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WELCOME — TO BREDON

One can argue that it is easy to shine in good times. To do so through a crisis at the scale of the pandemic we have all experienced is exactly what Bredon has done. I could not be more proud of the pupils, staff and parents for how they have worked together during the past year.

Challenges are opportunities to demonstrate the core values of the School and Bredon has absolutely excelled.

The extraordinary progress under Mr Oldham's leadership has meant the School continues to innovate (a new farm shop and cafe), win (shortlisted for numerous awards, 100% pass rates at A-level/BTEC), develop (as seen through the refurbished boarding houses), learn (evidenced by improvements in teaching and learning) and maintain what I consider to be world class pastoral care.

Bredon School is a truly impressive place and I hope this year's Bredonian magazine gives you a small insight into how we inspire our pupils. Congratulations to Mr Oldham, the staff and pupils on an exceptional year.

Aatif Hasaan,
Chairman of Cavendish Education

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From the Headmaster's Study

Welcome to this year's edition of The Bredonian.

This publication is a fantastic opportunity for us to celebrate the achievements of our pupils over the past academic year - and what a year it has been!

I am not sure that Lt Col Sharp, during those early years at Bredon nearly 60 years ago, could ever have imagined what pupils, parents and staff at the School would have been through, nor would he have thought that a school and education system could keep going through a global pandemic in such a way. All our pupils have shown maturity and resilience beyond their years and have made no excuses despite the enormous challenges and disruption they have all faced. I have been completely blown away by the effort and determination shown and the results achieved by our young people. There has been a collective 'coming together' as a community and I have regularly witnessed pupils

supporting one another through incredible acts of kindness, always remaining optimistic. To each and every one of you, I pass on my sincere thanks.

To our parents and guardians - your support this year has been phenomenal. The positive and ongoing feedback we received for our remote learning programme through Google Classroom gave motivation to our teachers, many of whom had their own children at home throughout the lockdowns. This feedback reassured us, that as a school, we were still able to make a huge difference to our pupils' educational experience, albeit through a virtual platform. Your understanding through the numerous changes to school routines and procedures, as well as patience throughout this year, has been very much appreciated.

To the staff at Bredon in each and every area of the school, a heartfelt thank you. You have all helped make this year incredibly special and successful despite the numerous challenges and changes thrown at you on a daily and weekly basis. You have always



put our pupils first and your professionalism, can do attitude and community spirit has been exemplary.

As you read on, you will see a vast array of pupil accomplishments and activities; far too many for me to list in this introduction. I will, however, mention a few personal highlights that have given me great pleasure as Headmaster this year. I begin with the recent win for our Junior Shooting Team who fought off fierce competition at the prestigious Holland & Holland grounds in order to be given the title of 'Junior Champions' at the Independent School Shooting Competition 2021. I congratulate the team on their victory, one that reinforces our reputation as one of the top shooting schools in the UK.

The launch of the School Farm Shop and Cafe 'The Shack' was another brilliant achievement this year. Despite the numerous restrictions and barriers put in the way by the pandemic, pupils put their business acumen to excellent use and were fully involved from conception to the successful launch event held in November. This project will develop further next year and the involvement of our parent group - Friends At Bredon (FAB) - will, I am sure, give it the additional support it requires.

Our Upper Sixth have received numerous unconditional offers to first choice universities - the best of luck to them all as they continue their educational journey. I know that our pupils will look back fondly at their Bredon days and leave us with many happy memories. To all of our pupils becoming 'Old Bredonians' this year, our door is always open and we wish you every success for the future.

Finally, the appointment of three new Day HSMs will bring a new level of pastoral care to the School through a revised house system from September, building upon our strong foundations as a supportive and caring environment for all our pupils.

I look forward to seeing what lies ahead for Bredon in 2021-22 - but for now, I hope you enjoy looking back on what has been an outstanding year and would like to leave you with a quote from one of my favourite books, 'The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse' by Charlie Mackesy: "We have such a long way to go" sighed the boy. "Yes, but look how far we've come" said the horse.

Nick Oldham,
Bredon School Headmaster

Founder's Day Celebrations

Each year we come together as a school community to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our pupils - both academic and extra curricular. At our annual Founder's Day event, we look back on the completed academic year and acknowledge individual success within the School.

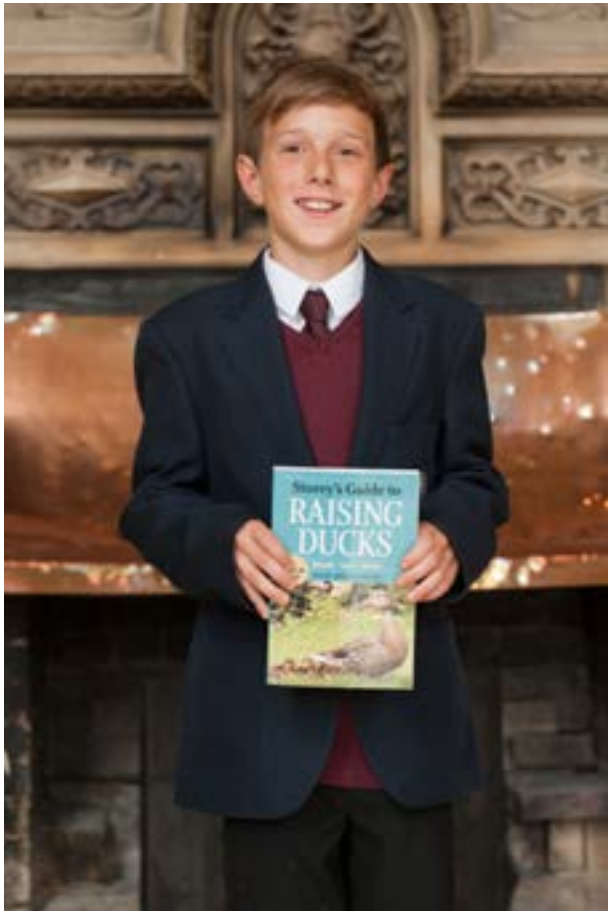
Whilst it was a great shame that, due to the pandemic, we were unable to invite parents and guardians to school to celebrate with us, it was still a wonderful day for our pupils who were able to take part in a year group specific 'mini' Founder's Day ceremony in Pull Court.

It was a pleasure to listen to our Chairman, Mr Aatif Hasaan, talk to our pupils about perseverance and what it really means to be 'successful'. Our Head Boys and Head Girl also spoke to their peers, giving eloquent and confident speeches. And as always, it was lovely to see our pupils smiling and supporting their peers, especially our leavers who had fun reminiscing about their time at Bredon.



Junior School Awards

Theo Halford	Junior Prize
Oliver Lynch	Geography
Oliver Wheeler	English
Charley Allen	Reading
Amelie Newman	Maths
Charlie Downton	Science
Albert Todd	History
Alistair Vine	RE
James Waite	Spanish
Mikey Bailey	IT and Computing
Ollie Baker	Outdoor Education
Rose Gott	PSHE
Casey Rhodes	Forest School
Immy Park	Art
Crystal Renae Edwards	Performing Arts & Music
Oliver Garratt	SLS Award
Jessica Creed	The Westlake Cup for Endeavour in all Areas
Etienne Pelloux	The Lucy Bliss Trophy for Perseverance
Rebecca Wall	The W John Trophy for Diligence
Rupert Williams	The Cecelia J John Cup for All Round Initiative
Henry Clow-Whitelegg	The Happy Cup
Eddy Kilmister	Junior Farm Club Award
Freddie Soosalu	Junior Sportsman of the Year
Indie De Haan	Junior Sportswoman of the Year (AW Brook Memorial Trophy)
William Bayley	Junior Swimming Champion (The Crosbie Trophy)
Charlie Ventham	Junior Cross Country Champion
Marvin Brookes	Junior Sporting Achievement Outside School
Elizabeth Bayley	Comfort Food Competition - Best Sweet Comfort Food



CONGRATULATIONS

Senior School Awards

Year 7

Miriam Morley - English
Sam Clapp - Endeavour Award
Matilda Dorrian - Most Improvement in Boarding (Girls)
William Mills - Young Farmer of the Year

Year 8

Kai Pugh-Bodman - Design and Technology
Aoife Laxton - Spanish
Felix Gilks - Religious Education
Elliott Gist - STEM
Lucy Barnett - Sportswoman of the Year
Tai Malik - Most Enthusiastic: Outdoor Education
Rosie Hutton - Poetry and Literature
Phoebe Kilmister - Horse Rider of the Year
Oliver Snailham - Community Service to Boarding (Boys Year 9 and Below)

Year 9

Joseph McKay - Mathematics
Jack Gott - Science
Hunter Doyle - Engineering
Joseph Woodworth - Food Technology
Flora Byng - Art
Francesca Rix - History
Rollo Llewellyn - Geography
Hanson Tabe - Computing
Noah Hunt - Sportsman of the Year
Rollo Llewellyn - Farmer of the Year (Year 7 - 9)
Peter Mannion - Clay Pigeon Shooting: Best Gun
Joseph Woodworth - Comfort Food Competition: Overall Winner
Joe Carter - Comfort Food Competition: Best Savoury Dish

Year 10

Edward Higgs - GCSE Mathematics
Ivan Barritt - GCSE Music
Erin Stead - GCSE Photography
Billy Taylor - Religious Education
Charles Phillips - Endeavour Award
Edward Wong - Community Service to Boarding (Boys Year 10 and Above)





Jamie Elvin - English
 Max Reen - GCSE Geography
 Will Anderson - GCSE History
 Simon Evlyn-Buhton - Science (Key Stage 4)
 Angus Mills - Business Studies
 Adam Pena - GCSE Art
 Adam Pena - GCSE Resistant Materials
 Angus Mills - Hospitality and Catering
 Jamie Elvin - Physical Education
 Leo Rowe - Sport
 Emily Czajkowski - Childcare
 Obi Newman - Cisco Academy IT Essentials
 Matthew Cooley - Cisco Academy Cabling
 Max Reen - Level 2 Agriculture
 Rhys Davies - GCSE Film Studies
 Matthew Cooley - Sportsman of the Year
 Sara Wilson - Sportswoman of the Year
 Emily Czajkowski - Community Service to Boarding (Stable House)

Sky Redfern - ASDAN
 Ted Van Lynden Van Sandburg - Film Studies
 Toby Williams Wring - Endeavour Award
 Jason Au - Clay Pigeon Shooting: Best Gun
 Charlie Saunders - Combined Cadet Force

George Maxwell - History
 George Maxwell - Science
 Harrison Warner - Business Studies
 Jake Wright - Mathematics
 Mark Blenkinsop - Art
 Charlie Wilkins - Photography
 Josh Gulley - Engineering
 Harry Plant - Hospitality and Catering
 Jake Wright - Sport
 Jude Stevenson - Cisco Academy Level 2 Award
 Charlie Wilkins - Cisco CCNA Award
 Alan Cyusa - The Abbott Trophy for All Round Contribution To Sport
 Harry Plant - Community Service in School (Seniors)
 Mark Blenkinsop - The John Brown Cup for Duke of Edinburgh Achievement

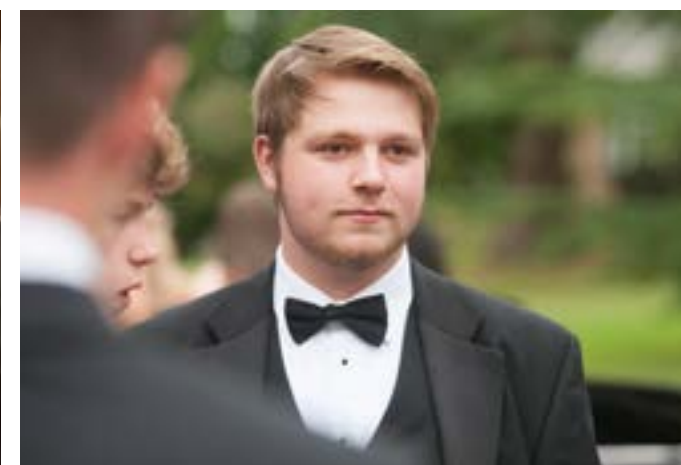
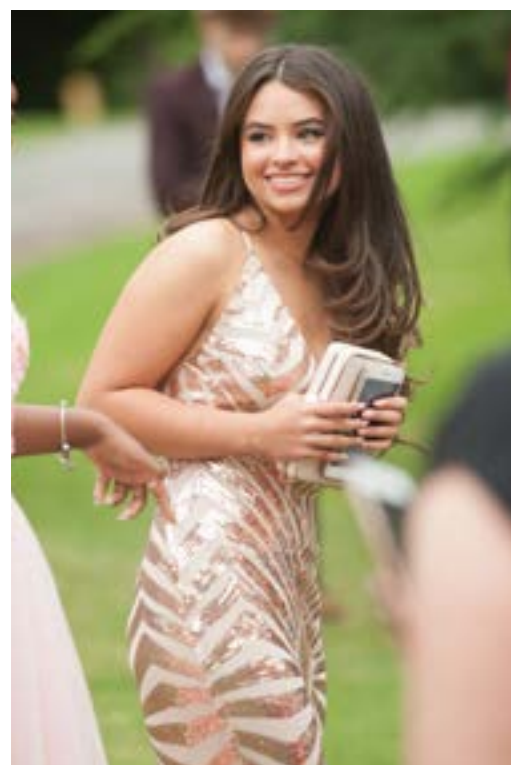


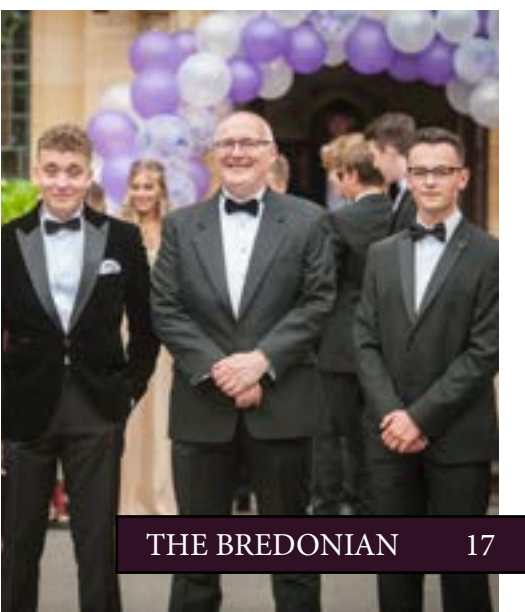
Leavers' Supper

Our Sixth Form were in good spirits on Tuesday 6th July as they came together to celebrate the end of their academic journey at Bredon.

Although we were unable to take our Sixth Form off site for the usual 'Prom', we were able to host a beautiful 'Leavers' Supper' here in Pull Court.

Emotions were high as leavers gathered with their peers at their final school event; it was wonderful to see so many smiles and hear so many stories of happy Bredon memories that will last a lifetime.





FAREWELL



REMEMBRANCE DAY

This academic year, Remembrance Day fell during the corona-virus outbreak and meant that the usual service our pupils attend in Tewkesbury did not take place. As a school with strong military roots, we did not allow this poignant and important day to pass by without recognition.

The School Service was held outside in the gardens of Pull Court, with limited numbers - our Combined Cadet Force were in attendance, lined up along the edge of the gardens in order to allow for social distancing.

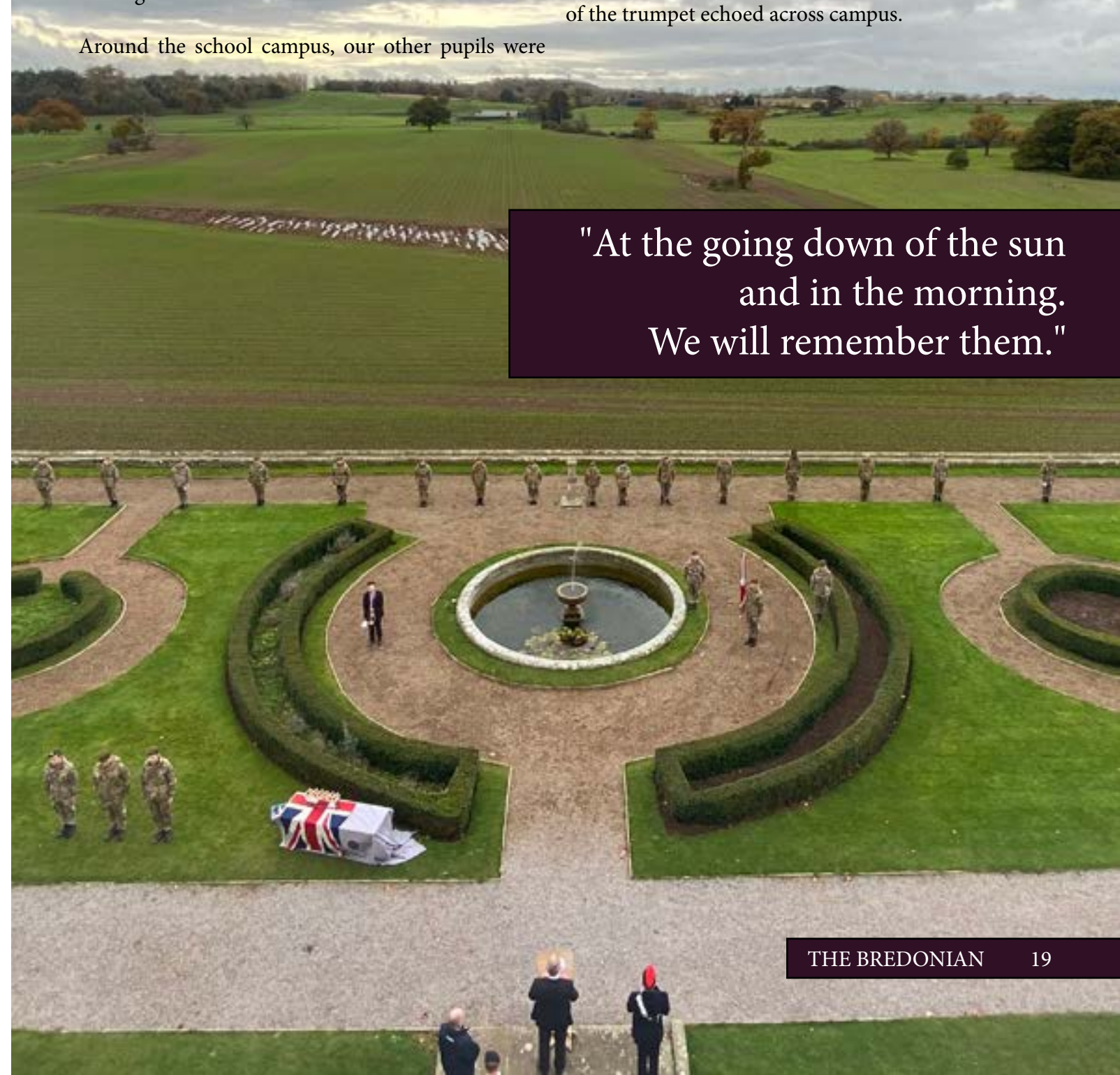
Around the school campus, our other pupils were

also following the service in their respective year group 'bubbles'.

The service felt especially moving, given that as a nation, we were experiencing a national crisis that had brought us together like no other event since World War II. Pupils placed a cross into a display one by one to remember each of the local parishioners who had lost their lives in service.

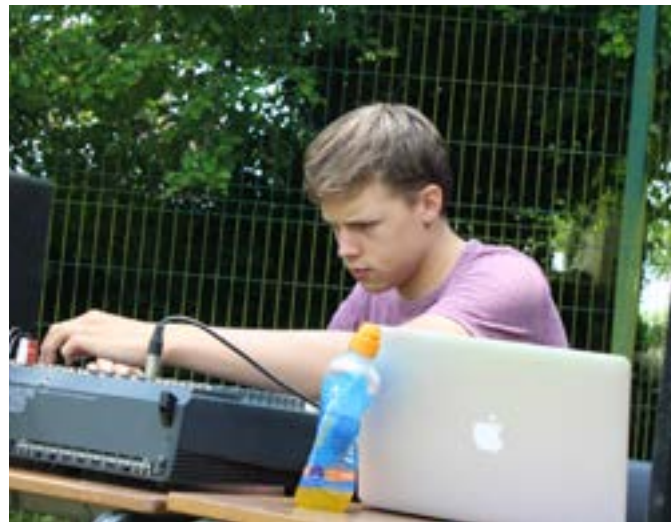
As 'The Last Post' was played, pupils and staff alike bowed their heads in quiet contemplation as the notes of the trumpet echoed across campus.

"At the going down of the sun
and in the morning.
We will remember them."





A Glorious Afternoon



On Friday 2nd July, we threw a fabulous 'pool party' for Years 10 and above to celebrate the end of term. Pupils were able to socialise (in their 'bubbles') and spend time in the sunshine with their friends. After what has been an incredibly long year for our pupils, it was a delight to see them happy, smiling and enjoying quality time with their peers. Pupils took part in party games, football, rugby, swing-ball and water volleyball in our swimming pool. Our catering team provided a delicious summer buffet including salads, BBQ food and heavenly chocolate brownies. A particular highlight was the Headmaster coming out of his office to score a goal during the impromptu football match!





A Year in Boarding

What a year for our boarders! The restrictions that have needed to be put in place haven't stopped our boarding houses feeling like home. The memories made this year, along with strong friendships, will last forever. The resilience, adaptability and 'lets get on with it' attitude shown by the boarders and the boarding staff shows me that we are on the right path to ensure all our boarders leave Bredon School as well rounded, focused young adults with the ability to tackle change head on.

Even though our weekend activities have been curtailed due to lockdowns, we are so lucky to be able to make the most of the amazing grounds we have. This summer term was great, with the sun shining and the pool opening. We had coaches of football, basketball and fitness coaches for fantastic training sessions joining us.

Within the school grounds, our boarders have commented that it 'didn't feel like lockdown'. Pupils were able to make use of the school facilities such as the new Astro pitch and the school gym, go on weekend walks through the surrounding open countryside, or simply get on a scooter or a skateboard and have fun along the driveway (which was safely closed off due to the new gates!).

We have had some of my favourite moments this year, enjoying hosting BBQs in the sunshine for our boarders and enjoying the peaceful and positive bubble the school grounds provided for us here at Bredon. Our boarders adapted brilliantly and I couldn't be prouder of them.

Mr Starr, Director of Boarding

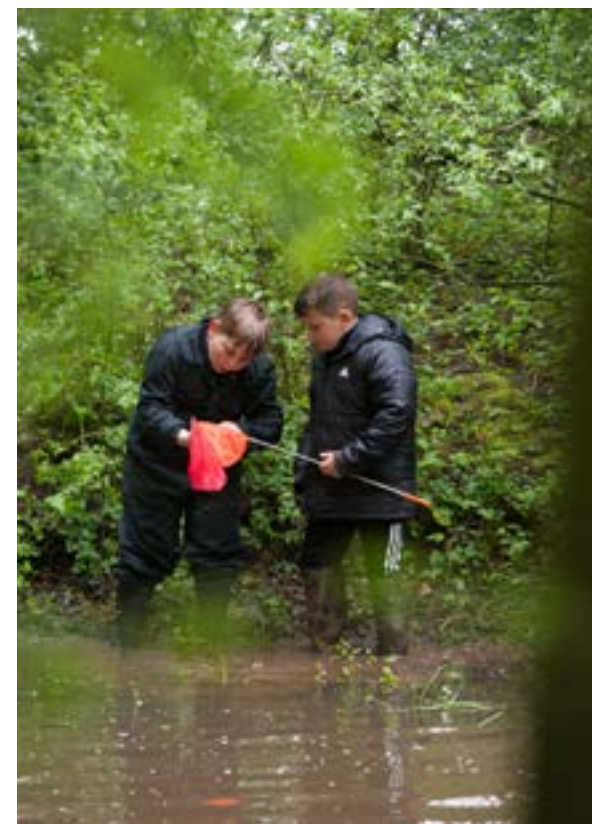


“What this year has shown us is that adaptability, an open approach and a great attitude will allow us to thrive in difficult circumstances. Doesn't that just sum up boarding at Bredon perfectly?”

Mr Starr, Director of Boarding



FOREST SCHOOL



Down in our leafy 4 acre woodland, our Junior School pupils have been exploring, building, cooking and having a fabulous time for their Forest School sessions.

A firm favourite, Forest School is part of the weekly timetable, and this year pupils have made the most of the newly expanded Forest School area. Pupils have been learning how to build shelters and working together to gather firewood for cooking on an open fire. It has been fantastic to see pupils really come alive and grow in confidence within our beautiful outdoor setting.

It was lovely to see pupils returning to school and really relishing the opportunity to be outside with their peers following the various national lockdowns. We are so proud of all of our Junior School pupils for demonstrating excellent teamwork this year. We can't wait for more muddy wellies, rosy cheeks and magic.





This year has been another busy one on our School Farm. We have seen the usual litters of piglets and numerous lambs and calves join our fields, and our pupils have, as ever, loved looking after the animals.

Pupils have been able to take part in morning duties before school, ensuring all of the routine feeding, bedding and checking is carried out before morning registration.

Our Year 7s continue to provide the Common Room with fresh farm eggs each day and have taken the associated poultry management in their stride. Our chicken coops have had a full makeover with help from Year 10 and 11 pupils and are now cheerfully coloured. Excitingly, during the final school term, an exceptionally broody hen hatched seven new chicks for us!

Elsewhere on the Farm, our Year 10 pupils have been busy helping fix some of our fences in order to keep the livestock safe and secure.

Pony Club recently took part in a mini dressage competition on-site, with the Shetland ponies, and it was lovely to see the pupils get involved and support each other. The cows have finished calving and both the calves and spring lambs are growing well off the good grass growth we have experienced this year.

Hal B (Year 10) has been busy using the School's livestock as a project for his photography work. The pictures are fabulous and feature on this page (at the top left (calf) and below (geese and sheep)). We hope you enjoy them and look forward to another exciting year on the Farm.



DOWN ON THE FARM

Correspondence with the Queen



Jemima in Year 8 thoughtfully wrote a letter to the Queen this year following the death of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Philip. Jemima wrote to say how she was very sorry to hear of the death of the Queen's husband and that she would be thinking of her during this very sad time. Unexpectedly, Jemima received a lovely card in response, sent from Buckingham Palace, thanking her for her 'kind words'.



Ready, Steady, Cook!

Year 10 pupils were challenged to take part in Ready, Steady, Cook! Just like the television programme, pupils had to create a dish using surprise ingredients and no recipe!

Guest chef Steven Thorley judged the finished dishes and the winners were Stephen and Archie for their incredible pasta!



A Very Proud SLS Team

Our Specialist Learning Support (SLS) team has been delighted by the progress pupils have made during what has been a challenging year. As part of our end of year celebrations, staff were asked to nominate pupils who they felt should be considered for a number of school awards. Although not everyone was able to take home an award on Founder's Day, we hope that these snippets from the nominations (below) will give you an insight into the fantastic work and progress our pupils have made this year. A huge 'well done' to all.

"He has matured into a lovely young man who is well mannered, polite, with a good work ethic."

Harry P, Year 13

"A delightful personality with endless potential."

Iris W, Year 8

"The academic progress that Harry has made this year has been phenomenal."

Harry T, Year 8

"Charles has always been polite, conscientious and generally an all round amazing young man."

Charles P, Year 10

"Jack is a fantastic role model and inspiration to his peers."

Jack G, Year 9

"A super pupil, it has been a real pleasure to see him come so far."

Cruise E, Year 11



Combined Cadet Force

Our Combined Cadet Force has gone from strength to strength. Numbers of cadets continue to grow, with Year 9 now having the ability to join the contingent. Whilst unable to go off site this year, our cadets have made good use of our extensive site for field craft, six section battle drills, and camouflage and concealment.

We will soon be set up as a stand alone contingent, giving more opportunities to the cadets for military and adventure training. Another exciting development is that from September we will have a dedicated School Staff Instructor who will be the first point of contact for the pupils within school and who will allow us to enhance our overall CCF provision.

We also look forward to welcoming soldiers into the School on a weekly basis from September. They will be supporting the CCF training by speaking with our cadets and passing on their knowledge and experience.

Military Swimming Test

Pupils were challenged to complete a Military Swimming Test (MST) in the school swimming pool. To complete the test, pupils had to complete a standing jump from the side of the pool and then tread water for two minutes. Immediately after, and without touching the bottom or the sides, pupils had to swim 100 metres by any stroke before climbing out of the pool without using the steps. This was a tough challenge, especially in a heavy uniform, but many of our pupils completed it and all pupils showed great determination.



A Grand Opening for School Farm Shop

This year, pupils launched a new business enterprise, located in the Agriculture and Land Based Studies cabin. The farm shop and cafe, 'The Shack' opened its doors on Friday 16th October for its official launch.

launch and run a business. Pupils have already been involved with designing the logo and working on the marketing, as well as working 'shifts' behind the counter, and serving hot drinks at the launch event.

Pupils have worked incredibly hard over the last few years, networking and building relationships with many local businesses and members of the public, and had planned to launch The Shack to these supporters together with the local media. Whilst the pandemic delayed such a launch, our undeterred pupils organised a 'soft launch' to a smaller audience including staff and parents, allowing products, pricing and systems to be tested.

Pupils have also been enjoying the opportunity to make their own products and have them displayed and sold in The Shack: Christmas decorations from pine cones and decorative concrete bowls are just some examples.

The Shack will be fully opened once all COVID guidelines are lifted, and our pupils have big plans for the future. It will be a fantastic resource for Bredon, allowing pupils to gain 'real-world' work experience of how to



We look forward to seeing the development of The Shack as we head into the new academic year. Congratulations to our pupils for a fantastic launch event!



Worcester's Big Parade

This year, we got involved with a fabulous community project for Worcestershire - 'Worcester's Big Parade'. Mrs Pitt (Head of Art) and the team helped pupils to create a Bredon School elephant sculpture, from design to completion!



For eight weeks in the summer of 2021, Worcester will be brought to life by a parade of beautifully decorated elephant sculptures. Elephants – both big and small – will form a stunning, free art trail through the city's streets and open spaces. The sculptures will be on display in the city from Monday, 12th July to Sunday, 5th September 2021.

Our pupils worked hard to design and paint our very own school 'ele-baby', Brendon the Bredon elephant. Catch Brendon on display as part of the parade, which is raising for the charity St Richard's Hospice.



"It was so much fun thinking of a design for our elephant and seeing it become reality."

Rose G (Year 8)

National Gardening Week

Monday 26th April marked the beginning of National Gardening Week, and across our school campus, flowers were beginning to bloom, and many of our trees were in full blossom.

Our school gardens have been significantly enhanced by our gardener over the last year; existing and established plants have been tended to and pruned, alongside investment in new plants and bulbs which we have seen springing up all over our 84 acre site. It was particularly lovely to see the raindrops glistening on the fresh tulips in the courtyard of Pull Court after some of the downpours earlier in the year.



Pupils Help to 'Re-Wild' Campus

As part of their John Muir Award, pupils have been spending time in the school woodlands and finding ways in which they can help to preserve the natural wildlife within it.

Pupils have begun to create a conservation area within the woodland, and amongst other initiatives, have helped to plant 200 native young saplings in an effort to 're-wild' the area.

The John Muir Award encourages pupils of all backgrounds to connect with, enjoy and care for wild places.



The Award is inclusive, accessible and non-competitive, though should challenge each participant.

It encourages awareness and responsibility for the natural environment through a structured yet adaptable scheme, in a spirit of fun, adventure and exploration.

We look forward to seeing further updates from this group of pupils and watching their progress throughout the year.



Odd Socks Day

Why blend in when you were born to stand out?

This year, we took part in the national anti-bullying campaign 'Odd Socks Day'. The campaign, launched by the Anti Bullying Alliance (ABA), saw pupils and teaching staff from all over the country wearing odd socks as a sign that they support the message - to stand up against bullying. The idea behind Odd Socks Day is to celebrate our differences and what makes each of us unique. It was great to see so many pupils and staff members taking part!



Grease is the Word

Our Sixth Form were looking fabulous in their retro outfits inspired by 'Grease' the musical. As part of Activities Week, pupils enjoyed a 'Retro Day' filled with fun blasts from the past including a 'movie night' in the classroom, followed by an 'old school' disco with all the very best tunes. It was a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to socialise and let their hair down after a successful term.



Transition Day

To help our Year 6 pupils make a smooth transition into Year 7, they spent an entire day having lessons in the Senior School so that they can familiarise themselves with where they will be coming in September.

In one session, pupils were challenged to build a structure strong enough to hold a tin of beans. It's surprising how much fun can be had with a tin of beans and some structural engineering!

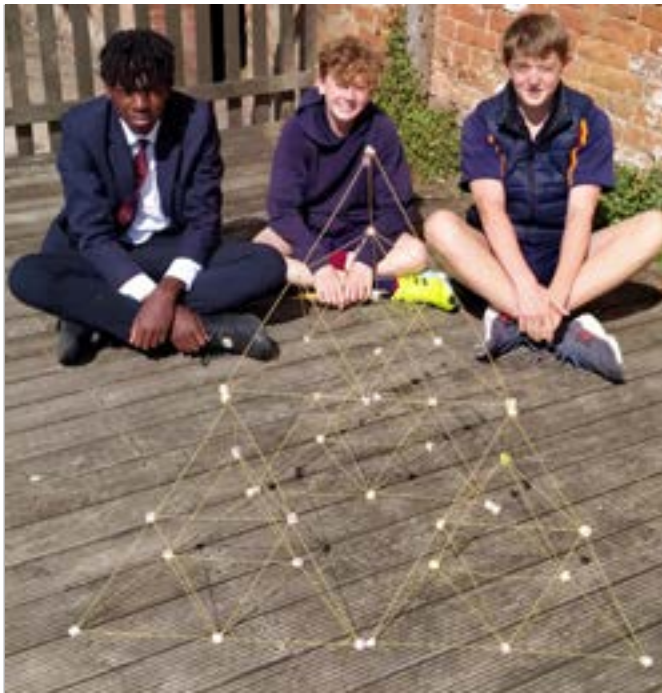


Photos taken by Tumaini I, Year 11



Circus Skills Afternoon

Pupils in the Junior School spent an afternoon developing a variety of new circus skills! Activities included learning how to juggle and having a go at slacklining (similar to tightrope walking).



Spaghetti Tetrahedrons

This impressive spaghetti and marshmallow structure was made by our brilliant Year 9 pupils as part of their Mathematics lesson.

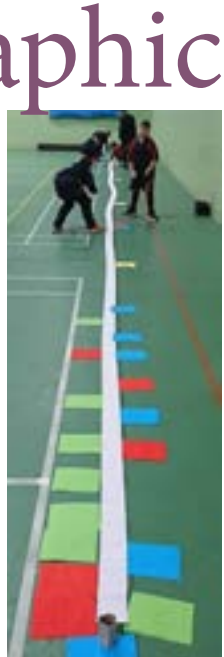
Mathematics is all around us, and this lesson was designed to show how triangles are used in engineering (think bridges and tall buildings!) because they are the strongest shape. Pupils started with four triangular faces to make a tetrahedron and they then put more of them together to make this finished 3D structure.

Weekend Walks

Like a lot of people across the world, lockdown meant that there were fewer activities available to our boarders this year. During the pandemic, our 84 acre estate and surrounding countryside provided a safe haven for our boarders who really enjoyed their weekend walks. Wilf the boarding dog in Stable House enjoyed them too!



Geographical Timeline



Our Year 8 Geographers were taken outside of their usual classroom environment to spend time in the Sports Hall to create a timeline of all of the main geographical events throughout history. As with all Bredon lessons, if there is a chance to use a multi-sensory approach and teach something with a hand-on, visual approach, our teaching staff will get creative! Pupils enjoyed working as a team to piece together the timeline which stretched almost the length of the entire Sports Hall!



Magical Memories

A new lunchtime club was formed this year - the 'Harry Potter Appreciation Society'. Pupils enjoyed learning spells and making slime in 'potions class'. They also made their own wands using woodwork skills and sticks from the school woodlands, which they then painted in the Art Studio.



International Nurses Day

This year, International Nurses Day took place on Wednesday 12th May, and our pupils wanted to celebrate, and thank the school nurses for everything that they do to help our school community.

Our Junior School pupils decided to create colourful hands with messages of thanks and delivered the final creation to the Health and Wellbeing Centre along with a lovely message (below).



Improving Confidence

During Mental Health Awareness Week, the girls in Stable House took part in a group activity in which they had to select positive words to describe themselves. It was great to see our girls slowly feeling more confident and supporting each other. The posters were placed proudly around the boarding house as a reminder that everyone is unique and fabulous in their own way.



Hi, I'm Emily. When I joined Bredon I was very anxious but thanks to one type of animal, I am now a different girl - 'man's best friend', the dog!

At Bredon School we have around 15 school dogs that are either with teachers in their classrooms or are on the farm. And of course there are the boarding dogs!

This is me (left) with one of the much loved farm dogs, Hollie! She is one of my favourite dogs here because she comes and greets me with a cheeky smile and loves a rub on the belly!

Meet the School Dogs!

Written by Emily C, Year 11, with photos by Tumaini I, Year 11.

HAMISH

This is Hamish the other farm dog. He has a very naughty but loving personality that always make you laugh about the silly things he does. If you are feeling down or anxious he is guaranteed to make you feel better, even if you just throw a ball for him for a while!



This is Saffie - you will find her with Mr Butt. She is the cutest and liveliest dog I have ever met! She makes me a lot calmer because of her soft fur and the way she climbs over you as if to say "I'm here, give me cuddles!"

SAFFIE

I hope you liked learning about some of the many dogs at this wonderful school. I used to be scared of dogs but this truly special animal has helped me conquer so much!



Photos taken by Tumaini I, Year 11



Juniors Set Up Camp

Juniors had a brilliant time setting up a campsite on the school lawns in June. Pupils brought in their tents and overnight bags and camped out under the stars right here at Bredon! Pupils helped each other to get their tents set up and then used their Forest School skills to start a campfire.

As well as the usual tree climbing and adventures in the school woodlands, pupils took part in party games and friendly sports matches on the fields.

"We had the best time! My favourite part was telling each other ghost stories in our tent."



Duke of Edinburgh Award



After a long break resulting from extended lockdown periods, pupils (and staff) were delighted to see the return of our Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions earlier this year.

During the first half of term, a group of Silver Award mountain bikers rode from the school campus to the Malvern Hills, developing their navigation skills alongside necessary bike repair skills along the way.

Another group working towards both their Silver and Gold Awards took to the water in their canoes. Taking in the sights along the River Avon, pupils spent the day honing their rescue skills, including rescuing an upside down canoe.

Congratulations to all of our pupils who were awarded their certificates at this year's Founder's Day celebrations.



Here are a few reasons why I love Bredon School!

My Favourite Things About Bredon

Written by Charley A, Year 6

- 1 I love learning and playing with my friends in **FOREST SCHOOL**. I love the games we play and I even know how to start a fire!
- 2 On the **FARM** you get to look after the animals, for example the pigs, horses and the sheep. I love it when we get to feed them - feeding the pigs is fun, some of them are so greedy! The farm teachers are so helpful too.
- 3 **BOARDING** is amazing. I have made lots of friends and we do lots of activities. My best bits are going on a walk, cooking, and doing art and crafts.
- 4 I like my **COOKING** lessons - we're learning but it is so much fun! My favourite thing to cook is pasta, chicken and chips.
- 5 **JUNIOR SCHOOL** is great. Mr Stafford tells us funny jokes and the teachers are the best! My friends are so nice and we all help each other if we need help. My friends here are so caring.

"I have made lots of friends... we all help each other"



Extra-Curricular Day

This year, 'Extra-Curricular Day' took place on Tuesday 13th October. 'Extra Curricular Day' takes place every year at Bredon and sees the whole school spending the day 'off-timetable' enjoying a host of outdoor activities and adventures.

This year pupils took part in activities such as tractor driving, scarecrow making, cycling, forest skills and water rocket competitions! There were also several upcycling projects including turning old bins into wooden planters for 'The Shack'.



New Arrivals in Stable House

The girls in Stable House have been incubating eggs and watching them hatch throughout the year.

Starting with Indian Runner Ducks, boarders helped to incubate, work out humidity/birthing dates, research care tips and watch them hatch. It was a very exciting day when 'Sir Quack-alot' and his siblings joined the boarding family!

As well as Indian Runner Ducks, the girls have also cared for guinea-fowl and most recently three Opal, three White and two Indian Blue peacock eggs!

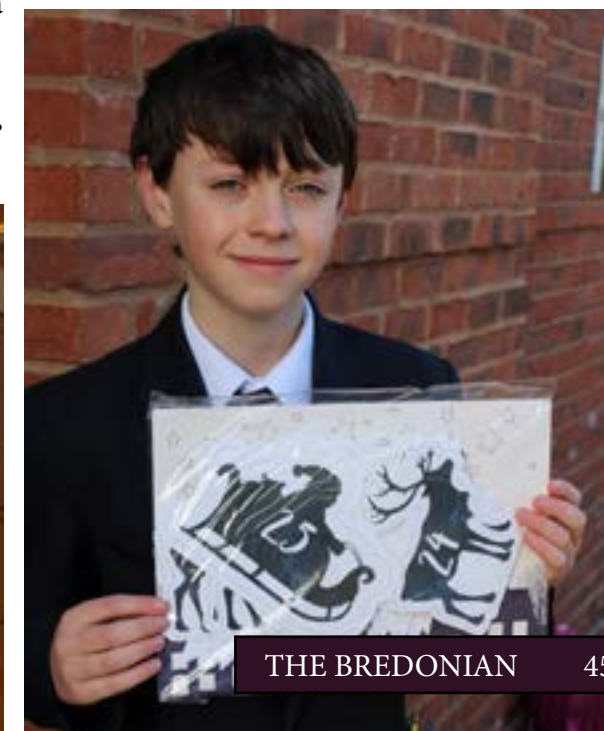


Thank You Betsy Benn

A huge thank you to one of our parents who is the owner of 'Betsy Benn' for donating a lovely advent calendar to each and every child in school this year.

Many tutor groups chose to put up a calendar in the classroom, such as the example below in the Agriculture and Land Based Studies classroom. Each day they were able to take a little message from out of the advent calendar, for example a daily joke, positive quote or interesting fact.

If you would like to take a look at the Betsy Benn website, head to www.betsybenn.com.





Games on the Lawn

Our Sixth Form enjoyed a day on the lawns during our annual 'Activity Week'. Pupils took part in a range of outdoor activities including a nerf war competition and various party games.



STEM Activities



Will it Float?

Year 11 and the Sixth Form were given the brief to use recyclable materials to build a self propelled boat. Some careful planning had to go into the boats because they were given a budget and had to purchase their materials from the on-site STEM shop. The designs of the boats were very varied, with a lot of thought put into how they were to be self-propelled. Just when their final designs were complete, each group was given a challenge card meaning some adjustments had to be made. The final creations were tested on the school pool and followed by a pool party!

Zombie Survival Class

Year 7 and 8 took part in a series of activities which prepared them for surviving a zombie apocalypse (if there ever was to be one!). They learnt how to communicate over long distances, how to walk extremely silently, how to cook on a solar cooker and how to use catapults to distribute anti-viral medicines to stop the spread of the zombie virus. They all worked extremely hard and had some fun at the same time. Hopefully they will never actually need their zombie fighting skills!





Winter Wonderland

On the 23rd and 24th January, a flurry of snow made its way to Bredon and turned the campus into a spectacular winter wonderland.

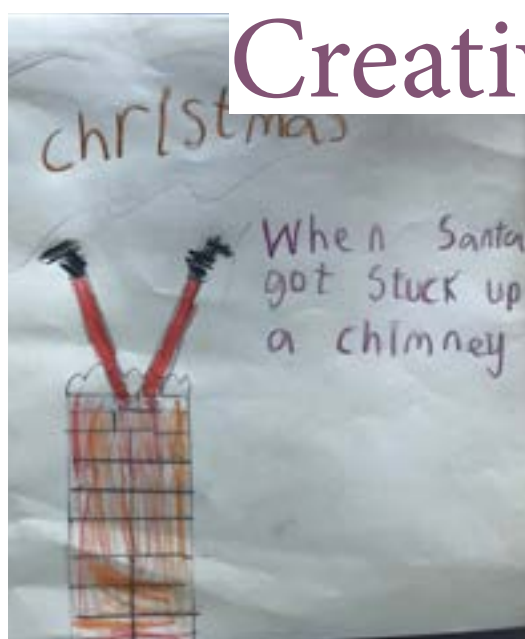
Our lucky boarding pupils had the most amazing weekend making full use of the 84 acre grounds; there were 'biggest snowball' competitions, igloo building attempts and of course, plenty of snowball fights!

Pupils also made sure that the animals were all kept fed and warm on their visits to the School Farm.





Creative Cards



In the Junior School, pupils were challenged to design their own Christmas card.

We were really impressed with the attention to detail and effort that our pupils put into their designs!

We can't wait to see how our Juniors develop their artistic skills as they continue into Senior School.

Christmas 'Chemistrees'

Pupils got into the festive spirit during a Chemistry class, by making 'chemistrees'.

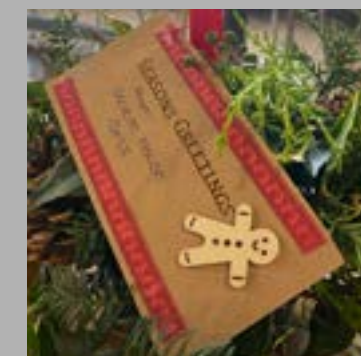
Working in pairs, they had to mix various chemicals in order to fill their 'test tube baubles' with different colours of liquid.

Once they had achieved this, the 'baubles' were positioned on a test tube holder in the shape of a tree, and with an added flair of tinsel their 'chemistrees' were complete!



Festive Workshop

Our boarding pupils in Stable House were treated to a festive workshop in which they made beautiful Christmas table decorations. These were put on display in the Dining Hall for all pupils to enjoy!



12 Days of Giving

A group in our Sixth Form decided to do something to support the local community.

Sky R (Year 12) and Luce H (Year 13) led our pupil project - '12 Days of Giving'. For 12 days, starting from 23rd November through to 9th December, pupils and staff were encouraged to bring in non-perishable food items, toiletries and cleaning products which were then donated to the Tewkesbury Foodbank to help local residents, who may be having a hard time over the festive season.

A big thank you to all those who supported this initiative; it was fantastic to see so many donations being collected and sent to those who needed it most.





“Diligent and Committed”

Like many other subjects, the past 12 months has presented the Uniformed Services Course (USC) pupils with a challenge none of us ever thought would happen. However in true USC fashion, the pupils triumphed over adversity by adapting and overcoming the challenges of the last academic year. The pupils excellently accomplished this by being increasingly diligent and committed to their studies. Even though we have been unable to venture to the Brecon Beacons to consolidate our map reading skills or paddle the rapids at the Cardiff White Water Rafting Centre, the pupils have shown great resolve and accepted ‘what will be, will be’.

Since September the USC pupils have completed many tasks such as: team building exercises where they demonstrated their patience and leadership skills; learning how to plan and organise an adventurous activity; the importance of health and safety in the workplace, including how to complete a risk assessment and the correct technique used relating to manual handling. In addition, they conducted research on a uniformed service which interested them, whilst learning the preparation needed prior to applying for a job and how to conduct themselves in an interview.

Good Luck George!

From completing this course, we are delighted and proud to announce that we have one pupil who has applied and been accepted into the Royal Navy.

George M (Upper Sixth) has shown commitment, discipline, diligence, leadership and respect throughout the course and was awarded the honour of being ‘Top Student’ on Founders Day 2020.

We would like to wish George all the best for the future and say ‘Si vis pacem, para bellum’.



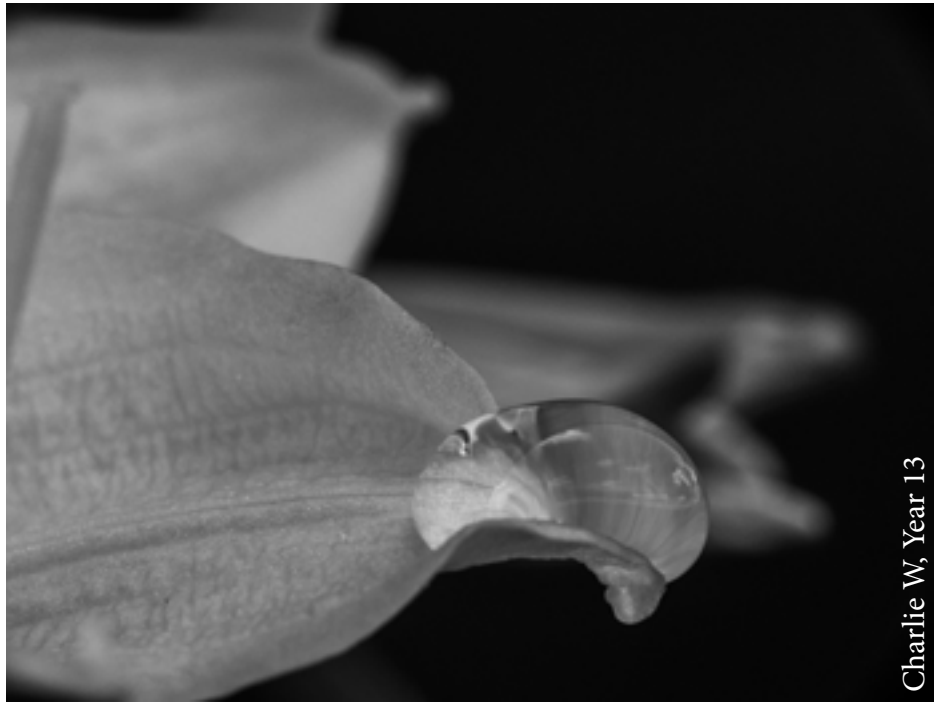
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Matthew C, Year 11



Harrison W, Year 13



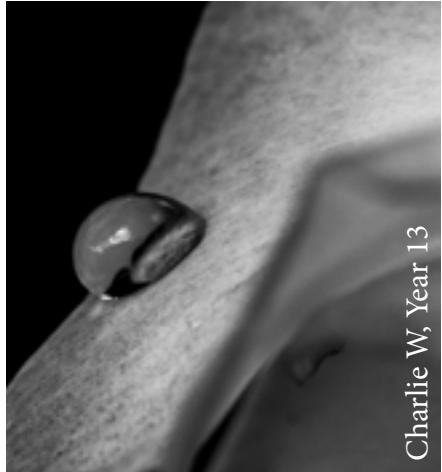
Charlie W, Year 13



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Sebastian R-D, Year 11



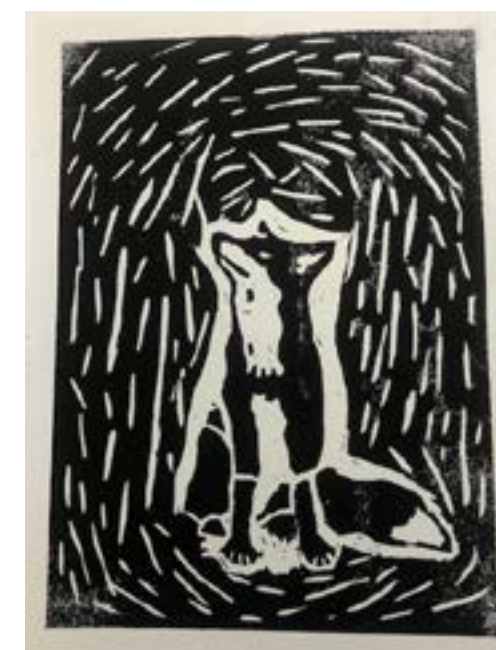
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This brilliant GRAPHIC DESIGN work was created by Adam C, Year 13. It shows the process behind a finished concept, including the various stages of design that go into the overall finished piece.



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YEAR 9



Year 7 and 8 Camp

As part of our 'Activities Week' at the end of the school year, our Year 7 and 8 pupils set off for an adventure camp near Symonds Yat.

With easy access to the beautiful River Wye, our pupils spent a lot of time out on the water, taking part in water sports such as stand up paddle boarding and canoeing. It was great to see many pupils putting their climbing wall practice to good use on the rocky cliffsides and conquering their fears as they were able to reach new heights.

Other activities included mountain biking through nearby forest trails and half day hikes. Pupils came together and worked well in teams to navigate their way through the leafy woodlands.

A fantastic week was enjoyed by all.





Bringing History to Life

Worcester Commandery

It was a pleasure to take our Year 7 group to The Commandery in Worcester at the start of June. Our pupils learned about life in Tudor and Stuart times and the role of this area of the country in the English Civil War. During the trip, pupils had the opportunity to try on various pieces of armour and learned about weapons including how to load and fire a cannon!

The Battle of Tewkesbury - 550 Years On

During their History lessons, pupils in Year 8 learned all about the Battle of Tewkesbury. This year marked the 550th anniversary of the famous battle which took place on 4th May. Throughout the day, pupils learned more about this well-known local historic event, and really got into the spirit by trying on various pieces of armour (pictured below left).



A Quick Hike? Wye Not!

Whilst our Year 8 and Year 9 pupils were on camp near Symmonds Yat, they were able to set off on explorations along the beautiful hiking trails that surrounded their campsite.

Here are a group of our Year 9 pupils who had walked an impressive 10km route! Along the way they visited the view point at the top of Yat Rock where they could see the River Wye where they had canoed the day before.

Upon returning to camp, happy pupils tucked in to biscuits, and commented that they felt a feeling of accomplishment having completed the hike.





A Wild Adventure

Pupils from our Junior School had a great time at Cotswold Wildlife Park on a day trip.

Following a year of not being able to have visits, it was fabulous to be able to take our pupils off campus and give them an exciting day of adventure.

Pupils loved looking at all of the various animals and learning more about different habitats and conservation for various species.

The penguins, rhinos and giraffes were firm favourites!

SCHOOLS SPORTS



Our pupils were excited to return to school after lockdown and get back to their football sessions.

Skill development this year involved lots of dribbling practise, along with improvement of accurate passing. Speed and balance were also tested in individual pupil challenges.

We were able to play a match against Bowbrook House School in the Summer Term which put our players' training to the test. It was great to be back on the pitch with some healthy competition.



FOOTBALL

RUGBY

This year in our school rugby sessions, pupils have been working on developing a range of skills. Training has focused around game skills and techniques within the non-contact version of the sport.

Throughout their training sessions, pupils have had the opportunity to develop their footwork, passing and support play, which should help our pupils if/when they are able to return to the full contact version of the game next season.



HOCKEY

Our hockey teams trained all term in the hope that fixtures would resume. The main focus was on first touch control of the ball and developing flow. Set plays were also practiced and new tactics explored.

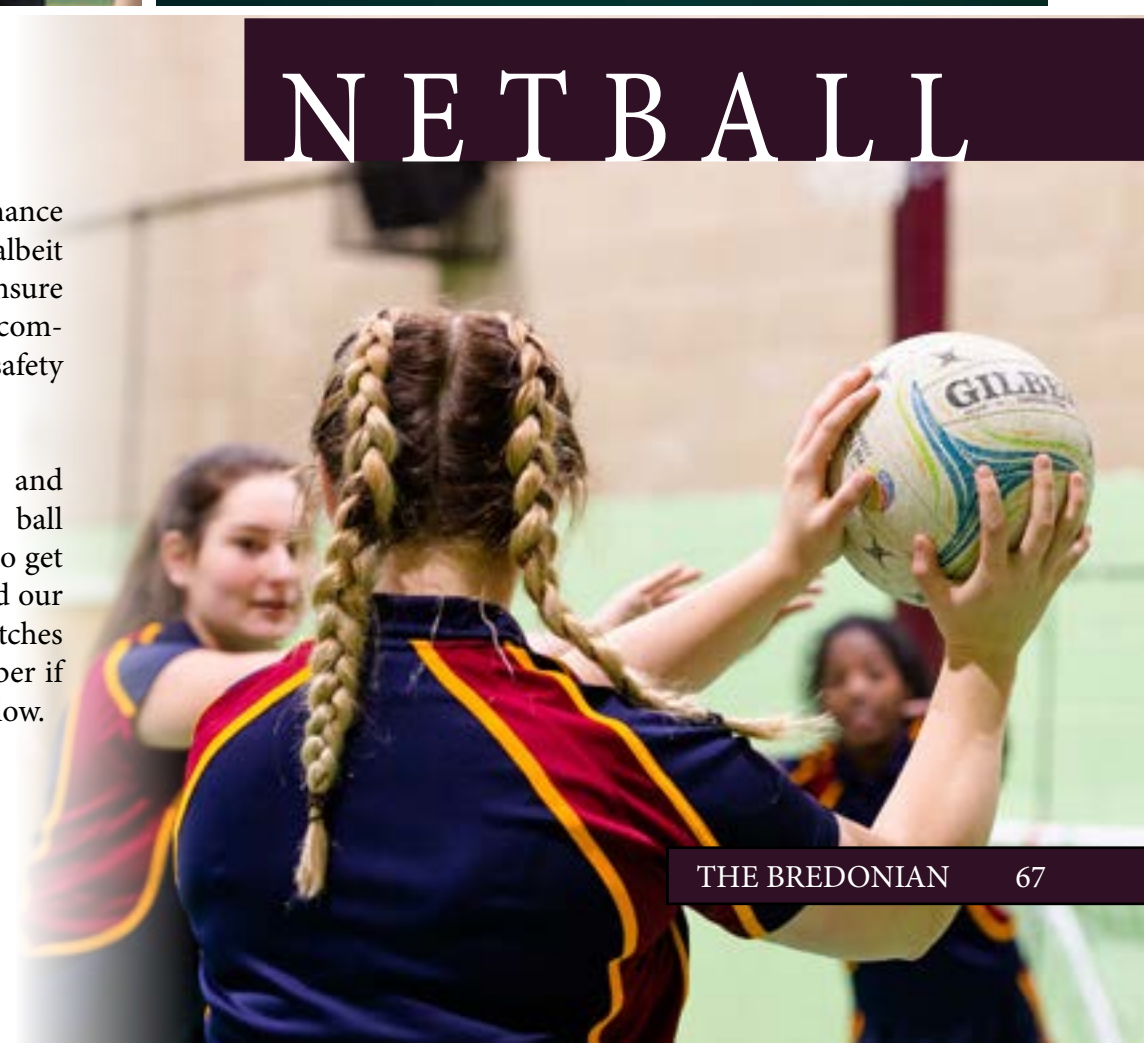
We were able to host our own Inter-House Competition with pupils from each School House competing for the title of Senior Hockey Champions. It was close, but Thomas eventually came out as the victors.



NETBALL

All senior pupils had the chance to play netball this year, albeit with some adaptations to ensure that the sport was fully compliant with COVID-19 safety guidelines.

Some excellent passing and quick movement of the ball proved to be the best way to get the ball to the shooters, and our team are ready for more matches to take place from September if the pandemic guidelines allow.





Looking Sharp for Holland & Holland

Ahead of their trip to the prestigious Holland & Holland Shooting Grounds, our Junior and Senior Shooting Teams were treated to a fantastic new team kit. They absolutely looked and felt the part. We are so proud of

our shooting teams and we look forward to seeing them representing the school at many future sporting competitions and events.

Junior Champions!

Congratulations to our Junior Shooting Team who came home from the Holland & Holland Shooting Grounds as Junior Champions! The team fought off tough competition from other schools in order to claim the respected title at the Holland & Holland and School Notices Clay Pigeon Shooting Championships 2021.

Well done to Peter M (Year 8) for being the top Junior score across all of the schools in attendance.

Overall Top Junior Score
(across all schools):

Peter M, Year 8



Pupils Train with Shooting Pro Will Fenner

We were delighted to have Will Fenner - European Junior FITASC Sporting Champion and GB team shooter - with us in November to give some coaching to our pupils. It was fantastic to see the progression pupils made with his guidance; they really enjoyed getting tips and advice from such an accomplished young shooter.



Mitchell Wins Bronze for Team GB

Mitchell (Lower Sixth), was selected to represent Great Britain in the European Championship for skeet shooting and came home with a bronze medal for the team shooting event. The competition took place in Croatia this summer, with only the very best clay shots in the country being selected to take part.

Mitchell competed in the Junior Men's division and his being selected to represent Great Britain follows on from previous success in the field including becoming the Junior British Champion in 2019. Well done Mitchell, we can't wait to see what is next for you!





ARCHERY



Archery sessions have been a firm favourite amongst our pupils this year after having been included as part of the regular sports afternoons. We have also been offering archery on Saturday mornings.

Pupils confidence and accuracy have been improving as the year has progressed.

CROSS COUNTRY



Our pupils have taken part in several inter-house cross country competitions throughout the year.

It has been great to see both stamina and speed increasing as well as some stand out performances from our long distance runners.

We look forward to September when we hope to be able to compete in more external competitions.



Throughout lockdown, we took full advantage of having our own climbing wall on-site and included it as part of the options available in sports afternoons. This gave some pupils in the senior school who have not climbed before the chance to learn to belay and find out if they could reach the top of the wall.

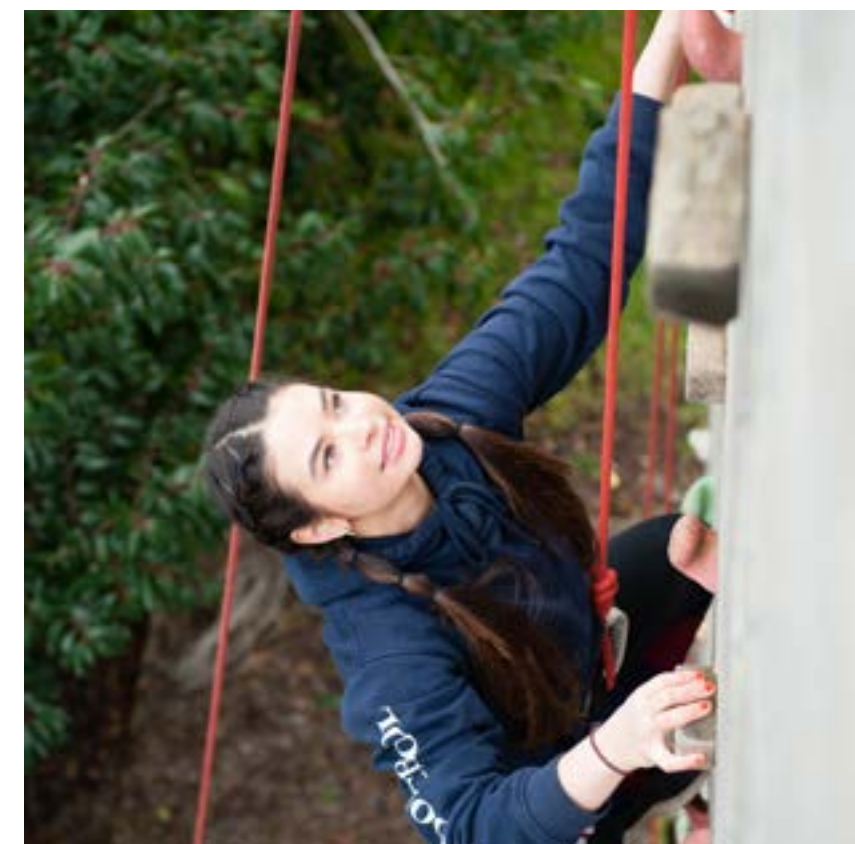
From September we will be returning our regular visits to Redpoint Climbing Centre in Worcester.

We are very excited to have been able to add tennis to our sports programme this year. Pupils have been learning basic racket and ball skills and practising various shots. They have also been learning how the game works and understanding the rules.

Senior pupils competed in a 'ladder competition' which was won by Max G (Lower Sixth), 2nd place - Jazzy C (Lower Sixth), 3rd place- Oscar H (Lower Sixth).



TENNIS



CLIMBING

CYCLING

Pupils have been making the most of the school grounds in their cycling sessions, exploring the woodland trails as well as developing their mountain biking skills on our mini jumps and obstacle courses.

Groups of pupils have enjoyed cycle rides through the surrounding lanes and villages come rain or shine!



NSEA Show-jumping

Isobel W (Year 11) represented Bredon School at the NSEA Show-jumping at Rectory Farm in November. On the first day, Isobel finished in the top 10 within a class of over 50 with her new young horse 'Freestyle B'.

Isobel had a fantastic start to the second day of the NSEA achieving a 3rd place for her pony 'Honey' in the 85cm.

Izzie also competed on her final horse 'Paddy' and she had two super speedy rounds in the 95cm and 105cm and qualified for the National Schools Championships at Addington.

Berry Farm Competiton

We are very proud of Phoebe (Year 8) who competed at Berry Farm in April representing Bredon School and finished in 5th place out of 40. A brilliant achievement - well done Phoebe!



EQUESTRIAN



First Use of School River Launch



Our school river launch has been fully rebuilt this year and now offers our pupils direct access to the River Severn from within the school site.

Pupils were eager to get onto the river and having had many sessions on the school pool during the summer term to build up their skills and confidence, it was fantastic to finally be able to launch straight onto the river.

Pupils have also enjoyed trips to local water park - Croft Farm - to develop stability and paddling skills which will be put to the test when pupils head out on expeditions, such as those who are part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.



Senior Prefect Appointments 2021/22



Eloise B, Head Girl (21/22)



Mitchell B-S, Head Boy (2021/22)



Erin M, Head of Sharp



Nell L, Head of Sport

Clemmie S & Noah W,
Heads of School Council

Jason A, Head of Jarrett



Emily K, Head of Thomas

Senior Prefect Appointments 2021/22

Congratulations to the current Lower Sixth pupils who have been selected to represent the school as part of the Pupil Leadership Team for the next academic year.

Pupils had to face a tough interview process in order to be selected by the Headmaster and Head of Sixth Form for each individual role.

We look forward to welcoming you all back to the Upper Sixth in September as ambassadors for Bredon School.

Head Boy Mitchell B-S
Head Girl Eloise B

Head of Sharp Erin M
Deputy Head of Sharp Archie P

Head of Jarrett Jason A
Deputy Head of Jarrett Sky R

Head of Thomas Emily K
Deputy Head of Thomas Ryan M

Head of Sport Nell L
Heads of School Council Clemmie S and Noah W



Adam C, HEAD BOY

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A

Why did you want to be Head Boy?

I wanted to apply to be Head Boy as I was keen to represent my school and to make my parents proud.

What have you enjoyed most about your time at Bredon School?

The understanding teachers and good friends. I have really enjoyed clay pigeon shooting too.

What was your favourite subject at Bredon?

I loved completing my Art A Level and as a result I am off to Falmouth University to study a degree in illustration.

Sum up Bredon in three words?

Cool, Chill, Fun.

What advice would you give to younger pupils?

To try their hardest with their work. The teachers are there to help and support you.

What makes Bredon School so special?

It is really good for dyslexics and pupils who have different needs and requirements.

What is your greatest personal achievement to date?

Becoming Head Boy. It has allowed me to develop skills and has given me confidence.

“It has allowed me to develop skills and has given me confidence.”

"The Outdoor Education department has always felt like my second family."

Why did you want to be Head Boy?

Over many years the School has given me so much in so many ways. By becoming Head Boy it has provided me with an opportunity to give a little bit back by supporting pupils and the School in this extraordinary year.

What have you enjoyed most about your time at Bredon School?

The Outdoor Education department has always felt like my second family. I have loved taking part in outdoor activities and have had the opportunity to try things I had never tried before.

Sum up Bredon in three words?

Supporting, Fulfilling, Aspirational.

What advice would you give younger pupils?

That would have to be the Bredon School Founder, Lt Col. Sharpe's motto of 'the journey is as important as the destination'.

What makes Bredon School so special?

There is a place for you no matter who you are. You will make friends and fit in.

What is your greatest personal achievement to date?

Employment - securing a good job after I leave Bredon.

Do you have any plans for the future?

Success - in whatever form that may take!



Luke W, HEAD BOY

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Antonia C, HEAD GIRL

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Why did you want to be Head Girl?

I wanted to be Head Girl because I wanted to be someone pupils felt they could talk to. I wanted to help give my peers a voice.

What have you enjoyed most about your time at Bredon School?

From my time at Bredon, I have had the pleasure to meet so many great people. I have really enjoyed being in the Boarding House and getting to know girls from all over the world. I have had so many fantastic experiences during my time at Bredon and will be taking some life-long memories with me for sure.

Sum up Bredon in three words?

Eye-opening, Welcoming, Supportive.

What is your greatest personal achievement to date?

Being able to handle going into boarding school as an international student as it was the first time I had ever boarded.

Do you have any plans for the future?

I plan to get into university. I have applied for entry in 2022 to do fashion styling and digital marketing. I want to start my own business and be successful at a young age.

“My advice for younger pupils would be: don’t ever be afraid to ask for help. There are so many people here to support you, just go for it!”

Don’t Just Take it From Us...

PARENTS

(Our son) has been lucky enough to receive an unconditional offer from his chosen university. This has only been possible through the support, determination, drive and ambition of the Bredon teachers and staff - thank you.

Thanks so much for being such a wonderful team - we can’t express enough how delighted we are with the school and to see (our daughter) so happy is wonderful to see.

Please never underestimate the impact you all have on a child’s life. You have given our son a chance to be himself, to be valued, to be supported and the opportunity to reach his potential.

PUPILS

I couldn’t have ever imagined being able to achieve these goals and dreams if I didn’t go to Bredon School and study the subjects I chose.
(Harrison, Year 13)

Being dyslexic has never held me back at Bredon. It is so amazing to be offered the opportunity to continue my art at university - all thanks to Bredon allowing me to develop my creativity!
(Alan, Year 13)

My teachers have helped me to overcome my obstacles and given me a belief in myself to achieve things I never thought I could.
(Adam, Year 13)

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