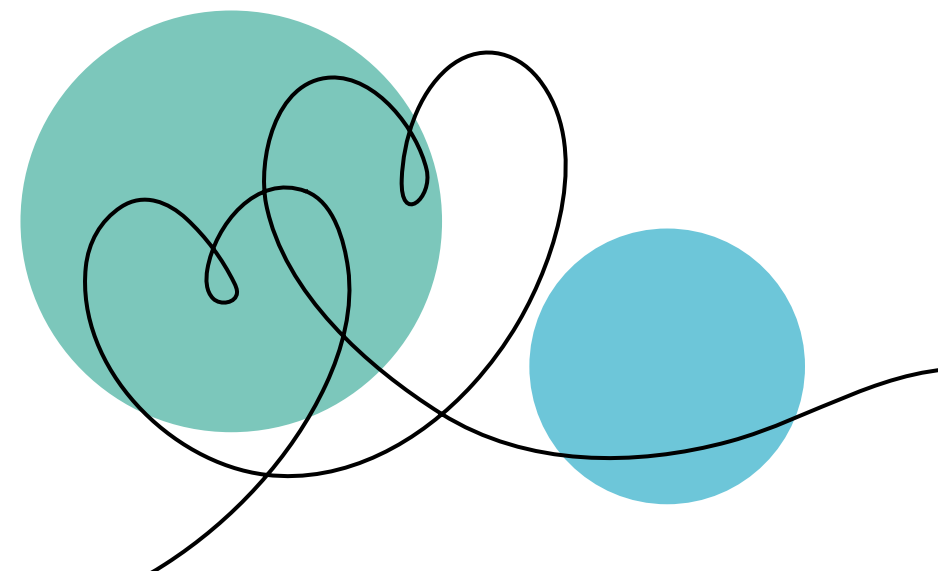


/ Time for a quick game?

Our boarders always enjoy playing games at the weekends and our boys have been enjoying a spot of chess in the evenings before bed – a great evening activity!

/ Sushi Masterclass

In January, boarders enjoyed a sushi masterclass with James Wronski, guest Development Chef. They were taught how to create their own sushi and got to try lots of new flavours.



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We were very impressed with the unique ideas our pupils came up with in order to raise money: Sorcha in Year 9 did an hour of litter picking in her local community every day; Francesca in Year 8 raised money for Dyslexia Research Trust by reading 'The Hobbit' aloud; Erin in Year 9 walked 150 miles for YoungMinds; Ellie (Year 10) carried out a tri-baathlon(!); and James in Year 10 completed a 30 day fitness challenge, single-handedly raising almost £2000 for St Brigid's Community Garden!

These are all incredible achievements, and we are so proud of every single pupil who took on a personal challenge during this time.

During lockdown, our pupils were challenged to think of a creative way to raise money for a charity of their choice as part of their **Citizenship lessons**. Alongside this, our staff came together and took part in fundraising projects of their own.

The total amount of money raised for charity by our school during lockdown stands at over £7,000!



KEEPING ACTIVE AT HOME

Many of our pupils were lucky enough to be able to go outdoors for their **Sports lessons** whilst at home during lockdown. We saw many pupils out on their bikes such as Jack in Year 8, going for a run like Guy in Year 7 and even taking to the water with their kayak, as was the case for Ivan in Year 9!



In **English lessons**, our Juniors learned how to write instructions. One challenge was to write a recipe for a potion. Rose in Year 5 created a 'puppy potion'. According to her brilliantly written instructions, if you feed this magical 'puppy potion' to your dog, it will turn them into a puppy again!



2020 SO FAR ...

26th of Jan, basically the start of the year,
I viewed Styler, this did give me a tear,
Was a very special day,
My first glance, he was chomping hay.
February, it was time to ski
This involved me falling, trying and enjoying with glee,
There was lots of snow,
Was amazing but I missed my 'foe'.
March, was amazing until Corona,
Lockdown began, I was a bit of a loner,
I guess though, it is fun with the fam,
Apart from the only lunch is a sandwich filled with ham.
Don't touch your hands or face,
Wear a mask just in case,



I may go crazy,
At least mum is making me not too lazy.
I will be so relieved when lockdown ends,
Can't wait to see my friends,
And I will go competing, after all this,
Simply will be bliss.

BY IZZY (YEAR 9)

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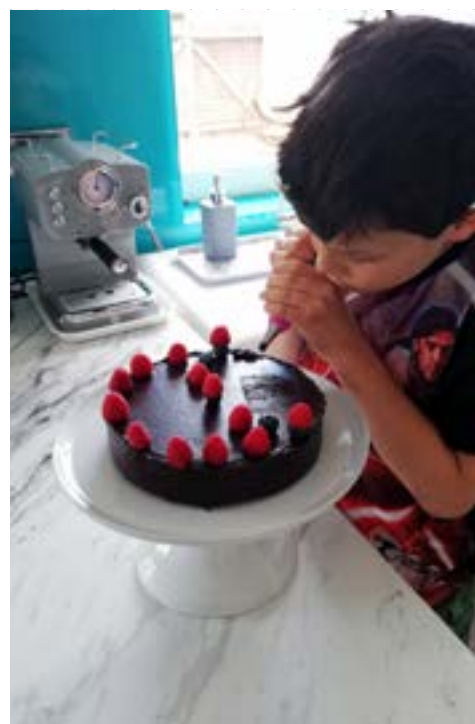
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CATERING COMPETITIONS

During lockdown, our pupils were challenged by Mr Crwys-Williams to take part in a weekly Catering competition at home!

Pictured here are some of the winning dishes produced by our pupils. Competitions included soup making, imaginative salads, scone baking and classic wartime dishes to celebrate VE Day.

We were very impressed with the high standard of all of the entries, and the passion and dedication our pupils showed whilst cooking at home!



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GETTING BACK TO NATURE

Forest lessons continued through lockdown, with pupils building dens, insect hotels and bird feeders whilst at home.

Our green fingered pupils like Freddie in Year 5 celebrated National Gardening Week by helping out in their gardens by planting vegetables, flowers, and even painting benches, fences and sheds.



Eloise (Year 13) got stuck into her post-exam summer job helping with wool rolling on a local farm, whilst our Junior pupils were delighted to see Boris the lamb on their virtual Farm lessons. Boris was helping Miss Lamb as she taught pupils from home!



Whilst at home, pupils found creative ways to complete their **Design and Technology work**. Charley (Year 5) created a brilliant drama set inspired by 'The Greatest Showman' as part of her work, whilst Guy in Year 7 made a face mask from a folded bandanna - very clever!

Rebecca in Year 5 created this fabulous design based on research into the work of fashion designer Mary Quant.

Inspired by the SpaceX launch in June, pupils were challenged with designing space suits! Here is one of the fabulous designs by Erin in Year 9.

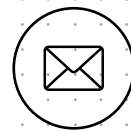
During a DT lesson involving 3D drawing, Erin in Year 9 showed her artistic skills by creating this fantastic drawing of the letter M!



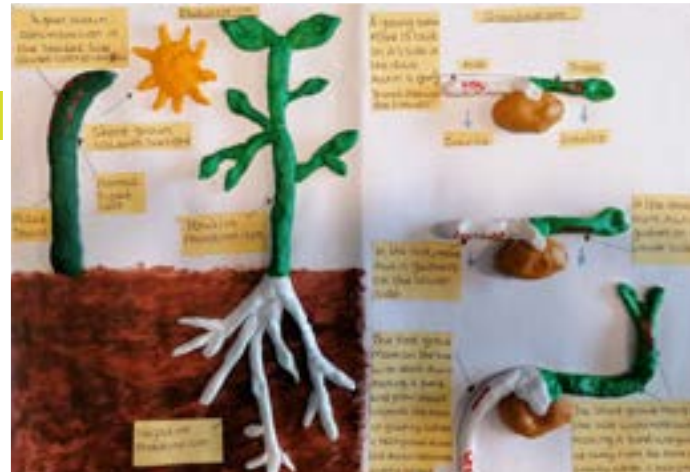
Elizabeth (Year 3) produced some absolutely amazing DT work from home - creating a logo for her YouTube channel using an app and her own t-shirt by printing her logo onto a transfer and ironing it on. Elizabeth also used a 3D printer to make a dice... very impressive!

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In their lockdown **Science lessons**, Year 9 were learning about plant hormones, and the effect of auxins on both roots and shoots. The detail in this piece (01) of work by Erin is really impressive!

Here's (02) Etienne in Year 5 during a lockdown Science lesson, learning all about different forces, such as gravity!

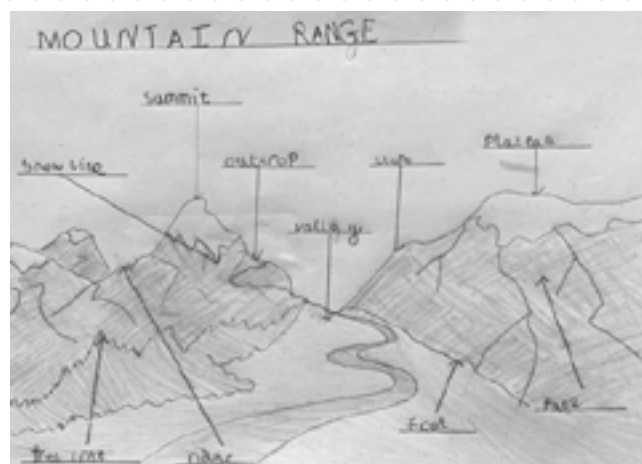
This orienteering map (03) with questions and answers about the route was made by Rebeccah in Year 5.

Year 5 also enjoyed a **Geography lesson** studying mountain ranges. This fabulous and detailed drawing (04) was created at home by Casey.

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STUDENT SELECTED FOR PRESTIGIOUS CISCO APPRENTICESHIP

"To gain such a placement is a testament of very hard work and a total commitment to the Academy's ethos. All staff and students in Bredon School's Cisco Academy are very proud of Lauren and we wish her the very best on her career pathway."

Mr Neethling
Head of the Cisco Academy
at Bredon School

We were delighted to learn that Lauren in Year 13 has been selected for one of the most prestigious IT apprenticeships in the country this year. Lauren has been studying Cisco courses at Bredon's Cisco Academy and from over 1300 applications for the apprenticeship scheme, she was one of only 20 students in the country selected for an apprenticeship at Cisco's UK Headquarters in Feltham, London.

The Degree Level, Cisco Apprenticeship Program is one of the most sought after Apprenticeship Programs within the IT Sector, world-wide. Cisco develops, manufactures and sells networking hardware, software, telecommunications equipment and other high-technology services and products.

"Bredon School offers a brilliant Cisco Academy which has allowed me to learn more about the opportunities available", explains Lauren. She continues: "After a school trip to their Headquarters,

I successfully applied for a week of work experience with them this year, and spent time with some of their current apprentices. I had an amazing time and decided to apply for an apprenticeship myself.

"I knew that the chances of getting a placement were slim due to the limited spaces available. Without the experience of being Head Girl at Bredon School, and the mock interview practice the school helped me with, I don't think I would have had the confidence to go for it.

"When I found out I had been offered an apprenticeship, there were lots of happy tears, from both me and my family! I am looking forward to meeting new people and making new friends. As well as learning from experts in the IT industry."

Lauren plans to complete a masters degree after her apprenticeship and continue on to a career within the IT industry.



Head Boy
Joe Birkinshaw • Year 13



What’s been the best thing about being Head Boy?
The best part about being Head Boy is the opportunity to work with both teachers and students to improve everyone’s experience in many different ways. I have enjoyed being a bridge between teachers and students, and I have learned the importance of communication.

What is it that makes Bredon so special?
The unique opportunities it provides and the support that teachers give to each pupil. This school makes an effort to find out how you learn and really tailors the teaching style to support your learning.

What have you enjoyed most about your time here?
The thing I enjoyed the most during my time at Bredon was meeting students throughout the year and broadening my horizons and experiences.

What’s been your greatest personal achievement to date?
Achieving high grades in my A Levels, enabling me to go to university later this year.

What advice do you have for younger students here?
Take the opportunities presented to you by the school and make sure you use them to your maximum benefit.

Sum up your experience at Bredon in three words?
Growth, unique and expansive.

Who has been an inspiration to you here?
My greatest inspiration has been my friends throughout the years as they provided healthy competition for promotions in CCF and were very supportive when I achieved Head Boy.

What’s next, after Bredon?
This September, I’m going to study Law and International Politics at Aberystwyth University in Wales for three years.

Head Girl
Milly Roberts • Year 13



What has being Head Girl taught you?
Being Head Girl has taught me to be a leader to stand up for the school and it has given me new skills for life.

What’s been the best thing about being Head Girl?
Being someone that the younger students can look up to and can come to for advice. I have enjoyed leading families around the school and showing the wide variety of opportunities that are available at Bredon.

What have you enjoyed most about your time here?
Meeting new people and all the exciting experiences. I’ve loved having so many different sporting opportunities including rowing down the River Wye as part of my Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Sum up bredon in three words?
Supporting, challenging and fun.

What advice do you have for younger pupils here?
I would say to make the most of the opportunities that you’re given and take on new challenges. There are so many people who are kind and will help you. My tutor, Mrs Boakes, and the boarding parents, Miss H and Miss Glover have helped me enormously.

Do you have any plans for the future?
After Bredon, I am excited to apply for an apprenticeship in childcare or sport.

Chair of Student Council

Samantha • Year 13

Sum up bredon in three words?
Irreplaceable • Welcoming • Memories



What's been the best thing about being Chair of Student Council?

I would have to say being a role model for the younger years and being there for them when they needed someone to talk to.

What makes Bredon so special?

For me Bredon is special because of the amount of new people I have met and the friends I have made who I hope to stay in contact with for the rest of my life.

What has been your greatest personal achievement during your time at Bredon?

Confidence; I am capable of achieving things that I never could have before.

Advice for younger students?

My advice would be to stay positive. Never give up on what you're wanting to do and no matter what, there is always someone there for you to help you.

Who has been an inspiration?

My teachers at Bredon have really helped me through my school work. My friends also helped me and supported me through the amazing two years I have had here.

What's next after Bredon?

I have always loved cars and machines. I have been accepted into college and hope to go on to complete an apprenticeship in the future. My goal is to work in the car industry.

In your words...

“Our son is so happy at Bredon and it is a reflection of all the love, care and support he receives from the Bredon family. We couldn’t ask for more.”

“So pleased my niece is finally happy and thriving at last, all thanks to Bredon.”

“Our son has had wonderful support from the school over the last few years, which a) educated him and b) really changed his self-belief.”

“Bredon has exceeded all our expectations. I can’t tell you how delighted I am, it’s like a dream come true.”

“Since our daughter has attended Bredon she has grown in confidence and character. She is truly a different child, her anxiety is lifting and she has self belief and confidence that she can achieve, for the first time in years. The boarding house provides an instant circle of friends and social opportunity, which has enabled her to develop hugely socially also. We are so fortunate to have found this school!”

“Thank you for everything you do in school to support, encourage and make amazing memories for our son. He has had the most amazing, life changing experience.”





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